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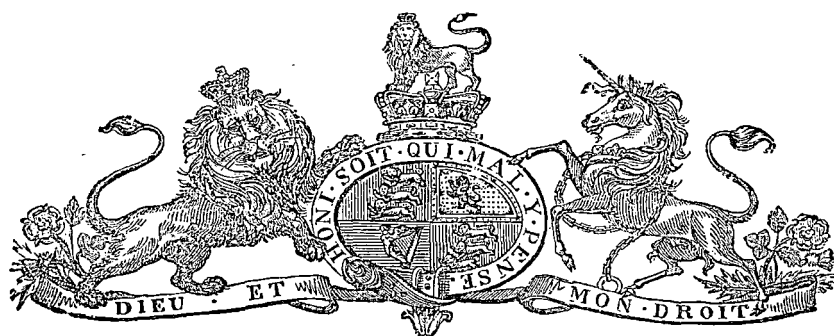
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D E S P A T C H E S .

CLAIMS OF THE COLONY UPON THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Innes, and ordered by the House to be printed,
22 August, 1861.



TASMANIA. (No. 44.)

Downing-street, 1st June, 1861.

SIR

I HAVE had under my consideration your Despatch, No. 21, of the 19th of February. I regret that it is impossible for Her Majesty's Government to admit the claim preferred by the Colonial Government for payment of the sum of £1414 on account of the expenses incurred in the capture of four Convicts who were illegally at large as armed Bushrangers in 1858.

The Imperial Government grants a certain annual sum as its contribution towards the expenses of Police and Gaols. This is in the nature of a composition for the Imperial share of the burthen; and it would be inconsistent with the meaning of the arrangement to make extra and separate charges for any Police services which the Colonial Government might deem especially onerous.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Governor SIR HENRY YOUNG.

NEWCASTLE.

TASMANIA. (No. 46.)

Downing-street, 20th June, 1861.

SIR,

I HAVE learned, with much regret, from a Report of the Board of Audit, communicated to this Department by direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that since the year 1855 no instalments have been received in liquidation of the debt due from the Colony to the Imperial Treasury in respect of the large sum which was taken by the Governor of the Colony without authority from the Treasury Chest, in order to meet the wants of the Colonial Treasury. On the origin of this claim I need only refer you to a Despatch formerly addressed by me from this Department to the Governor of Tasmania, No. 51, of the 3rd of April, 1854. I trust that no hesitation will be felt in giving immediate directions for resuming payment of the annual instalment of £5000; and you cannot be surprised to learn that, until this be done, it will be impossible that the Officer in charge of the Chest should make any further issue of the Imperial monies voted for Police and Gaols.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Governor SIR HENRY YOUNG, C.B.

NEWCASTLE.

TASMANIA, (No. 49.)

Downing-street, 24th June, 1861.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 22, of the 19th February, enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the Committee of Officers for reviewing Convict expenditure in Tasmania for the quarter ended 31st December last, together with an explanatory Memorandum upon the subject from the Comptroller-General.

I have already in my Despatch, No. 44, of the 1st instant, communicated to you the decision of Her Majesty's Government in respect of the claim (item 1) preferred by the Colony to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred in the capture of four armed Bushrangers; and with regard to the other claims which are now advanced, I have to inform you that I am willing to acquiesce in them.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Governor SIR H. YOUNG.

NEWCASTLE.