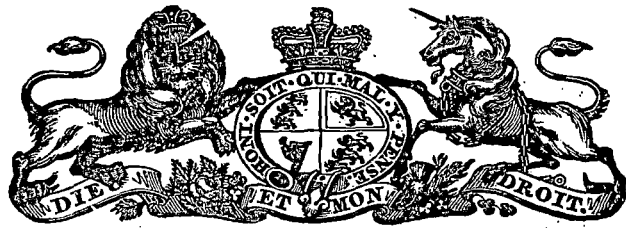


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*Downing-street, 10th April, 1872.*

SIR,

I HAVE received and had under my consideration the Act of the Legislature of Tasmania, No. 25 of 1871, enclosed in your Despatch No. 3 of the 23rd of January, and entitled "An Act to reduce the Salary and Allowances of every future Governor of Tasmania," which you have reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

Taking into consideration all the circumstances of the Colony, I shall be prepared to advise Her Majesty to assent to this Act on learning that the Tasmanian Legislature will adopt the reasonable arrangement now established in many Colonies of furnishing and equipping the Government House throughout, and charging the Governor (if the Parliament thinks fit to do so) a moderate annual sum calculated with reference to the cost of the furniture and other articles supplied to the Governor, who would be expected to surrender everything as received by him, a reasonable allowance being made for such depreciation in condition as with ordinary care is unavoidable. The Governor's payment on this account might perhaps be fixed at £100 per annum; and possibly the Parliament would not think it worth while to demand it.

It will be desirable that both Houses should concur in an Address pledging them to this arrangement, if they are willing to adopt it.

The cost and inconvenience to which an incoming Governor is subjected by having to provide furniture, plate, &c. for a house which he is to occupy for a very limited period, and the further loss to which he is subjected in removing or selling the same articles on his departure, constitute a heavy charge upon a Governor's means; and if the salary of the Governors of Tasmania is considerably reduced as proposed, it would seem only reasonable that he should be relieved from all contingent outlay.

I assume that the Colonial Legislature has fully considered the fact that a future Governor on a reduced salary will be unable to expend as much as his predecessors in maintaining the dignity and hospitalities of his position, and will be satisfied that he should live in a style proportioned to his income.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,  
KIMBERLEY.

Governor DU CANE.