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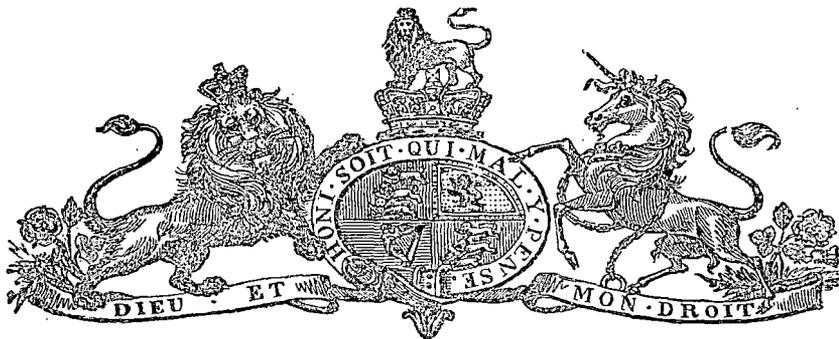
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D U T I A B L E G O O D S.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Brought up by Mr. John Meredith, and ordered by the House to be printed,
19 September, 1862.



SELECT COMMITTEE appointed on the 18th September, 1862, (by Ballot,) to enquire into the circumstances connected with the landing, by a Government Official, of Twenty-one Packages of Dutiable Goods from the "Heather Bell," the same being entered and described as Personal Luggage; with power to send for persons and papers.

M E M B E R S.

MR. JOHN MEREDITH (*Chairman.*)
MR. SHARLAND.
MR. PERKINS.

MR. BALFE.
MR. SHERWIN.

WITNESSES EXAMINED, on 19th September, 1862.

1. G. F. EVANS, ESQ., Custom House Agent.
2. CAPTAIN HARMSWORTH, *Heather Bell.*
3. T. T. WATT, ESQ., Landing Surveyor.
4. W. CAMPBELL, ESQ., Senior Landing Waiter.

R E P O R T.

YOUR Committee have the honor to report that, after having examined the Witnesses whose names appear in the margin, and duly considered their evidence,—and having taken into consideration the facts as they were developed by their enquiries,—have great satisfaction in being able to report that they unanimously relieve Mr. Barnard from the slightest imputation upon his personal integrity and honor; and that his transactions with the Custom House, on the occasion to which the enquiries of the Committee were directed, have been straightforward, honorable, and in accordance with the strictest principles of integrity.

Your Committee have deemed it only just to Mr. Barnard to furnish to your Honorable House this Progress Report, so that that gentleman might be at once relieved from the unjust impressions to which it appears now he has been subjected. But your Committee have deemed it right to postpone the closing of their labours until some further enquiries are prosecuted into what appears to your Committee to be defects in the practice of carrying out the Customs' Regulations.

Committee Room, 19th September, 1862.

JOHN MEREDITH, *Chairman.*