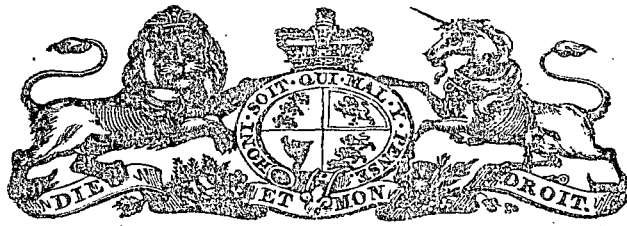


(No. 67.)



1883.

T A S M A N I A.

H O U S E O F A S S E M B L Y.

TASMANIAN 4 PER CENT. LOAN, 1883:

CORRESPONDENCE.

Laid upon the Table by the Premier, and ordered by the House to be printed,
July 25, 1883.

TASMANIA.



1882.

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO-SEXTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 45.

AN ACT to authorise the raising of the Sum of A.D. 1882.
£546,650 by Debentures.
[6 November, 1882.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to raise the sum of £546,650 by PREAMBLE.
Debentures secured on "The Consolidated Revenue Fund :—"

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*,
by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and
House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 The Governor may, from time to time, issue Debentures charged Debentures may
and secured on "The Consolidated Revenue Fund" to an amount not be issued under
exceeding £546,650 for the following purposes :— this Act.

	£
1. Debentures falling due in 1883, 1884.....	181,300
2. For the Mersey and Deloraine Railway Act, 1882....	120,000
3. For the Main Roads and Bridges Construction Act, 1882.....	21,600
4. For the Branch Roads Construction Act, 1882	53,600
5. For the Public Works Construction Act, 1882	29,800
6. For the Public Schools Erection Act, 1882	20,000
7. For an Act for the erection and construction of certain Public Buildings	23,000
8. For the Act for the improvement of the Hobart Rivulet	20,000

Debentures, £546,650.

A.D. 1882.

£

9. For the Act for certain improvements in the Rivers North Esk and Tamar	20,000
10. For the Act for the construction of certain Streets at Hobart and Launceston	10,000
11. For the Act for the execution of certain Defence Works	17,350
12. Immigration	30,000

Redemption of
Debentures.

2 The Debentures issued under the provisions of this Act shall be redeemable in the year 1913.

Debentures to be
for sums not less
than £100, and
bearing interest at
£4 per cent.

3 All Debentures issued under this Act shall be issued for such sums not being less than One hundred Pounds, and on such terms as may be determined upon by the Governor in Council; and such Debentures shall bear interest at the rate of Four Pounds per centum per annum.

Payment of
interest on such
Debentures.

4 The interest on all Debentures issued under the authority of this Act shall be payable half-yearly, on the First day of *January* and the First day of *July* in every year; and all such interest shall be charged upon and be issued out of "The Consolidated Revenue Fund," and the principal moneys secured by such Debentures shall be a charge upon such Fund until repaid.

Preparation of
Debentures.

5 The Debentures to be issued under the authority of this Act shall be made out at the Treasury in such manner and form, and bearing such date, as shall be directed by the Governor, but so that the same shall in all cases be signed by the Treasurer, and be countersigned by the Governor; and such Debentures, and the interest accruing thereon respectively, shall be transferable by the delivery of such Debentures.

Governor in
Council may
make Regula-
tions.

6 It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time, subject to the provisions herein contained, to make such Regulations as may be necessary—

For regulating the manner in which Debentures shall be issued, and how or by what Officer such Debentures shall be signed or otherwise authenticated, but so that the same shall in all cases be signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Governor;

To provide for the manner of payment of the interest accruing thereon, and for the issue, if the Governor in Council thinks fit, of receipts or certificates for such interest annexed to such Debentures or otherwise;

To provide for the issue of new Debentures in lieu of any such Debentures worn or defaced which may be delivered up to be cancelled, and for the issue of new Debentures in lieu of such Debentures as may be lost, at such times, upon such securities, and under such conditions and precautions as the Governor in Council thinks fit;

Generally to make such Regulations for the safety and convenience of the holders of such Debentures, and the payment of interest upon the production or delivery of such receipts or certificates, or otherwise as may seem fit.

Debentures, £546,650.

7 It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by such Regulations as aforesaid, to provide for the Registration of any such Debentures as may be delivered up by the holders thereof for that purpose, and for the delivery of certificates of such Registration in lieu thereof, which shall be transferable by entries in a Register which may be provided for that purpose, in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Governor in Council may see fit.

A.D. 1882.

Registration of
Debentures.

8 All Regulations made under the authority of this Act shall, when published in the *Gazette*, have the force of law, and they shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament forthwith if Parliament is then sitting, and if not, then within Twenty-one days after the commencement of the next Session: Provided, that the said Regulations shall come into full force and effect at such times as the Governor in Council appoints, either before or after the time within which the said Regulations are hereby directed to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Regulations of
Governor in
Council to have
force of law, and
to be laid before
Parliament.

9 In case proof is made on oath by one or more witness or witnesses before any Judge or Commissioner of the Supreme Court, or before a Justice of the Peace in any part of the British Dominions, that any Debenture issued under this Act and not paid off has, by casualty or mischance, been burnt or otherwise destroyed, and if by such oath the amount of such Debenture is ascertained, then and in every such case the Governor in Council is hereby authorised, in case he is satisfied with such proof, to cause another Debenture or other Debentures of equal amount to be issued in lieu of such Debenture or Debentures so burnt or destroyed: Provided, that the person so receiving such new Debenture or Debentures shall give security to the Treasurer to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, to deliver up to the Treasurer to be cancelled the Debenture so certified to be burnt or destroyed if the same is thereafter found or produced, and to pay to the Treasurer for the purposes of this Act all such moneys as have been paid out of the Treasury as principal and interest on the new Debenture which may have been issued under this provision.

Where Deben-
tures have been
burnt or destroyed
others may be
issued upon proof
that the originals
have been so burnt
or destroyed.



TASMANIAN 4 PER CENT. LOAN, 1883.

CONSOLIDATED BANK, LONDON.

Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 24th October, 1882.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith for your information copy of a Bill which has passed the Tasmanian House of Assembly and now awaits the concurrence of the Legislative Council, authorising the Government of this Colony to raise a sum not exceeding £560,000 by the issue and sale of Debentures bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and redeemable during the year 1913.

Reference to the enclosed copy of the Bill will show you the purposes for which the loan is to be raised; and you will observe that, with the exception of the sum of £181,300 which is required to redeem Debentures falling due during the years 1883 and 1884, and now bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. and 6 per cent., the whole amount is required to defray the cost of Public Works of great importance to the Colony, including provision to assist Immigration.

My object in now writing is to give you timely notice that it is the intention of this Government to employ the same agency to negotiate this Loan as they did in launching the Loan of 1881, namely, your Bank, in co-operation with the Bank of New South Wales, London.

By next mail I hope to be in a position to state definitely the amount of the Loan, and to be able to advise you as to the date when the Debentures will be likely to reach you, which will enable you to determine about what time the Loan will be placed on the London market.

Full information will be supplied you with regard to the present condition and prospects of the Colony. In the meantime I leave the matter in the hands of yourself and the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, feeling satisfied that the interests of the Colony will be safe in your keeping.

I shall be glad if on receipt of this letter you will reply by return post giving me your views as to the prospects of this loan, and at all times keep me informed as to matters of interest connected therewith.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*The Manager Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.*

J. S. DODDS, Treasurer Tasmania.

Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 7th November, 1882.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

ADVERTING to my letter of the 24th ultimo, I have now the honor to forward herewith for your information two copies of the Act of the Tasmanian Parliament, 46 Victoria, No. 45, which has been assented to, fixing the amount of the above Loan at £546,650.

Steps have been taken to push on the work of printing and preparing the Debentures authorised to be raised under this Act, and every attempt will be made to place them in your hands at the earliest possible date, so that you may be able to take advantage of any favourable turn in the money market.

The desirableness of making this loan inscribed stock has not escaped my attention, and before giving final instructions as to the issue of the Loan I hope to very carefully consider the subject.

In the event of it being decided to make this issue inscribed stock, this Government would in all probability employ the agency of your bank to carry out the work in connection with the Register to be kept: this being the case, I should like to have your views on the subject, and shall esteem it a favour if you will be good enough to write me by return post fully, offering any suggestions you may be pleased to make.

I have, &c.

J. S. DODDS, *Treasurer Tasmania.*

The Manager Consolidated Bank, London.

Via Brindisi.

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52, Threadneedle-street, London, 15th December, 1882.*

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th October last, enclosing for my information copy of a Bill authorising the Government of the Colony to raise a 4 per cent. Loan not exceeding £560,000; of which amount the sum of £181,300 is required to redeem 5 per cent. and 6 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1883 and 1884, and the remainder is to defray the cost of Public Works, including a provision to assist Immigration; and you inform me of the intention of the Government to employ the agency of this Bank, in co-operation with the Bank of New South Wales, London, for the negotiation of the Loan.

I take note that, by the next mail, you hoped to be in a position to state definitely the amount of the Loan, and to advise the date at which the Debentures will probably reach us.

In reply, I have to assure you of our best endeavours, in conjunction with the Bank of New South Wales, to secure the success of the loan. No effort on our part shall be wanting to effect that object.

The minimum price to be fixed will depend upon the state of the money market, and other circumstances that may exist at the date of issue. It may be well to mention that there is a large loan coming out shortly for Victoria, and one is expected for New Zealand. The prices at which these may float will have due consideration in the fixing of our minimum; but, bearing in mind that the recent South Australian and Natal Loans were not fully applied for in the first instance, we shall have to guard against the probability of a similar result.

I observe from one of the provisions of the Bill, that you may wish to give the public the option of holding the Bonds, or of having them registered. Should your Government so determine, we beg to offer our services in carrying this out, by keeping books for such registration, and issuing Warrants for the payment of Interest.

I have, &c.

JAS. TULLOCH, *Manager.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer,
Hobart, Tasmania.*

Via Brindisi.

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52, Threadneedle-street, London, 29th December, 1882.*

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

I HAD the honor to address you on this subject on the 15th instant, and a copy of my letter is herewith enclosed.

By the delivery of the Tasmanian Mail on the 19th instant I was put in possession of your valued letter of the 7th ultimo, enclosing for my information two copies of the Act of the Tasmanian Parliament, 46 Victoria, No. 45, fixing the amount of the above loan at £546,650.

With reference to the question as to subscribers to the Loan having the option of registering their Bonds, I would suggest for your consideration the following points:—

The Stock when registered should be represented by Certificates to be signed (if so arranged) by the Bank, as Agents for the Tasmanian Government.

Such Stock would have to be transferred by Deed in a similar way to Railway and other Stocks; and, in the event of the full amount represented by a Certificate not being transferred, a new Certificate would have to be issued for the balance.

To be in accord with other Inscribed Loans, it is important that Transfers should be made free of charge for transfer fee and stamp duty.

To effect this, your Government would have to compound with the Home Government by an immediate payment,—which would free the Stock from future stamp duties; and I am given to understand that you would have to pay 12s. 6d. per cent. on the amount inscribed.

To prevent fraud as far as possible, it would be advisable that “crossed” Dividend Warrants should be sent by post to the registered address of each proprietor.

The carrying out of the foregoing arrangements would involve a considerable amount of work and responsibility, and we should not be able to undertake it and keep the necessary books for a less annual charge than £75 per £100,000 Stock, with a minimum charge of £1000 per annum.

I may mention that, upon the issue of the South Australian Loan in November last, the following paragraph appeared in the Prospectus:—“An Act of the Colonial Legislature has been passed for the conversion of this Loan into Inscribed Stock at the option of the holder;” but no steps have yet been taken to carry it into operation.

I am further informed by persons acquainted with the subject, that the paragraph made no appreciable difference in the floating of the Loan.

Having regard to all the circumstances, it is for your Government to consider whether it is worth while to open the question of Registration; and, as we should probably not be able to have your views on the subject before your Loan would be issued, we should not deem it advisable to refer to it in the Prospectus.

I have, &c.

JAS. TULLOCH, *Manager.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer,
Hobart, Tasmania.*

Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 13th March, 1883.

SIR,

By the mail leaving here to day I have the honor to forward to your address eight registered parcels containing Debentures of the value of £500,000, being part of the new £546,650 four per cent. Loan authorised under the Act of Parliament of Tasmania, 46 Viet. No. 45, six copies of which, duly certified, are also enclosed for your information.

These Debentures are similar in form to those issued by this Government in respect of the last Loan which you, in conjunction with the Bank of New South Wales, so successfully floated in 1881, and are dated 1st January, 1883, and redeemable in the year 1913. The denominations are also the same,—£100, £500, and £1000; but, acting on your advice, I have made the proportion of the £100 denomination larger than before; the parcels forwarded containing 3300 Debentures, as follows:—

	£
100 of £1000 each	100,000
200 of £500 each	100,000
3000 of £100 each	300,000
	<u>£500,000</u>

The interest is payable in London, half-yearly, on 1st January and 1st July in each year.

The Loan is issued to provide funds for the construction of important Public Works and to redeem Debentures falling due in 1883 and 1884, now bearing interest at 5 and 6 per cent. The copies of the Act of Parliament forwarded give full information as to the purposes of the Loan.

I have already informed you of the intention of the Government of Tasmania to seek your assistance and that of the Bank of New South Wales in placing this Loan upon the London market, and your letters in reply to my communications have received careful attention. I have also carefully considered the opinions expressed by yourself and Mr. Badcock as to the inexpediency of making

the Debentures Inscribed Stock,—opinions which I feel sure were given after due consideration of everything likely to affect the success of the Loan and with a full knowledge of the requirements of the money market,—and have decided to act accordingly, and refrain for the present from giving any intimation that the Stock will be ultimately converted. I may, however, remind you, that the Governments of the larger Australian Colonies have been strongly urged to give purchasers the option of taking Inscribed Stock, and presumably competent authorities have insisted that the issuing of such Stock was advantageous to both seller and purchaser. I nevertheless have full confidence in your desire and ability to ensure the success of our Loan; and prefer to be guided by you. I thank you for so promptly advising me on the subject.

It is very gratifying to me to be able to state that the prospects of the Colony are in every direction very encouraging, and that at no time in the history of Tasmania did they look more hopeful. Mining,—already an important source of national wealth, affording ample employment to the working classes,—is daily being extended over a large area and becoming more firmly established as a permanent industry of the Colony.

Population is steadily increasing, and settlement of the Crown Lands of the Colony is going hand in hand with the development of the mineral resources.

The Revenue during 1880-1-2 has increased, in the aggregate £175,000; and January and February of the present year show an increase of £22,000 over the corresponding period of last year, such increase being in itself sufficient to more than cover the first year's interest on the new Loan. In each of the three years mentioned there has been a considerable surplus over expenditure, where-with the Government have been enabled, since December, 1879, to liquidate deficiencies and claims to the extent of £144,500, and to provide considerable sums towards the expense of public works carried on during the same period.

The printed statement, 50 copies of which are forwarded herewith, gives further indication of the present prosperity of Tasmania, and will, I trust, be useful to you.

Minimum Price.—This I leave, as in the case of the last Loan, to be fixed at such a figure as you and the Bank of New South Wales may think expedient, having regard to the state of the Money Market when the Loan reaches you, subject, however, to this proviso,—that the minimum for each £100 bond must not be less than £98, including interest accrued.

The Colony offers excellent security, and can afford to ask a good price for its stock, which ought readily to realize the price I have named.

In the event of your being compelled to decide that £98, including interest, is too high, you will be good enough to at once telegraph the minimum you advise, and await further instructions. I shall also be glad to receive the earliest intimation by telegram of the Loan being successfully floated. The date of issue I leave to your discretion.

With regard to the disposal of the proceeds of the Loan, I have to request that you will retain the sum of £220,000 and place it to the credit of this Government, to enable you to meet interest and Debentures falling due during the year 1883, amounting to £49,080, as also interest and Debentures falling due during 1884, amounting to £158,150, which together make the sum of £207,230. The greater part of this money, as you will see by the enclosed statement which I have had prepared for your guidance, will not be required for some time: I have therefore to request that you will place such amount as is not at present required on fixed deposit, and secure for this Government the best terms for money so placed. Out of the sum of £220,000 I have further to request that you will be good enough to pay to the Crown Agents for the Colony £10,000, which will leave in your hands an unappropriated balance of £2770 to be hereafter dealt with.

I have made special arrangements with our Bankers,—the Commercial Bank, Hobart,—for the transmission of the balance of the proceeds of the Loan to this Colony, so please pay such balance to their Agents,—the Bank of New South Wales,—to the credit of the Treasurer of Tasmania.

I am not aware of any other point on which I need write you; and I now entrust the Loan to you and your coadjutors, the Bank of New South Wales, in the full confidence that the interests of the Colony are in safe keeping, and that every endeavour will be made to ensure the success of the Tasmanian Loan of 1883.

In conclusion, I have only to express the hope that you will, as regards this operation, be able, as in the case of that of 1881, to tell me that the price obtained “is the highest that has ever been realized for any 4 per cent. Australian Loan.”

I have, &c.

J. S. DODDS.

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, London.

COLONY OF TASMANIA.

TASMANIAN 4 PER CENT. LOAN, 1883—£500,000.

THE Loan of 1883—£500,000 in Debentures bearing 4 per cent. interest, being part of the sum of £546,650 authorised by the Act of the Parliament of Tasmania, 46 Vict. No. 45—is for the following purposes:—

Construction of the Mersey and Deloraine Railway, Main Roads and Bridges, Branch Roads, Public Works, Public Schools, Public Buildings, Sewerage Works at Hobart, Improving the Navigation of the Rivers North Esk and Tamar, Defence Works, Immigration, and the redemption and consolidation of certain Public Loans bearing interest at 5 and 6 per cent.

The Colony of Tasmania contains an area of 26,215 square miles, or 16,778,000 acres of land, with an estimated population on the 31st December, 1882, of 122,000.

The Debt of the Colony, including the Loan now authorised, has been chiefly incurred for the construction of works of importance to the Colony, such as Railways, Roads, Bridges, Telegraphs, and Public Buildings.

The whole of this debt is secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Tasmania.

The Import and Export Trade of the Colony for the last few years shows a steady and satisfactory increase, as appears by the following table:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>	<i>Total Imports and Exports.</i>
	£	£	£
1871.....	778,087	740,638	1,518,725
1872.....	807,182	910,663	1,717,845
1873.....	1,107,167	893,556	2,000,723
1874.....	1,257,785	925,325	2,183,110
1875.....	1,185,942	1,085,976	2,271,918
1876.....	1,133,003	1,130,983	2,263,986
1877.....	1,308,671	1,416,975	2,725,646
1878.....	1,324,812	1,315,695	2,640,507
1879.....	1,267,475	1,301,097	2,568,572
1880.....	1,369,224	1,497,767	2,866,991
1881.....	1,431,144	1,555,576	2,986,720
1882.....	1,670,872	1,587,389	3,258,261

The ratio in which the Revenue of Tasmania has advanced of late years has been much greater than the growth of its expenditure and indebtedness, and bears favourable comparison with that of the other Colonies of Australasia:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Consolidated Revenue.</i>	<i>Public Debt.</i>
	£	£
1871.....	270,421	1,315,200
1872.....	271,994	1,412,300
1873.....	320,894	1,496,100
1874.....	329,686	1,505,700
1875.....	340,067	1,489,400
1876.....	322,915	1,520,500
1877.....	361,830	1,589,705
1878.....	381,784	1,738,500
1879.....	373,290	1,786,800
1880.....	440,223	1,877,000
1881.....	501,281	2,003,000
1882.....	548,659	2,122,200

PROPORTION of Expenditure to Revenue for the Years 1862, 1867, 1872, 1877, and 1882.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>			<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Percentage Expenditure.</i>
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1862.....	297,422	10	6	286,664	12	11	103·75
1867.....	263,457	12	9	260,011	2	6	101·32
1872.....	289,002	3	4	271,994	1	9	106·25
1877.....	336,727	4	5	350,010	2	3	96·20
1882*	494,484	18	9	548,659	17	5	90·12

In the year 1881 an Act was passed to provide for the custody, maintenance, and control of a Sinking Fund as security for the due payment of Loans raised by Debentures, and the capital of such Fund, now invested in the names of Commissioners, amounts to £70,000.

The export of Minerals is an important element in the Trade of the Colony, as appears by the following table of the value of Gold and Tin raised in and exported from Tasmania :—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Gold.</i>	<i>Tin.</i>
	£	£
1874.....	18,491	6998
1875.....	11,982	31,129
1876.....	44,923	93,054
1877.....	23,289	283,118
1878.....	99,950	309,580
1879.....	145,723	299,121
1880.....	199,613	361,678
1881.....	211,253	375,775
1882.....	160,419	339,700

Mining in the more settled districts is progressing favourably, and active operations are now being carried on at the West Coast of the Island by several wealthy Companies to develop the rich tin deposits of that locality. It is anticipated that alluvial gold mining in that part of the Colony will, on account of some important discoveries lately made, receive more attention than it has hitherto done. Settlement on the Crown Lands of the Colony is accompanying mineral development.

The amount to the credit of depositors with the various Banks in the Colony increased from £670,770 in 1870 to £2,864,297 for the year ending 31st December, 1882.

Since December, 1879, deficiencies and claims amounting to £144,500, besides a considerable portion of the amount expended on Public Works subsequent to that date, have been provided for out of current Revenue.

During the years 1880-1-2 the aggregate increase of Revenue has been £175,000, and the first two months of the present year show a considerable increase over the corresponding period of last year.

J. S. DODDS, *Treasurer of Tasmania.*

Treasury, Hobart,
13th March, 1883.

* The expenditure of this year was largely increased by the payment of sums which if the Revenue had been less buoyant would have been charged to Loans Bills.

STATEMENT showing the Due Dates of Principal and Interest payable in London from 1 July, 1883, to 31 December, 1884, at the Consolidated Bank.

1883.		£	s.	d.
Due date—1 July, 1883, Interest		31,710	0	0
Ditto, ditto, (new Loan, 46 Vict. No. 45)		10,000	0	0
1 August, 1883, Interest		1625	0	0
1 and 8 September, 1883, ditto		525	0	0
1 November, 1883, Debentures		5000	0	0
Ditto, Interest		220	0	0
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		£49,080	0	0
1884.		£	s.	d.
Due date—1 January, 1884, Interest		31,710	0	0
Ditto, ditto, (new Loan, 46 Vict. No. 45)		10,000	0	0
1 February, 1884, Interest		1625	0	0
1 and 8 March, 1884, ditto		525	0	0
1 May, 1884, ditto		220	0	0
1 July, 1884, ditto		31,700	0	0
Ditto, ditto, (new Loan, 46 Vict. No. 45)		10,000	0	0
1 August, 1884, Debentures		65,000	0	0
Ditto, Interest		1625	0	0
1 and 8 September, 1884, ditto		525	0	0
1 November, 1884, Debentures		5000	0	0
Ditto, ditto		220	0	0
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		158,150	0	0
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		207,230	0	0
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		10,600	0	0
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		£217,230	0	0
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Treasury, Hobart, 13th March, 1883.

TELEGRAM.

DEBENTURES posted to-day.

TREASURER.

Tasmania, 13 March, 1883.

Consolidated Bank, London.

TELEGRAM.

May 3, 1883.

LOAN taken. Minimum, ninety-eight; realised ninety-eight ten. Five per cent. deposit; balance, fifth June.

CONSOLIDATED BANK.

Via Brindisi.

*The Consolidated Bank, 52, Threadneedle-street,
London, 6th April, 1883.*

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

My last communication to you on this subject was my letter of the 29th December last, of which a duplicate was forwarded to you on the 12th January last.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your valued letter of the 30th January last, advising that you hoped to be able to forward to my address, in about five or six weeks from that date, the Debentures for £500,000; and on the morning of the 17th ultimo your telegram reached me, dated 13th, 5.40 P.M., and advising "Debentures posted to-day." I look forward to their due arrival on the 24th instant.

I have, &c.

JAMES TULLOCH, *Manager.*

The Hon. the Treasurer of Tasmania.

Via Brindisi.

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited, 52, Threadneedle-street,
London, 4th May, 1883.*

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

My previous letter on this subject was under date of the 6th ultimo, and a copy of it is enclosed herewith.

I have now the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 24th ultimo of your letter of the 13th of March last, with Debentures of the value of £500,000, being part of the new £546,650 4 per cent. Loan authorised under the Act of Parliament of Tasmania, 46 Vict. No. 45. The Debentures received are as follows:—

	£
100, numbered 1 to 100, of £1000 each	100,000
200, numbered 101 to 300, of £500 each	100,000
3000, numbered 301 to 3300, of £100 each	300,000
TOTAL	£500,000

In accordance with our letter of the 15th December last, and yours above mentioned, we, in conjunction with the Bank of New South Wales, immediately took steps to bring out the Loan, as we had every reason to believe that a large Loan for Queensland was impending, and that it was desirable to get yours out first. This we succeeded in doing; but, in view of the present state of the money market, and the recent large issue of Victoria Bonds, we did not feel justified in fixing a higher minimum than £98. The result proved that we had very closely gauged the views of the market, as you will have seen by our telegram, as follows:—

“Loan taken. Minimum, ninety-eight; realised ninety-eight ten. Five per cent. deposit; balance, fifth June.”

The amount applied for was £500,200, and the correct average £98 9s. 8d.

A list of the allotments made is enclosed herewith.

I have the honor also to enclose a Prospectus of the Loan; and, upon payment in full on the 5th proximo, will duly carry out your instructions as to the disposal of the proceeds, and place that portion which is to remain in our hands on deposit at interest until required for the payments indicated in your letter of the 13th of March last.

With regard to the question of making the Debentures Inscribed Stock, if your Government still desires to give the holders of the Debentures the option of registering, we shall be quite ready to reconsider the terms mentioned in our letter of the 29th of December last, as, by the time we receive your reply on this point, we shall be in a position to know how the matter works in regard to the Loans of the other Colonies.

In conclusion, I may be allowed to congratulate your Government upon the successful completion of this issue; as, although the price realised is not equal to that obtained upon the last occasion, yet, having regard to the altered state of the money market and the recent and prospective colonial issues, it is considered to be very satisfactory.

I have, &c.

JAMES TULLOCH, *Manager.*

The Hon. the Treasurer of Tasmania.

AUSTRALIA.

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN for £500,000, in Four per Cent. Debentures. Authorised by the Tasmanian Parliament under the Act 46 Victoria, No. 45, assented to 6th November, 1882, for the purpose of Public Works and redemption of Debentures falling due in 1883 and 1884, and secured upon the public revenues of the Colony.

THE Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank, Limited, as Agents for the Tasmanian Government, have been instructed to negotiate the said Loan for £500,000, being part of the sum of £546,650 authorised by the above-mentioned Act of the Tasmanian Parliament.

This Loan is issued for the following purposes; viz.—

Construction of the Mersey and Deloraine Railway, Main Roads and Bridges, Branch Roads, Public Works, Public Schools, Public Buildings, Sewerage Works at Hobart, Improving the Navigation of the Rivers North Esk and Tamar, Defence Works, Immigration, and the redemption and consolidation of certain Public Loans bearing interest at 5 and 6 per cent.

The Loan will be issued in Debentures of £1000, £500, and £100 each, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum from the 1st of January last, and the coupons of the said Loan are payable upon the 1st of January and 1st of July in

each year, at the office of the banking agents of the Government of Tasmania, in London, where also the principal will be payable on the 1st day of January in the year 1913.

Copies of the Act, with the debentures and coupons, can be seen at the Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank, Limited.

Tenders in the form annexed will be received at the Bank of New South Wales, No. 64, Old Broad-street, up till 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 2nd proximo, where and when they will be opened in the presence of the agents and of such of the applicants as may attend.

The debentures will be allotted to the highest bidders, provided the prices offered are not below £98 for every £100 in debentures.

Tenders at a price including a fraction of a shilling other than sixpence will not be preferentially accepted, and should the equivalent tenders exceed the amount of the debentures to be allotted, a *pro rata* distribution will be made.

Payment of the debentures will be required as follows:—5 per cent. on application, and the balance on the 5th June next, when the debentures will be delivered.

Forms of tender may be obtained at the Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank, Limited.

Bank of New South Wales, 64, Old Broad-street, E.C.

Consolidated Bank, Limited, 52, Threadneedle-street, E.C.

24th April, 1883.

Form of Tender.

To the Directors of the Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank, Limited.

Gentlemen,———hereby tender for £——(the amount also in words) Debentures of the Tasmanian Government, according to the annexed notice of the 24th April, on which———enclose the required deposit of £——, and undertake to pay (the amount also in words) £—— for every £100 in debentures, and to accept the same or any less amount that may be allotted to——, and to pay the balance in conformity with the terms of the said notice.

Name

Address

Date

Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 16th June, 1883.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

On the 12th instant your letter of the 4th May duly reached me, and placed me in possession of particulars with regard to our Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan of 1883; and it is my pleasure to congratulate you and the Bank of New South Wales upon the result of the operation, and to assure you that the confidence of the Government in the two institutions is strengthened by the wise discretion used in dealing with the interests of this Colony in respect to the floating of this Loan.

I observe that my instructions with regard to the disposal of the proceeds of the Loan will be duly attended to by you.

With respect to the performance by you of work in connection with the inscription of the Stock of this Colony, I beg to state that at present it is not the intention of this Government to disturb existing arrangements with regard to the issue of Debentures; but in the event of any change being made your proposals will receive due consideration.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN,
For the Treasurer.

The Manager Consolidated Bank, London.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES, LONDON.

Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 24th October, 1882.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

By this mail I have addressed the Manager of the Consolidated Bank, London, intimating to him that under authority of a Bill now before our Parliament for approval, the Government of this Colony proposes to come to the London market to negotiate a Loan for, say £560,000, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent., redeemable during the year 1913; the proceeds of such Loan to be used for the purpose of redeeming 5 and 6 per cent. Debentures falling due during 1883 and 1884, for Public Works of great importance to the Colony, and to assist Immigration. For your information I enclose a copy of the Bill, which will show you the nature of its provisions.

As soon as the Bill is passed by our Parliament I hope to communicate with you again giving full particulars as to the floating of the Loan, as also the present condition and prospects of the Colony.

I understand from the Manager of the Commercial Bank in this City that he proposes writing you by to-day's post on the subject of the Loan.

I have intimated to the Manager of the Consolidated Bank that it is the intention of this Government to employ the same Agency to negotiate the Loan as they did in the case of that for the year 1881,—namely, the Consolidated Bank, in co-operation with your Bank,—feeling satisfied that the interests of the Colony will be carefully watched.

By next mail I hope to be in a position to furnish definite information with regard to the amount and probable date the Loan will be ready for issue.

I have, &c.

J. S. DODDS, *Treasurer Tasmania.*

The Manager Bank of New South Wales, London.

Viâ Brindisi.

*Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C.,
15th December, 1882.*

SIR,

I HAVE to acknowledge receipt on the 7th instant of your letter of the 24th October, covering copy of a Bill then before your Parliament authorising the raising of a Loan in 4 per cent. Debentures for £560,000, and informing me that as soon as the Act is passed you will again communicate with me. The Managing Director of the Commercial Bank in your city has also addressed me on this business.

Your letter further states that it is the intention of your Government to entrust to this Bank, in conjunction with the Consolidated Bank, Limited, (as in the case of the 1881 Loan), the negotiation of the Debentures on the London Market. In thanking your Government for this evidence of their continued confidence in this Institution, you will assure them that their interests and those of the Colony will have the most careful attention at our hands.

On receipt of the Debentures and your instructions as to their issue, I will place myself in communication with the Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Limited, who will, I know, co-operate cordially with me.

I do not propose in this letter to offer an opinion on the prospects of the Loan, and it is not necessary I should do so, as some time must elapse before we can bring it out, whilst in the meantime important changes may take place in our markets both for money and Colonial Bonds. By the middle of January it will probably be easier to forecast the immediate future, as in the interval a £4,000,000 Loan for Victoria and possibly a £1,000,000 for New Zealand will have been offered for subscription.

You are probably aware that a £1,000,000 Loan for South Australia (interest April and October) was launched here on the 24th ultimo, of which £570,000 was taken by tender at about the minimum—par; the balance was subsequently taken by a syndicate at the same price, at which, however, the holders would find difficulty in selling at this moment.

The market is at present certainly overstocked with Colonial Bonds, and the public are not investing. Transactions in Tasmanian Bonds are not frequent, and quotations must be regarded as somewhat nominal. I understand the last recorded price is 101—103, which includes the coupon due 1st January next, equal to about 99—101 net.

I have, &c.

J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

The Hon. the Treasurer, Hobart, Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 7th November, 1882.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

ADVERTING to my letter of the 24th ultimo, I have now the honor to forward for your information two copies of the Act of the Tasmanian Parliament, 46 Victoria, No. 45, fixing the amount of the above Loan at £546,650, which will be placed on your market at the earliest possible date.

The desirableness of making this issue Inscribed Stock has not escaped my attention, and before giving final instructions as to the Loan I hope to carefully consider the subject.

It would be of great advantage to me to have the benefit of your opinion on this point; I have therefore to ask that you will favour me with your views as to the probable effect on the Loan, and any suggestions you may be in a position to offer will be fully appreciated by me.

I have, &c.

J. S. DODDS, *Treasurer.*

The Manager Bank of New South Wales, London.

Viâ Brindisi.

*Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C.,
27th December, 1882.*

SIR,

Tasmania 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

REFERRING to mine of 15th instant, I have now to acknowledge your letter of the 7th ultimo, handing me two copies of the Act of your Parliament, 46 Victoria, No. 45, authorizing the issue of £546,650 in Debentures, and asking me to furnish you with my views as to the desirability of making this issue Inscribed Stock.

There has been recently a growing disposition on the part of a certain class of investors in Colonial Government Stocks—notably of Trustees—to prefer Inscribed Stock to Debentures, on the ground of the risk of loss by fire and misappropriation to which the latter are subject, and this has been recognised by the leading Australian Governments—by that of New Zealand, which has already provided inscription, and by those of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, who will all be prepared, sooner or later, to furnish the facility. In the issue by ourselves, in June last, of Two Millions 4 per cent. Debentures for the Colony of New South Wales, the announcement on our Prospectus that an Act would be “submitted during the next Session of the Parliament in Sydney for the conversion of this Loan into Inscribed Stock at the option of the holder” had certainly a favorable effect on the issue, and in some measure contributed to the high price of £102 2s. 11d. it realised; at the same time a somewhat similar but more precise announcement in connexion with the last Loan for South Australia failed, as far as I can see, to greatly influence tenders.

The question naturally arises, how far the enhanced price at which a Loan convertible into Inscribed Stock could be placed would indemnify a Government for the cost of management of its inscription through an Agent?

The knowledge I at present possess of the cost of such Agency leads me to the decided conclusion that the charge per cent. of managing a Stock consisting of less than Four or Five Millions would be found so heavy as to deter your Government from entertaining this operation. I doubt if any Agency would be willing to undertake the work unless a minimum remuneration of from £1000 to £2000 was guaranteed.

If your Government were to offer conversion of all your Loans now outstanding into Inscribed Stock at prices varying according to the due dates thereof it might be worthy of your attention; but with a small Loan of this description it would certainly not answer your purpose to make any such proposal.

I have, &c.

J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

The Hon. the Treasurer, Hobart, Tasmania.

Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 30th January, 1883.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

I HAVE to thank you for your letter of the 15th December last, respecting the prospects of the Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan of 1883, and for the assurance that the interests of this Colony will have the most careful attention at your hands in launching the Loan in conjunction with the Consolidated Bank of London.

The information contained in your letter with respect to the various Colonial Loans placed, or about to be, on the London market, has had my best attention, and the result of each operation has also reached me by submarine cable. Though partial failure has been the result in some of the cases, I have perfect confidence that ultimately the stocks will pass off at satisfactory prices, and that Australasian Securities will command the position their worth entitles them to in the eyes of the English capitalist.

Since writing my letter of the 7th November, 1882, I have not been able to afford you any definite information respecting the date of issue of our Loan. I have, however, placed the work of printing the Bonds in the hands of a first-class Victorian firm, and urged upon them the importance of completing the work as speedily as possible. I expect in the course of a few days to be in possession of the whole of the Bonds for £100, when the work of signing them will be at once commenced. I hope to be able to despatch the Debentures to London in about five or six weeks from this.

I am looking forward to the receipt of your letter on the subject of my proposal to make this Loan Inscribed Stock, if desired, with considerable interest.

I have, &c.

J. S. DODDS, *Treasurer Tasmania.*

*The Manager Bank of New South Wales,
London.*

Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 13th March, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th December last, and to thank you for the advice therein contained relative to the inexpediency of making our Debentures Inscribed Stock. I have decided to be guided by you.

By the mail leaving here to-day I have forwarded to the Consolidated Bank Debentures representing £500,000, portion of the new 4 per cent. Loan, together with copies of the Act of Parliament authorising its issue, and a Statement containing certain facts and figures shewing the present progress and prosperity of the Colony. I have also written fully to Mr. Tulloch informing him that the floating of the Loan is entrusted to your Banks jointly, and have given him such information as I thought would be useful to you. I shall be glad if you will do me the favour of perusing my letter.

As regards the minimum price, I desire to leave it to your joint discretion, subject only to the reservation contained in my letter to Mr. Tulloch. I have named £98, including accrued interest, for each £100 Bond as the figure below which you must not go without reference; but this is only for your private guidance, for I do not doubt that the minimum which you fix and make public will be higher, and I am very hopeful that the price realized will reach par.

I enclose you 12 copies of the Statement above referred to.

I have to thank you for your prompt replies to my communications, and to assure you of my belief that every effort will be made by you and Mr. Tulloch to ensure the success of this Loan.

I have, &c.

J. S. DODDS.

*The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,
London.*

Viâ Brindisi.

*Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C.,
3rd May, 1883.*

SIR,

I HAVE now the honor to acknowledge and reply to your letter of the 13th March, which reached me with the enclosures you name therein on the 24th April.

On that day I had an interview with the Manager of the Consolidated Bank, who informed me he had received the £500,000 Debentures of your Government transmitted by you for issue on this market under our joint agency, together with the other documents relative thereto.

It was in the knowledge of Mr. Tulloch and of myself that the Agents of the Queensland Government were on the point of bringing out a 4 per cent. Loan of £2,500,000 for that Colony; and after consultation with our Chairman, Mr. Larnach, who considered that not an hour was to be lost, we decided that, very day on issuing our Prospectus—a copy of which is enclosed—and on fixing the minimum at the limit you had permitted, of £98.

The tenders were, in conformity with the Prospectus, opened yesterday at this office by our Chairman, and were 124 in number, amounting in all to £500,200, at prices ranging from

£101 13s. 6d. to the minimum of £98, and averaging £98 9s. 8d., and this information was telegraphed you yesterday afternoon by the Consolidated Bank, to whom we handed the Deposits of 5 per cent. on the allotments, and by whom the balance on the 5th June will be then received.

Although the price now obtained is not so high as that we secured for your Loan of 1881, yet taking into consideration the present stringent and uncertain condition of our money market, and the stagnation of the market for Colonial Bonds consequent on recent large issues, and also the knowledge of further certain issues for Queensland and Victoria, I consider I may fairly congratulate you on the present result. It is most fortunate that the Bonds reached London when they did, and that you wisely gave us large discretion as to the minimum. The tenders themselves will satisfy you that the success of the Loan would have been endangered had we fixed the issue price at more than £98. I may add that we should in all probability have failed had we delayed by one day its launching, for this morning the Prospectus (I enclose a copy) of the Queensland Loan is published, with a minimum of £97 and allowances by deferred payments, which bring the price down to about £96 0s. 6d. You will remember that in the case of the last loan issued for that Colony the minimum was par.

We considered that the statistical information regarding Tasmania which you forwarded was so satisfactory and so valuable that we decided on reproducing it and issuing it with each copy of the Prospectus. I think it most probable that it had a favourable influence on the result.

I also enclose copy of the list of Tenders and some newspaper cuttings noticing the issue, but I have not observed any criticism on the part of the press, either favourable or hostile.

I have, &c.

J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

The Hon. the Treasurer, Hobart, Tasmania.

P.S., 4th May.—A fall has taken place on the market price of your Four per cents. old issue, and the nominal quotation is now 98—100, but it would be impossible to make sale of any considerable parcel at 98. The general market for Colonial Bonds closes heavily this evening at an all-round decline in prices, owing to the prospect of dearer money.—J. B.

PRESS NOTICES.—3 MAY, 1883.

Times.

WE have lately received some enquiries as to the registration of New South Wales Four per cent. Stock. We understand that arrangements for effecting the registration in question are now being made, and will probably be completed in a very short time.

The tenders for the Tasmanian Government Four per cent. Loan for £500,000 were opened to-day at the Bank of New South Wales. The amount tendered for was £500,200, at prices ranging from the *minimum* up to £101 13s. 6d., the average price being £98 10s.

Post.

Tenders for £500,000 Tasmanian Government Four per cent. Debentures, forming part of a total authorised issue of £546,650, were opened at the Bank of New South Wales to-day, when £500,200 was applied for at prices ranging from the *minimum* £98 up to £101 13s. 6d. per £100 debenture. One tender was for £75,000 at £98 9s., one for £61,000 at £98 5s. 6d., two for £25,000 each at £98 5s., and two for £20,000 each at £98 3s. and £98 5s. 6d. The whole of the tenders were accepted in full. The average price realised was £98 10s. per £100 debenture.

Standard.

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Daily News.

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Advertiser.

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Telegraph.

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Financier.

THE NEW TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT 4 PER CENT. LOAN.—The tenders for the Tasmanian Government Four per cent. Loan for £500,000 were opened yesterday at the Bank of New South Wales. The amount tendered for was £500,200, at prices ranging from the *minimum* (98 per cent.) up to £101 13s. 6d., the average price being £98 10s.

25 APRIL, 1883.

Times.

The Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank (Limited), as Agents for the Tasmanian Government, have been instructed to negotiate a Tasmanian Government Loan for £500,000, in 4 per cent. debentures, being part of the sum of £546,650 authorised by an Act of the Tasmanian Parliament, assented to in November, 1882, and secured on the public revenues of the Colony. This loan is issued for the following purposes, viz.:—Construction of the Mersey and Deloraine Railway, main roads and bridges, branch roads, public works, public schools, public buildings, sewerage works at Hobart, improving the navigation of the Rivers North Esk and Tamar, defence works, immigration, and the redemption and consolidation of certain public loans bearing interest at 5 and 6 per cent. The loan will be issued in Debentures of £1000, £500, and £100 each, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum from the 1st of January last, and the Coupons of the loan are payable upon the 1st of January and 1st of July in each year, at the office of the Banking Agents of the Government of Tasmania in London, where also the principal will be payable on the 1st of January, 1913. Tenders will be received at the Bank of New South Wales, No. 64, Old Broad-street, up till 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 2nd proximo. The debentures will be allotted to the highest bidders, provided the prices offered are not below £98 for every £100 in Debentures. Tenders at a price including a fraction of a shilling other than sixpence will not be preferentially accepted, and should the equivalent tenders exceed the amount of the debentures to be allotted, a *pro rata* distribution will be made.

Daily News.

A Tasmanian Government Loan for £500,000 in Four per cent. Debentures is announced. The Bank of New South Wales will receive tenders till 2 o'clock on the 2nd proximo. The *minimum* price is £98 for every £100 in debentures.

Standard.

The Tasmanian Government, we learn, is about to issue a Loan for half a million sterling in Four per cent. Bonds.

Financier.

A TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN FOR £500,000.—The Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank (Limited) announce that they have been instructed, as Agents for the Tasmanian Government, to receive tenders until 2 o'clock on May 2, for an issue of £500,000 in Four per cent. Debentures of that Colony, in amounts of £1000, £500, and £100. The *minimum* price is £98 per cent. The interest will be payable half-yearly on the 1st of January and July, at the offices of the Banking Agents of the Government of Tasmania, in London, where also the principal will be repayable on the 1st of January, 1913. The money is required for the reconstruction of reproductive works and for the redemption and consolidation of certain public loans bearing a higher rate of interest. Five per cent. is required on application, and the balance on the 5th of June, when the Debentures will be delivered.

Globe.

The Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank (Limited), as Agents for the Government of Tasmania, are about to invite applications for a Loan of £500,000, in Four per cent. Debentures, for public works in the Colony.

26 APRIL, 1883.

Telegraph.

Tenders will be received at the Bank of New South Wales up till Wednesday next for a Tasmanian Government Loan to the amount of £500,000 in Four per cent. Debentures. The *minimum* fixed is 98.

Bullionist.

Tenders will be received at the Bank of New South Wales up till Wednesday next for a Tasmanian Government Loan to the amount of £500,000, in Four per cent. Debentures. The *minimum* fixed is 98.

Statist.

On May 2nd tenders will be opened at the Bank of New South Wales for £500,000 Tasmanian Four per cent. Debentures, part of an authorised Loan of £546,650 for public works and redemption of debt falling due in 1883 and 1884. The *minimum* price of tender is 98 per cent.

28 APRIL, 1883.

Economist.

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT 4 PER CENT. LOAN.—The Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank, as Agents for the Tasmanian Government, will receive tenders until 2 o'clock on May 2 for £500,000, in amounts of £1000, £500, and £100 each, the *minimum* price being 98 per cent. The loan is required for certain reproductive works, and for redeeming and consolidating loans bearing a higher rate of interest. Interest is payable half-yearly in London, and the principal is repayable January 1, 1913.

Money Market Review.

A TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN FOR £500,000.—The Bank of New Wales and the Consolidated Bank, Limited, announce that they have been instructed, as Agents for the Tasmanian Government, to receive tenders until 2 o'clock on May 2, for an issue of £500,000 in Four per cent. Debentures of that Colony, in amounts of £1000, £500, and £100. The *minimum* price is £98 per cent. The interest will be payable half-yearly on the 1st of January and July, at the offices of the Banking Agents of the Government of Tasmania, in London, where also the principal will be repayable on the 1st of January, 1913. The money is required for the reconstruction of reproductive works and for the redemption and consolidation of certain public loans bearing a higher rate of interest. Five per cent. is required on application, and the balance on the 5th of June, when the debentures will be delivered.

30 APRIL, 1883.

St. James's Gazette.

The Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank (Limited), as Agents for the Tasmanian Government, have been instructed to negotiate the Tasmanian Government Loan for £500,000 in 4 per cent. Debentures, being part of the sum of £546,650 authorised. This loan is issued for the following purposes:—Construction of the Mersey and Deloraine Railway, main roads and bridges, branch roads, public works, public schools, public buildings, sewerage works at Hobart, improving the navigation of the Rivers North Esk and Tamar, defence works, immigration, and the redemption and consolidation of certain public loans bearing interest at 5 and 6 per cent. Tenders will be received up till 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 2nd proximo, at the *minimum* price of £98 per cent. The interest is payable half-yearly, in January and July. The imports of the Colony in 1871 amounted to £778,087, and the exports to £740,638; while during last year the imports had increased to £1,670,872, and the exports to £1,587,389.

1 MAY, 1883.

Globe.

Tenders are invited at the Bank of New South Wales, Old Broad-street, up till 2 p.m. to-morrow, for a Tasmanian Government Loan for £500,000 in 4 per cent. Debentures, being part of an authorised loan of £546,000. The debentures will be in sums of £1000, £500, and £100 each.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Argus, 11th June, 1883.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, 4th May.

THE chief event in the money market during the past fortnight has been the announced determination of the Bank of England to curtail the facilities for borrowing hitherto accorded to bill brokers. The intimation was quite suddenly and unexpectedly given on Thursday, April 26, and occasioned no little inconvenience in many cases. While most critics are willing to admit that the bank is strictly within its right in adopting this course, the directors are generally censured for the abruptness of the notice. Had it happened at a time of great monetary pressure, the result of refusing the usual accommodation might have been very disastrous to the unsuccessful applicants. The intention of this action is to teach brokers to rely more upon their own resources, and upon the floating surpluses in the open market. There can be no doubt that for some time past brokers have been in the habit of relying too much upon the Bank of England. They have reckoned on getting advances there almost as a matter of course, and in this belief they have entered into engagements which, if they had not thought the Bank was behind them, they probably would not have risked. In other words, this facility has tended to foster dangerous speculation. It was by no means uncommon for brokers to engage to discount bills which would not arrive in this country for two, three, and even four weeks. "For years past," says the city editor of the *Standard*, "a whole class of men have lived by gambling in bills and money, principally by means of the 'call loans' obtained with such facility in the open market. They trusted to pay these loans off, when wanted, by means of five or ten day loans from the bank. In the same way money has been poured into the Stock Exchange—for it looked, and was, a splendid business to get call loans at 3 per cent., and relend the money on stocks for a fortnight at 1 or 2 per cent. more—always with the Bank of England to fall back upon at a pinch. This kind of business has, in fact, reached such proportions that it will strain the market considerably to return to more wholesome ways; but that is the only danger we see in the present action of the bank. The market may not be able to stand it, though it is unquestionably the right thing to do." It is believed that at periods when the revenue collection is sweeping the ordinary outside supplies of money into the bank the directors will be disposed to lend freely, and advances will be restricted only when the security of the bank reserve is imperilled.

The immediate effect of the bank's policy has been to harden the market rates, so that they are now quite up to the official *minimum*. The Court of Directors separated yesterday without advancing their charge, but such a movement shortly is very probable. The bank reserve shows a decline of nearly a million as compared with last week's return; and although some gold has reached the bank from Australia, and the efflux to Holland is subsiding, the periodical withdrawals for Scotland have commenced. Stagnation on the Stock Exchange is counterbalanced by symptoms of trade revival, which will demand an augmented currency. Then loans—and especially Colonial loans—are always on the market, or coming on in ceaseless succession. Altogether the outlook is not favourable for cheap and idle money.

THE TASMANIAN LOAN.—The Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank having been instructed to negotiate a Loan of £500,000 for the Tasmanian Government, tenders were opened on Tuesday, May 2, when it was found that only £500,200 had been applied for. The required amount was thus barely covered, and persons present, experienced in financial operations, declared that they had never before met with a case in which a borrowing Government had succeeded, and yet so narrowly escaped a partial failure. The loan was a fairly tempting one, it being issued at a *minimum* of £98, with accrued interest from the 1st of January, though the bulk of the money will have to be paid up by the 5th of June. This is purely an investor's loan, no speculative tenders having been sent in. The fact that there were about 123 tenderers for half a million, shows that they were individually for comparatively small amounts. Only four or five of the large financial houses were among the subscribers, and their applications were on behalf of clients. There was one tender for £75,000, at £98 9s.; two for £50,000, at £98 5s. 6d. and £98 3s.; one for £61,000, at £98 5s. 6d.; one for £55,000, at £98 5s.; one for £25,000, at £98 5s. 6d.; and seven at £10,000, at £98 1s. to £98 10s. 6d. The bulk of the tenders ranged from £100 to £5000, at prices ranging from £98 to £101 13s. 6d. The average price realised was £98 10s. The money is required partly for the construction of reproductive works, and partly for the redemption and consolidation of certain loans bearing a higher rate of interest.

NEW QUEENSLAND LOAN.—The Queensland National Bank, acting as Agents for the Government of Queensland, announce that they are prepared to receive tenders on Wednesday, May 9, for £2,500,000, in 4 per cent. Debentures, being part of an authorised issue of £3,733,000. The money is required for reproductive purposes, including railways, immigration, improvement of harbours and rivers, and electric telegraphs, and also for the redemption of £707,500 of 6 per cent. Debentures maturing on the 1st of January, 1884. The Government expressly engages that the balance shall not be negotiated for at least one year from the date of the present issue. The *minimum* price of issue is fixed at £97 per cent. It is stated that a bill for the conversion of the loan into inscribed stock, free of charge, at the option of the holder, is already prepared, and will be introduced by the Government during the next session of Parliament. A Memorandum supplied with the prospectus states that the existing indebtedness of the Colony is £13,125,000, while the population is only 227,000, on which the *Standard* remarks:—"The Colony could not live and pay its way, in short, but for its heavy sales of lands. To treat the capital obtained from these lands as revenue, and borrow on it, is surely not wise. With this new loan added, the debt per head will approach £70." The financial world is fairly bewildered with the rush of Colonial loans. They are greatly in excess of the absorbing power of the market, and cannot fail to depress more and more the value of existing 4 per cent. stocks. It is worthy of notice that the issue price of recent loans is on a descending scale. The late New Zealand was offered at £98 10s., the Tasmanian just negotiated was offered at £98, and now the Queensland is offered at £97. What chance will the coming Victorian Loan have at £100?

AUSTRALIA.

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT FOUR PER CENT. LOANS of 1881 and 1882. Issue of £2,500,000, being part of £3,733,000 Four per Cent. Debentures, authorised by Acts of the Colonial Legislature 45 and 43 Vict. Nos. 8 and 16. Assented to 13th October, 1881, and 8th November, 1882.

THE Queensland National Bank (Limited), as banking agent for the Government of Queensland, are empowered to receive tenders for £2,500,000 of the above debentures, being part of the total issue of £3,733,000 authorised by the above-mentioned Acts of the Legislature of Queensland.

These Loans are secured upon the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, and are issued for the following purposes, viz.:—Railways, immigration, improvement of harbours and rivers, electric telegraphs, &c., and for the redemption of £707,500 six per cent. debentures maturing 1st January, 1884.

The balance of the Loan will not be negotiated for at least one year from the date of the present issue.

The bonds, which are for £1000, £500, £200, and £100, bear interest at 4 per cent. per annum, commencing from 1st July next, the coupons being payable on the 1st January and 1st July in each year at the offices of the banking agents of the Government in London. The principal will be payable on 1st July, 1915, in London, Brisbane, Sydney, or Melbourne, at the option of the holders.

Copies of the Acts authorising the Loans can be seen at the Queensland National Bank (Limited), where Statistics of the Colony may also be procured.

Tenders in the form annexed will be received at the Queensland National Bank (Limited), 50, Old Broad-street, London, E.C., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 9th instant, where and when they will be opened in the presence of the Agent-General of the Colony and such of the applicants as may be in attendance.

The debentures will be allotted to the highest bidders, but no tender will be accepted at less than £97 for every £100 of debentures.

Tenders at a price including a fraction over a shilling other than sixpence will not be preferentially accepted, and should the equivalent tenders exceed the debentures to be allotted, a *pro rata* distribution will be made.

Payment will be required as follows, viz.:—On application (to be enclosed in tender), 5 per cent.; on allotment (payable 18th instant), so much as will leave a balance of 75 per cent.

The subsequent instalments are to be paid to the Consolidated Bank (Limited), No. 52, Threadneedle-street, as follows, viz.:—On 12th July, 25 per cent.; on 12th December, 50 per cent.

Payment can be made in full at any time after allotment, under discount, at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum.

Scrip certificates will be issued without delay, and the debentures will be delivered in exchange as soon as possible.

A bill for the conversion of the above Loans into inscribed stock, free of charge, at the option of the holder, is now prepared, and will be introduced by the Government during the next Session of Parliament in Brisbane, which commences in a few weeks from this date.

Forms of tender may be obtained of the Queensland National Bank (Limited).

50, Old Broad-street, London, E.C.

2nd May, 1883.

Form of Tender.

The Queensland National Bank (Limited), London.

Gentlemen,———hereby tender for £—— (the amount also in words) Debentures of the Queensland Government, according to the annexed notice of the 2nd instant, and undertake to pay (the amount also in words) £—— for every £100 of debentures, and to accept the same or any less amount that may be allotted to ——, and to pay the balance in conformity with the terms of the said notice. —— enclose the required deposit of £——

Name
Address

Date May, 1883.

Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 16th June, 1883.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1883.

By the mail which reached Hobart on the 12th instant I received your valued letter of the 3rd May, conveying to me the gratifying intelligence that our Tasmanian Loan of 1883 had been successfully floated by your Bank, associated with the Consolidated Bank, and I have to thank you for the very full information you have supplied me with.

I am glad to learn that you found the Statistical Returns furnished by this Department so sufficient that you thought fit to issue the printed sheets with your Prospectus inviting Tenders.

I have duly noted the several points referred to by you respecting the state of the money market at the time our Loan was placed; and the result of the operation as conducted by yourself and the Consolidated Bank reflects great credit upon the two Institutions, and still further confirms the confidence entertained by this Government in your judgment and fitness to protect the best interests of the Colony.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN, *for the Treasurer.*

*The Manager Bank of New South Wales,
London.*

TASMANIAN 4 PER CENT. LOAN, 1883.

(In continuation of Paper No. 67, H.A., 1883.)

Amount realised on allotment of £500,000 Debentures	£	s.	d.
	492,419	10	6
Deduct cost of negotiating Loan in London—			
Telegrams	£	s.	d.
Stamp Duty on £500,000 Bonds at 2s. 6d.	11	4	0
per cent.....	625	0	0
Brokerage	1112	15	0
Commission	2500	0	0
Advertising, &c.....	107	18	7
	4356	17	7
Expenses in the Colony—			
Cost of printing Debentures	82	18	4
	£4439	15	11

Average Cost of negotiating Loan—17s. 5d. per cent.

WM. H. WINDSOR, *Assistant Treasurer.**Treasury, Hobart, 30th June, 1883.*