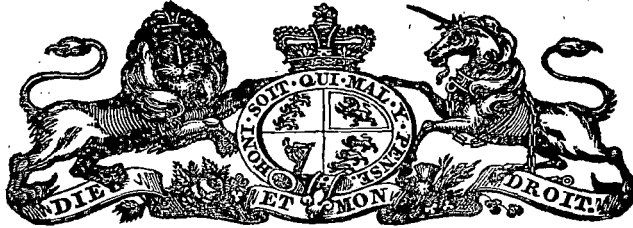


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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, October 21, 1881.



*Lands and Works Office, Hobart, 11th October, 1881.*

**MEMORANDUM.**

THE Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council, under the Act of Parliament, 26 Vict. No. 6, to hear and determine disputes as to who is or are the discoverer or discoverers of the Gold Field in Tasmania now known by the name of Lefroy, having carefully considered the evidence given before them, have decided, and are unanimously of opinion, that Samuel Richards is the discoverer of the said Gold Field, and is entitled to the Reward of £3000 payable under the provisions of the said Act.

Will the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer be good enough to make provision for the payment of Three thousand Pounds to Samuel Richards, in such manner as he deems expedient?

C. O'REILLY, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.*

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**COPY JUDGMENT.**

As Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council, under the Act of Parliament of the 26<sup>o</sup> Vict. No. 6, to hear and determine disputes as to who is or are the discoverer or discoverers of the Gold Field in Tasmania now known by the name of Lefroy, which has been proved to the satisfaction of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council to have been the first profitable Gold Field within the meaning of that Act and the Regulations defining the purposes of that Act, we have carefully considered the evidence given before us by the several claimants to the reward made payable from the public funds of the Colony of Tasmania in virtue of such discovery, and we are unanimously of opinion that Samuel Richards is the discoverer of the said Gold Field, and decide therefore that the said Samuel Richards is entitled to the Reward of £3000 payable under the provisions of the said Act of Parliament accordingly.

JOHN WHITEFOORD, *Chairman.*

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**TELEGRAM.**

*Launceston, 10th October, 1881.*

GOLD Fields discovery Reward. We unanimously find that Mr. Samuel Richards discovered the Nine-Mile Springs Gold Field, and that he is entitled to the Reward of £3000.

BERNARD SHAW.

*The Hon. C. O'REILLY.*