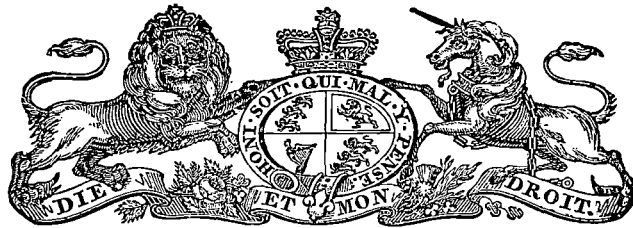


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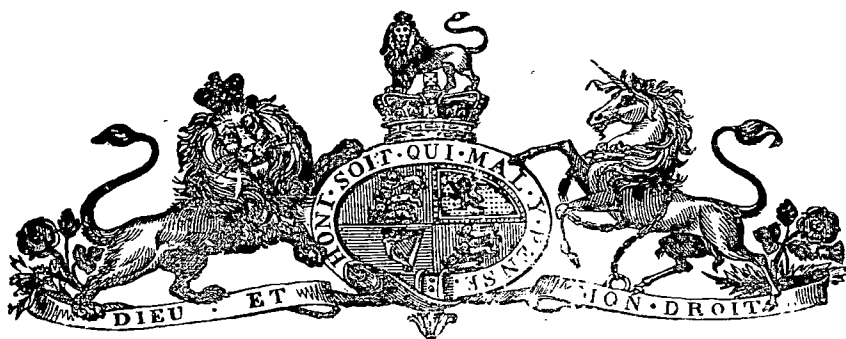
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL, 1880, [No. 30]:

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

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SELECT COMMITTEE on "The Governor's Salary Bill, 1880."

MR. CHAPMAN (*Mover.*)
MR. CROWTHER.
MR. GELLIBRAND.

MR. INNES.
MR. MOORE.

MONDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1880.

Messrs. Chapman and Gellibrand attended at 3 P.M. and at 3.45; no other Members of the Committee being present, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

The Committee met at 12.35 P.M.

Present.—Messrs. Chapman (*Chairman*), Innes, Gellibrand, and Moore.

R E P O R T.

THE Committee appointed by the Legislative Council to examine and report on the provisions of the Bill to provide for the Salary of His Excellency the Governor, have the honor to report—

That by the provisions of the said Bill the salary payable to the Governor of the Colony is proposed to be fixed at the sum of £4500 per annum, such sum to include provision for the office of Aide-de-Camp or Private Secretary, and all contingencies and allowances, except Police protection of the house and grounds, and, as occasion requires, the painting, papering, and furnishing of the State Rooms in Government House, which State Rooms shall mean and include the following rooms in the Government House; that is to say,—Drawing Room and Ante Room, Ball Room, Dining Room, the Prince's Room, Hall, Private Secretary's Office, Orderlies' Office, and Governor's Study and Office. The Committee were also informed that on the retirement of the present Governor it is the intention of Ministers to cause the whole of the furniture in the private apartments of Government House, including the plate, linen, glass, and other articles, to be sold and the proceeds paid into the public Treasury.

The Committee have also to report that under existing arrangements the salary of the Governor is fixed by Act of Parliament at £3500 per annum; that the Government House at Hobart Town is furnished throughout and equipped with the necessary supply of plate, cutlery, glass, and china-ware, together with all the usual articles required in a gentleman's establishment, at the cost of the Government of the Colony.

The Committee have also to report that during the year 1879 Parliament voted Salaries and Allowances amounting to upwards of £1200 for His Excellency's Establishment; viz., Salaries for His Excellency's Aide-de-Camp and Private Secretary, together with Salaries for an Orderly, a Gatekeeper, and a Keeper of the Grounds around Government House; in addition to which provision is made by Act of Parliament for the repair and maintenance of Government House and other Buildings, including Furniture, &c., at an estimated expenditure of £600 per annum.

The Committee find that the average annual expenditure in connexion with the maintenance of Government House, and the Salaries for His Excellency's Staff, the Travelling Expenses of His Excellency, and Allowances for Lighting and Fuel for Government House, has amounted to an average of about £1800 per annum during the last two or three years.

It appears to your Committee that the proposals in the Bill to fix the Salary of the Governor at £4500 per annum, without providing an adequate sum for the Salaries of His Excellency's Staff, and Travelling Expenses, with other Allowances, would be placing any future Governor of the Colony at a great disadvantage as compared with the arrangements now in force.

The Committee therefore recommend that the Salary of His Excellency the Governor be fixed by Act of Parliament at £4000 per annum.

That fixed allowances be made by Act of Parliament for His Excellency's Staff, &c. ; viz.—

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For the salary of Aide-de-Camp or Private Secretary	300
For the salary of an Orderly	80
For the salary of a Gatekeeper	80
For His Excellency's travelling expenses	300
For Lighting Government House and the Approaches thereto on public occasions	100
To meet all other contingent expenses in connection with His Excellency's Establishment, including Stationery and Stores for the Offices of His Excellency and his Staff	140
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THOS. D. CHAPMAN, Chairman.
Committee Room, 25th February, 1880.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman.*

Mr. Moore desired to have it recorded that he dissented from the finding of the Committee, and was in favour of the Bill as it now stands.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman.*