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FROM HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR TRANSMITTING AN ORDER OF THE QUEEN IN COUNCIL, CONFIRMING THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL."

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Henty, and ordered by the Council to be printed, 25 July, 1860.



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Downing-street, 17th March, 1860.

SIR,

WITH reference to my Despatch No. 15, of the 1st instant, I transmit to you herewith an Order of the Queen in Council confirming the Act which was passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Tasmania, entitled "An Act to amend the Constitution of the Legislative Council," and which was reserved by you for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

You will take such measures as may be necessary for giving effect to Her Majesty's assent to this enactment.

In connexion with this Act, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 97, of the 5th of October last, enclosing a Report by the Attorney-General upon the subject of the Enactment; and of your further Despatch No. 102, of the 10th of the same month, transmitting a Petition to the Queen from certain Citizens of Hobart Town and Electors of the Parliament of Tasmania, praying Her Majesty not to confirm the Act.

You will acquaint the Memorialists that I have laid their Petition before the Queen, who was pleased to receive it very graciously; but that I did not feel it my duty to advise Her Majesty to comply with the Prayer of the Petition.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
NEWCASTLE.

Governor SIR H. E. F. YOUNG, C.B.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of February, 1860.

PRESENT.

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE CONSORT.
LORD PRESIDENT.
LORD PRIVY SEAL.
DUKE OF SOMERSET.
DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.
LORD STEWARD.

EARL SPENCER.
LORD JOHN RUSSELL.
LORD CHAMBERLAIN.
VISCOUNT PALMERSTON.
MR. SECRETARY HERBERT.
MR. CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the 5th and 6th years of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New South Wales until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify, either by Speech or Message, to the Legislative Council of the said Colony, or by Proclamation as therein aforesaid, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same: And whereas, by another Act passed in the 13th and 14th years of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the better Government of Her

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Majesty's Australian Colonies," it was provided, amongst other things, that the provisions of the said former Act, concerning the reservation of Bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, should apply to and be in force in the Colony of Van Diemen's Land, the name whereof has since been changed by the authority of Her Majesty to Tasmania :

And whereas on the 23rd of September, 1859, the Governor of the said Colony of Tasmania reserved a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Colony, entitled "An Act to amend the Constitution of the Legislative Council," for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon : And whereas the said Bill so reserved as aforesaid has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by Her Majesty : Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the said Acts, and in exercise of the powers thereby reserved to Her Majesty as aforesaid, doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, declare Her Assent to the said Bill.

And the Most Noble the Duke of Newcastle, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.