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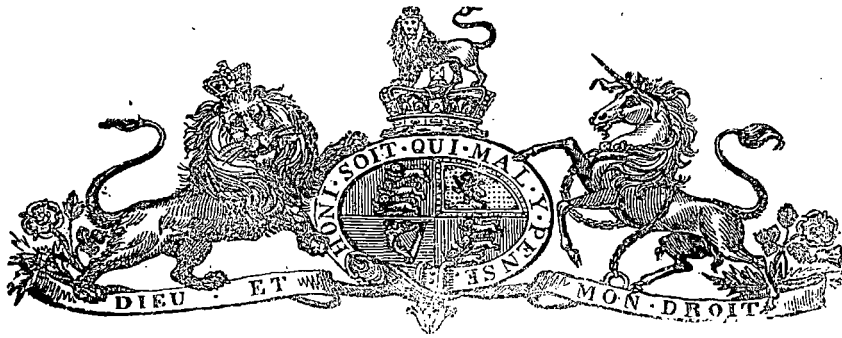
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*Lands and Works Office, 9th January, 1874.*

SIR,

I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, on the subject of the Schouten Island, and to express my regret at not being able to give a reply to your two last letters on the same subject. I am now, however, in a position to acquaint you with the decision arrived at by the Executive Government after due consideration.

They find that on the 2nd September, 1872, the then Minister of Lands and Works (the Honorable Dr. Butler) obtained the approval of the Governor in Council to allow John Mitchell, Esq., Warden of Glamorgan, to occupy the Island on behalf of the Municipality for acclimatisation purposes.

That on the 3rd March, 1873, the Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the late Minister of Lands and Works (the Honorable Charles Meredith), revoked the permission given to John Mitchell, Esq., on the 2nd September, 1872.

That on the 23rd September, 1873, it was ordered by the House of Assembly that all papers relative to the Island being handed over to the Municipal Council of Glamorgan should be laid upon the table of the House, and which order was complied with on the 1st October last.

That, as no further action was taken in the matter by the Parliament, and looking at all the facts set forth in the correspondence as to the value of the Island both for pastoral purposes and for minerals, they are not disposed to advise the Governor to re-vest the Island in the Municipality of Glamorgan, but will shortly take steps for its disposal for the benefit of the public revenue.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

WM. MOORE, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

EDWARD CARR SHAW, *Esq., Warden of Glamorgan.*