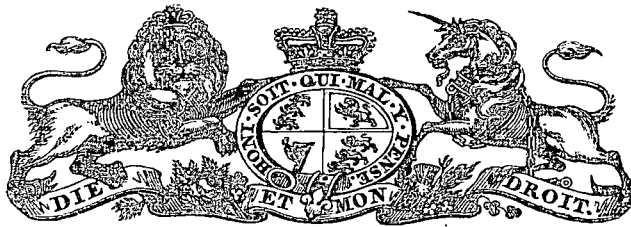


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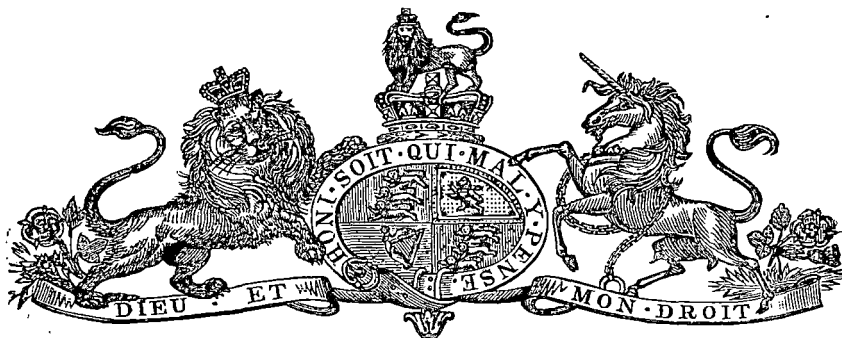
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MR. H. E. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK CHIEF
SECRETARY'S OFFICE :

LETTER *RE* INCREASE OF SALARY.

Laid upon the Table of the House on the 28th August, and ordered by the House
to be printed, 4th September, 1890.



Chief Secretary's Office, Hobart, 1st May, 1890.

SIR,

As the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1891 are now being prepared, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter I addressed to you on the 31st March, 1888, calling attention to the fact that I had lost £1240 by the abrogation of the Classification System in the year 1863, and £400 by the £50 increase voted for me by the House of Assembly in 1881 having been thrown out by the Legislative Council—Total £1640 + £50 for 1889 and £50 for 1890 = £1740.

My letter was read in the House of Assembly, and has become a Parliamentary Paper,—No. 70, 1888.

I think it will be found, upon enquiry, that the House of Assembly voted £50 increase, in 1887, to the salary of the Chief Clerk in the Customs Department (my junior in the Service) in consequence of the large amount he lost by the abolition of the Classification System; and I have clearly shown that I have suffered in a similar manner, but for a larger amount.

I therefore venture to hope that my application on this occasion will receive favourable consideration.

I would respectfully submit to you, as the Ministerial Head of this Department, whether the Chief Clerk in the Customs should receive a higher salary than the Chief Clerk in this Office?

Since July, 1887, I have had the honor of transacting the financial business of the Police Department, under the Ministerial control of the Honorable the Attorney-General; and perhaps you will be good enough to refer to that Minister as to how I have discharged the duties.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

H. E. SMITH, C.C.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

THE Chief Clerk's reference to discharge of financial or account duties for the Police Department renders it desirable that the Hon. the Attorney-General should peruse the letter, and make thereon any comments he may think desirable.

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I HAVE much pleasure in testifying to the very satisfactory manner in which Mr. Smith has discharged his duties in connection with the accounts of the Police Department since it has been under my control.

A. INGLIS CLARK.
2 May, 1890.

[See Paper No. 70, Sess. 1888.]