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*Franklin Wharf, Hobart Town, 31st March, 1869.*

SIR,

IN furtherance of the object of the interview with which I was to-day favoured, I beg to submit for your consideration the following impediments which alone prevent me from at once establishing a weekly steam communication between Hobart Town and the Huon District.

The main difficulty consists in my not finding any suitable Jetty accommodation.

At *Port Cygnet* the wharf is in the hands of a private individual.

At *Three Hut Point* the wharf is in so decayed a state as to be totally unfit for a steamer to approach in rough weather; and also there is a projecting log upon which at low tide there is barely 5 feet of water.

At *Long Bay* and *Peppermint Bay* strong wharves have lately been erected, but both require abutments building at each side of their ends so as to make them the shape of T. As they now are, the paddle-box of the *Monarch* occupies the entire end.

*Little Oyster Cove Jetty* I have not visited for some time, but, as it is in a sheltered situation, I presume it to be in fair workable order.

It would also be requisite that some regulation should be made to give the steamer a prior claim to the wharves upon the days when she would visit them; viz.—Wednesday and Thursday, so as not to be subjected to delay in waiting for a sailing vessel to load or discharge cargo alongside.

Should you, Sir, be able to remedy these obstructions to steam communication, I shall at once place the *Monarch* steamer in the Huon trade if the Government will allow me a fair remuneration for carrying the Mails between the following places:—Hobart Town, Little Oyster Cove, Peppermint Bay, Long Bay, Three Hut Point, and Port Cygnet, leaving Hobart Town on Wednesday and returning on Thursday, until such time as the support I hope to receive would warrant me in making more frequent trips.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FRED. H. WISE.

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.*