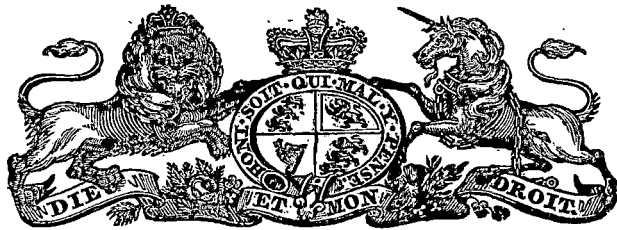


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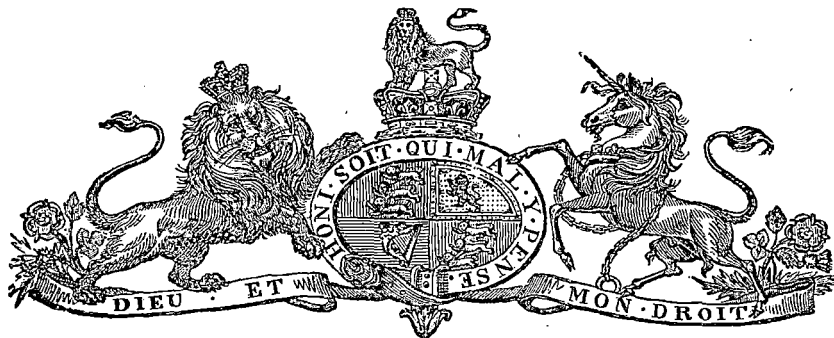
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T A S M A N I A.

R E P O R T

OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE
LAW RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Brought up by Mr. M'Pherson, and ordered to be printed, 2 June, 1857.



THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the House of Assembly appointed on the 17th January, 1857, to consider a Petition from A. M'Naughtan, praying that a Law may be enacted by which the Weights now in use at Launceston, New South Wales, Victoria, Adelaide, and New Zealand shall be in force at Hobart Town, and to prepare a Bill, have agreed to the following

REPORT.

Your Committee have been unable to furnish their Report at an earlier period on account of the delay in receiving from the several Chambers of Commerce in the neighbouring Colonies the Scales of Weights by which Flour and the different descriptions of Grain are bought and sold at their respective Ports. Those Scales have been procured, and, including those of Launceston and Hobart Town, are set forth in a tabular form as follows:—

	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Malt.	Bran.	Peas.	Tares.	Rye.	Beans.	Grass Seed.	Flour.
	<i>lbs. per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs. per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs. per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs. per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs. per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs. per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs. per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs. per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs. per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs. per bushel.</i>	<i>lbs. per ton.</i>
SYDNEY.....	60	40	48 & 52	60	40	20	60	60	60	60	20	2000
MELBOURNE..	60	40	48 & 50 52 & 54	54 & 56	40	20	60 & 63	65 & 68	60 & 65	60 & 63	20	2000
ADELAIDE....	60	40	50	60	40	20	60	60	60	60	20	2000
LAUNCESTON .	60	40	50 & 52	..	40	20	70	70	20	2000
HOBART TOWN	64	42	48 & 54	58 & 60	40	20	60	60	60	60	20	2240

The above Table shows an agreement in the Sydney and Adelaide weights, except in the article of Barley; and, taking the average weights for Cape and English Barley at Sydney, they agree in this respect also.

After mature consideration, we have agreed to recommend that the following should be the uniform Scale of Weights to be adopted throughout this Colony for the Sale of Flour and the various descriptions of Grain enumerated. The Scale recommended has the advantage of being very nearly that in use at Launceston:—

	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Bran.	Beans.	Peas.	Tares.	Rye.	Grass Seed.
lbs. Avoirdupois, per bushel	60	40	50	60	20	60	60	60	60	20

And Flour 2000 lbs. per ton, and any less quantity in proportion.

DUNCAN M'PHERSON, *Chairman.*

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