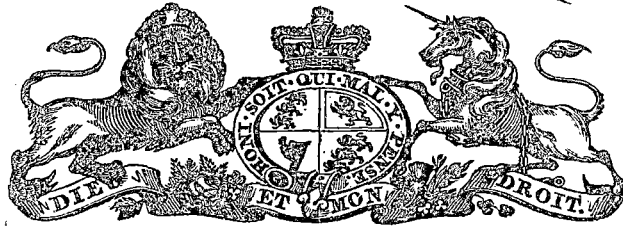


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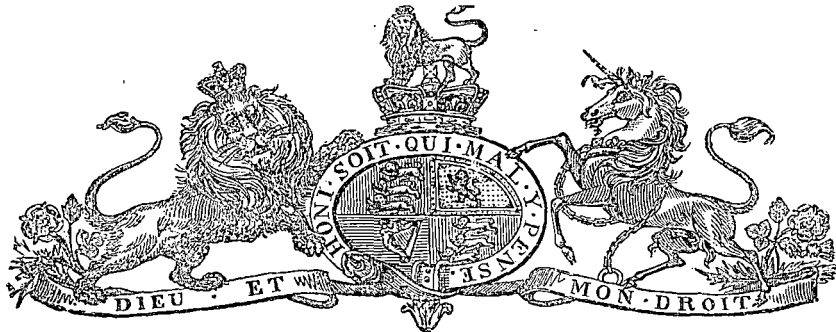
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No. 40.

Downing-street, 27th July, 1863.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 35, of the 23rd of April, forwarding a Petition to the Queen, which has been adopted by the Delegates assembled at the Intercolonial Conference recently held at Melbourne, deprecating Transportation to any part of Australia.

I have to inform you that I duly laid this Petition at the foot of the Throne.

Her Majesty has commanded me to assure the Delegates by whom it was signed, that it forms no part of the plans which are at present under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government on the subject of secondary punishment to establish a new Penal Settlement or to send Convicts to any part of Australia, except the single Colony, situated at a distance from all others, to which for several years Convicts have been sent with the free consent of its inhabitants.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
NEWCASTLE.

Governor GORE BROWNE, C.B.