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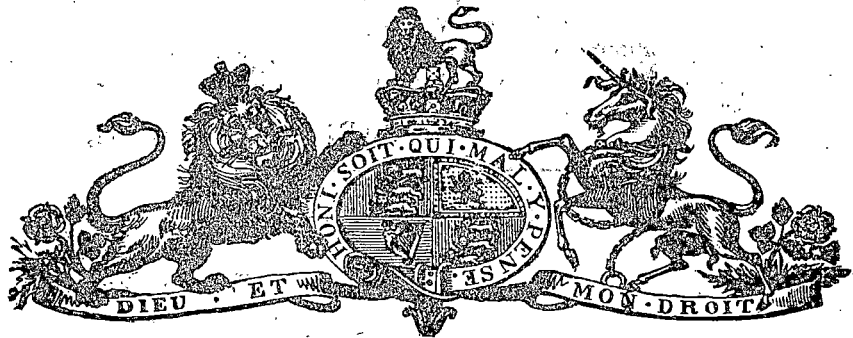
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

CUSTOMS, TORQUAY.

MR. MURRAY'S REMOVAL.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 26, 1877.



Customs, Launceston, 12th June, 1877.

SIR,

IN accordance with your instructions Mr. Kent proceeded by the *Devon* on the 5th instant to Torquay; and on his arrival there called upon Mr. Murray, who was very ill in bed and quite unfit for the duties of his office, which he readily admitted. Mr. Kent could not, therefore, make a beginning before the afternoon of the following day, when with much difficulty he gathered together the documents required to enable him to enter up the cash book from the 1st February last, the date from which Mr. Murray's Returns have been discontinued; but as it would have been impossible to compile all the Returns within that week, or probably the next, Mr. Kent thought it better to bring with him all the manifests, entries, &c. from which he will be able to do all that is necessary during the evenings at his own house.

I may state that it is Mr. Kent's opinion, as well as mine, that some change is immediately required at Torquay, otherwise the business of this Department must be neglected, as Mr. Murray is quite unfit, through illness, to contend with his official duties.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Collector of Customs.

EDW. BOYES, *Sub-Collector.*

I HASTEN to bring this letter under notice of the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, and in doing so respectfully submit that it is absolutely necessary that Mr. Murray be forthwith relieved of the duties of Landing Waiter at Don and Torquay. To have the duties so neglected must lead to confusion and risk to the Revenue. I now submit the following proposals for the consideration of the Government:—

1. That Mr. Murray be relieved from Customs duty.
2. That Mr. Templar be placed in charge of Leith, Don, and Torquay, with Mr. Rooke residing at Torquay, as at present. This change will render it necessary for the appointment of a Resident Officer at Leven whose duties shall extend west to the Penguin. To make the services of Templar of the greatest value he should be provided with a residence at the Don. When this can be done the £12 now paid to a constable at Don for Customs duties could be done away with; and I think also the like sum paid a constable at Leven.

I had no alternative but to despatch a clerk from Launceston to get up arrears from February last; and I have now to recommend that Mr. Kent's expenses, together with a fair remuneration for doing Mr. Murray's arrears, be paid from the salary of Mr. M. now retained in the Treasury.

THOMAS T. WATT, *Collector.*
13th June, 1877.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer.

THE Government approve Mr. Watt's suggestions. Mr. Watt is instructed to inform Mr. Murray that his services as Customs House Officer at the Mersey will not be required after the 30th of this month.

CHARLES MEREDITH.
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On my return I shall be prepared to advise the appointment of an officer at the Leven.

C. M.

Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 2nd July, 1877.

THE Colonial Treasurer submits that Mr. H. T. A. Murray be relieved of the duties of Landing Waiter of Customs at Port Frederick; and recommends that Mr. George Drew be appointed Landing Waiter of Customs at the River Leven at a salary of One hundred pounds per annum, together with house allowance Twenty-five pounds, and Forage allowance Twenty-five pounds a year; the same to be provided on Supplementary Estimates. Both changes to take effect on and from the 1st instant.

CHARLES MEREDITH, *Colonial Treasurer.*

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 161.

Colonial Treasury, 2nd July, 1877.

THE Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. George Drew to be Landing Waiter of Customs at the River Leven: to take effect on and from the 1st instant.

By His Excellency's Command,

CHARLES MEREDITH.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 162.

Colonial Treasury, 2nd July, 1877.

THE Governor in Council has been pleased to relieve Mr. H. T. A. Murray of the duties of Landing Waiter of Customs at Port Frederick: to take effect on and from the 1st instant.

By His Excellency's Command,

CHARLES MEREDITH.

THE Governor in Council approves.

E. C. NOWELL.

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INSTRUCTIONS sent to Collector of Customs and the Auditor.—3. 7. 77.

PORT OF LAUNCESTON.

River Forth, 4th July, 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram this day notifying that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. George Drew, of the Penguin Creek, to be Landing Waiter at the Leven, and that he is to receive instructions from me, which I will furnish to him in writing to-morrow, and will show him the practical part of the duty. He has also shown to me the under-mentioned rates of pay and allowances that you have been pleased to allot to him:—

	£	s.	d.
Salary.....	100	0	0
House	25	0	0
Forage	25	0	0
Total.....	£150	0	0

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

JOHN TEMPLAR, *L. W.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.