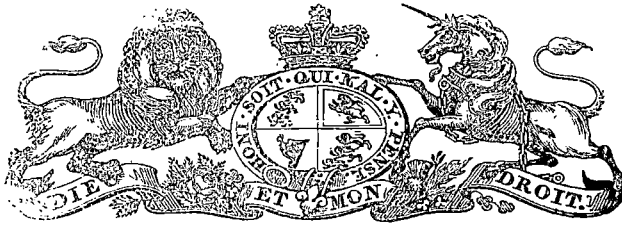


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MEMO. FROM GENERAL MANAGER *RE* ENGINE-SHEDS,
HOBART.

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NEW ENGINE-SHED, HOBART.

*Tasmanian Government Railways,
General Manager's Office, 7th July, 1894.*

MEMORANDUM FOR HON. MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

I HAVE to request instructions in connection with the work now being carried on previous to the erection of the new engine-shed.

A large amount of work has been done in connection with the construction of the siding, and about £700 has been spent. If the engine-shed is to be erected considerably more work in this direction will be necessary. If the engine-shed is not to be erected we could run out the siding on its present grade and do the necessary protective works to prevent the banks being damaged or depreciated, leaving it to form part of siding to wharves. If the latter course is to be pursued, we must dispense with the services, at once, of 40 of the unemployed; this will leave about a fortnight's work for 20 men.

Pending your instructions, I am going on with the siding with the full staff of men.

I have, &c.

FRED. BACK, *General Manager.*

WILL the General Manager forward me a full report on this matter, in order that I may meet objections raised in House of Assembly.

ALFRED T. PILLINGER.
10th July, 1894.

*Tasmanian Government Railways,
General Manager's Office, 10th July, 1894.*

MEMORANDUM FOR HON. MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

WITH reference to your endorsement on the attached memorandum, I enclose herewith copy of joint report by Messrs. Batchelor and McCormick dated the 14th February, 1894, the original of which was forwarded to your predecessor on the 19th idem.

The present site proposed is certainly the best that we can arrange for the engine-shed. It would not be a suitable site for carriages, and there is no room in the Hobart yard to erect more buildings.

A portion of the present workshops will be required for running repairs shops, and a portion can also be used for covering carriages. The present small engine-shed can likewise be used for covering carriages.

On the whole, the present proposal seems to be the most workable and economical, and I do not think I can add more to my previous reports on the subject.

I have, &c.

FRED. BACK, *General Manager.*

14th February, 1894.

New Engine-shed, Hobart.

SIR,

WE have the honor to report that after careful examination and consideration, we cannot recommend any departure from the original proposal to place the engine-shed on the low ground adjoining the Slaughter-yards where the filling for the approaches has been partially done. Neither can we recommend less or cheaper accommodation than has been provided for in the Estimates, 55 Vict. No. 59, items 27 and 28.

We are of the opinion that a new engine-shed is an urgent requirement, as from four to six engines daily suffer deterioration for want of cover.

We also incur a daily loss in loading coal owing to the imperfect existing arrangements. A new coal-stage which can be economically worked has been provided for in the Estimates referred to.

We are, &c.

J. M. M'CORMICK.
W. E. BATCHELOR.

F. BACK, *Esq.*, *General Manager.*