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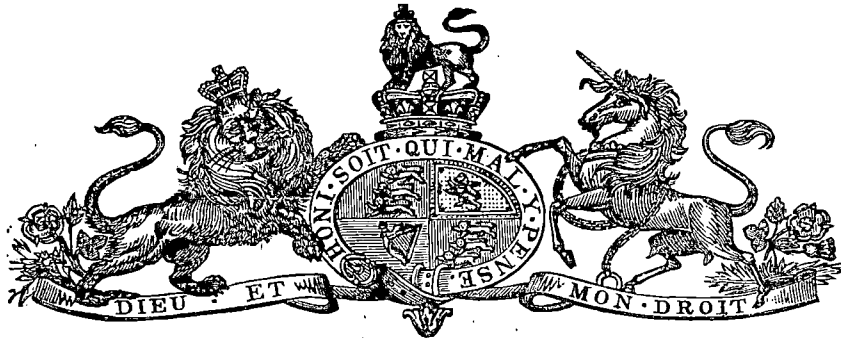
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MARINE BOARDS:

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, &c., 1889.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



Treasury, 18th October, 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to request that you will be good enough to favour me, to-day if possible, with statement giving the following information :—

1. The probable revenue at present likely to be derived from Lighthouse Rates for year 1889.
2. The probable expenditure for maintenance of same for the year 1889.
3. The probable yearly expenditure for maintenance when existing and new lights are in full working order.
4. The probable increased receipts per annum if the Huddart-Parker boats run as announced for next year.
5. The probable effect on revenue if rates are reduced to 3*d.* and 4½*d.*, with a maximum payment per trip of £10 and maximum half-yearly payment of £100.
6. The probable effect on revenue if rates per ton remain unaltered, and the maximum payment per trip remains unaltered, but if the maximum payment for six months be reduced to £100.
7. The effect on the revenue if the rates per ton remain unchanged, and the maximum payment per trip is fixed at £15, without limit as to six months.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. PACKER, *for Treasurer.*

*The Master Warden, Marine Board, Hobart.*

*Marine Board, Hobart, 18th October, 1889.*

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of this day, asking certain questions respecting Lighthouse Receipts and Expenditure, I have the honor to state that I am unable, to-day, to answer more than the first 3; the others would take considerable time, and No. 4 can only be guessed at.

Question No. 1.—The probable revenue from Lighthouse Rates for the year 1889 is about £7400, and contributions from Victoria and N.S. Wales £3000 more, being an excess over 1888 of £1260, caused mainly by the exceptionally large export trade to the other Colonies due to the drought.

Question No. 2.—The expenditure, including repairs and renewals, during 1889 will probably be £7500, but it must be noted that this amount includes the maintenance only of Eddystone Point from the date on which it was lighted, viz., 1st May, and of the Mersey Bluff from 2nd September, instead of for the whole year.

Question No. 3.—The probable maintenance of lights and incidental expenses to be paid out of the Light Fund, such as office expenses, Wardens' salaries, &c. will be about £8880.

The answers to the remaining questions will be forwarded as soon as practicable.

I have, &c.

A. G. WEBSTER, *Master Warden.*

*The Under Treasurer.*

Marine Board, Hobart, 19th October, 1889.

SIR,

WITH reference to my letter of the 18th instant, I have the honor now to reply to Queries Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 in your letter of that same date.

4. Assuming that Messrs. Huddart & Co. run one large steamer fortnightly each between Launceston, Melbourne, Sydney, and Hobart, at £25 per trip	£1300
The "Newcastle" 2 trips per week .....	1000
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	2300
Less increase taken into account, 1889 .....	375
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	1925
If "Coogee" be substituted for the "Newcastle," deduct.....	520
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	£1405
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5. Taking February last as a typical month, £504 14s. 4d. × 6 months=.....	3028 6s.
8 steamships therein would pay, at present rates, in 6 months.....	£2036
With a minimum in that period of £100 they would pay .....	800
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Loss .....	1236
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Leaving .....	£1792
Reduction of 25 per cent. on this .....	448
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Leaving for six months .....	£1344
instead of £3028, or a loss of £1684, or nearly 56 per cent., which would reduce the present year's estimated revenue of £7400 to £3256—a loss of £4144.	
The reduction of the maximum per voyage to £10 would reduce the foregoing result to a barely appreciable extent.	
6. This would reduce the revenue (as per No. 5) from £3028 to £1792, or nearly 41 per cent., equal to a loss on the present year's estimate of £3034.	
7. Taking 1889 revenue for 1890.....	£7400
And add as per No. 4.....	1405
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Possible revenue for 1890.....	£8805
Deduct loss on—	
Shaw-Savill Co.'s 13 trips.....	£130
N.Z. Shipping Co.'s ditto.....	130
Huddart, Parker, & Co. ....	780
Union S.S. Co. of New Zealand.....	260
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	£1300
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	£7505
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There might be a trifling further loss on a few sailing ships exceeding 600 tons register, not amounting to £50 in the year.

These and the steam lines above only would benefit by the proposal.

I have, &c.

A. G. WEBSTER, *Master Warden.*

*The Hon. the Treasurer.*