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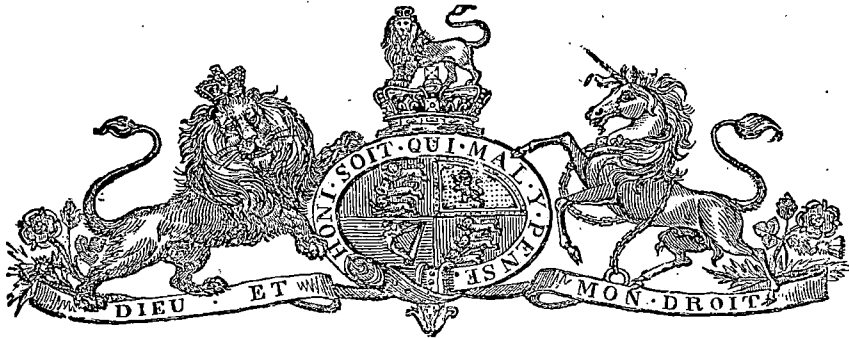
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T A S M A N I A.

REV. E. FREEMAN.

REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE ON HIS CLAIM FOR
HOUSE RENT.

Brought up by Mr. Pratt, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 11,
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SELECT COMMITTEE appointed on the 20th August, 1868, to enquire into the Claim of the Rev. EDWARD FREEMAN for Compensation for House Rent.

MEMBERS.

MR. DAVIES.
MR. SHARLAND.
MR. BALFE.
MR. JAMES LORD.

MR. WALKER.
MR. BARRETT.
MR. PRATT.

R E P O R T.

YOUR Committee have examined the Rev. Edward Freeman in regard to his claim for House Allowance as Chaplain at Kingston: they have also perused the papers connected with his case, and find that in 1863 a motion for an "Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to recommend to the House the appropriation of a sum of £120 to assist in repairing the Kingston Parsonage, which was partly destroyed by fire in December, 1860, provided an equal amount be raised by subscription," was negatived; but that in 1864 the sum of £121 was voted by the Legislature as "compensation to the Rev. E. Freeman for House Rent for 1861 and 1862."

Your Committee are of opinion that the compensation then awarded was a final settlement of all claim upon the Government for House Allowance. The Rev. E. Freeman himself evidently so regarded it, as from his own evidence it will be seen that he subsequently sought, but ineffectually, from the Synod the money which he now seeks to obtain from the Government.

Your Committee, under these circumstances, have decided to report to your Honorable House that, in their opinion, the Rev. Edward Freeman has failed to substantiate his claim against the Government for House Allowance as Chaplain at Kingston.

JOSIAH C. PRATT, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 11th September, 1868.

E V I D E N C E.

THE Rev. Edward Freeman was in attendance, and produced a Memo. from the Auditor, dated 7th September, 1868. Mr. Freeman stated that he occupied the house which was built as a Parsonage until it was burned down. The house was built partly by the Government and partly by the Congregation.

After the house was burned down I received house rent for 1861 and 1862 at the rate of £60 a year. This was granted by Parliament. After 1862 the funds were transferred to the Synod, and the Synod have refused to pay me the £60 a year since.

I appealed to the Synod on the 30th March, 1865, and it was negatived by the Synod on a division—Ayes, 8; Noes, 33. I make my application to Parliament now as it has the power of compelling the Synod to do me justice, my name having been omitted in the Schedule to “The State Aid Distribution Act” for house rent. Parliament voted the money, and thus recognised my claim before 1862.

I did not presume that the Synod would object after the Government had recognised my claim to the house allowance.

All Parsonages are now insured under the Synod Regulations for 1865. Mine is the only Parsonage which has ever been burned down.

I now want the money from the Synod or the Government, I don't care which.

The law was taken out of my hands; the Churchwardens have now by law the full power over the Church properties.

I have never applied to the Executive Government for my name to be inserted on the Schedule in “The State Aid Distribution Act.”