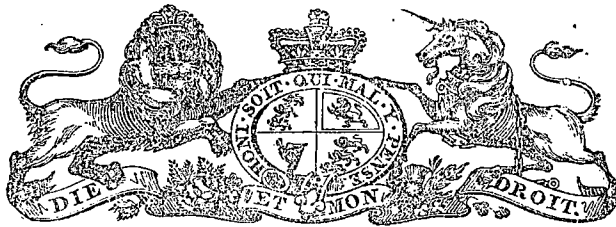


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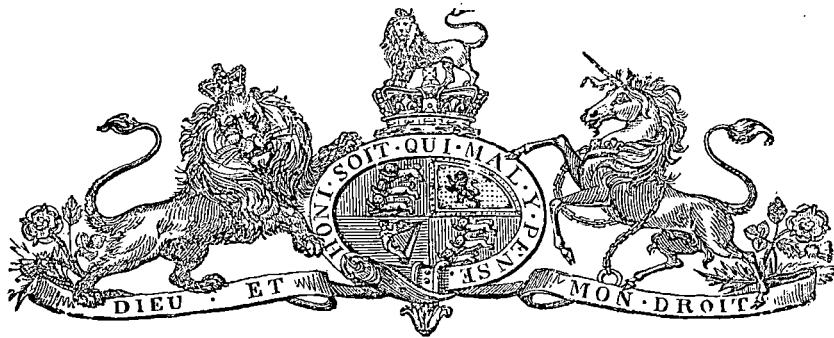
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CONVEYANCE OF PAUPERS TO ENGLAND.

DESPATCH OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR H. YOUNG.

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TASMANIA—EXECUTIVE.

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Government House, Hobart Town, 16th October, 1860.

MY LORD DUKE,

I HAVE the honor to state that I have received a Joint Address from both Houses of Parliament, praying that the sum of £5000 be placed on the Estimates for the year 1861 to be expended in conveying to England all those persons whose maintenance is at present unfairly made a charge upon the Colony; and that I have made reply that I did not feel myself to be in a position in which I could comply with the request, but that I should, however, forward it for Your Grace's information, from whom I anticipated a reply very shortly to the representations of my Responsible Advisers on the claims of the Colony on the Imperial Government, comprehending the claim to which the Address refers.

2. The persons thus sought to be removed are Convict Paupers, free by servitude, and now chargeable to the Colonial Government.

3. The representations of my Responsible Advisers were transmitted with my Despatch, No. 54, of 14th May last.

4. I have also to report the following Resolution of the Legislative Council:—"That the Council, not admitting the equity of the rule laid down in His Grace the Duke of Newcastle's Despatch of the 14th February, 1854, by which Convicts are made chargeable respectively on Imperial and Colonial Funds, is of opinion that the Despatch of May 3rd, 1854, was not intended to disturb the rule laid down in the previous Despatch as to the apportionment of the expense of Colonially-convicted prisoners, and that the Despatch of May 3rd, 1854, should not be taken as the rule in such cases."

5. With regard to this Resolution I may state, in explanation, that the Council consider that, in determining the period at which a Convict becomes free by the issue of a Conditional Pardon, that period should be taken to be, for the purpose of fixing whether he is chargeable as a Pauper to Colonial or Convict Funds,—not the period at which he might have received the indulgence under the reduction sanctioned by Your Grace's Despatch of the 3rd of May, 1854,—but that at which he would have received it under the old Regulations of that time in force, prior to the receipt of that Despatch.

6. I enclose the Votes and Proceedings containing my reply to the Addresses of the two Houses, and the Resolution of the Legislative Council on Your Grace's rule as to charge for Convicts between the Imperial and Colonial Governments.

7. I have, in conclusion, to report that the number of Paupers at present who would be likely to be chargeable to the proposed vote of £5000 for their transport to England might be about 200, and I doubt whether any large portion of this number would willingly exchange a residence in a Tasmanian Asylum for one in England.

The principle of transfer from Tasmania, when adopted, would be applicable to future cases as they occurred.

I have, &c.,

H. E. F. YOUNG.

His Grace the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.