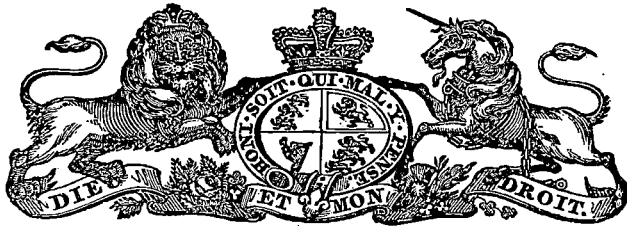


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(No. 30.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 24th August, 1867.

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you by the last Overland Mail, *viâ* Marseilles, on the 25th ult., a copy of which is enclosed, to which I refer you.

By the arrival of the English mail on the morning of the 12th instant I was placed in possession of your valued letter of the 26th. June last, the contents of which have my attention, and I note with satisfaction the arrangements made with the Bank of New South Wales for bringing forward our Loan by public Tender in the usual way on the 5th of July.

I regret, however, to learn by telegram received from the Bank of New South Wales of a later date that the Loan was not taken up, although the minimum price had been fixed at £95 for every Debenture of £100: this information has caused much anxiety to this Government. I conclude, however, that although the Debentures were not applied for at the time the tenders were opened on the 5th July, you would advertise them for sale to capitalists at the minimum price fixed by you and the Bank of New South Wales, *viz.*—Ninety-five Pounds each; and when it became generally known among the Australian and Tasmanian Colonists residing in England that they could purchase our Government Debentures at £95 each, I should think they would soon all be taken up, and that the next or following mail will bring advices to that effect.

I have no fresh instructions to give you in reference to their disposal, feeling assured that you will act jointly with the Bank of New South Wales in realising the highest possible price obtainable in your market: at the same time I hope you will not be compelled to submit to a lower rate than the price fixed upon when submitting them to public tender, and that under no circumstances will you submit to a lower price than £90 each for every Debenture of £100.

You may probably notice by the public papers that our Parliament has just been opened, and that all correspondence and papers in connection with the sale of our Debentures has been laid before Parliament and ordered to be printed. I enclose herewith a copy of the Correspondence referred to, together with a copy of the Governor's Speech on opening the Parliament, and a list of the Debentures sold in the Colony during the past twelve months,—on reference to which you will observe that Debentures to the amount of upwards of £65,000 have been sold at the Colonial Treasury to our own Colonists at par during the past year, showing clearly the high estimation in which they are held among our own capitalists, who prefer investing in our own Government Debentures at six per cent. rather than lend their money on mortgage or other security at eight or ten per cent. I rely with full confidence in your sustaining the credit of this Government by making the several payments as advised in my letters of the 25th June and the 25th July.

I have not deemed it expedient to send you any of the Consolidated Debentures for sale or exchange till I learn the result of the sale of the Public Works Loan.

I send to your address in a separate cover a copy of the Statistics of this Colony just published here, which will afford you some valuable information respecting Tasmania and its resources.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Threadneedle-street, London.

(No. 31.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited, 52, Threadneedle-street,
London, E.C., 26th July, 1867.*

SIR,

I BEG to enclose copy of my letter of the 26th June, since which date I am in receipt of your favour dated 25th May, 1867.

Upon receipt of your letter of 25th April instructing us jointly with the Bank of New South Wales to offer to the public the Debentures of your Government for £87,300, part of the Public Works Loan for £102,500, I applied to the Crown Agents for the Colonies to know whether they had disposed of the £10,000 Debentures part of the same Loan which I was aware had been remitted to them, thinking that if they still held the Debentures they might be desirous to add them to those for £87,300 to be offered with them for public subscription. I was informed by the Crown Agents that the Debentures in question had already been disposed of with the exception of £1100, which they expressed themselves willing to add to those sent to the Bank of New South Wales and ourselves according to my suggestion. This determination on the part of the Crown Agents was not, however, made known to the Bank of New South Wales until they had issued the prospectus of the Loan, when as the amount involved was small it was not thought desirable to alter the announcement. The above will be a reply to that part of your favour of 25th May which refers to the Debentures remitted by you to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

In my letter of 26th June I stated what had taken place with respect to the Debentures for £87,300, and the circumstances under which the Bank of New South Wales had undertaken the entire charge of the Loan. I now regret to inform you, what will doubtless have been already communicated to you by the Bank of New South Wales, that having invited tenders for the Loan to be sent in not later than 5th July, one offer only was received by them for £1000 Debentures which came within the terms of the minimum price of £95 per cent. which had been determined upon. The Loan has since remained open for subscription at the above-mentioned price, and I am informed to-day that a further amount of £2300 has been taken up.

Until the various Loan issues of your Government shall have been consolidated, and a quotation obtained for them on the London Stock Exchange, I fear they will never receive from English capitalists the attention which they deserve as a sound and remunerative investment.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

To the Hon. T. D. CHAPMAN, Esq., *Treasurer of the Colony
of Tasmania, Hobart Town.*

(No. 32.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 25th September, 1867.*

SIR,

I ADDRESSED you on the 24th ult. by the last overland mail *via* Marseilles, a duplicate of which is enclosed, to which I refer you.

By the arrival of the English mail at this port on the 13th instant I was placed in possession of your letter of the 26th July last on the subject of the disposal of our Government Debentures, and I regret to learn that you had not succeeded in placing the parcel forwarded to you in April last. I hope, however, that an early mail will bring me advices that you have succeeded in disposing of the same at the minimum price of £95 each, fixed by the Bank of New South Wales when submitting them for public tender on the 5th July last.

In my last I expressed a hope that under no circumstances would you submit to a lower price than £90 each for every Debenture of £100 each: on further consideration, however, I am induced to request that for the present the minimum price shall not be reduced below £95 each for every Debenture of £100. I am happy to inform you that in this market the price of our Debentures continues steady at £100 for every Debenture of that amount; several thousand pounds worth having realised par during the past month.

As our Parliament is now in Session, I have deemed it expedient to submit an amended Act for the consolidation of the whole of our outstanding Debentures payable in London, in which provision is made for the whole being made chargeable on the General Public Revenues of the Colony, and allowing the holders of outstanding Debentures to exchange the same for Debentures to be issued under the authority of the new Act.

By next mail I shall address you on that subject, with full particulars relating to the same.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN.

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank.

(No. 33.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited, 52, Threadneedle-street,
London, E.C., 26th August, 1867.*

SIR,

REFERRING you to the enclosed copies of my letter, under date 26th July, I now have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favour of 25th June last with schedules containing particulars of principal and interest payable on Debentures of your Government during the month of September next, amounting in all to £4779.

Your letter directs us to pay the said amount of £4779 out of the proceeds of Debentures of your Government for £44,000, forwarded for sale in April of this year; and further requests that from the same funds we will pay to Messrs. Julyan & Sargeant, the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the sum of £5000.

I have regretfully to confirm my letter of last month informing you that the Bank of New South Wales had failed in the attempt to dispose of the Debentures of your Government for £92,300, including the before-mentioned amount of £44,000. In consequence of such failure it has not been in our power to comply with your order to pay the Crown Agents for the Colonies £5000 from the proceeds of the said Debentures. On receipt of your letter we informed Messrs. Julyan and Sargeant of the reasons which prevented our giving effect to your instructions. You will also perceive by the foregoing that we have no funds to appropriate in conformity with your orders to the payment of Debentures and Coupons due in September. We shall not, however, hesitate duly to pay the same as they mature, relying that upon receipt of these advices you will make arrangements to reimburse us the advance we have incurred on your Government's behalf. This advance will comprise £4779, the amount of Debentures and Coupons due in September herein alluded to, and also £5000 for those due in March last, the remittance for which consisted of Debentures that have not yet been realised.

Since my letter of 26th ultimo the Crown Agents for the Colonies have applied to us to pay them the sum of £1100, in exchange for a similar amount of Debentures, in accordance with the instructions in your letter of 25th May last. When the amount of a loan offered for public subscription has once been announced, it is not possible to increase the same without breaking faith with the public: we should, therefore, have been precluded from disposing of these Debentures in the way you directed had we taken them from the Crown Agents. Seeing that the amount in question was small, and that Messrs. Julyan & Sargeant would probably be able to place the Debentures, as they had the remainder of those sent to them, we consider it best in your interests to reply that we must communicate further with you before giving effect to the instructions in your letter of 25th May.

I have to advise the sum of £61 11s. to the debit of your Government for the stamp required by law on the Bonds of any Colonial Government issued in the United Kingdom: the amount is made up as follows:—

Stamp of 2s. 6d. per cent. on £49,000.....	£61 5
Expenses attending at Stamp Office, &c.....	0 6
Total.....	£61 11

We were obliged to have the Bonds stamped at once, as a penalty is incurred in case of delay.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*To the Hon. T. D. CHAPMAN, Esq, Treasurer of the Colony
of Tasmania, Hobart Town, Tasmania.*

(No. 34.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 25th October, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 25th ultimo by the last Mail *via* Marseilles, a duplicate of which is enclosed to which I refer you.

By the arrival of the English Mails on the 16th instant I was put in possession of your valued letter of the 26th August last, the contents of which have the attention of this Government. I was sorry to learn that very little progress had been made by the Bank of New South Wales in the disposal of the Debentures of this Government forwarded to that Bank by the Mail leaving here on the 25th April last; and also that you had not succeeded in selling any portion of the parcel forwarded to your Bank by the same Mail. The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales leads me to expect that, from enquiries made by the Brokers and others just prior to the date of his last letter on the 26th August last, some further Sales would shortly be made. I hope his expectations will be realised, and that an early Mail from England will bring advices from that Bank and from your Bank that the whole of the Public Works Loan forwarded to London in April last has

been sold. It is a matter of considerable importance to this Government that the whole of those Debentures should be realised on the most favourable terms obtainable in the London market. As you are aware from the information forwarded to you in my letter of the 25th March last, these Debentures formed part of a Loan for £102,500 authorised by our Parliament to be issued for raising funds to defray the cost of Public Works, viz. Roads and Bridges, &c. in various parts of the Colony, contracts for the construction of the greater portion of which had been taken and considerable payments made. It is therefore very desirable that these Debentures should be sold, and their proceeds made available for expenditure without further delay.

I advised you in my last of the intention of this Government to consolidate the whole of its outstanding Debentures payable in London, and in a separate letter by this Mail I address you respecting the same.

I regret to learn that, owing to your not having been able to dispose of the Debentures forwarded to you, you had not paid over to the Crown Agents the sum of £5000, say Five thousand Pounds, as requested in my letter of the 25th June last. I hope, however, to learn by an early Mail that you have been able to comply with my request: but if you have not done so when this letter comes to hand, I have to request on behalf of this Government that you will be good enough to make an advance of £5000, say Five thousand Pounds, on the unsold Debentures in your hands, and pay the sum of £5000 over to the Crown Agents, Messrs. Julyan & Sargeaunt, Spring Gardens, London, charging the same to the debit of this Government in account current in the usual way. I have to tender to your Directors the thanks of this Government for the advances already made by your Bank to meet the payments of this Government, thereby maintaining the credit of this Government in London; and this Government feels assured that when the Debentures under the new issue authorised by the Consolidated Loans Bill become known in the English Market, you will have no difficulty in negotiating the same and covering your account for any temporary advances you may have made.

I enclose herewith a Schedule of Interest on Debentures due on presentation at your Bank in December and January next, amounting to £5526. But on reference to this Schedule you will observe that the sum of £3075 is for Interest on the Public Works Loan for £102,500. If the whole of these Debentures have been sold when this letter comes to hand, you will be in possession of ample funds to pay the Interest on the Debentures referred to; but as it is possible they may not all have been sold, I deem it expedient to send you the enclosed remittance for the sum of £3071 15s. 9d., say Three thousand and seventy-one Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence, by Draft on the Bank of New South Wales in your City at 15 days sight, endorsed by me to your order, which be good enough specially to appropriate in the payment of Interest due on the Debentures referred to in the Schedule herewith.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.*

(No. 35.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 25th October, 1867.*

SIR,

HEREWITH I have now the honor of forwarding you six copies of an Act of the Tasmanian Parliament which received the Royal assent on the 11th instant. Under this Act provision has been made for the issue of Debentures payable in London amounting to £700,000, all chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony, and redeemable in the years 1893-4-5-6-7-8 and 1899, at the rate of £100,000 on the 1st of July in each of those years; the interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum being payable in London half-yearly on the 1st of January and the 1st of July. At the present time the outstanding issue of the Debentures of this Government payable in London amounts to £341,900, which sum includes the Public Works Debentures for £102,500, part of which—viz., £44,000—was forwarded to your Bank for sale by the mail of the 25th of April last, and £43,300 by the same mail to the Bank of New South Wales. This Government proposes making further issues to the extent of £358,100, also payable in London, for defraying the cost of a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine, the Defences of the Colony, and certain other works and purposes sanctioned by Parliament,—these sums together making the total issue up to £700,000 as authorised by the Act which I now forward to you.

You will observe that under the provisions of the Act referred to any of the holders of our Debentures will be entitled to receive Debentures issued under the Consolidated Act in exchange for any Debentures of this Government they may hold; provided they may wish to do so at any time within two years of their becoming due: and as the new issue will be made all chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony, and the interest payable on the 1st of January and 1st of July in each year, I anticipate that nearly all the holders of our present outstanding Debentures payable

in London, amounting to £341,900, will gladly seek to avail themselves of the privilege of making the exchange. I also hope that you will, with the aid and co-operation of the Bank of New South Wales, be able to dispose of such portion of the new issue that this Government may send forward to your care for sale by Public Tender or otherwise on favorable terms, and that you will also succeed in getting this new issue quoted regularly on the Stock Exchange lists from time to time; and in a short time, when our Debentures become known in the English market, this Government feel assured that they will command as high a price as the Debentures of the other Australian Colonies. Owing to the short time that has elapsed since the passing of the Act for the preparation of any of the new issue of Debentures, I am only enabled to forward you a parcel consisting of fifty Debentures for £100 each and ten Debentures for £500 each, together amounting to £10,000, by this mail, all dated 17th October, 1867, redeemable at the Consolidated Bank, London, on the 1st of July, 1893, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum commencing from the 1st of January, 1868, and payable half-yearly at the Consolidated Bank, London, on the 1st of July and 1st of January in every year, which I hope will reach you in safety. You will observe that these Debentures are prepared in the same form as the Debentures of the Colony of New South Wales, and made transferable by delivery.

By the mail leaving this on the 25th of November I expect to be able to forward you a further supply of the new issue, when I will again address you with the views of this Government respecting their disposal. Meanwhile,

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, London.

(No. 36.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 27th October, 1867.*

SIR,

I had the honor of addressing you on the 25th instant with Debentures of this Government, dated 17th instant, valued of £10,000, viz., 50 Debentures of £100 each, 1-50, and 10 Debentures of £500 each, 501-510, which I hope will reach you in safety in due course.

I regret to have to inform you that the Assistant Colonial Treasurer has just discovered that the last Coupon for the half-year's interest due on the 1st of July, 1893, was omitted to be printed and attached to the Debentures.

Herewith enclosed I have now the honor of handing you sixty Coupons for the half-year's interest due on the 1st of July, 1893, viz., 50 Coupons, 1 to 50, for three pounds each, and 10 Coupons, 501 to 510, for fifteen pounds each, which I have to request you will be good enough to cause to be pasted on to the sheet of Coupons attached to each of the Debentures forwarded to you by the last mail.

Trusting you will excuse the trouble I am giving you,

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.*

(No. 37.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
No. 52, Threadneedle-street, London, E.C., 26th September, 1867.*

SIR,

SINCE my last letter of 26th ultimo, press copy of which is enclosed, I have to acknowledge receipt of your two favours dated 25th July.

The Schedules you enclose containing particulars of interest due on the Debentures of your Government in the months of October and November next, and showing what Debentures have been issued from 26th March to 25th July of this year, have our attention.

With respect to your order to pay the sum of £3000 to Messrs. Julyan and Sargeant, the Crown Agents for the Colonies, having no funds in hand on your Government's account, we have thought it best to treat it in the same way as we did a similar order from you, referred to in my letter of 26th ultimo, and have therefore deferred making the payment until we hear further from you.

I remain, &c.,

(Signed)

J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*The Hon. T. D. CHAPMAN, Esq., Treasurer of the Colony
of Tasmania, Hobart Town, Tasmania.*

(No. 38.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, 25th November, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 25th ultimo by the last overland mail *viâ* Marseilles, duplicates of which I forward herewith, to which I have the honor to refer you. I also forward herewith a Memorandum signed by the Assistant Colonial Treasurer and one of the Treasury clerks, certifying to the fact of sixty Government Debentures value £10,000 having been posted to your address in a registered letter *viâ* Marseilles by the mail which left this city for London on the 25th ultimo, to which also I refer you. I also forward herewith six copies of an Act passed by the Tasmanian Parliament during the last Session, which received the Royal assent on the 11th October, by which the whole of the Debentures of this Government payable in London were consolidated and made chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony, the principal being made payable at your Bank in London during the years 1893-4-5-6-7-8 and 1899, the interest on the same at the rate of six per cent. per annum being also made payable half-yearly at your Bank in London on the first of January and first of July in every year. The copies of the Acts referred to are duly certified by myself and the Colonial Auditor as true copies; and I hope you will use your influence with the Managers of the London Stock Exchange to secure the regular quotation of all our Government Debentures issued under the authority of that Act being regularly quoted in the daily or weekly lists of Stock dealt in by that body, as it is of much importance to this Government that the Debentures issued from time to time should be quoted on the London Stock Exchange, and I confidently rely on your best efforts to effect that object as early as practicable.

I have now the honor of forwarding to your care, by the mail leaving this city this evening for London, *viâ* Marseilles, four packets containing Tasmanian Government Debentures issued under the authority of the Act of the Tasmanian Parliament passed on the 11th October, copies of which are forwarded herewith, as follows; viz.—

To the Consolidated Bank of London, 25th November, 1867.

Nos. 101 to 200—100 Debentures, £100 each	£10,000
201 to 300—100 " £100 each	10,000
521 to 560—40 " £500 each	20,000
1101 to 1150—50 " £500 each	25,000
Together	<u>£65,000</u>

Say Sixty-five thousand Pounds, all of which will I hope reach you in safety.

I enclose herewith the certificate of the Assistant Treasurer that the above Debentures were posted by this mail in four registered packets to your address.

I also forward by this mail in four packets to the address of the Bank of New South Wales in your city Debentures to the value of £64,900, which with the £10,000 forwarded to that Bank by the last mail makes up the sum of £74,900 forwarded to the Bank of New South Wales, and with the £75,000 forwarded to your Bank makes up the sum of £149,900 in Debentures issued by this Government under the authority of the Consolidated Act of last Session.

By the arrival of the English September mail at this port on the 16th instant I was placed in possession of your valued letter of the 26th September last, the contents of which have had my attention.

I was sorry to find that, owing to your not having realised the Debentures forwarded to you in my letter of the 25th April last, you had not paid over to the Crown Agents the sums requested in my letters of the 25th June and 25th July last. I hope, however, an early mail will bring me advices that you have succeeded in placing the whole of the Debentures entrusted to your care, and that the proceeds have been disposed of as requested.

If, however, when this letter reaches you, you have any of the Debentures for £44,000 and £5000 forwarded to you for sale still on hand, I have to request that you will be good enough not to sell the same, but to return the same to me in a registered packet *viâ* Southampton by the first mail, as it is the intention of this Government to offer the holders of our Government Debentures Debentures issued under the authority of the Consolidated Act of last Session in exchange for the Debentures previously issued.

By the mail leaving this Colony for London on the 25th of next month I hope to send you a further supply of the new issue of Debentures, and at same time to forward you full instructions respecting the disposal of the same, as well as the disposal of the Debentures for £75,000 forwarded to your care by the last and present mail.

Herewith enclosed I have now the honor of forwarding you the Second of Exchange for £3071 15s. 9d. at 15 days sight on the Bank of New South Wales in your city endorsed by me, payable to your order; also a Schedule showing the amount of interest due on Debentures for the half-year ending January, 1868, to which I have to request your usual attention.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.*

(No. 39.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited, 52, Threadneedle-street,
London, E.C., 26th October, 1867.*

SIR,

I LAST had the honor of addressing you by the mail, *viâ* Marseilles, on 26th ultimo, a copy of which letter is enclosed herein.

I have now to acknowledge your esteemed communication, dated 24th August last, together with the Parliamentary and other papers mentioned therein, all of which have had my careful attention.

It is with great pleasure that I now inform you of a tender made for the balance of the Debentures for £92,300 offered for public subscription in July last. The tender, which after consultation with ourselves the Bank of New South Wales decided to accept, was made at the price of £95 for every £100 Bond, including the interest accrued since the 30th June last, less the usual brokerage of $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

I sincerely hope this settlement will meet with your approval; for taking into consideration the present state of our money market, where such a great want of confidence still prevails amongst investors, I cannot but think the transaction is one not disadvantageous to your Government.

We shall receive the proceeds of our portion of the Bonds on the 30th instant, an account of which shall be duly sent to you. On that day we shall also pay over to Messrs. Julyan & Sargeant, the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the sum of £5000 and £3000 ordered in your letters of 25th June and 26th July last. We have informed the Crown Agents that we shall make them the payments referred to on the day mentioned.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*To the Honorable the Treasurer of the Government of Tasmania,
Hobart Town, Tasmania.*

(No. 40.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 24th December, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 27th of October and 25th November by the last overland mail, *viâ* Marseilles, duplicates of which are herewith enclosed to which I beg to refer you. I also forward herewith a duplicate Memorandum, signed by the Assistant Colonial Treasurer and one of the Treasury Clerks, certifying to the fact that four packets containing Tasmanian Government Debentures for £65,000 were registered, forwarded by the last overland mail *viâ* Marseilles, on the 25th ultimo to your address; and I hope to hear in due course that they have reached you in safety. I also forward herewith six more copies of the Act passed by the Tasmanian Parliament on the 11th October, by which all the Debentures of this Government payable in London are made chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony.

By the arrival of the English mails on the morning of the 18th instant I was put in possession of your valued letter of the 26th October last, from which I was glad to learn that, after consultation with the Bank of New South Wales, you had decided on disposing of the balance of the Public Works Debentures; viz.,—£87,400 at the minimum price of £95 per £100, with accrued interest since the 1st July last, and that the net proceeds will be appropriated in accordance with the instructions received from this department.

Considering that Tasmanian Government Debentures were unknown on the Stock Exchange in London, I must be satisfied with the price realised for the Public Works Debentures; but when your capitalists find that our Government Debentures are made chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony, and that the half-yearly interest is regularly paid, I have no doubt that they will be sought after as a safe investment, and command as high a price in your market as the Government Debentures of the other Australian Colonies. I was in hopes that I should have been able to have

forwarded you instructions by this mail respecting the disposal of the Debentures for £10,000 and £65,000, forwarded to you in my letters of the 25th October and 25th November. I hope, however, to do so by the mail leaving here next month,—meanwhile you will be good enough to hold those Debentures for account of the Government of this Colony pending the receipt of instructions respecting their disposal.

I have now the honor of forwarding to your address in eight separate packets, registered, by this mail *viâ* Marseilles, as per certificate enclosed, Tasmanian Government Debentures as under :—

No. 601 to 1100	..	500 each	£100	..	£50,000
No. 1701 to 1800	..	100 each	£500	..	£50,000
No. 2301 to 2400	..	100 each	£500	..	£50,000
No. 2901 to 3000	..	100 each	£500	..	£50,000

Together £200,000

Say Two hundred thousand Pounds, all of which I hope will reach you in safety ; and you will be good enough to hold the same for account of the Tasmanian Government pending instructions by an early mail respecting their disposal. I enclose herewith a statement showing the Debentures due in London on the 8th of March next, amounting in the whole to £1700, (say) Seventeen hundred Pounds, which you will be good enough to pay on presentation at your Bank in the usual way, placing the amount to the debit of this Government in account current with your Bank.

I have also the honor of enclosing a statement showing the interest due on Debentures in London payable at your Bank in March, amounting to £2307, (say) Two thousand three hundred and seven Pounds, which you will also be good enough to pay on the Coupons being presented at your Bank, placing the amount to the debit of this Government in the usual way.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager Consolidated Bank, Threadneedle-street,
London.*

(No. 41.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52 Threadneedle-street, London, E.C., 26th November, 1867.*

SIR,

I BEG to refer you to the enclosed copy of my last letter despatched by the Overland Mail *viâ* Marseilles, on the 26th ultimo.

I have now to acknowledge receipt of your favour of 25th September which reached me on the 16th instant.

Your remarks relative to the Debentures remitted by your Government will have been answered in anticipation by my last letter, which will have informed you that the whole of the Debentures have been subscribed for.

I duly note your observations as to the measures you are taking for the Consolidation of the whole of your outstanding Debentures payable in London ; and also as to the particular provisions for making the same chargeable to the General Public Revenues of the Colony, and for allowing present Investors to exchange their holdings for new Debentures. When the further particulars relating to this subject promised in your letter come to hand they will receive my careful attention.

In conformity with my last advices, we received on the 30th ultimo payment for the Debentures for £49,000 consigned to our care ; and I now beg to hand you the enclosed Account Current relating to the same, by which you will see that, after crediting your Government with the net proceeds of the Debentures, and charging on the debit side the various payments ordered to be made from the same, there remains a present balance of £6593 19s. to the credit of your Government on this account.

In reply to my enquiry, the Crown Agents for the Colonies informed me that the whole of the Debentures for £10,000 remitted to them in November, 1866, have been disposed of.

The Coupons due 1st July, 1867, have been removed from the Debentures Nos. 101 to 150 referred to in the enclosed account, and cancelled ; they shall be sent you with other similar Coupons in the next parcel.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*To the Hon. the Treasurer of the Government of
Tasmania, Hobart Town, Tasmania.*

(No. 42.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 31st January, 1868.

SIR,

By the arrival of the English Mail at this Port on the morning of the 15th instant I was placed in possession of your valued favour of the 26th November last, with statement of account in reference to the sale of Debentures for this Government, both of which have received my attention.

The last Mail also brought me the satisfactory intelligence that our Government Debentures for £100 each were quoted in the Stock Exchange list of the 25th November last at £104 to £106 each; and I have no doubt that as they become known to Capitalists they will command as high a price as the Debentures of the other Australian Colonies.

I enclose herewith a duplicate of my letter by the last Mail on the 24th December, to which I refer you. I also enclose a duplicate statement of the Interest and Debentures payable at your Bank in March next, to which I request your attention. Enclosed also is a duplicate of the Certificate of the Assistant Treasurer in reference to the Eight packets of Debentures for £200,000 forwarded to your address by the last Mail leaving here *viâ* Marseilles on the 24th December, to which I also beg your attention.

I have now the honor of forwarding a statement showing Debentures falling due and payable at your Bank on the 1st April next amounting to £4000; and have to request you will pay the same on presentation in the usual way, and pass the amount to the debit of this Government.

I have also the honor of enclosing a statement showing the Interest payable on Debentures on presentation at your Bank in April and May next amounting to £2127, which I have to request you will be good enough to pay in the usual way on presentation, and pass to the debit of this Government in account current. I hope to address you by this Mail to-morrow with instructions to bring out the New Loan for 400,000, meanwhile

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.*

(No. 43.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52, Threadneedle-street, London, E.C., 26th December, 1867.*

SIR,

CONFIRMING my last letter of the 26th ultimo, press copy of which is enclosed, I beg now to acknowledge the receipt of your two favours under date of 25th October last which arrived on the 14th instant.

The enclosures mentioned in your first letter; viz., a Schedule of Interest payable on your Debentures in December and January next amounting to £5526, and a Bill of Exchange on the Bank of New South Wales for £3071 15s. 9d., were found duly in order: the latter has been accepted, and is held for your credit at maturity, when it shall be appropriated as you direct towards the payment of Interest specified in the Schedule above named: the balance of such Interest we will provide for from the amount to your credit on "Sale of Debentures" account.

Your second letter, which refers to the preparatory measures adopted by your Government for effecting a consolidation of the whole of its Debentures, and also a new issue of Debentures for £358,100 in connection with the Launceston and Western Railway, has had my attentive consideration. I carefully note the various wishes you express in relation to these matters, and when we are in possession of the detailed instructions for carrying out your plans, your Government may feel assured that our best endeavours will be used to procure the realization of their designs.

The separate Packet containing Debentures of the new issue to the amount of £10,000,—viz. 50 Debentures of £100 each, and 10 Debentures of £500 each,—has been safely received, and the Debentures found as stated.

I have also to acknowledge 6 copies of the Act of Consolidation, respecting which I have only at present to remark that it would have perhaps been more convenient for the Stock Exchange here had the Debentures issued under its provisions been made all payable at the latest date mentioned unless previously redeemed, and the yearly redemption of £100,000 carried out by seven annual drawings of the Bonds. By this plan the necessity of different quotations for the Bonds in consequence of their varying dates of maturity would have been avoided.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*The Hon. the Treasurer of the Government of
Tasmania, Hobart Town, Tasmania.*

(No. 44.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 1st February, 1868.*

SIR,

WITH reference to my letter of yesterday's date I have now the honor of forwarding you a statement showing a list of Debentures forwarded to you since 1st October last, amounting to £275,000; and I have now to request that on receipt hereof you will be good enough to hand over to the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales in your City 267 Debentures for £100 each, taking the receipt of that Bank for the same.

My previous letters will have informed you that this Government contemplated offering a further Loan for £400,000 in your market; and I have now to advise you that I have forwarded Debentures for £173,300 to the Bank of New South Wales in your City, which, with the Debentures for £26,700 we have requested you to hand over to that Bank, will make the sum of £200,000 in the hands of that Bank.

On receipt of this letter I have to request you will communicate with the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, and arrange with that Bank for offering the Loan for £400,000 by public tender at such time as you may think best; but I hope you will be able to bring it forward during the month of April next, so that I may get a telegram communicating the result by the Australian mail steamer leaving Galle for Melbourne on or about the 13th of May next.

For your proportion of the Loan you will please to offer all payable in the years 1893, 1894, 1896, and 1897, with such of 1895 as you may require to make up the amount to £200,000; and you will please hold the remainder of those payable in the year 1895 until further advised.

You are aware that the whole of the Debentures now offered have been issued under the authority of the Consolidated Act of our Parliament passed during last Session, a copy of which I enclose herewith, several copies of the same Act having been sent to you in my letter of the 25th October last; and you will observe that the principal and interest are chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony.

I enclose a statement by which you will see that the net proceeds of the Public Revenues of the Colony, collected during the year ending 31st December, 1867, amounted to the sum of £253,726, and the estimate for the year 1868 amounts to £260,610. I also enclose a statement showing the total amount of Debentures authorised by Parliament to amount to £1,073,900, of which £660,800 have been issued, £341,900 being payable in London and £318,900 payable at the Treasury in Hobart Town.

Of the Loan now offered £300,000 will be appropriated in aid of the construction of a Railway by the Launceston and Western Railway Company from the Town and Port of Launceston to the Town of Deloraine, about 40 miles west of Launceston, and the remaining £100,000 will be appropriated to cover the cost of the defences of the Colony and other public works, and for paying off Debentures falling due during the years 1868 and 1869.

With the information now before you, you will be in a position to afford the fullest information to capitalists when calling for tenders for the new Loan for £400,000, which this Government commits to your care in full confidence that the Directors of your Bank will cordially co-operate with the Bank of New South Wales in offering the Loan for sale by public tender under your joint agency.

This Government will be glad to find that you succeed in co-operation with the Bank of New South Wales in placing the loan on the London market without causing any natural decline in the value of our Government Debentures on the Stock Exchange, and it will be very satisfactory to the Government to see this Loan realise a handsome premium. You will, however, understand that the minimum price is left to be fixed by your Directors and the Bank of New South Wales, in full confidence that you will give this Government the full benefit of your best judgment in fixing the selling price at a fair market value as compared with other Australian Government securities.

The promoters of the Railway are very anxious that the Loan should be negotiated as early as possible: you oblige the Government, therefore, in giving your early attention to the matter. I refer you to a separate letter herewith marked "confidential" in regard to the minimum price, to which I beg your particular attention. On the Debentures being sold, you will be good enough to furnish me with an account current showing the net proceeds less your commission, Brokerage, Stamps, &c.: and out of the net proceeds realised you will be good enough to pay over to the Union Bank of Australia, London, the sum of One hundred thousand Pounds for account of the "Launceston and Western Railway Company and the Commissioners appointed under the Launceston and Western Railway Act," advising me of such payment in due course.

I will advise you by an early date respecting the disposal of the balance of the funds realised. Meanwhile, in full confidence that the Directors of your Bank will use their best efforts to place the loan successfully on the English money market on the most favourable terms,

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.*

[CONFIDENTIAL.]
(No. 45.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 1st February, 1868.*

SIR,

WITH reference to my letter of this day's date in regard to the sale of our Government Debentures, I have to state that this Government is desirous of availing itself of the present favourable state of the money market for bringing forward the new loan for £400,000, and hope to see it go off at a handsome premium of 4 or 5 per cent.; but it is possible that owing to a change in the value of money, or other causes, the Debentures of the Australian Colonies may not be in such request as they were when the last Mail left England in November. After conference with the Bank of New South Wales you will be able to fix the minimum price at which the Debentures shall be sold; but for the present this Government is not prepared to sanction their sale at less than One hundred Pounds sterling for every Debenture of £100, with accrued Interest from 1st January last,—and in fixing the minimum you will be good enough to bear the wishes of this Government in mind, and not sell below par.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.*

(No. 46.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 29th February, 1868.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you by the last Overland Mail *viâ* Marseilles, on the 31st ultimo and 1st instant, duplicates of which are enclosed, to which I refer you. Enclosed also you will find duplicate of my letter of the 1st instant, marked confidential, to which I beg your attention.

I have also the honor of forwarding herewith duplicates of the following papers; viz.—Statement showing that Debentures for £275,000 have been forwarded to you since the 1st of October last, of which £200,000 are to be sold, £26,700 handed over to the Bank of New South Wales, and £48,300 held by your Bank, pending instructions from this Government respecting their disposal at some future date; also Statement showing the amount of Debentures authorised and issued; also Statement showing the net amount of the Public Revenues of the Colony for the year 1867, to all of which I beg your attention.

Enclosed also are duplicate Statements showing the Debentures payable at your Bank on the 1st April, amounting to £4000; and Interest on Debentures payable at your Bank in April and May, amounting to £2127, to which I also request your attention.

Enclosed also is a copy of the Act of Parliament of the 11th October last, authorising the issue of Debentures chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony.

Having in my letters by the last Mail given you the views of this Government in reference to bringing forward the new Loan for £400,000, and placed you in possession of all the information in my power respecting the Revenues of the Colony, and its Public Debt, I feel that I can do no more than commit this business to your good management, feeling assured that your Bank will cordially co-operate with the Bank of New South Wales in negotiating the Loan on the most favourable terms obtainable in the London markets.

The English Mails of the 26th December last were delivered here on the 14th instant, when I was put in possession of your valued favour of the 26th of December last, the contents of which have had my attention.

It is very satisfactory to find our Government Debentures now regularly quoted in the Stock Exchange lists with other Government Stock, and to hear that they were selling readily at 104 to 106 when the last Mail left London. When the new Loan gets fairly floated in the English market, I fully expect to see Tasmanian Government Debentures realising as high a price as the Debentures of any of the other Australian Governments.

Under a separate cover I have the honor of forwarding you a copy of Walch's Book and Sheet Almanacs for the present year, which may afford you some useful information respecting this Colony.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.*

*MEMORANDUM of Debentures forwarded to the Consolidated Bank, limited, London, since the
1st October, 1867.*

	£	£	
1893.....	50, each 100.....	5000	} per Mail, 24th October.
1893.....	10, each 500.....	5000	
1893.....	200, each 100.....	20,000	} per Mail, 25th November.
1893.....	40, each 500.....	20,000	
1894.....	50, each 500.....	25,000	} per Mail, 24th December.
1894.....	500, each 100.....	50,000	
1896.....	100, each 500.....	50,000	
1897.....	100, each 500.....	50,000	
1895.....	100, each 500.....	50,000	
		<hr/> 275,000	
<i>To be handed over to the Bank of New South Wales—</i>			
1899.....	250, each 100.....	25,000	
1893.....	17, each 100.....	1700	
		<hr/> 26,700	
		<hr/> <u>£248,300</u>	

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*Colonial Treasury, Tasmania,
1st February, 1868.*

*STATEMENT of Amount of the Public Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania received during
the Year 1867.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Customs (net).....	126,393	13	10			
Bond Rents and Charges at Launceston (net) ..	780	3	6			
Inland Revenue (net)	53,117	18	8			
Contributions from Home Government (estimated).	12,800	0	0			
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Total General Revenue....	..			196,091	16	0
Land Revenue (net)			57,634	7	6
				<hr/>		
Total Public Revenue.....	..			<u>£253,726</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

W. LOVETT, *Assistant Colonial Treasurer.*

*Colonial Treasury, Tasmania,
31st January, 1868.*

PUBLIC Debt of the Colony of Tasmania.

Amount of Debentures authorised by Parliament, including £300,000 Railway Loan £1,073,900

Loans actually incurred on 31st December, 1867—

	£	£
Debentures payable in London	341,900	
Ditto, Hobart Town.....	318,900	
		660,800
Loans not issued payable in London, including Railway Loan....	358,100	
Ditto, Hobart Town.....	55,000	
		413,100

Total..... .. £1,073,900

Interest on Debt provided for in Estimates for 1868 and under
Special Acts, exclusive of Railway Loan..... 46,534

Interest on Railway Loan..... 18,000

Total..... .. £64,534

W. LOVETT, *Assistant Colonial Treasurer.*

*Colonial Treasury, Tasmania,
31st January, 1868.*

(No. 47.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52, Threadneedle-street, London, E. C., 27th January, 1868.*

SIR,

I BEG to confirm my last letter of 26th ultimo, of which a press copy is enclosed.

I have now to acknowledge your two favours, dated 27th October and 25th November, 1867, respectively, which arrived on the 13th instant.

The sixty Coupons due 1st July, 1893, mentioned in the first-named letter, were found enclosed as stated, and they have been duly attached to the Debentures of your Government for £10,000 forwarded with your letter of the 25th October last.

The enclosures mentioned in your letter of the 25th November last were found duly in order, and I have to acknowledge the safe receipt of 4 packets, containing in all 290 Bonds, amounting to a total value of £65,000, which in the same letter you advise having forwarded. We now hold, awaiting your further orders for their disposal, a total sum of £75,000 of Debentures of your Government, issued under the "Consolidation of Debentures Act." I note that Debentures issued under the same Act, amounting to £74,900, have been forwarded to the Bank of New South Wales.

Your letter of the 25th November sets forth the strong desire of your Government that measures should be taken as early as possible to secure the regular quotation in the published lists of the London Stock Exchange of the prices of Debentures issued under the Consolidation Act. I furnished our Stockbrokers with a copy of that part of your letter which refers to this matter. They inform me that no step can be taken in anticipation of the actual public issue of the Debentures, as no application for a quotation in their lists is entertained by the Committee of the Stock Exchange except with reference to a transaction which has assumed a different shape, and of which they can consequently judge whether or not it complies with their regulations. They, however, express a strong hope that, in applying for the quotation of the first new issue of your Debentures under the Consolidation Act, they may be able to secure, that *all* Debentures issued under its authority, whether for cash or in exchange for existing Debentures, shall be regularly quoted. I will not fail to bear in mind the wishes of your Government on this point, and to use my best efforts to obtain the quotation of their Debentures to which they rightly attach such importance.

I beg to enclose copy of the "General Account" of your Government for the six months ending 31st December last; also copy of "Sale of Debentures Account" to same date,—the former showing a balance of £2283 17s. 10d., the latter of £4139 14s. 9d., both in favour of your Government.

On the 22nd instant we handed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, to be forwarded to you, a parcel containing cancelled Bonds and Coupons of your Government paid during the six months ending 31st December last, amounting to the sum of £9674 as per list enclosed.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*To the Hon. the Treasurer of the Government of
Tasmania, Hobart Town, Tasmania.*

(No. 48.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 28th March, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th of January last, with the enclosures therein referred to, all of which have my attention. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of the package containing cancelled Bonds and Coupons forwarded through the Crown Agents, all of which reached me by the English mails delivered here on the 20th instant.

Herewith I have now the honor of forwarding you duplicate of my letter of the 29th ultimo by the last overland mail *viâ* Marseilles, to which I have to request your attention.

Enclosed I have now the honor of forwarding you statements showing Debentures of this Government amounting to the sum of £9400, say Nine thousand four hundred Pounds, payable at your Bank on the 1st of July next, and interest on other Debentures of this Government due on the 1st of July next payable at your Bank, amounting to the sum of £5526, say Five thousand five hundred and twenty-six Pounds, which payments I have to request you will be good enough to make on behalf of this Government in the usual way, placing the amounts when paid to the debit of this Government in due course.

The quotation of our Government Debentures at 102 to 104, exclusive of Coupon, when the last mail left England on the 27th January, is very satisfactory to the Executive Government, and they look forward with much confidence to the new Loan being placed in the London market on very satisfactory terms.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.

(No. 49.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 28th March, 1868.

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you this morning by the present mail to which I refer you.

Assuming that the new Loan of this Government for £400,000 will have been successfully floated through the joint agency of your Bank and the Bank of New South Wales before this letter reaches you, and that the half-year's interest on the same amounting to £12,000 will be due and payable at your Bank on the 1st of July next, I enclose herewith a statement showing the amount and number of the Debentures, &c., and have to request that you will be good enough to pay the interest due in the usual way, placing the amount when paid to the debit of this Government in account in due course.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.

(No. 50.)

The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52, Threadneedle-street, London, E.C., 26th February, 1868.

SIR,

I BEG to enclose copy of my last letter dated 27th ultimo.

I have now the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of 24th December last, with various enclosures as stated.

I have also to acknowledge the safe receipt of eight registered packets containing the following Debentures of your Government:—

Nos. 601 to 1100.—500 Bonds, £100 each	£50,000
1701 to 1800.—100 „ £500 each	50,000
2301 to 2400.—100 „ £500 each	50,000
2901 to 3000.—100 „ £500 each	50,000
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	£200,000
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These Debentures in accordance with your directions we hold with those for £75,000 previously acknowledged, awaiting the receipt of instructions from your Government relative to their disposal.

The Schedule containing a statement of the Debentures of your Government payable in London which mature in the month of March next, as well as the one relating to interest payable in that month, will receive our usual attention.

I enclose Debenture of your Government No. 532 for £100, being one of those issued to the public in October last. It was brought to me a few days since by a broker who pointed out that the signature of the Assistant Colonial Treasurer has been omitted in 24 of the Coupons attached thereto, and applied to have the irregularity remedied. He would not agree to allow me to send out the Bond for correction, as his client could not part with it for so long a period as four months. Thinking it very desirable that the mistake should be rectified without occasioning trouble to a holder of your Government securities, we have purchased a perfect Bond at the price of £104, and have exchanged it for the enclosed. If you will return the Bond with the required signatures added we can dispose of it on your account.

I remain, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*The Hon. the Treasurer of the Government of Tasmania,
Hobart Town, Tasmania.*

(No. 51.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 23rd April, 1868.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 28th ult. by the last Overland Mail *via* Marseilles, duplicates of which are enclosed to which I refer you.

I also enclose duplicate statements showing the amount of Debentures payable at your Bank on the 1st July next, and the amount of interest payable on Debentures in June and July next, to which I have to request your immediate attention if the originals have not yet reached you.

I have now the honor of forwarding the enclosed statement showing a further sum of £51 (Fifty-one Pounds) for interest due and payable at your Bank on Debentures for £1700 on the 1st of July next, to which I have to request your attention.

By the arrival of the English Mail on the 17th instant I was placed in possession of your letter of the 26th February last, the contents of which have had my attention.

I was sorry to find that you should have had occasion to return one of our Debentures for £100, in consequence of an omission of the Assistant Colonial Treasurer's signature to several of the coupons. I have to thank you for the trouble you took to arrange the matter by purchasing the Debenture at £104 for account of this Government, and now return the same Debenture, No. 532, dated 1st January, 1867, for £100 payable on the 1st January, 1895, with coupons for interest due in July, 1868, and half-yearly 1st January and 1st July until 1st January, 1895; and you will be good enough to cause the same to be sold in due course, and the proceeds placed to the credit of the Government account.

From the improved value of our Government Debentures in the English market, and the low value of money in London, I look forward to receiving from you by an early mail satisfactory accounts respecting the disposal of the new Loan to be offered for sale under the joint agency of your Bank and the Bank of New South Wales during the present month.

Assuming that the whole of the new Loan for £400,000 will have been disposed of ere this letter comes to hand, and that you will have received the whole of the proceeds of the Debentures for £200,000 forwarded to you for sale, and that you will have complied with the request contained in my letter of the 1st of February last and paid over the sum of £100,000 to the Union Bank of Australia in your City, there will be a large available balance in your Bank on account of this Government after providing you with funds to meet the payments of Debentures and interest during the present year.

I have, therefore, to request that out of the proceeds of the Debentures you will be good enough to set aside the sum of £50,000, which you will be pleased to hold as a fixed deposit in your Bank till the 20th December next at interest at your current Bank rate for fixed deposits; and you

will also be good enough to pay over the sum of £5000 (say) Five thousand pounds to Messrs. Julian and Sargeant, the Crown Agents for the Colonies in Spring Gardens, for account of this Government, advising me of such payment in due course.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager Consolidated Bank, Threadneedle-street,
London.*

(No. 52.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
No. 52, Threadneedle-street, London, E.C., 27th March, 1868.*

SIR,

I BEG to wait on you with the enclosed copy of my last letter dated 26th ultimo, and I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your valued advices of 31st January and 1st February last, together with a second letter under the last-named date marked "Confidential," all of which came to hand on the 23rd instant.

The several enclosures mentioned in your letter of 31st January were found duly in order as stated. The Schedules containing statements of the principal of Debentures redeemable in London in the month of April amounting to £4000, and of interest on Debentures payable in the months of April and May next amounting to £2127, shall receive our usual attention.

I beg to confirm the statement enclosed in your letter of 1st February (No. 1) showing a list of Debentures received by this Bank from your Government since the 1st December last amounting to £275,000. In conformity with your instructions I have handed to the Bank of New South Wales 250 Debentures £100 each from those due in 1894, and 17 Debentures £100 each from those due in 1893, making together an amount of £26,700. Of the remaining £248,300 I have set apart for our proportion of the Loan of £400,000.

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48,000.....	due 1893
50,000.....	due 1894
2000.....	due 1895
50,000.....	due 1896
50,000.....	due 1897
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£200,000	

Reserving the balance of £48,300—viz., £300 due 1893, and £48,000 due 1895—to await your further orders. As none of the Debentures we hold due in 1895 are for a less amount than £500, I was compelled, in order to make up an exact sum of £200,000, to reserve £300 of those due in 1893, contrary to the letter of your instructions.

The whole of the instructions contained in your letter of 1st February (No. 1), and in your second letter of that date marked "Confidential" relative to the Loan of £400,000 which your Government is desirous of bringing forward, have received my careful attention.

Immediately my Directors were in possession of the wishes of your Government they proceeded to confer with the Bank of New South Wales as to the arrangements which should be made for offering the Loan to the public.

At an interview which they had on the 25th instant with the Managing Director of the Bank of New South Wales, it was found that the authorities of that Bank considered that the tenor of your instructions to them indicated with precision the latter half of the month of April as the period in which it was the wish of your Government that the Debentures should be disposed of. Although from the purport of your letters to us my Directors were prepared to take earlier action in the matter, after due consideration of all the circumstances, and they being clearly of opinion that the interests of your Government would in no way suffer by the slight delay, it was agreed to defer the public announcement of the Loan until the time named above, that is, the latter part of next month.

There has existed during the past week an increase of demand in the money market, which will probably continue until relief is afforded by the payment of the Government Dividends due on 6th proximo. The Easter holidays will then ensue, during which there is a partial suspension of business. These considerations point to the time which has been fixed upon as being, perhaps, a more favourable opportunity than the present for offering the Loan to the public.

Your Government may confidently rely upon our cordially co-operating with the Bank of New South Wales in carrying out this operation in the terms of your instructions; and in fixing the minimum price for the Loan the best judgment of my Directors will be exercised to secure the most favourable terms for your Government, having regard to the accomplishment of their purposes.

Your instructions as to the disposal of the proceeds of our portion of the Loan for £400,000 are duly noted, and will be carefully complied with.

By the mail leaving London on the 24th April I shall wait upon you with full advices of all measures taken with respect to the Loan up to that date.

I remain, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*The Hon. the Treasurer of the Government of Tasmania,
Hobart Town.*

(No. 53.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 21st May, 1868.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 23rd ult. by the last Overland Mail, *viâ* Marseilles, a duplicate of which is herewith enclosed, to which I beg to refer you.

I have now the honor of enclosing a duplicate statement showing the amount of interest due on the 1st July next on certain Debentures for £1700, to which I have to request your attention.

I have also the honor of enclosing a statement showing the sum of £2256, (say) Two thousand two hundred and fifty-six Pounds, payable at your Bank during the month of September next for the half-year's interest on Debentures of this Government for £75,200, to which I have to request your usual attention.

By the arrival of the English Mail on the 16th instant I was placed in possession of your letter of the 27th of March last, the contents of which have received my attention.

It is very gratifying to notice the continued improvement in the value of Tasmanian Government Debentures in the London market—the latest quotation being 104 to 106—in the prices current just received.

I am glad to learn that the Debentures forwarded from this Department had all reached you in due course, and that your Directors had arranged with the Bank of New South Wales to offer the new Loan for £400,000 by public tender in the usual way shortly after the Easter holidays. I hope to hear from you by the next mail, expected here on the 12th proximo, with full particulars respecting the disposal of these Debentures; and it will be very satisfactory to learn that you have succeeded in realising a fair premium for the whole of them.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Threadneedle-street,
London.*

(No. 54.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited, 52, Threadneedle-street,
London, E.C., 24th April, 1868.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you by the mail *viâ* Marseilles on the 27th ultimo, duplicate enclosed, to which I beg to refer you.

By the mail which arrived on the 20th instant I was put in possession of your favour of the 29th February, the contents of which have had my best attention.

I now beg to advise that my Directors, in co-operation with the Directors of the Bank of New South Wales, proceeded on the 21st instant to call for tenders for the Loan of £400,000 in accordance with the instructions of your Government. I beg to enclose two copies of the prospectus prepared and issued under their joint authority, which will inform you of the mode in which the Loan has been announced to the public, and also in what manner the questions as to the date for requiring payment for the Debentures, and also interest thereon, have been dealt with.

In conferring with the Bank of New South Wales a difference of opinion arose as to the interpretation of your orders with respect to the minimum price of the Debentures. In your letter of 1st February last, marked "Confidential," you state as follows:—"That for the present this Government is not prepared to sanction their sale at less than £100 sterling for every Debenture of £100, with accrued interest from the 1st of January last; and in fixing the minimum you will be good enough to bear the wishes of this Government in mind, and not sell below par." My Directors read this to mean that, supposing the Debentures to have been paid for in the month of April, the limit below which they could not go in fixing the minimum price would have been £100 for every Debenture of £100 with a half-year's coupon due 1st July next attached.

The Bank of New South Wales, on the other hand, took your instructions to be, that the minimum price was not to be below £100 for every Debenture of £100 with no interest accrued thereon.

My Directors did not doubt the correctness of their view; but as the other reading was more favourable to your Government they did not press their opinion, feeling that in the present state of the money market it was not a very material point, though under other circumstances the misreading of the paragraph might have been prejudicial.

Considering, therefore, that the minimum price would be fixed with reference to the view of your instructions taken by the Bank of New South Wales, the plan for the postponement of the date of payment until the 30th June, and the removal of the first coupon on the Debentures, was decided upon as being the best for the interests of your Government and the most convenient for the purposes of the Stock Exchange dealers, and my Directors trust it will have your approval.

For general investors I think there can be little doubt that a stock which, being paid for at once, would at once begin to bear interest, would have presented greater attractions.

Since the announcement of the Loan we have had numerous applications for forms of tender, and there have been other indications of its favourable reception.

You will be duly informed by telegram, in accordance with your instructions, of the result of the opening of the tenders on the 28th instant.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*To the Honorable the Treasurer of the Government of Tasmania,
Hobart Town.*

(No. 55.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 18th June, 1868.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 21st ult. by the last Overland Mail *viâ* Marseilles, a duplicate of which is forwarded herewith, to which I refer you.

I also have the honor of forwarding herewith a duplicate statement of interest on Debentures payable at your Bank during the month of September next amounting to £2256 (Two thousand two hundred and fifty-six pounds), to the payment of which I request your usual attention.

By the arrival of the English mails on the morning of the 11th instant I was placed in possession of your letter of the 24th of April, reporting the arrangement you had made with the Bank of New South Wales for offering our new Loan for £400,000 by public tender on the 28th of

April, and on the morning of the 13th instant I received a telegram from the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, dated 29th April, reporting the result as follows; viz.—

“Tasmanian Loan a great success. Reserved price One hundred and one. Tenders were received for nearly Two Millions. All taken above One hundred and two.”

The arrangement made for bringing forward the Loan was very satisfactory, and the result communicated by telegram most gratifying to this Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Threadneedle-street,
London.*

(No. 56.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited, 52, Threadneedle-street.
London, E.C., 1st May, 1868.*

SIR,

I BEG to wait upon you with copy of my last letter, despatched on the 24th ultimo, *via* Marseilles.

I have now the pleasure to inform you of the complete success which has attended the introduction of the Loan of your Government for £400,000. The tenders were opened on the 28th ultimo, the minimum price having been previously fixed by my Directors in concert with the Directors of the Bank of New South Wales at £101 for every Debenture of £100 with interest from 30th June next. The total amount of Debentures tendered for was £1,978,490, of which £1,416,200 was at and above the minimum price fixed. I beg to enclose a list of allotments made to successful tenders, by which you will see that tenders at £102 1s. received about two-fifths of the amount applied for, and all above that price received allotments in full; the total gross amount payable in respect of the whole of the Debentures being £409,871 11s., or an average of £102 9s. 4d. per cent. I venture confidently to hope that these results will be satisfactory to your Government.

By an arrangement with the Bank of New South Wales a telegram, in accordance with your instructions, was despatched on the 29th ultimo in time to catch the mail of last month at Suez, addressed to their Agent at Melbourne, which will be forwarded by him, and thus secure the earliest possible intimation to you of the successful result of the Loan.

When the balance payable on the allotments is received, the payment of £100,000 to the Union Bank of Australia shall be made as ordered by your letter of the 1st February last, and I will duly wait upon you with the accounts relating to our portion of the Loan.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*To the Honorable the Treasurer of the Colony of Tasmania,
Hobart Town.*

TASMANIAN Government Loan, £400,000. List of Allotments.

Tenders.	Name.	Rate tendered per £100.			Amount allotted.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Joseph J. Ellis	105	0	0	2000	0	0
	Samuel Cousins	104	15	0	500	0	0
	J. J. Ellis	104	0	0	2000	0	0
	A. Joseph	103	10	0	1000	0	0
	G. P. Shearwood	103	7	0	1000	0	0
	A. Joseph	103	5	0	500	0	0
	G. P. Shearwood	103	3	0	500	0	0
	Ellis and Co.	103	1	0	15,000	0	0
	Sheppards, Pelly & Co.	103	1	0	50,000	0	0
	G. Kerr	103	1	0	1000	0	0
	W. Westgarth	103	0	0	10,000	0	0
	J. L. Randall	103	0	0	200	0	0
	J. H. Etheridge	103	0	0	600	0	0
	A. Joseph	103	0	0	500	0	0
	T. F. Smith	103	0	0	500	0	0
	J. J. Ellis	103	0	0	2000	0	0
	Grindlay & Co.	103	0	0	5000	0	0
	Sheppards, Pelly & Co.	103	0	0	5000	0	0
	J. & C. Brock	103	0	0	1000	0	0
	George Gilbert	103	0	0	500	0	0
	W. Garfit	102	17	0	5000	0	0
	G. Keir	102	16	0	2000	0	0
	T. & A. Scrimgeour	102	15	0	4500	0	0
	W. Westgarth	102	15	0	10,000	0	0
	Z. Ingold	102	13	0	6000	0	0
	R. Davidson	102	13	0	2000	0	0
	M. Yeatman	102	12	6	5000	0	0
	Sheppards, Pelly & Co.	102	12	0	20,000	0	0
	Clayton & Aston	102	11	0	5000	0	0
	G. P. Shearwood	102	11	0	1000	0	0
	Ward & Cathcart	102	10	6	1200	0	0
	W. Westgarth	102	10	0	10,000	0	0
	J. Bruce	102	10	0	3000	0	0
	T. & A. Scrimgeour	102	10	0	6000	0	0
	M. Mills	102	9	0	6000	0	0
	Linton & Clarke	102	7	0	10,000	0	0
	Ditto	102	6	0	10,000	0	0
	B. Isaacs	102	5	0	500	0	0
	W. Westgarth	102	5	0	10,000	0	0
	J. Matthews	102	5	0	500	0	0
	T. & A. Scrimgeour	102	5	0	10,000	0	0
	W. Murray	102	5	0	2000	0	0
	Linton & Clarke	102	5	0	3000	0	0
	Sheppards, Pelly & Co.	102	3	6	5000	0	0
	Ditto	102	3	0	5000	0	0
	Clayton & Aston	102	3	0	5000	0	0
	G. P. Shearwood	102	3	0	1000	0	0
	Linton & Clarke	102	2	6	8000	0	0
Tenders.	B. Scott	102	2	0	500	0	0
£	W. R. Hartridge	102	1	6*	7000	0	0
10,000	W. Westgarth, for H. Reed ..	102	1	0	4200	0	0
131,500	Ditto	102	1	0	55,000	0	0
1000	Ditto, for C. J. Vallack	102	1	0	400	0	0
150,000	T. & A. Scrimgeour	102	1	0	62,800	0	0
13,000	W. Westgarth	102	1	0	5400	0	0
2000	Ditto	102	1	0	800	0	0
20,000	Sheppards, Pelly & Co.	102	1	0	8400	0	0
					£400,000	0	0

* To this point all Tenders were allotted in full.

Consolidated Bank, Limited,
London, 28th April, 1868.

(No. 57.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited, 52, Threadneedle-street,
London, E.C., 22nd May, 1868.*

SIR,

I LAST had the honor of addressing you by the mail of the 1st instant, *viâ* Panama, with the gratifying intelligence of the successful result which had attended the introduction of the Railway Loan of your Government for £400,000, copy of which letter I enclose.

I trust you will have received in due course the telegram announcing the success of the Loan which was sent by the Bank of New South Wales to their Agent at Melbourne to be forwarded to you.

I have now to acknowledge receipt of your two favours, dated 28th March, which reached me on the 18th instant, and also of a letter from the Assistant Colonial Treasurer, under date 28th March, which came to hand this morning.

The statements forwarded by you of the principal amount of Debentures due on 1st July next amounting to £9400, and of interest due at same date amounting to £5526, shall receive our usual attention. Due note is also taken of the schedule of Debentures issued by your Government from 26th July, 1867, to 28th March, 1868, forwarded by the Assistant Treasurer.

I beg to enclose a complete list of the Debentures to be issued by the Bank of New South Wales and ourselves for the Loan of £400,000, which will bear interest from the 1st of July next. I also enclose a list of the Coupons, due 1st of July, cut off the Debentures for our moiety of the Loan which have been cancelled, and shall be sent out to you with other cancelled coupons in the usual manner.

By request of Mr. John Henry Peacock Oldmeadow, the holder of Tasmanian Government Debenture No. 211, Act 21 Victoria, No. 29, £100, we have stopped the payment of Coupon £3 due 16th March relating to that Debenture, which he states that he has lost. Mr. Oldmeadow is proceeding to your Colony, and will apply to you for payment of the Coupon under his guarantee. We advise you, at his request, of our having stopped payment of it here.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

*To the Honorable the Treasurer of the Colony of Tasmania,
Hobart Town.*

(No. 58.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 16th July, 1868.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 18th ult. by the last Overland Mail, *viâ* Marseilles, a duplicate of which is forwarded herewith, to which I beg to refer you.

Herewith enclosed I have now the honor of forwarding a statement showing interest on our Government Debentures due and payable at your Bank during the months of October and November of the present year, amounting to the sum of £2007 (say) Two thousand and seven pounds, to the payment of which I request your usual attention, placing such payments to the debit of this Government in your account current in the usual way.

I have also to request that, on receipt hereof, you will be good enough to pay over to the Union Bank of Australia in your city the further sum of £10,000 (say) Ten thousand pounds for account of "The Launceston and Western Railway Company, Limited, and the Commissioners appointed under the Launceston and Western Railway Act," placing such payment to the debit of this Government in your account current when paid, and advising same to this Department in course of post.

By the arrival of the English mail, *viâ* Panama, on the morning of the 3rd instant, I was put in possession of your valued letter of the 1st May last with its enclosures; and on the morning of the 9th instant by the arrival of the English mails, *viâ* Marseilles and Suez, I was placed in possession of your valued letter of the 22nd May last.

The contents of these letters, conveying full information respecting the successful launching of our Government new Loan for £400,000 on the 28th April last, have been most gratifying to the Executive Government, the large sums tendered over par showing that our Government securities were eagerly sought after by your capitalists; and the fact of the whole £400,000 being placed at an average price of £102 9s. 4d. for every £100 leads me to hope that our Government Debentures will henceforth take rank among the first class securities on the Stock Exchange in your city.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Threadneedle-street,
London.*

(No. 59.)

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited, 52, Threadneedle-street,
London, E.C., 19th June, 1868.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you by the mail, *viâ* Marseilles, of the 22nd ult., press copy of which letter is enclosed herein.

By the mail which arrived on the 15th instant I was placed in possession of your valued letter of 23rd April last with enclosures as stated therein.

The Debenture of your Government No. 532, £100, which you return with the omitted signatures supplied has been sold, and the account of your Government has been credited with £107 for proceeds of the same as per Broker's note enclosed.

My previous letters will have informed you that the balance of 90 per cent. of the Loan of £400,000 is payable on the 30th instant; the amount we shall receive in respect of our moiety of the Loan will be £180,000; we have already received and passed to your credit on the 1st May £20,000, our proportion of the 10 per cent. paid on allotment of the Debentures.

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of 1st February last we shall, on receipt of the balance due on the Debentures, pay to the Union Bank of Australia the sum of £100,000 in time for advice of the same to be sent out by the mail, *viâ* Panama, leaving on 2nd July; and, in compliance with the order in your letter of 23rd April, we will set aside the sum of £50,000 to remain to the credit of your Government as a fixed deposit until the 20th December next, bearing interest at current deposit rates.

In conformity with the order contained in your letter now acknowledged, I paid on the 16th instant the sum of £5000 (Five thousand pounds) to Messrs. Julyan & Sargeaunt, the Crown Agents for the Colonies, for account of your Government, charging the same to the debit of your account with us.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JAS. SHARPE, *pro Manager.*

*To the Honorable the Treasurer of the Colony of Tasmania,
Hobart Town.*

(Copy.)

London, 15th June, 1868.

Sold for the Tasmanian Government, per order of the Manager of the Consolidated Bank—

£100 Tasmanian Government 6 per cent. Debenture issued January, 1867, due January, 1895, 107½.....	£107	5
Brokerage.....		5
No. 532 to M. Paine & Co.....	£107	0

(Signed) SPURLING & SKINNER, *Brokers.*

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(No. 60.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 24th August, 1867.*

SIR,

By the arrival of the English mails, on the morning of the 12th instant, I was placed in possession of your letter of the 26th of June last, in reference to the disposal of our Government Debentures in your market, and I note with satisfaction the arrangements you had made for bringing forward the loan by public tender in the usual way on the 5th of July last. I have also received from Mr. Badcock, the Manager of your Bank in Melbourne, a copy of the telegram you had forwarded to him reporting the result of the operation on that day, which has caused much anxiety to this Government. I conclude, however, that, although the Debentures were not applied for at the time you called for tenders on the 5th July, you would advertise them for sale to capitalists at the minimum price fixed by you and the Consolidated Bank, viz.,—Ninety-five Pounds each; and when it became generally known among the Australian and Tasmanian colonists residing in England that they could purchase our Government Debentures at £95 each, I should think they would soon all be taken up, and that the next or following mail will bring me advices to that effect. I have no fresh instructions to give you in reference to their disposal, feeling assured that you will act jointly with the Consolidated Bank in realising the highest possible price obtainable in your market. At

the same time, I hope you will not be compelled to submit to a lower rate than the price you had fixed upon when submitting them to public tender, and that under no circumstances will you submit to a lower price than £90 each for every Debenture of £100.

You will probably notice by the public papers that our Parliament has just opened, and that all correspondence and papers in connexion with the sale of our Debentures has been laid before Parliament and ordered to be printed. I enclose herewith a copy of the correspondence referred to, together with a copy of the Governor's Speech on opening the Parliament, and a list of the Debentures sold in the Colony during the past twelve months, on reference to which you will observe that Debentures to the amount of upwards of £65,000 have been sold at the Colonial Treasury to our own colonists at par during the past year, showing clearly the high estimation in which they are held among our own capitalists, who prefer investing in our Government Debentures at Six per cent. rather than lend their money on mortgage or other security at Eight or Ten per cent.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
London.*

P.S.—I forward also to your address by the present mail a copy of the Statistics of the Colony just published, which will afford you some valuable information respecting this part of the world.

(No. 61.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 26th July, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I telegraphed to our Melbourne Manager on the 13th instant, with instructions to him to transmit it to you in these words,—“Tasmanian Loan complete failure. Minimum 95. Three applications. One thousand allotted. Forward”—and I am sorry that I cannot now report any amount of success,—in fact we have only succeeded in quitting Debentures to the extent of £3300.

I have not thought it advisable to reduce the minimum from 95, at which it was fixed at the meeting on 5th July when tenders were opened here, as in the present state of feeling in this country any such reduction would have the effect of destroying confidence, and in no way tend to promote the interests of your Colony. We have a good many enquiries from Brokers and others, and I am not without hope that we may succeed in disposing of a portion of the loan in small quantities; but the fact of these Debentures being secured only against the Land Fund, and not upon the General Revenue of Tasmania, is a great barrier to investors. As you will see by our newspapers, there is a great abundance of money, and the tendency is even to lower rates: still, in the face of this plethora, nearly all securities are neglected, and can only be realised at ruinous prices,—consols forming almost the only exception. The other Australian Government Bonds also meet with a degree of favour; and were your Colony better known to English capitalists, and care taken in the framing of your Debentures, they might yet attain a good position in this market.

Enclosed you will find a statement of account, showing a balance in favour of the Government of £949 6s. 4d.; and I now await further instructions from you.

I have, &c.,

D. LARNACH, *Managing Director.*

*The Hon. the Treasurer of the Government of Tasmania,
Hobart Town.*

I have also the honor to acknowledge receipt on the 20th instant of your letter dated the 25th of May last, which calls for no special reply. I forward you herewith copy of a letter received from the Consolidated Bank.

(No. 62.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 25th September, 1867.*

SIR,

I ADDRESSED you on the 24th ultimo by the last overland mail *viâ* Marseilles, a duplicate of which is enclosed, to which I refer you.

By the arrival of the English mails at this port on the 13th instant, I was placed in possession of your letter of the 26th of July last, on the subject of the disposal of our Government Debentures, and I regret to learn that you had not succeeded in placing the parcel forwarded to you in April last. I hope, however, that an early mail will bring me advices that you have succeeded in disposing of the same at the minimum price fixed by you when submitting them for public tender on the 5th

July last. In my last I expressed a hope that under no circumstances would you submit to a lower price than £90 each for every Debenture of £100 each. On further consideration, I am induced to request that for the present the minimum price shall not be reduced below £95 each for every Debenture of £100. I am happy to inform you that in this market the price of our Debentures continues steady at £100 for every Debenture of that amount, several thousand pounds worth having realised par during the past month. As our Parliament is now in session, I have deemed it expedient to submit an amended Act for the consolidation of the whole of our outstanding Debentures payable in London, in which provision is made for the whole being made chargeable on the General Public Revenues of the Colony, and allowing the holders of outstanding Debentures to exchange the same for Debentures to be issued under the authority of the new Act.

By next mail I shall address you on that subject, with full particulars relating to the same.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
London.*

(No. 63.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 26th August, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to enclose duplicate of my letter of the 26th ultimo, and of the account therein referred to, and to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th June last, to hand on the 13th instant, *viâ* Marseilles, informing me that you had instructed the Manager of the Consolidated Bank to pay only Twenty thousand Pounds out of the proceeds of the Debentures forwarded to them for sale over to this Bank for account of the Commercial Bank.

I have the honor to inform you that during the past month I have disposed of £500 Debentures at 95 per cent., and that I have again had enquiries from Brokers and others which I am hopeful may lead to further sales being effected; but in the meantime they keep back, thinking that the minimum will be reduced when they are not taken up.

The plethora of money still continues in our market; and while the Debentures of the sister Colonies have much improved in price, no new Loans met with favour; and the bar to the Debentures of your Colony is that they are not quoted on the Stock Exchange, and consequently unknown to the investing public, or we have no doubt they would rank as high as the others.

I beg to enclose a Statement showing the balance in favour of the Government to be £3499 15s. 8d.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOHN CURRIE, *Secretary.*

*To the Honorable the Treasurer of the
Government of Tasmania.*

(No. 64.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 22nd October, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of August last, which reached me in due course on the 16th instant.

I take note that you had disposed of a few more of our Government Debentures, and, from enquiries made by Brokers and others, entertained hopes of effecting further sales shortly. When forwarding these Debentures for sale with my letter on the 25th April last, I advised you that these Debentures had been issued by this Government to defray the cost of certain Public Works; viz., Roads, Bridges, &c., with the view of opening up and improving the Crown Estate; and as contracts for the construction of a large portion of those works have been entered into, it is very desirable that the Debentures should be realised as early as possible; and I hope an early Mail will bring me advices from you that the whole of the Debentures forwarded to your Bank and the Consolidated Bank have been sold on the best terms obtainable in your market. On referring to my letter of the 24th of April last, you will notice that, in accordance with an arrangement made with the Commercial Bank here, the whole of the proceeds of the Debentures forwarded to your Bank (together with the proceeds of a considerable portion of those forwarded to the Consolidated Bank) were to be placed by you to the credit of the Commercial Bank in this city, who had arranged to account with this Government for the same on receiving advices from you of the

amount placed to their credit. In accordance, therefore, with that arrangement I have to request that, on receipt hereof, you will be good enough to transfer to the credit of the Commercial Bank, Hobart Town, the sum of £3499 15s. 8d., say Three thousand four hundred and ninety-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eightpence, advised by you in your letter of the 26th August last as having been placed to the credit of the Government of this Colony.

I advised you in my letter of the 25th ultimo, by the last Overland Mail *viâ* Marseilles—duplicate of which is herewith enclosed—that as our Parliament was in Session this Government had decided on consolidating the whole of their Debentures payable in London, and making them a charge on the Public Revenues of the Colony. I have now the honor of informing you that an Act has been passed for that purpose, and by the out-going Mail, leaving here on the 25th instant, I shall forward copies of that Act, with Debentures for £10,000, Ten thousand Pounds, to your Bank, and a like amount to the Consolidated Bank in your city.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, London.

(No. 65.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 26th September, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to enclose herewith duplicate of my letter of the 26th ultimo, and to inform you that during the past month we have failed to effect a single sale of the Debentures of your Government, and have had few enquiries for them.

This morning we have an application for £1100 at the minimum of £95; and, should we receive a definite offer at that price, we are disposed to accept of it,—although we asked £95 and the interest accrued since the 30th July last.

Money still continues to accumulate in our market; but the public have suffered such severe losses during the past twelve months that they now evince great caution, and will only invest in Securities that are well known and readily saleable.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOHN CURRIE, *Secretary.*

*To the Hon. the Treasurer of the Government of
Tasmania, Hobart Town.*

(No. 66.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 25th October, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you by this mail on the 22nd instant, to which I refer you.

Herewith I have now the honor of forwarding you six copies of an Act of the Tasmanian Parliament which received the Royal Assent on the 11th instant. Under this Act provision has been made for the issue of Debentures, payable in London, amounting to £700,000, all chargeable on the Public Revenues of this Colony, and redeemable in the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899, at the rate of £100,000 on the First day of July in each of those years,—the interest thereon, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, being also payable in London half-yearly on the 1st of January and the 1st of July.

At the present time the outstanding issue of the Debentures of this Government payable in London amounts to £341,900,—which sum includes the Public Works Debentures for £102,500, part of which, namely, £43,300, was forwarded to your Bank for sale by the mail of the 25th April last, and £44,000 by the same mail to the Consolidated Bank.

This Government proposes making further issues to the extent of £358,100, also payable in London, for defraying the cost of a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine, the Defences of the Colony, and certain other Works and purposes sanctioned by Parliament; these sums together making the total issue up to £700,000, as authorised by the Act which I now forward to you.

You will observe that, under the provisions of the Act referred to, any of the holders of our Government Debentures will be entitled to receive Debentures issued under the Consolidated Act

in exchange for any Debentures of this Government they may now hold, provided they may wish to do so at any time within two years of their becoming due; and, as the new issue will all be made chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony, and the interest payable on the 1st of January and the 1st of July in each year, I anticipate that nearly all the holders of our present outstanding Debentures payable in London, amounting to £341,900, will gladly seek to avail themselves of the privilege of making the exchange. I also hope that you will, with the aid and co-operation of the Consolidated Bank, be able to dispose of such portion of the new issue that this Government may send forward to your care for sale by public Tender or otherwise on favourable terms, and that you will also succeed in getting this new issue quoted regularly on the Stock Exchange Lists from time to time; and in a short time, when our Debentures become known in the English Market, this Government feels assured that they will command as high a price as the Debentures of the other Australian Colonies.

Owing to the short time that has elapsed since the passing of the Act for the preparation of any of the new issue of Debentures, I am only enabled to forward you a parcel consisting of 50 Debentures for £100 each, and 10 Debentures for £500 each,—together amounting to £10,000 by this mail,—all dated 17 October, 1867, redeemable at the Consolidated Bank, London, on the 1st July, 1893, with interest at the rate of six per cent. commencing from 1st January, 1868, and payable half-yearly at the Consolidated Bank, London, on the 1st July and 1st January in every year, which I hope will reach you in safety.

You will observe that these Debentures are prepared in the same form as the Debentures of the Colony of New South Wales, and made transferable by delivery.

By the mail leaving this on the 25th November I expect to be able to forward you a further supply of the new issue, when I will again address you with the views of this Government respecting their disposal: meanwhile

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, London.

(No. 67.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 27th October, 1867.

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 25th with Debentures of this Government dated 17th instant, valued at £10,000,—viz., 50 Debentures of £100 each, 51 to 100, and 10 Debentures of £500 each, 511 to 520,—which I hope will reach you in safety in due course.

I regret to have to inform you that the Assistant Colonial Treasurer has just discovered that the last coupon for the half-year's interest due on the 1st of July, 1893, was omitted to be printed and attached to the Debentures. Herewith enclosed I have the honor of handing you sixty coupons for the half-year's interest due on the 1st of July, 1893,—viz., 50 coupons, 51 to 100, of £3 each, and 10 coupons, 511 to 520, of £15 each,—which I have to request you will be good enough to cause to be pasted on to the sheet of coupons attached to each Debenture forwarded to you by the last mail.

Trusting that you will excuse the trouble I am giving you,

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, London.

(No. 68.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 25th November, 1867.

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 22nd and 25th ultimo by the last overland Mail *viâ* Marseilles, duplicates of which are forwarded herewith, to which I have the honor to refer you.

I also forward herewith a Memorandum signed by the Assistant Colonial Treasurer and one of the Treasury Clerks certifying to the fact of sixty Government Debentures, value £10,000,

having been posted to your address in a registered letter, *viâ* Marseilles, by the Mail which left this city for London on the 25th ultimo, to which I also refer you.

I also forward herewith six copies of an Act passed by the Tasmanian Parliament during the last Session, which received the Royal Assent on the 11th October, by which the whole of the Debentures of this Government payable in London were consolidated and made chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony; the principal being made payable at the Consolidated Bank in London during the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899, the interest on the same at the rate of six per cent. per annum being also made payable half-yearly at the same Bank in London on the first of January and the first of July in every year. The copies of the Acts referred to are duly certified by myself and the Colonial Auditor as true copies; and I hope you will use your influence with the Managers of the London Stock Exchange to secure the regular quotation of all our Government Debentures issued under the authority of that Act being regularly quoted in the daily or weekly lists of Stock dealt in by that body, as it is of much importance to this Government that the Debentures issued from time to time should be quoted on the London Stock Exchange, and I confidently rely on your best efforts to effect that object as early as practicable.

I have now the honor of forwarding to your care by the Mail leaving this city this evening for London, *viâ* Marseilles, four packets containing Tasmanian Government Debentures issued under the authority of the Act of the Tasmanian Parliament passed on the 11th ultimo, copies of which are forwarded herewith, as follows; viz.—

				£
Nos. 301 to 400	.....	100 Debentures, £100 each	.....	10,000
401 to 499	.....	99 Debentures, £100 each	.....	9900
561 to 600	.....	40 Debentures, £500 each	.....	20,000
1151 to 1200	.....	50 Debentures, £500 each	.....	25,000
Together.....				<u>£64,900</u>

say Sixty-four thousand nine hundred Pounds, all of which will, I hope, reach you in safety.

I enclose herewith the Certificate of the Assistant Colonial Treasurer of the above Debentures having been posted by this Mail in four registered packets to your address.

I forward under separate covers in four parcels to the Consolidated Bank in your city Debentures to the value of £65,000, which with £10,000 forwarded to the same Bank by the last mail makes the sum of £75,000 forwarded to the Consolidated Bank, and with the £74,900 forwarded to your Bank makes £149,900 issued by this Government under the authority of the Consolidated Act of last Session.

By the arrival of the English September Mails at this Port on the 16th instant I was placed in possession of your valued letter of the 26th September last, by which I was sorry to learn that you had not succeeded in realising the remainder of the Debentures forwarded to you for sale in April last. I hope, however, an early mail will bring me advices of your having realised the whole, and that the net proceeds have been placed to the credit of the Commercial Bank as requested. If, however, when this letter reaches you, you have any of the Debentures for £43,300 forwarded to you in my letter of the 25th April last still on hand, I have to request you will not sell the same, but return the same to me in a registered packet *viâ* Southampton by the first mail, as it is the intention of this Government to offer the holders of our Government Debentures Debentures issued by this Government under the authority of the Consolidated Act of last Session in exchange for the Debentures previously issued.

By the mail leaving this Colony on the 25th of December I hope to send you a further supply of the new issue of Debentures, and at same time to forward you instructions respecting the disposal of the same, as well as the disposal of the Debentures for £64,900 forwarded to your care by the last and present mails.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Old Broad-street, London.

(No. 69.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 26th October, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to enclose herewith press copy of my letter of the 26th ultimo, and to acknowledge the receipt *via* Marseilles, on the 14th instant, of your letter of the 24th August last, wherein you advise the receipt of our telegram of July, announcing the failure in our attempt to place the Loan of £92,300 upon the English money market, which had caused much anxiety to your Government.

My letter by the mail of July would place you in possession of the particulars as to the result of the loan, of which my telegram was but a summary, and that, although announced as still open to the public, we had received applications only for a very trifling amount. I regret my subsequent communications will not afford your Government any relief from the anxiety occasioned by the receipt of that telegram, but that they will only add to it on learning that, notwithstanding the continued fall in the value of money to a merely nominal rate in our market, and the increased favor in which the Debentures of the neighbouring Colonies were held, we had failed to attract the attention of the investing public to those of your Government, and had no enquiry either from the Australian or Tasmanian Colonists for them.

I have to inform you that a definite offer at £95 was made for the £1100 of your Debentures, for which I advised you in my last letter that we had an application, which we accepted. A few days thereafter we had an application for a large amount at the same price, but which we refused as we had hopes a better price might be obtained.

On receipt of your letter of the 24th August, expressing the desire of your Government for a sale at the best possible price, but not to accept of less than £90 for every £100, we determined after consultation with the Consolidated Bank, and finding that they had payments to make for your Government, not to delay for an indefinite period, but to realize at the minimum of £95 including accrued interest; and I have now the pleasure and satisfaction to inform you that on the 17th instant, with the consent of the Consolidated Bank, we succeeded in disposing of the balance of the £92,300, which was £87,400, at that price, less the usual Brokerage of one quarter per cent.

A deposit of £5 per cent. has been paid upon the amount, and the balance will be paid on the 30th instant, when we will adjust the amount to be paid to the Consolidated Bank, and pass the balance to the credit of the Commercial Bank on your account.

Application has been made to the Committee of the Stock Exchange, and every endeavour will be used to persuade them to quote this loan in the Official List; and should it be successful it will bring your Debentures more into notice, and be in favor of any future loan you may bring upon this market.

Trusting that the result of this loan will prove satisfactory to your Government, and that any further loans which you may desire to bring upon this market may be entirely entrusted to this Bank,

I have, &c.,

(Signed) D. LARNACH, *Managing Director.*

*The Hon. the Treasurer of the Government
of Tasmania, Hobart Town.*

(No. 70.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 24th December, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 27th October and 25th November by the last Overland mail *via* Marseilles, duplicates of which are herewith enclosed, to which I beg to refer you.

I also forward a duplicate Memorandum signed by the Assistant Colonial Treasurer and one of the Treasury clerks, certifying to the fact that four packets containing Tasmanian Government Debentures for £64,900 were registered and forwarded by the last Overland mail *via* Marseilles on the 25th ultimo to your address, and I hope to hear in due course that they have reached you in safety.

I also forward herewith Six more copies of the Act passed by the Tasmanian Parliament on the 11th October, by which all the Debentures of this Government payable in London are made chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony.

By the arrival of the English mail on the morning of the 18th instant I was put in possession of your valued letter of the 26th October last, from which I was glad to learn that, after consultation with the Consolidated Bank, you had decided on disposing of the balance of the Public Works Debentures, viz.—£87,400, at the minimum price of £95 per £100 with accrued interest since the

1st July last, and that the said proceeds would be passed by you to the credit of the Commercial Bank in this City for account of this Government.

Considering that Tasmanian Government Debentures were unknown on the Stock Exchange in London, I must be satisfied with the price realised for the Public Works Debentures; but when your capitalists find that our Government Debentures are made chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony, and that the half-yearly interest is regularly paid, I have no doubt that they will be sought after as a safe investment, and command as high a price in your market as the Government Debentures of the other Australasian Colonies.

I was in hopes that I should have been able to have forwarded you instructions by this mail respecting the disposal of the Debentures for £10,000 and £64,900 forwarded to you in my letters of the 25th October and the 25th of November. I hope, however, to do so by the mail leaving here next month; meanwhile you will be good enough to hold those Debentures for account of the Government of this Colony, pending the receipt of instructions respecting their disposal.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
London.*

(No. 71.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 26th November, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 16th instant, via Marseilles, of your communication of the 25th September last, which, with its enclosures, has had my attention; and to enclose herewith duplicate of my letter of the 29th ultimo by the last Overland Mail.

I then informed you that I had, with the concurrence of the Consolidated Bank, effected a sale of the balance of your Debentures at £95 per cent., that a deposit of £5 per cent. had been made for the due fulfilment of the contract, and that the balance was to be paid on the 30th ultimo.

I have now the satisfaction to advise you that on the day named the balance due thereon was paid, and the Bonds delivered to the Contractors.

I enclose herewith a statement of account showing the net amount due to the Government after paying to the Consolidated Bank the proportion due to them from the proceeds of sale over the £20,000 retained under your instructions for the credit of the Commercial Bank of Van Diemen's Land, and which net amount of £40,495 15s. 8d., together with the £20,000, we have credited that Bank in account current on account of your Government.

The application to the Committee of the Stock Exchange for the quotation of this Loan in their official list has been successful, and the price in yesterday's list is stated at from £104 to £106, which shows the loss your Government has sustained from the Debentures not being quoted on the Stock Exchange previously, and the benefit this quotation will be to them should they at any future period resort to this market for the introduction of further Loans.

Your Government will naturally enquire how I, knowing the great advantages from having the Stock quoted in the Official List upon the introduction of a new loan, did not make the application before the sale of the Debentures; but I was precluded from this by the 119th Section of the Rules of the Committee of the Stock Exchange which provides that—"Bonds, the dividends of which are payable in London, shall not (except under special circumstances) be quoted in the Official List unless they have been publicly negotiated by tender, contract, or otherwise, and state the amount and conditions of the loan, the powers under which it is made, and the numbers and denominations of the Bonds issued, and also bear the autographic signature of the contractor or properly authorised agent."

I am glad to learn that you had submitted to your Parliament an amended Act for the consolidation of the whole of the Debentures of your Government payable in London, and for their being made chargeable upon the General Public Revenues of your Colony, which will improve their position and tend to increase their value in this market.

I await your further communication upon this measure. Meanwhile I beg to tender to your Government the services of this Bank should they be required for the exchange of the Debentures to be issued in the event of the amended Act being passed.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) D. LARNACH, *Managing Director.*

*The Honorable the Treasurer of the Government
of Tasmania, Hobart Town.*

(No. 72)

Tasmania, Colonial Treasury, 31st January, 1868.

SIR,

By the arrival of the English Mails at this Port on the morning of the 15th instant, I was put in possession of your valued letter of the 26th November last, with account current therein referred to, both of which have received my best attention.

The quotation of our £100 Government Debentures in the Stock Exchange list of the 25th November last at £104 to £106 each is very satisfactory to this Government, and I have no doubt that as they become known to capitalists they will command as high a price as the Debentures of the other Australian Colonies.

I shall address you to-morrow, by this Mail, with instructions to bring out the new Loan for £400,000 : meanwhile,

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.**The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, London.*

(No. 73.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 1st February, 1868.*

SIR,

WITH reference to my letter of yesterday's date, by the present Mail, I have now the honor of advising you that I have forwarded to your address, in six separate packets, registered, by this Mail, *via* Marseilles, as per certificate enclosed, 584 Tasmanian Government Debentures as under; viz.,

484 each £100 payable in 1896 =	£48,400
100 each £500 payable in 1897 =	£50,000
<u>584 Debentures, together</u>	<u>= £98,400</u>

Say, Ninety-eight thousand four hundred Pounds, all of which I hope will reach you in safety.

I have also requested the Manager of the Consolidated Bank to hand over to you 267, say Two hundred and sixty-seven Debentures for £100 each; viz., 250 payable in the year 1894, and 17, say Seventeen, payable in the year 1893—together £26,700, Twenty-six thousand seven hundred Pounds.

I also enclose herewith a memorandum showing Tasmanian Government Debentures forwarded to you since the 1st of October last amounting to £200,000.

I have also forwarded Tasmanian Government Debentures to the Consolidated Bank in your city for a similar amount; viz., £200,000.

You have been made aware by my previous letters that it was the intention of this Government to bring forward a Loan for £300,000 for the purpose of aiding the construction of a railway, by the Launceston and Western Railway Company, from the town and port of Launceston to the township of Deloraine, in the Western district of the Colony, about forty miles from Launceston, Debentures for £300,000 having been authorised to be issued for that purpose in the Act passed during the last Session, a copy of which I enclose herewith, several copies of the same Act having been forwarded to you in my letters of the 25th October last, to which I refer you. I also informed you that, in addition to the amount proposed to be raised by Loan for the railway, this Government would require a further Loan of £100,000 to cover the cost of the Defences of the Colony and other Public Works, and to provide for Debentures falling due during the years 1868 and 1869.

From the favourable position in which the Debentures of this Government are now placed on the Stock Exchange in London, this Government has decided on bringing forward a Loan for £400,000 for the purposes above referred to; and have also decided to bring the Loan out through the joint agency of your Bank and the Consolidated Bank in your city. I have therefore to request that, on receipt hereof, you will be good enough to communicate with the Consolidated Bank, and arrange with that Bank for bringing out the Loan under your joint agency.

When bringing out the Public Works Loan in July last, reference was made to the Debentures then offered being made chargeable on the Land Fund of the Colony only. The Loan for £400,000 now offered is issued under the Consolidated Act of last Session, by which you will notice these Debentures and the Interest thereon are chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony.

I enclose a statement showing that the total Public Revenues of the Colony collected during the year ending 31st December, 1867, amounted to £253,726, and the total Public Revenues of the Colony available for the year 1868 are estimated at £260,610.

I also enclose a statement showing the total amount of Debentures authorised by Parliament to amount to £1,073,900, of which £660,800 have been issued,—£341,900 being payable in London, and £318,900 payable in Hobart Town.

With the information now before you, you will be in a position to afford the fullest information to capitalists when calling for tenders for the new Loan for £400,000, which this Government commits to your care in full confidence that you will cordially co-operate with the Manager and Directors of the Consolidated Bank in bringing under the favorable notice of English capitalists.

If all goes well, this letter will reach you on the morning of the 23rd of March or thereabouts; and if the state of your money market is favourable I should wish the Loan to be offered for disposal by Public Tender towards the end of the month of April, in good time for you to telegraph the result to Galle for transmission by the Mail steamer leaving that port for Melbourne on or about the 13th May—the telegram to be sent from Galle to Adelaide, addressed to your Manager at Melbourne, with instructions to communicate the result to me by telegram.

I shall be glad to find that you succeed, with the co-operation of the Consolidated Bank; in disposing of this Loan without causing any material decline in the value of our Debentures on the Stock Exchange, and it will be satisfactory to the Government to see this Loan realise a handsome premium. You will, however, understand that the minimum price is left to be fixed by you and the Consolidated Bank, in full confidence that you will give this Government the full benefit of your best judgment in fixing the selling price at a fair market value as compared with other Australasian Government Debentures; but as it is of importance to the Promoters of the Railway that the work should proceed without delay, they are desirous that the Loan should be negotiated as early as possible; I propose, therefore, writing you a few lines, under a separate cover, giving you the views of the Government as to the lowest price they would consent to the Debentures being sold at.

On the Debentures being sold you will be good enough to furnish me with your account current, showing the net proceeds realised after payment of your commission, together with brokerage, stamps, and all other charges; and you will be good enough to pay over the sum of £100,000, say, One hundred thousand Pounds, to the Manager of the Union Bank of Australia, London, for account of the "Launceston and Western Railway Company and the Commissioners appointed under the Launceston and Western Railway Act," advising me of that payment in due course. I will advise you by an early Mail respecting the disposal of the balance of the funds realised from the sale of these Debentures.

I rely, of course, on your conducting this business on the usual terms, and that your commission will not exceed One per cent., one moiety of which I conclude you will hand over to the Commercial Bank here, as suggested in my letter to that Bank on the 24th April last.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, London.

(No. 74.)

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

Tasmania,

Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, February 1, 1868.

SIR,

WITH reference to my letter of this day's date in regard to the sale of our Government Debentures, I have to state that this Government is desirous of availing itself of the present favourable state of the money market for bringing forward the new loan for £400,000, and hope to see it go off at a handsome premium of 4 or 5 per cent.: but it is possible that, owing to a change in the value of money or other causes, the Debentures of the Australian Colonies may not be in such request as they were when the last Mail left England in November.

After conference with the Consolidated Bank you will be able to fix the minimum price at which the Debentures shall be sold; but, for the present, this Government is not prepared to sanction their sale at less than £100 sterling for every Debenture of £100, with accrued interest from the 1st of January last. And in fixing this minimum you will be good enough to bear the wishes of this Government in mind, and not sell below par.

I have, &c.

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
London.*

(No. 75.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 29th February, 1868.

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you by the last Overland Mail *viâ* Marseilles, on the 31st ultimo and 1st instant, duplicates of which are enclosed, to which I refer you. Enclosed also you will find duplicate of my letter of the 1st instant, marked confidential, to which I beg your attention.

I have also the honor of forwarding herewith duplicates of the following papers; viz.—Statement showing that Debentures for £200,000 have been forwarded to you since the 1st of October last; also Statement showing the amount of Debentures authorised and issued; also Statement showing the net amount of the Public Revenues of the Colony for the year 1867, to all of which I beg your attention.

Enclosed also is a copy of the Act of Parliament of the 11th October last, authorising the issue of Debentures chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony.

Having in my letters by the last Mail given you the views of this Government in reference to bringing forward the new Loan for £400,000, and placed you in possession of all the information in my power respecting the Revenues of this Colony, and its Public Debt, I feel I cannot do more than commit this business to your good management, feeling assured that your Bank will cordially co-operate with the Consolidated Bank in negotiating the Loan on the most favourable terms obtainable in the London markets.

The English Mails of the 26th December last were delivered here on the 14th instant, when I was put in possession of your valued favour of the 26th of December last, the contents of which have had my attention.

It is very satisfactory to find our Government Debentures now regularly quoted in the Stock Exchange lists with other Government Stock, and to hear that they were selling readily at 104 to 106 when the last Mail left England. When the new Loan gets fairly floated in the English markets, I fully expect to see Tasmanian Government Debentures realising as high a price as the Debentures of any of the other Australian Governments.

Under a separate cover I have the honor to forward you a copy of Walch's Book and Sheet Almanacs for the present year, which may afford you some useful information respecting this Colony.

I rely on your sending me a telegram *viâ* Galle, as suggested in my letter of the 1st instant, reporting the result of the Tenders for the Loan; and

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
Old Broad-street, London.

MEMORANDUM of Debentures forwarded to the Bank of New South Wales, London, since the 1st October, 1867.

	£	£	
1893.....	50 each 100	5000	} per Mail, 24th Oct. 1867.
1893.....	10 each 500	5000	
1893.....	100 each 100	10,000	} per Mail, 25th Nov. 1867.
1893.....	99 each 100	9,900	
1893.....	40 each 500	20,000	} per Mail, 1st Feb. 1868.
1894.....	50 each 500	25,000	
1896.....	484 each 100	48,400	
1897.....	100 each 500	50,000	
		<hr/> 173,300	
<i>To be handed over by the Consolidated Bank—</i>			
1894.....	250 each 100	25,000	
1893.....	17 each 100	1700	
		<hr/> 26,700	
		<hr/> £200,000	

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

Colonial Treasury, Tasmania,
1st February, 1868.

STATEMENT of Amount of the Public Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania received during the Year 1867.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Customs (net).....	126,393	13	10			
Bond Rents and Charges at Launceston (net) ..	780	3	6			
Inland Revenue (net)	56,117	18	8			
Contributions from Home Government (estimated).....	12,800	0	0			
Total General Revenue....	..			196,091	16	0
Land Revenue (net) .....	..			57,634	7	6
Total Public Revenue.....	..			<u>£253,726</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

W. LOVETT, Assistant Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Tasmania,
31st January, 1868.

PUBLIC Debt of the Colony of Tasmania.

Amount of Debentures authorised by Parliament, including £300,000 Railway Loan £1,073,900

Loans actually incurred on 31st December, 1867—

	£	£
Debentures payable in London	341,900	
Ditto, Hobart Town.....	318,900	
		660,800
Loans not issued payable in London, including Railway Loan....	358,100	
Ditto, Hobart Town.....	55,000	
		413,100
Total.....	..	<u>£1,073,900</u>
Interest on Debt provided for in Estimates for 1868 and under Special Acts, exclusive of Railway Loan.....	46,534	
Interest on Railway Loan.....	18,000	
Total.....	..	<u>£64,534</u>

W. LOVETT, Assistant Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Tasmania,
31st January, 1868.

(No 76.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 26th December, 1867.

SIR,

By the present mail I forward you, under separate cover, duplicate of my letter of the 26th ultimo, and accounts showing the proceeds of sale of the Debentures, and the amount carried to the credit of the Government in account with the Commercial Bank of Van Diemen's Land.

2. I beg to acknowledge the receipt on the 14th instant of your letters of the 22nd and 25th October last, with the specified enclosures.

3. The Debentures of the nominal value of Ten thousand Pounds have also come safely to hand, and have been found in order.

4. In the letter of the 22nd October you direct my attention to the sums received from time to time for the sale of Debentures placed to the credit of the Government, and request that they be carried to the credit of the Commercial Bank: by the Accounts forwarded by last mail you will find that this had been done, and I hope you will find everything in order and in terms of your instructions.

5. I thank you for the copies of an Act of your Parliament authorizing the issue of Debentures payable in London to the amount of £700,000, all chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony, and redeemable by £100,000 on the 1st July in each year from 1893 to 1899, which is to include the outstanding issue of Debentures payable in London amounting to £341,900, and £358,100 for

further issues, which your Government propose making also payable in London, to defray the cost of a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine and certain other works and purposes sanctioned by Parliament.

6. I observe that under the provisions of the Act any holders of the outstanding issue will be entitled to receive Debentures issued under the Consolidated Act, provided they may wish to do so, within two years of their becoming due; also, that your Government has been pleased to confide the further issues under this Act to this Bank in conjunction with the Consolidated Bank, and that the instructions of your Government, with a further supply of the new issue, will be forwarded by the mail leaving on the 25th ultimo.

7. The Debentures of your Government are still quoted in the Daily List at £104-6, and are increasing in favour with the public; but, from the numerous loans that have been introduced, and are yet to be brought upon the market, a check on the rise in price of Colonial Government Debentures generally has been the result, and I look for no further improvement at present.

I have, &c.

(Signed) D. LARNACH, *Managing Director.*

*The Hon. the Treasurer of the Government of Tasmania,
Hobart Town.*

(No. 77.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 27th January, 1868.

SIR,

I BEG to enclose press copy of my letter of the 26th ultimo, and to acknowledge the receipt on the 13th instant, *via* Marseilles, of your letters of 27th October and 25th November last, with their enclosures, in order.

2. The Debentures of the nominal value of £64,900 have also come safely to hand, and have been found correct.

3. The six copies of the Act passed in the last Session of your Parliament for the consolidation of the whole of your Government Debentures payable in London, and making them chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony, which received the Royal Assent on the 11th October last, and certified by yourself and the Colonial Auditor as true copies, have also come to hand, and shall receive every attention.

4. The quotations on the Stock Exchange lists cannot be obtained in anticipation of any stocks or shares to be brought upon this market; and before application can be made for a quotation of any stock it must first have been submitted to the public in terms of the 119th Section of the Rules of the Committee of the Stock Exchange, referred to in my letter of the 26th November last.

5. By the next mail I hope to receive a further amount in Debentures, with your instructions as to their disposal in this market.

6. Money here is very abundant; and, from the favour shown by the Public for Colonial Government Debentures generally, I entertain the hope that, should your instructions permit me to dispose of those of your Government without delay, I shall be able to dispose of them to advantage.

7. The quotation for your Government Debentures is £102-4.

8. The Oriental Bank in this City disposed of £750,000 in 5 per cent. Debentures for the Government of New South Wales on the 14th instant, at and above £94 3s.

9. The sixty coupons, the half year's interest due 1st July, 1893, omitted to be printed upon the Debentures Nos. 51-100 of £100 each, and Nos. 511-20, of £500 each, shall be affixed to the sheet of coupons as you instruct.

I have, &c.

(Signed) D. LARNACH, *Managing Director.*

*The Hon. the Treasurer of the Government of Tasmania,
Hobart Town.*

P.S.—In order that you may understand thoroughly the present state of our Money Market, may I recommend you to read the article "Two per cent." in the *Edinburgh Review* of this month?—
D.L.

(No. 78.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 28th March, 1868.

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 29th ultimo by the last Overland Mail *viâ* Marseilles, duplicate of which is enclosed, to which I request your attention.

By the arrival of the English January mail on the 20th instant I was placed in possession of your valued letter of the 27th January last, the contents of which have received my careful consideration ; and I thank you for the copy of the Edinburgh Review, which reached me in due course.

The continued low price of money in England and on the Continent of Europe, with the favourable quotation on the Stock Exchange of our Government Debentures at 102 to 104 each, exclusive of coupons, induces me to look forward with much confidence to the new loan being placed on the London market on very satisfactory terms.

In my letter of the 1st of February last I requested that out of the proceeds of the Debentures entrusted to your care you would be good enough to pay over to the Union Bank of Australia, London, the sum of £100,000 (say One hundred thousand Pounds) for account of "The Launceston Western Railway Company, limited, and the Commissioners appointed under the Launceston and Western Railway Act." I have now to request that out of the proceeds of the Debentures entrusted to your care for sale you will be good enough to pay over to the Union Bank of Australia, London, the further sum of £40,000 (say Forty thousand Pounds) for account of "The Launceston and Western Railway Company, limited, and the Commissioners appointed under the Launceston and Western Railway Act."

Assuming that the whole of the Debentures entrusted to your care will have been sold before this letter reaches you, and that the net proceeds will be at the disposal of this Government, I have to request that you will, by the return mail, be good enough to furnish me with an authority for the Colonial Treasurer of the Colony to issue Drafts on your Bank in London at three days sight to the extent of £50,000 (say Fifty thousand Pounds) against the proceeds of the Debentures sold by you on behalf of this Government ; and as the funds will be in your hands from the proceeds of Debentures upon which your Bank will have charged the usual sale commission, I conclude you will not make any further charge for commission on the Drafts issued upon you against those funds in your hands.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
Old Broad-street, London.*

(No. 79.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 26th February, 1868.

SIR,

I BEG to enclose copy of my letter of the 27th ultimo, wherein I acknowledged the due receipt of the Debentures of the nominal value of £64,000 ; and I have now to acknowledge the receipt on the 12th instant, *viâ* Marseilles, of your letter of the 24th December last with its enclosures.

I was glad to learn by your letter under acknowledgment that the sale of the Debentures at the price of £95 per cent. had given satisfaction to you ; and that by the next mail you hoped to forward instructions as to the disposal of those now in my hands.

The market for Colonial Government Debentures still continues favourable, those of your Colony being quoted £103-5 ; and I still entertain the hope that, should your instructions not be delayed, a great increase in price for the new will be obtained over the last loan.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) D. LARNACH, *Managing Director.*

*The Honorable the Treasurer of the Government
of Tasmania, Hobart Town.*

(No. 80.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 23rd April, 1868.

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 28th ultimo by the last Overland Mail *via* Marseilles, duplicate of which is enclosed, to which I refer you.

By the arrival of the English Mails, on the 17th instant, I was put in possession of your letter of the 26th February last, the contents of which have received my attention.

The improvement in the value of our Government Debentures in the English Market leads me to anticipate a very satisfactory result for the new Loan brought forward in London through the joint agency of your Bank and the Consolidated Bank during the present month.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South
Wales, London.*

(No. 81.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C.
27th March, 1868.

SIR,

I BEG to enclose press copy of my letter of the 26th ultimo, and now to acknowledge the receipt, on the 23rd instant, *via* Marseilles, of your letters of the 31st January last and 1st ultimo, with the enclosures specified in the last-mentioned letter: also your private letter conveying to me the views of your Government as to the price under which your Government Debentures should not be sold.

I have also to advise the safe delivery through the post of the six registered packets containing five hundred and eighty-four Debentures, representing £98,400; and of the receipt from the Consolidated Bank of two hundred and sixty-seven Debentures representing £26,700, which, with those received previously, £74,900, makes the total representative value £200,000 now in our hands of your Government Debentures. I learn by your despatch of the 1st ultimo, that Debentures to a like amount have been forwarded to the Consolidated Bank, and that your Government are desirous that the loan of £400,000 should be offered through the joint agency of the two Banks.

It will afford me pleasure to co-operate with the Directors of that Bank, and to devise with them such measures as may be best for the interest of your Government and the floating the Debentures upon this market; and you and your Government may rest assured that nothing shall be wanting on our part to accomplish this object.

I have had an interview with two of the Directors of the Consolidated Bank, and made the preliminary arrangements with them for the introduction of the Loan towards the end of next month: that we shall advertise for tenders seven days previously to be lodged at this Bank; and that a Committee of Directors from both Banks will fix the minimum immediately before proceeding to open the tenders.

I shall not fail to notice in the advertisements that these Debentures are drawn under the Consolidation Act of last Session, and are chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony.

The statements showing that the total Public Revenues of the Colony collected during the year ending the 31st December, 1867, amounted to £253,726; that the total revenues available for the year 1868 are estimated at £260,610; and that the total amount of Debentures authorised by Parliament is £1,073,900,—of which £660,800 have been issued payable in London, and £318,900 payable in Hobart Town,—will prove useful, and every advantage will be made of them.

The position of the English Money Market is still favorable for financial operations, and I am very sanguine that the Loan will be placed successfully at a fair premium.

Every attention shall be given to your instructions to furnish you with an account current showing the net proceeds realized after payment of Commission, Brokerage, Stamps, and all other charges, and to pay over the sum of One hundred thousand Pounds to the Manager of the Union Bank of Australia here, for account of the Launceston and Western Railway Company and the Commissioners appointed under the Launceston and Western Railway Act, advising you of that payment in due course.

The balance will be held to the credit of your Government pending your instructions as to its disposal.

The charge for Commission will be one per cent. as on the last occasion, one moiety of which will be credited to the Commercial Bank of Van Diemen's Land.

A telegram to our Melbourne Branch of the result of the tenders will be forwarded to Galle in time for the steamer leaving that port on 20th May, with instructions to telegraph to you immediately on its receipt.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) D. LARNACH, *Managing Director.*

*The Hon. the Treasurer of the Government of
Tasmania, Hobart Town.*

(No. 82.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 21st May, 1868.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 23rd ultimo, by the last Overland Mail, *via* Marseilles, a duplicate of which is enclosed, to which I refer you.

By the arrival of the English Mails on the 16th instant I was placed in possession of your letter of the 27th March last, the contents of which have received my attention.

It is very gratifying to this Government to notice the continued improvement in the value of Tasmanian Government Debentures in the London market,—the latest quotations being 104 to 106 in the Prices Current received by the Mail just arrived; and I learn from your letter of the 27th March that you are very sanguine that the new Loan for £400,000 will be placed successfully at a fair premium.

By the next Mail, expected to arrive here on the 12th June, I hope to hear from you with full accounts respecting the sale of the Debentures for £400,000; and it will be very satisfactory to this Government to hear you have succeeded in realizing a fair premium for the whole of them.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
Old Broad-street, London.*

(No 83.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C, 24th April, 1868.

SIR,

I BEG to enclose duplicate of my letter of the 27th ultimo, and to acknowledge the receipt on the 20th instant of your letter of the 29th February, with duplicates of your letters of the previous month, which have all come safely to hand.

By last mail I advised you of my desire to co-operate with the Consolidated Bank in bringing the Loan required by your Government upon this market, of my having an interview with two of the Directors of that Bank, and having arranged with them the necessary preliminaries.

I have now to inform you that, on Tuesday last, I again met the two gentlemen from that Bank, and finally arranged with them the terms of the prospectus, and for its publication in the newspapers on the following morning.

I hand you herewith a copy of that prospectus, and I would particularly invite your attention to the manner in which we propose to issue the Loan. By not calling up the money till the 30th June next, we are thereby enabled to issue the Debentures without any accrued interest, which we considered of great advantage in the present state of the market, while upon allotment we call up £10 per cent. which will fully secure us against any contingencies through defaulting tenderers.

I think we have made the terms to the public as attractive as possible, and I am very sanguine that we will succeed with the Loan in such a manner as cannot but be satisfactory to your Government.

The Tenders are to be opened on Tuesday next at one o'clock, and I will not fail to communicate the result by telegram to our Manager at Melbourne, with instructions to transmit it to you ; but, in consequence of a break in the wires *via* the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf, the message may fail to reach you before the next month's mail.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) D. LARNACH; *Managing Director.*

*To the Honorable the Treasurer for the Government of
Tasmania, Hobart Town.*

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SIX PER CENT. LOAN FOR £400,000.

THE Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank (Limited) have received instructions from the Tasmanian Government to offer for disposal by public tender a Loan of £400,000, which is a charge on the Public Revenues of the Colony, and authorised by an Act passed 11th October, 1867, 31 Victoria, No. 9, for the construction of a railway and other purposes.

The total amount of the authorised debt of the Colony, including the above Loan, is £1,073,900, and the Public Revenues collected during the year 1867 amounted to £253,726 3s. 6d.

The Loan will be issued in Debentures of £500 and £100 each, bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum from the 1st July next, payable half-yearly by Coupons in London at the Consolidated Bank (Limited).

The principal money is to be paid off as follows :—

£		
99,600	on 1st July,	1893.
100,000	”	1894.
2000	”	1895.
98,400	”	1896.
100,000	”	1897.
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£400,000		

Copies of the Act and Debentures can be seen at the Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank (Limited).

Tenders in the form annexed will be received by the Bank of New South Wales, No. 64, Old Broad-street, up to One o'clock on Tuesday, the 28th instant, where and when they will be opened in the presence of such persons interested therein as may choose to attend: the Debentures will be then allotted to the highest bidders, provided the prices offered are not below the minimum price, which will be fixed by the Directors of the two Banks, enclosed in a sealed envelope, and placed upon the table previous to the opening of the tenders.

Tenders at a price including a fraction of a shilling, other than sixpence, will not be preferentially accepted, and in case the equivalent tenders should exceed the amount of Debentures to be allotted, or should they for any one series exceed the amount of that series, a *pro rata* distribution of the amount, and of the whole series will be made.

Payment for the Debentures will be required as follows :—

£10 per cent. on allotment,
and the balance on the 30th of June, 1868, when the Debentures will be delivered.

Forms of Tender can be obtained at the Bank of New South Wales, the Consolidated Bank (Limited), and from Messrs. Linton & Clarke, 2, Royal Exchange Buildings.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES, 64, *Old Broad-street, E.C.*

CONSOLIDATED BANK, LIMITED, 52, *Threadneedle-street, E.C.*

21st April, 1868.

FORM OF TENDER.

To the Directors of

THE BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
AND
CONSOLIDATED BANK, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN,

_____ hereby Tender for the following portion of the Tasmanian Government Six per Cent. Loan, authorised by an Act passed on the 11th October, 1867, 31 Victoria, No. 9, subject to the conditions contained in your advertisement, dated the 21st April instant.

Debentures to the extent of £ _____

Of the Series 1893	{ £100.....	£ _____
	{ £500.....	£ _____
1894	{ £100.....	£ _____
	{ £500.....	£ _____
1895	£500.....	£ _____
1896	{ £100.....	£ _____
	{ £500.....	£ _____
1897	{ £100.....	£ _____
	{ £500.....	£ _____

for which I undertake to pay at the rate of _____ in money for every £100 in Debentures.

Name _____

Profession _____

Address _____

Date _____

(No. 84.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 18th June, 1868.

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 21st ult., by the last Overland Mail *via* Marseilles, a duplicate of which is forwarded herewith, to which I refer you.

By the arrival of the English Mails on the morning of the 11th inst. I was placed in possession of your letter of the 24th of April reporting the arrangements you had made with the Consolidated Bank for offering our new loan for £400,000 by Public Tender on the 28th of April; and on the morning of the 13th instant I received from the Manager of your Bank in Melbourne a copy of your Telegram of the 29th of April reporting the result as follows; viz.—

“Tasmanian Loan a great success. Reserved price One hundred and one. Tenders were received for nearly Two millions. All taken above One hundred and two.”

The arrangements made for bringing forward the loan are very satisfactory, and the result communicated in your Telegram most gratifying to this Government.

On receipt hereof I have to request you will be good enough to pay over to Messrs. Julyan and Sargeant, Crown Agents, Spring Gardens, London, the sum of £5000, say Five thousand Pounds, placing such payment to the debit of this Government in your account current.

I have &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, Colonial Treasurer.

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
Old Broad-street, E. C., London.

(No. 85.)

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 22nd May, 1868.

SIR,

I BEG to enclose duplicates of my letters of the 24th ultimo *viâ* Marseilles, and of the 30th idem *viâ* Panama, and to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th March last, with duplicate of that of the previous month which have come safely to hand.

On the 29th ultimo I had the pleasure of informing you by telegram addressed to the Manager of this Bank at Melbourne, *en route* to you, of the success of your loan for £400,000, which we in conjunction with the Consolidated Bank, Limited, offered by Public Tender on the 28th ultimo; and I have since had the satisfaction to learn that the telegram has been forwarded by the Mail hence on the 24th ultimo, and which I trust will reach you in due course.

I have now the honor to hand you herewith full particulars of the proceedings for the information of yourself and your Government; and the result they disclose cannot but be satisfactory to you, while to me it was a matter of no little gratification that the loan was attended with so much success.

Immediately before the hour fixed for opening the Tenders, the two Directors from the Consolidated Bank with whom I had before consulted met with two of my colleagues in the Direction of this Bank and myself, and fixed the minimum at £101 in cash for every £100 Debenture, which was placed under seal and deposited in presence of them and such persons as attended, and was declared after the Tenders were read.

There were 153 Tenders received, and the total applied for amounted to £1,978,490, at prices from £85 to £105: of these 97 amounting to £1,416,200 were above the minimum; but as this was in excess of the sum required, all Tenders at and above £102 1s. 6d. were allotted in full, and to those at £102 1s. the balance thereafter was allotted in the proportion of about two-fifths of the sums applied for.

The Deposit of £10 per cent. upon the sum allotted was called up and duly paid upon the 1st current: this amounted to £40,000, of which we paid one moiety, or £20,000, to the Consolidated Bank for the credit of your Government, and the balance we hold to their credit in the Books of this Bank.

The Balance due upon the Debentures will be payable on the 30th proximo, but to meet the wishes of some of the Tenderers we have agreed to allow them to anticipate the payment then due at any time previously under deduction of Interest at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum. One or two have for small sums availed themselves of the privilege, and the Debentures, minus the coupons due on the 1st July next, have been delivered to them; but, inasmuch as the rate allowed, although the highest given by the Banks for Deposits, is lower than the value of money in the open market, we do not expect to receive any large amount before the due date—the 30th June.

On the 1st July we will pay the Union Bank of Australia the two sums of One hundred thousand Pounds and Forty thousand Pounds for account of the Launceston and Western Railway Company and the Commissioners appointed under the Launceston Railway Act in terms of your instructions; and likewise I now hand you a credit authorising your Government to draw upon this Bank to the extent of £50,000 at three days' sight, which will make the amount £190,000 to be chargeable out of the moiety of the proceeds of the loan receivable by this Bank, which credit we have issued without extra charge for commission.

The completed Accounts for this Loan cannot be prepared until the balance due upon the Debentures shall have been paid, which I hope will be done on the 30th June, and that I will be in a position to forward them by the Mail hence on the 17th July next.

The quotations in the Stock Exchange daily Lists of the Prices of all Colonial and other Government Debentures invariably include the Interest accrued from the due date of the last coupon at the time of such quotation, and the price quoted in your letter of the 28th March last for your Government Debentures as £102-104 on the 27th January last includes the Interest from the first of that month amounting to 10s. per cent., thus making the actual price £101½-£103½; and so in like manner the present price of £105-£107 includes £2 10s. accrued Interest, making the net price £102 19s. to £104 10s., which, after deducting 10s. per cent. for the difference of Interest upon the new Stock, makes the price obtained for the loan quite equal to that in the open market.

The new Stock is not yet officially quoted upon the Stock Exchange, and the Committee will not authorise this to be done until they receive the necessary Certificates that the Balance has been paid, which we shall grant when we are in a position to do so.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) D. LARNACH, *Managing Director.*

*To the Honorable the Treasurer for the
Government of Tasmania, Hobart Town.*

(No. 86.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 15th July, 1868.

SIR,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 18th ultimo by the last Overland Mail *viâ* Marseilles, duplicate of which is forwarded herewith, to which I refer you.

By the arrival of the English Mail, *viâ* Marseilles and Suez, on the morning of the 9th instant, I was put in possession of your valued letter of the 22nd of May last, with its enclosures, giving full information respecting the successful launching of our Government new Loan for £400,000 by Public Tender, on the 28th of April last.

The information received is most gratifying to myself and colleagues in the Executive Government; the large sums tendered over par showing that our Government Securities were eagerly sought after by English Capitalists; and the fact of the whole of the Loan for £400,000 being taken up at an average price of £102 9s. 4d. for every £100 leads me to hope that our Government Debentures will henceforth rank among the first class Securities on the London Stock Exchange.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of credit dated 22nd May last, authorising me to issue Drafts on your Bank for £50,000 at Three days' sight, for which I am obliged. As, however, arrangements have been made for paying over a further sum of £50,000 to the Union Bank of Australia for account of the Railway Company, I shall not require to make use of the same, the letter of credit therefore for £50,000 is returned herewith, endorsed by me as not having been used; and I have now to request that on receipt hereof you will be good enough to pay over to the Union Bank of Australia in your City the further sum of £50,000, say Fifty thousand Pounds, for account of the "Launceston and Western Railway Company, Limited, and the Commissioners appointed under the Launceston and Western Railway Act," placing the same to the debit of this Government in your account current when paid, and advising same to this Department in course of post.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
Old Broad-street, London.*

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CROWN AGENTS.

(No. 87.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 25th June, 1867.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 25th ultimo by the last mail, *viâ* Marseilles, duplicate of which is enclosed, to which I refer you.

I have now the honor of informing you that I have this day addressed the Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Threadneedle-street, London, desiring him to be good enough to pay over to you for account of this Government the sum of £5000, say Five thousand Pounds, out of the proceeds of the Debentures forwarded to that Bank for sale by the mail which left this Colony, *viâ* Marseilles, on the 25th April last, which I expect will be offered for sale by public Tender early in July. When you receive such sum, be good enough to advise me thereof by first mail.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*Messrs. Julyan & Sargeant, Crown Agents,
Spring Gardens, London.*

(No. 88.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 25th July, 1867.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Mr. Sargeant's letter, of the 27th May last, addressed to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, together with a copy of a letter you had addressed to Captains Chesney and Festing, in reference to the payment of moneys in settlement for the Guns, &c., supplied through their agency to this Government; and I have also to

acknowledge the receipt of your Account Current for the Quarter ending on the 31st March last, together with a Statement showing the result of Debentures sold by you for account of this Government, and a list of the Debentures on hand still unsold, all of which have had my attention.

I enclose herewith a duplicate of my letter addressed to you by the last mail, leaving the Colony on the 25th ultimo, to which I beg your attention.

I have now the honor of informing you that I have addressed the Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Threadneedle-street, London, requesting him to be good enough to pay over to you the further sum of £3000, say Three thousand Pounds, out of the proceeds of the Debentures forwarded to that Bank for sale in April last, the receipt of which be good enough to acknowledge in due course.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*Messrs. Julian & Sargeant, Crown Agents,
Spring Gardens, London.*

(No. 89.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 24th August, 1867.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 27th May last, addressed to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, and its contents have had my attention.

The ruinous sale of our Debentures in the London market has caused much anxiety to this Government.

You may probably notice in the public papers that our Parliament was opened by the Governor during the past week ; and as reference is made in the Governor's Speech to the sale of our Debentures in England, and as all the Papers and Correspondence on the subject have been laid on the Table of both Houses and printed, I enclose herewith a copy of His Excellency's Speech, together with copies of all the Correspondence that passed on the subject, and a List of Government Debentures amounting to upwards of £65,000 sold during the past year at par, at the Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, to all of which I invite your attention.

I send you, *via* Southampton, a copy of the Statistics of the Colony for the year 1866, just published, which will afford useful information respecting the state and condition of the Colony at the present time.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*Messrs. Julian & Sargeant, Crown Agents,
Spring Gardens, London.*

(No. 90.)

*Offices of the Crown Agents for the Colonies,
Spring Gardens, London, S.W., 12th August, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 25th April and 25th May last, on the subject of the Tasmanian Government 6 per cent. Debentures for £87,300 forwarded by you to the Consolidated Bank and the Bank of New South Wales for sale in the London Market on behalf of your Government, and in reply have to inform you that, in accordance with your request, the Crown Agents accepted the offer of the first-mentioned Bank to effect the sale of the balance of the Debentures remitted in your letter of the 20th November, 1866, and still remaining in the custody of this Department.

I annex for your information copy of the correspondence which has passed on the subject.* You will observe that, although the offer of the Consolidated Bank was accepted by the Crown

* Consolidated Bank, 17 June, 1867; Crown Agents, 19 June, 1867; Crown Agents, 31 July, 1867; Consolidated Bank, 3 August, 1867.

Agents on the 19th June, the balance referred to was omitted in the advertisement which is dated the 26th of that month. This oversight, it appears from verbal explanations, was caused from want of communications on the subject between the Consolidated Bank and the Bank of New South Wales.

I have called your attention to this matter to show that the Crown Agents are in no way responsible for this neglect, as might be inferred from the letter from the Consolidated Bank of the 3rd instant.

The determination of the Bank to await further instructions from you will result in a decrease of £1100 in the funds available to meet the liabilities incurred by this Department on behalf of your Government. The enclosed statement will furnish you with full particulars on the subject.

The Crown Agents are not at all surprised that the Bank of New South Wales failed to dispose of your Debentures, as the London branch of a Colonial Bank is not, in their opinion, an eligible channel for such operations.

My letter of the 26th February last will have furnished you generally with the views of the Crown Agents with respect to the steps which it would be wise to take for the purpose of placing the Tasmanian Government Debentures on a par with those of other Colonies similarly circumstanced; and I avail myself of this opportunity of repeating that any fresh issue of Debentures should be preceded by the consolidation of all past Loans,—or the two operations of consolidating past issues and negotiating a new Loan might with equal advantage be carried into effect at one and the same time.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. C. SARGEANT.

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, Tasmania.

[Enclosure 1.]

(Copy.)

Consolidated Bank, London, 17th June, 1867.

GENTLEMEN,

REFERRING to my letter of 2nd February last, I now write to inform you that, by the Mail which arrived on Saturday last, we received a parcel of Debentures from the Government of Tasmania, amounting to £44,000,—together with a communication stating that further Debentures to the amount of £43,300 had been forwarded to the Bank of New South Wales. We are requested by the Tasmanian Government to act jointly with the Bank of New South Wales in the disposal, by public tender or otherwise, of these Debentures, amounting to a total sum of £87,300. They are issued under Act 29 Vict. No. 2, of the Tasmanian Legislature, and are part of a total of £102,569 9s. 7d. authorised by that Act. The Debentures for £10,000 received by you from the Government of Tasmania, as mentioned in your letter to me of the 29th January, also form a portion of the above-mentioned total of £102,569 9s. 7d.

If the Debentures for £10,000 which were forwarded to you still remain on hand, an opportunity for placing them might, perhaps, be found when those for £87,300 are offered for public subscription. I have, therefore, thought it desirable to inform you that such an offer is contemplated. It is the wish of the Tasmanian Government that the Debentures for £87,300 should be disposed of, if possible, by the 10th July next.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

[Enclosure 2.]

(Copy.)

Spring Gardens, 19th June, 1867.

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of the 17th instant I beg to inform you that, out of the £10,000 Tasmanian Government Debentures referred to in my letter of the 29th January last, Bonds for £1100 still remain undisposed of; and as the sum now to be dealt with by the Consolidated Bank and the Bank of New South Wales jointly is of sufficient magnitude to ensure a quotation in the

Share Lists of the Stock Exchange, which will considerably facilitate the sale and enhance the market value of these Securities, the Crown Agents will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity you so kindly offer them.

In order, however, to bring this small balance within the requirements of the Stock Exchange, and thus to make it participate in the advantages attending a quotation, it will, it is believed, be necessary to include it in the advertisement, and make it part of your proposed issue.

The Bonds are for £100 each, and numbered from 90 to 100 inclusive.

The price is a question the Crown Agents will be quite content to leave the Banks to determine.

I have, &c.

(Signed) P. G. JULYAN.

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Limited.

[Enclosure 3.]

(Copy.)

Spring Gardens, 31st July, 1867.

SIR,

THE Crown Agents have been requested by the Colonial Treasurer of Tasmania to furnish the Consolidated Bank with a statement of certain unsold Debentures now in this Department, and to apply to you to pay over to the Crown Agents the sum of One hundred Pounds for every Debenture of a like amount handed over by this Department to the Consolidated Bank on account of the Government of Tasmania.

I subjoin the statement in question, and have to request that you will inform me on what day the Consolidated Bank will be prepared to give effect to arrangements made by the Colonial Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. C. SARGEANT.

Debentures Nos. 90 to 100. 11 Bonds of £100 each.

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Threadneedle-street, E.C.

[Enclosure 4.]

(Copy.)

Consolidated Bank, London, 3rd August, 1867.

GENTLEMEN,

I BEG to acknowledge your letter of 31st ultimo, requesting us to inform you when we shall be prepared to give effect to the arrangements made by the Government of Tasmania with respect to certain of their Debentures, amounting to £1100, held by your Department.

The Colonial Treasurer, in advising us of the arrangement referred to, instructs us to dispose of any Debentures we may receive from you in the same manner as those for £87,300 previously forwarded, which have been offered by the Bank of New South Wales for public subscription; but the amount of these Debentures has been already announced, and it cannot now be added to without a breach of faith with the public being committed. As, therefore, we are unable to carry out fully the instructions of the Tasmanian Government with respect to the Debentures in your possession, and as only a very small amount of those offered for subscription have been taken up, we have decided to communicate further with the Government before giving effect to the arrangement referred to in your letter.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, *Assistant Manager.*

The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

(No. 91.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 25th October, 1867.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th August last, with its enclosures, which reached me in due course on the delivery of the English Mails of the 26th August at this Port on the 16th instant.

I was sorry to find that the Consolidated Bank had not paid over to you the sum of £5000 as requested in my letter to them on the 25th of June last. I gather from their letter to this Government, dated 26th August last, that as the instructions from this Government were only to pay £5000 over to you out of the proceeds of the Public Works Debentures for £44,000 which had been sent to them for sale, and as they had not been sold they did not consider they were authorised to make an advance of that amount for that purpose. I hope, however, before this letter reaches you that the whole of those Debentures may have been sold, and that the Consolidated Bank will have paid the sum of £5000 over to you as requested by this Government. But in the event of their not having done so ere this letter comes to hand, I write them by the present mail requesting them to be good enough to make an advance of £5000 on the unsold Debentures in their hands, and to pay such £5000 over to you for account of this Government without any further delay.

I have, on behalf of this Government, to express my regret that you should have occasion to call attention to the state of the account of this Government with you. I hope, however, every thing will be rectified by the payment of the £5000 by the Consolidated Bank.

I send you herewith a copy of an Act of the Tasmanian Parliament which has just received the Royal Assent, by which you will notice that provision has been made for the issue of Debentures for £700,000 all chargeable on the Public Revenues of the Colony and redeemable in sums of £100,000 each at the Consolidated Bank, London, on the 1st July in the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899; the interest on the same at six per cent. being payable on the 1st July and 1st January in every year at the Consolidated Bank, London.

At the present time our outstanding issue of Debentures payable in London amounts to £341,900, which sum includes the Public Works Loan of £102,500. This Government proposes a further issue of £358,100, also payable in London, for defraying the cost of a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine and other purposes authorised by Parliament, making a total issue of £700,000 payable in London.

Provision is made under the Consolidating Act by which holders of any of the outstanding issue of £341,900 may, at any time within two years of their becoming due, exchange the same for new Debentures to be issued under the authority of the Consolidated Act. By this arrangement I hope to see the Debentures of the Tasmanian Government regularly quoted on the Stock Exchange; and in a short time I have no doubt they will command as high a price as the Debentures of the other Australian Colonies.

Should you not have sold the remainder of the Debentures forwarded to you in November, 1866, of which you reported £1100 unsold in August last, be good enough to return them to this Department by the return Mail.

During the last year I have had several complaints from old officers of this Government residing in Great Britain—entitled to Pensions—that the system of compelling them to draw their Pensions at the Colonial Treasury here, was a source of much inconvenience as well as loss to them. In June last I brought the subject under the notice of the Governor in Council, and addressed a Circular to all the gentlemen referred to, informing them that their Pensions would be made payable at the Office of the Crown Agents in London if they wished; subject, however, to a charge of four pounds per cent. per annum to cover the cost of such arrangement.

Enclosed herewith I send you a copy of the Circular referred to; and up to this date ten of the gentlemen entitled to Pensions have notified their desire so to be paid. I have also the honor of forwarding a list of nine gentlemen entitled to the payment of £283 19s. 11d. on the 1st January next, with a statement showing the sum of £144 due to the late Colonial Treasurer, Mr. P. G. Fraser, by monthly instalments, on the 1st February, 1st March, and 1st April next. To enable you to pay these pensions to the respective persons entitled to receive the same, I herewith beg to enclose the Commercial Bank Draft at 15 days' sight on the Bank of New South Wales in your City for the sum of £427 19s. 11d., (say, Four hundred and twenty-seven Pounds 19s. 11d.), which I hope will reach you in safety.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
Spring Gardens, London.*

(No. 92.)

*Offices of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Spring Gardens, London, S.W.,
13th September, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 25th June and 25th July last, advising the Crown Agents for the Colonies that you had desired the Consolidated Bank to pay over to them the sums of £5000 and £3000 out of the proceeds of the sale of the Debentures forwarded by you for sale in the London market.

In reply I beg to enclose for your information copy of a letter which has been received from the Consolidated Bank, from which it appears that no part of the Debentures have been taken up, and that consequently the Bank is unable to make the payments in question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. C. SARGEANT.

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, Tasmania.

(Copy.)

The Consolidated Bank, London, 17th August, 1867.

GENTLEMEN.

THE Treasurer of the Government of Tasmania, in a letter dated 25th June, 1867, requests us to pay over to you the sum of £5000 (five thousand pounds) out of the proceeds of Debentures for £44,000 remitted to us for sale in April last. The Debentures in question were offered in the month of June for public subscription by the Bank of New South Wales, but no part of them has been taken up. We are, therefore, unable at present to comply with the request of the Tasmanian Government to pay you the said sum of £5000.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) J. D. MASSEY, Assistant Manager.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

(No. 93.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 25th November, 1867.*

GENTLEMEN.

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 25th ultimo by the last overland mail, *via* Marseilles, a duplicate of which is enclosed, to which I refer you.

Herewith enclosed I have now the honor of handing you the second of exchange for £427 19s. 11d., together with Schedules showing how the same is to be appropriated, to which I have to request your immediate attention.

By the arrival of the English September Mails at this city on the 16th instant I was placed in possession of your letter of the 13th of September last, and was sorry to find that, owing to the Consolidated Bank not having realised the Debentures of this Government forwarded to that Bank for sale, they had been unable to comply with the requests made to them in my letters of the 25th June and 25th July last. I hope, however, by an early mail to hear that the whole of our Debentures have been realized, and our requests in your behalf attended to.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, Colonial Treasurer.

Messrs. JULYAN & SARGEANT, Crown Agents, Spring Gardens, London.

(No. 94.)

*Offices of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Spring Gardens,
London, 25th October, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAVE to inform you that since the departure of the mail of last month the Crown Agents have sold the balance (£1100) of the Debentures sent to this Office for sale by your predecessor, the price obtained being 97, the bonds to bear interest from the 1st July last.

2. The Crown Agents are informed that the Bank of New South Wales has also disposed of the Debentures entrusted to it at the price of 95, with the same amount of accrued interest.

3. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th August last, enclosing some printed papers presented to both Houses of the Parliament of Tasmania. The information contained in these papers confirms the opinion I have previously expressed, that with better management a higher price might have been obtained than either 95 or 97.

4. It appears that before the issue of the Public Works Debentures the Public Debt of the Government of Tasmania was £569,780, of which more than half was held in the Colony. The Revenue for the year 1866, including the Land Fund, amounted to £296,000.

5. Supposing the population of Tasmania to be correctly stated at 97,638, the Colony is indebted (exclusive of recent issues) at the rate of about £5 17s. per head.

6. The public debt of Victoria is represented as being at the rate of £14 12s. per head, that of New South Wales £17 11s., that of South Australia £4 8s. 11d., and that of New Zealand £22 6s. 8d.

7. But notwithstanding the favourable manner in which Tasmania compares with the other Colonies I have mentioned, the Bank of New South Wales, acting as your Financial Agents, have found it difficult to obtain 95 for the 6 per cent. Tasmanian Debentures, whilst similar Stocks of other Colonies were selling at prices ranging from 105 to 111, and the New South Wales 5 per cents. were quoted at 93½ to 94½, and the New Zealand 5 per cents. at 94 to 95.

8. This comparison is not made with a view of casting any reflection on the course pursued by the Bank of New South Wales, but to show you that other Colonies have secured higher prices: nevertheless the Crown Agents feel convinced that if you had entrusted to their Department the negotiation of your Debentures, with interest and principal payable at this Office, the results would have been different.

9. Experience shows that intending purchasers of Government Loans, whether Colonial or Indian, have more confidence when dealing with a Government Department than with any Banking Company; and this feeling on the part of investors has enabled the Crown Agents at all times to secure the best price, and to find a market when others could not do so.

10. Tenders for your Debentures were opened at the Bank of New South Wales in the month of July last, and, to use words of the telegram from the Bank's Manager to yourself, the attempt to sell was a "complete failure. Minimum 95. Three applications. £1000 allotted."

11. In the following month, without any material change in the money market, the Crown Agents invited the public to tender for a small loan of £50,000 for the Natal Government: the applications received amounted to £133,000, being double the amount required; the minimum was fixed at par, and the Debentures were all sold at prices varying from £100 3s. to £103.

12. The financial position of Natal as compared with that of Tasmania furnishes no explanation for such different results, the public debt of Natal being £263,000, whilst the Revenue for 1865 was £112,150, and for 1866 £94,884.

13. With careful management Tasmanian Government Debentures may yet become more sought after on the London Money Market, and command prices equal to those obtained by other Colonies similarly circumstanced.

14. I observe the Parliament of Tasmania has passed the necessary measures for the consolidation into one Stock of the whole of the outstanding Debentures redeemable in London at various dates. If this measure has not already been carried into effect, the Colonial Treasury might be made, and I think ought, to participate in the increased value which will be given to the converted Stock.

15. The Crown Agents agree with you in thinking that it is a mistake to send Debentures through two Agencies for sale on the London market, and are quite sure that the interests of the Government of Tasmania would be best consulted by entrusting the whole of its financial arrangements in this country in the same hands.

16. I learn from the printed papers you have sent to the Crown Agents that you have agreed to pay the Banks which have been entrusted with the sale of your Debentures a commission of one per cent., and that the Brokers to these Banks are to be allowed a brokerage, I suppose at the usual rate of ¼ per cent. The rate fixed by the Secretary of State and the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury as the charge to be made by this Department in similar cases is ¼ per cent. commission and ¼ per cent. brokerage,—i.e. ½ per cent. less than you have paid.

17. The services of the Crown Agents' Department are, of course, at all times at the disposal of the Government of Tasmania for the management of its loans and other financial affairs in this country equally with other Representative Colonies, and on similar terms.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. C. SARGEAUNT.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Tasmania.

(No. 95.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 24th December, 1867.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 25th ult., by the last Mail *via* Marseilles, a duplicate of which is enclosed herewith, to which I refer you.

I have now the honor of forwarding herewith a Statement showing further Pensions due in London in the month of January, amounting to £98 (say Ninety-eight Pounds), which you will be good enough to pay to Messrs. Jean and Kaye on their application for same, and place the amount to the debit of this Government in your account current in the usual way.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 25th and 29th October last, and have to thank you for the information therein contained.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*Messrs. JULYAN & SARGEAUNT, Crown Agents,
Spring Gardens, London.*

(No. 96.)

*Offices of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Spring Gardens,
London, S.W., 4th November, 1867.*

SIR,

REFERRING to your letters, dated 25th June and 25th July last, I have to acquaint you that on the 30th ultimo the Consolidated Bank paid over to this Department the sum of £8000 on account of the Government of Tasmania.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. C. SARGEAUNT.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Tasmania.

(No. 97.)

*Offices of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Spring Gardens,
London, 14th December, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th October last, transmitting the under-mentioned remittance, and to acquaint you that the amount, when received, will be duly carried to the credit of the Colony.

Bill of Exchange at 15 days' sight on the Bank of New South Wales, £427 19s. 11d.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. C. SARGEAUNT, *Crown Agent.*

To the Colonial Treasurer, Tasmania.

(No. 98.)

*Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 29th February, 1868.*

GENTLEMEN,

IN my letter of the 25th October last I informed you of the arrangements made by this Government for paying through your Department the Pensions due to various retired Officers of this Government residing in Europe.

I have now the honor of forwarding you the enclosed statement showing the Pensions payable in London for the year 1868, amounting to £2043 2s. 10d. These Pensions are all now payable quarterly at your office on the 1st of January, 1st of April, 1st of July, and 1st of October—with the exception of the Pension to Mr. P. G. Fraser, which is payable on the first day of every month throughout the year. I have to request that you will be good enough to make these payments to the respective parties entitled to receive them on their complying with the usual regulations, and when paid place the amounts to the debit of this Government in your account current in the usual way.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 4th November and 14th December last acknowledging the receipt of £8000 from the Consolidated Bank on the 30th October last, and draft on the Bank of New South Wales from this Department for £427 19s. 11d.

Under separate cover I forward to your address copies of Walch's Tasmanian Book and Sheet Almanacks for the year 1868, which may give you some useful information respecting this Colony.

I have, &c.

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.**The Crown Agents for the Colonies, Spring Gardens, London.*

(No. 99.)

*Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Spring Gardens,
London, S.W., 1st January, 1868.*

SIR,

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th October last. You will have learnt by mine of the same date, that the balance of the Debentures forwarded to this Office in November, 1866, were sold at 97, and consequently cannot be returned to your Department in the manner you request.

The Consolidated Bank paid over to the Crown Agents on the 30th October last the sums of £5000 and £3000 respectively; and I enclose for your information a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of your Government to date with this Department, showing a balance in your favour of £861.

The credit given to Captains Chesney & Festing for £3000, in accordance with the request of your Government in March last, is still charged as a liability, as the Crown Agents have not heard from those Officers that it will not be required.

If this credit should be cancelled, your balance will be increased by that amount.

The receipt of a Draft at fifteen days sight on the Bank of New South Wales for the sum of £427 19s. 11d. has been already acknowledged in a separate communication; the Pensions enumerated by you shall be paid in due course, less a charge at the rate of 4 per cent per annum to cover the cost of remittance.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. C. SARGEANT.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Tasmania.

(No. 100.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 23rd April, 1868.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAD the honor of addressing you on the 28th ultimo by the last overland mail, *viâ* Marseilles, duplicate of which is enclosed, to which I refer you.

I also had the honor of addressing you this morning with indents for stores to be supplied in the usual way, to which I request your attention.

I have now the honor of informing you that I have written to the Manager of the Consolidated Bank in London and requested him to be good enough to pay over to you the sum of £5000 (say Five thousand Pounds) out of the proceeds of Debentures forwarded to that Bank for sale on behalf of this Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

Messrs. JULYAN & SARGEANT, Crown Agents,
Spring Gardens, London.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES, MELBOURNE.

(No. 101.)

Tasmania,
Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 7th June, 1867.

SIR,

IN accordance with an arrangement I have made with the Manager of the Commercial Bank in this City, I have now the honor of forwarding to your address, by the present mail, two packets, each containing 100 Tasmanian Government Debentures for £100 each, together amounting to £20,000, all issued in my favour, dated 10th instant, and payable at the Consolidated Bank, in London, on the 1st of June, 1871,—the interest on the same, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, being also made payable at that Bank in London half-yearly, on the 1st of June and 1st of December in each year. Each Debenture is endorsed by me.

These Debentures have been issued by the Tasmanian Government under the authority of an Act of the Tasmanian Parliament, passed during the last Session, for raising a Loan of £30,500 to reimburse the Treasury for a payment made to the Imperial Government. The remainder of the Loan is being negotiated in this Market at par; and I send the Debentures for £20,000 to you for sale in your market as opportunity may offer, on the understanding that they are not to be sold below par: in fact, I hope to learn that you have succeeded in placing them at a premium of 1 or 2 per cent.

When I was in Melbourne, in March last, I had some conversation with Mr. J. B. Were, the Broker in Collins-street in your City, and he informed me that he was frequently able to dispose of Debentures payable in London at a premium of 1 or 2 per cent., and that, if this Government were to send some over to Melbourne, he had no doubt they would meet a ready sale, as persons going to England would be glad to get them. He also informed me that his charge for brokerage would be at the rate of 10s. per cent. for every £100 sold. If agreeable to you, probably it would be well for you to employ Mr. J. B. Were as your Broker to assist in disposing of these Debentures; but on this point I leave you to act as you may think best.

I conclude that your Bank will charge the usual commission of 10s. per cent. on every £100 sold.

I conclude the purchaser will be entitled to the interest accruing monthly; but, in all cases where more than 1 month's interest has accrued, I rely on your calling on the purchaser to pay to you 10s. per cent., in addition to the price of the Debentures, for every full month's interest that may have accrued since the date of the Debentures.

When any sales are made I rely on your advising me of the same; and you will be good enough to place the moneys you may receive for the same to the credit of the Commercial Bank, Hobart Town, advising that Bank of your having done so, and that Bank will immediately account with me for the same.

I enclose a Certificate from the Assistant Treasurer and Accountant of the Debentures having been duly posted and registered to your address in a separate packet.

I also enclose half a dozen copies of the Act of our Parliament authorising the issue of these Debentures; and in the hope that I shall hear from you by an early mail of your having placed the whole of these Debentures on satisfactory terms,

I have, &c.

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne.

(Copy.)

Colonial Treasury, Tasmania, 8th June, 1867.

We hereby certify that the Two Packets addressed to the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, contain Debentures drawn under 30 Vict. No. 19, as follows; viz.—

	£
1. 100 Debentures, Nos. 2 to 101, value	10,000
2. 100 Debentures, Nos. 102 to 201, value ..	10,000
<u>200</u>	<u>£20,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>£20,000</u>

W. LOVETT, *Assistant Colonial Treasurer.*
ALEXANDER REID.

THE above Packets were duly posted and registered this day, to be forwarded in Mail per *Derwent*.

8 June, 1867.

W. LOVETT, *Assistant Colonial Treasurer.*

(No. 102.)

Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, 12th June, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 7th instant, and under two separate covers the Debentures of your Colony 100 of £100 each, in all £20,000, referred to in your communication, and respecting which I note your instructions.

I have, in the first place, to thank you for the confidence you have again reposed in this Establishment, and to assure you that every care and attention shall be paid to the interests of your Colony in the business you have entrusted to us.

I observe that the Bonds which have reached me form portion of a Loan for £30,500 authorised by your Act of 20th February, 1867, copies of which are to hand. Reading your present letter in conjunction with your communication to me of the 25th April last, I assume that the Public Debt of your Colony will, when the last two Loans are negotiated, stand as follows:—

	£
Bonds held in London	233,100
Bonds held in Hobart Town	336,680
Loan of August, 1865	102,569
Loan of February, 1867	30,500
TOTAL	<u>£702,849</u>

I wish you to confirm this view if correct, and to add whether the Balance of the Loan for 1865 over the Debentures for £87,000 forwarded by you in April last to the London Branch of this Bank, and the Consolidated Bank, have been quitted.

I am particular on this point, because when I bring forward the Bonds for sale I shall have, no doubt, to afford full information as to the amount of your indebtedness.

I observe you wish that, in the event of my considering the assistance of a Broker desirable, I should engage the services of Mr. J. B. Were; and it is probable that I shall avail myself of this gentleman's advice.

The Commission charged by the Melbourne Banks associated for the negotiation of the Victorian Railway Loan of Seven millions in years 1860, 1862, was one per cent., and the allowance

to the Broker was a quarter per cent. Should our London Branch effect sales of your Debentures recently forwarded, you will be charged on the same scale. I must ask you in this instance to make the same allowance on sales.

You have not given me your views as to the mode in which these Bonds should be brought forward. Am I to call for Tenders for the full amount without disclosing your limit, or are they to be placed in a Broker's hands for sale at par? Under either condition I must state my opinion that your limit is too high. At this moment 6 per cent. Victorian Government Debentures can be obtained at par; and it is known that our Treasurer has still on hand £150,000 of this stock, which will be brought on this market—it cannot be placed in London—as his exigencies demand; and for these it is probable that something under par will have to be accepted.

Over this issue your Bonds have the solitary advantage of being payable in London; but this advantage is almost nullified by the fact of their not being quoted on the Stock Exchange, and of being unknown to London Capitalists beyond your own Colonists, whilst local investors would, of course, give the preference to our Securities. If I were to call for Tenders, I do not think I should obtain more than 94 for the parcel. If they were placed in the hands of a Broker for sale at par, it is possible that a few thousands, but more probably a few hundreds, might be sold, and the sale of the remainder would be damaged. Before, then, going any further with the matter, I would wish you to reconsider the question, and to let me have your instructions. I would recommend that you should instruct me to call for Tenders for the whole amount: to forward me your limit—which, I would respectfully urge, should be much reduced—under a sealed envelope addressed to myself, and superscribed “Limit for Debentures,” which would be opened only in the presence of the Tenderers; and if it was found that the Tenders were below your limit, the Bonds might then be placed at that limit in the hands of the Broker for sale.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer,
Hobart Town.*

(No. 103.)

Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 15th June, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 12th instant advising the receipt of my letter of the 7th instant with Debentures for £20,000 for sale on account of this Government, and asking for further information respecting the Public Debt of this Colony, and further instructions respecting the disposal of the Debentures in your hands.

In compliance with your request I have now the honor of forwarding a Statement of the Debentures issued and outstanding up to this date, amounting in the whole to £696,780; but this amount includes the £87,300 forwarded to the Consolidated Bank and the Bank of New South Wales in London for sale, by the mail leaving here on the 25th April last, as well as the £20,000 forwarded to you with my letter of the 7th instant.

The Debentures for £87,300 above referred to, with £10,000 sent to the Crown Agents and £5000 to the Consolidated Bank some few months since, and £200 sold here, together make up the sum of £102,500 authorised to be issued for the construction of Public Works by the Loans Act of 1865; and the £20,000 forwarded to your Bank for sale form part of the Loan for £30,500 authorised by the Loans Act of February, 1865,—the remaining £10,500 being sold here.

In addition to the present outstanding issue of Debentures, this Government is authorised by various Acts of Parliament to make a further issue of Debentures for £79,569 for Immigration, Public Works, and various other purposes; but these Debentures will only be brought forward for sale as the funds may be required, and will not all be issued probably for the next two years.

For your information I may add that no Debentures have been sold by this Government in Hobart Town during the past ten years below par, and during the past six months nearly £50,000 have been sold at that price.

With regard to the disposal of the Debentures for £20,000 forwarded to you for sale, I have to state that I do not wish them sold below par. The fact of their being redeemable in London in four years, and bearing interest at six per cent. also payable in London half-yearly, should recommend them favourably to persons proceeding to England, or other persons wanting remittances to England;

and whenever you have an opportunity of selling them at par I shall feel obliged by your doing so ; but I should think that the employment of a Broker would help to work them off without calling for tenders.

I think that a commission of half per cent. would be a fair charge for your Bank to make on their sale, in addition to a brokerage of half per cent. when a Broker is employed.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
Melbourne.*

(Copy.)

STATEMENT showing the Debentures issued by the Government of Tasmania up to 15th June, 1867 ; together with a Statement of the further Amount authorised by Parliament to be issued up to this date.

Amount issued up to 25th April, 1867 :—	£
Payable in London.....	233,100
Payable in Hobart Town.....	336,680
	<u>£569,780</u>
Since issued at par, payable in Hobart Town.....	4,700
	<u>£574,480</u>
	£
Amount forwarded to Crown Agents in London for sale.....	10,000
Amount forwarded to Consolidated Bank, London, for sale.....	5,000
Further amount forwarded to Consolidated Bank, London....	44,000
Amount forwarded to Bank New South Wales, London, for sale.....	43,300
	<u>£102,300</u>
On account Public Works Loan	102,300
Amount forwarded to Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, (part of Loan for £30,500)	20,000
	<u>£696,780</u>
Total amount issued up to 15th June, 1867	<u>£696,780</u>

In addition to the above, Parliament has sanctioned the issue of further Debentures to the amount of £79,569 for Immigration, Public Works, and various other purposes ; but these Debentures will only be brought forward for sale from time to time as the funds may be required.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town,
15th June, 1867.*

(No. 104.)

Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, 26th June, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 15th instant with its enclosure.

On the 21st instant I inserted in our three daily papers the advertisement of which I now forward you an extract.

At noon to-day no Tenders were received, and I have since instructed Mr. J. B. Were the Broker to endeavour to effect sales at your limit—par. I am of opinion that he will not be able to make any sales. There is no demand at present for our own 6 per cent. Debentures.

Should any sales be made I shall at once advise you.

And remain,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer,
Hobart Town.*

(Copy.)

TENDERS.

Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, 21st June, 1867.

REMITTABLE DEBENTURES.

This Bank has been authorised by the Government of Tasmania to submit for sale by Tender £20,000 (Twenty thousand Pounds) of Debentures, of £100 each, bearing 6 per cent. interest, half-yearly coupons attached, 1st June and 1st December, and falling due on 1st June 1871, principal and interest payable in London.

These bonds have been issued by the authority of the Tasmanian Parliament, under Act 19 Victoria, 20th February, 1867, and are countersigned by the Governor and Treasurer of the Colony, and are transferable by endorsement.

Tenders are invited up to Twelve o'clock noon on Wednesday next, the 26th inst., for the whole or any portion of the above, addressed to the Manager of this Bank, and to be accompanied by a cash deposit of Five (5) per cent. on the amount tendered for.

The highest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted. The reserve limit will be disclosed in the presence of the tenderers before opening the Tenders.

Any further information will be furnished on application to the Brokers, Messrs. J. B. Were & Son, Hall of Commerce.

J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

(No. 105.)

Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 5th August, 1867.

SIR,

YOUR letter of the 26th June last reached me in due course, and I have now the honor of requesting that, in the event of the Debentures for £20,000 forwarded to you on the 7th of June last not being sold before the 14th instant, you will be good enough to return them to me through the Post Office, in a registered Packet to my address, by the steamer *Southern Cross*, which will be leaving your Port for Hobart Town on that day.

In my letter of the 7th June I requested you not to allow these Debentures to be sold below par, and I beg to confirm that limit; but should a purchaser offer to take them with the interest accrued since 1st June, you are at liberty to sell them rather than return them.

In my letter to your London Branch on the 25th April last, I requested them to send me a Telegram *via* Galle, not later than the 10th or 12th July, giving me the result of the sale of our Debentures in the London Market, and I look forward to receive such Telegram by the Mail Steamer arriving in your Port next week. But it is just possible that such Telegram may be detained in Melbourne for postage: may I request that on the arrival of the Mail Steamer you will cause enquiry to be made at the Post Office, and if such Telegram should be detained be good enough to do the needful and cause the same to be sent on.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
Melbourne.*

(No. 106.)

Hobart Town, 10th August, 1867.

SIR,

I LEARN from the Post Office that my letter posted for the *Derwent* has been detained, and will only get away by the *Southern Cross* this day. I avail myself therefore of the opportunity of writing a few lines to say that if you think you can within one month from this date sell the Debentures in your hands at *par*,—the buyer having the benefit of all Interest that may have accrued since their issue on the 1st June,—you had better retain them in your hands for sale; but if you think you will not be able to sell them on those terms, you will oblige me by returning them to this Department by return of the Steamer *Tasmania* from your Port before the 20th or 21st instant.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
Melbourne.*

(No. 107.)

Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, 15th August, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE to acknowledge your note of the 10th instant, which reached me on the same day as your official Letter of the 5th idem, which I shall reply to by the next direct opportunity, and shall return you the Debentures, which cannot be placed here.

My London letters do not give any further information respecting your Debentures sent for sale in that market than was contained in the Telegram of which I sent you the contents.

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer,
Hobart Town.*

(No. 108.)

Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, 27th August, 1867.

SIR,

REFERRING to my letter to you of the 15th instant, I have now the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 5th idem, in which you instruct me to forward to your address the Debentures for £20,000 (Twenty thousand Pounds) sent me on the 9th June last for sale in this market, in the event of my not being able to dispose of them at par, interest from the 1st June being given in.

Seeing no prospect of a sale on these terms, I have to advise having forwarded the Bonds to your address in two registered parcels by this Steamer, and enclose the Post Office receipts herein.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer,
Hobart Town.*

(No. 109.)

Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 7th September, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, advising me of your having returned to my address the Debentures for £20,000 forwarded to you in June last, which you were unable to place in your market, and in reply I have the honor of informing you that the two parcels containing the Debentures for £20,000 referred to have been received at this Department.

I avail myself of this opportunity of thanking you for the trouble you have taken in reference to the disposal of the same.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New
South Wales, Melbourne.*

(No. 110.)

Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, 9th June, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I have this morning received a Telegram from our London Manager, dated the 29th April last, which is as follows:—

“Tasmanian Loan a great success. Reserved price One hundred and one. Tenders were received for nearly two millions. All taken above One hundred and two.”

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

The Honorable the Treasurer, Hobart Town.

(No. 111.)

Colonial Treasury, Hobart Town, 18th June, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, and have to thank you for forwarding per *Southern Cross*, on the 9th instant, the Telegram from your London Office, dated 29th April last. The intelligence conveyed in the Telegram was most gratifying to this Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

*The Manager of the Bank of New
South Wales, Melbourne.*

CORRESPONDENCE WITH COMMERCIAL BANK, HOBART TOWN.

(No. 112.)

Colonial Treasury, 8th June, 1867.

SIR,

WITH reference to the interview you had with me last week on the subject of the disposal of Tasmanian Government Debentures through the agency of the Bank of New South Wales in Melbourne, I have now the honor of enclosing for your perusal a copy of a letter addressed by me to the Manager of that Bank in Melbourne, by which you will observe that I have forwarded to that Bank by the Steamer *Derwent*, leaving for Melbourne this day, Two hundred Tasmanian Government Debentures for £100 each, payable in London on the first of June, 1871, with instructions for their disposal in the Melbourne Market.

You will further observe that I have requested the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales to communicate with you when any sales are made, and to place the proceeds of the Debentures to the credit of the Commercial Bank, Hobart Town, on the understanding that you will on receipt of such advices account with me for the same at par, by placing the amount to the credit of the Land Fund account at your Bank.

May I request that you will be good enough to communicate with the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, by the *Derwent* this day, and bespeak the good services of that Bank in attending to the business entrusted to their care? You will further oblige me by causing the enclosed copy of the letter to that Bank to be posted as addressed by the Steamer *Black Swan*, *via* Launceston, this afternoon.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

JAMES A. DUNN, *Esq.*,
Manager of the Commercial Bank, Hobart Town.

(No. 113.)

Colonial Treasury, 22nd October, 1867.

SIR,

IN my letter addressed to you on the 24th April last, I informed you that I had arranged to send Debentures to the amount of £43,300 to the Bank of New South Wales in London for sale, desiring that Bank to place the net proceeds of the same to the credit of your Bank in London, and that you would account to the Colonial Treasurer in the Colony for the same; and in your letter of the 27th April last, in reply, you state that you would carry out that arrangement.

The last mail from London brought advices from the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales that a portion of the Debentures had been realised, and that the net proceeds thereof, amounting to £3499 15s. 8d., had been placed to the credit of the Tasmanian Government at that Bank. As it is desirable the original arrangement made with your Bank should be carried out, I have addressed a letter to the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales in London requesting him to transfer that sum to the credit of your Bank from the date of his last letter on the 26th

August; and, in accordance with the arrangement made with your Bank, I have to request you will be good enough to furnish me with your Bank Drafts on the Bank of New South Wales for the following amounts; viz.—£427 19s. 11d. and £3071 15s. 9d. at 15 days sight.

I enclose a copy of my letter to the Bank of New South Wales.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager of the Commercial Bank, Hobart Town.

(No. 114.)

Colonial Treasury, 31st January, 1868.

SIR,

By the last mail from London I received advices from the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales in that City that, on the 30th October last, he had transferred the sum of £60,495 15s. 8d. (say Sixty thousand four hundred and ninety-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eight Pence) to the credit of the Commercial Bank in Hobart Town for account of the Colonial Treasurer of Tasmania, in accordance with the instructions I had conveyed to him in my letter of the 25th of April last.

Having already received payment from you on account the following sums; viz.—

	£	s.	d.
Drafts on London, 25th October, 1867 ..	3071	15	9
Ditto.....	427	19	11
	£	3499	15 8
Cash 20th December, 1867.....	20,000		
Cash 31st December, 1867.....	5000		
	—	25,000	0 0
		£28,499	15 8

there remains a balance in your hands amounting to £31,996 to be paid over to me for account of the Government.

In accordance with the terms of the arrangement made with you in April last, this sum is to be paid over in cash or in Bills on London. I have now to request that the sum of £1996 be paid over to the credit of the Colonial Treasurer at your Bank on Monday next, and that on the 20th of March next you will grant your Bank Drafts for £30,000 at thirty days sight on the Bank of New South Wales in London to the order of the Colonial Treasurer. These Drafts will mature in London about the same date as Drafts by the outgoing mail at sixty days sight, and will be more convenient for the Government. I will advise you in good time the amount for which I wish these Drafts issued.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

JAMES A. DUNN, *Esq., Manager of the*
Commercial Bank, Hobart Town.

(No. 115.) *Commercial Bank of Van Diemen's Land, Hobart Town, 17th February, 1868.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, on the subject of the Debentures of your Government lately negotiated in the London market, part of the proceeds of which, amounting to £60,495 15s. 8d., has been placed to our account with the Bank of New South Wales in London.

In accordance with your instructions I have already placed to your credit here the sum of £30,495 15s. 8d., and there now remains a balance of £30,000 in our hands, for which sum I am informed you will probably require drafts on London, and these we are prepared to issue in time for the outgoing mail, drawn at 30 days sight at par.

Should, however, the amount of exchange be found more than sufficient to meet your requirements, we would purchase the whole or any portion thereof at an advance of a quarter per cent. beyond our general purchasing rate for the time being.

For example, we now purchase thirty day paper at par, and we would allow you a quarter per cent. premium.

I understand you propose placing a portion of your funds at interest as a fixed deposit; and the rates we would allow in such a case would be similar to those advertised by the Banks in the Colony.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. A. DUNN, *Managing Director.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

(No. 116.)

Colonial Treasury, 21st April, 1868.

SIR,

WITH reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the proceeds of the Public Works Loan, for the balance of which, amounting to £30,000, you engaged to issue Drafts on the Bank of New South Wales, London, in my favour at 30 days if required, I have now the honor of informing you that I shall not require any Drafts on London at present; and as the exchange on London has advanced about one per cent. since I last addressed you, I have now to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you will give one per cent. premium on the whole amount of £30,000, and place the whole sum to my credit in the Land Fund account.

Should you agree to my proposal, the account can be closed by a transfer to the Land Fund as follows; viz.—

	£
Balance due to the Government on the Public Works Loan.....	30,000
One per cent. premium thereon.....	300
	<hr/>
	£30,300
	<hr/>

Waiting your reply,

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

J. A. DUNN, *Esq., Manager Commercial Bank,*
Hobart Town.

(No. 117.)

Commercial Bank of Van Diemen's Land,
Hobart Town, 29th April, 1868.

SIR,

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, on the subject of the purchase of Drafts on London from your Government to the amount of £30,000, (say Thirty thousand Pounds), for which you propose to charge a premium of one per cent.

In my last letter to you I agreed to purchase exchange on London at a quarter per cent. in advance of the rate allowed at the time to the general public: that allowed at the present time is par, and we would therefore be entitled to the purchase of the amount now under consideration at a quarter per cent. premium.

I have, however, again considered the matter with a view to make as liberal a concession to your Government as can be adopted consistent with the protection of the interests of this Bank, and I have now to inform you that I will purchase the present sum of £30,000 at the rate you propose; viz.—One per cent. premium, provided the amount remains in this Bank as a deposit not bearing interest, to be operated upon for the purposes named in the Act which authorised the issue of a certain amount of Debentures for the prosecution of public works in the Colony.

Acting upon these terms I have this day placed to the credit of the Land Fund Account the sum of Thirty thousand three hundred Pounds (£30,300.)

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. A. DUNN, *Managing Director.*

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.