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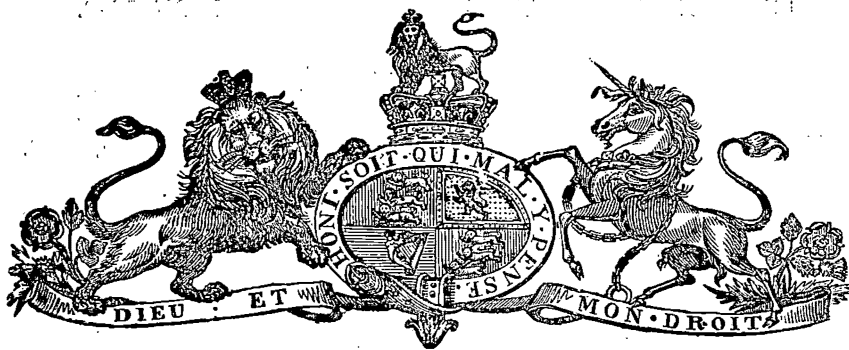
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EXHIBITION BUILDING, SOUTH  
KENSINGTON.

DESPATCH AND PAPERS RELATING TO COLONIAL COURT.

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## LONDON INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1873.

(CIRCULAR.)

*Downing-street, 11th March, 1873.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to transmit to you two copies of the Papers mentioned in the margin\*, which will explain to you the manner in which it is considered that it may be practicable, by united action on the part of the Colonies, to establish and maintain, at a very reasonable cost to each Colony, a permanent Exhibition of Colonial Products in connection with the Exhibition Building at South Kensington.

The proposed arrangements are so fully described in these Papers that I need not refer to them in detail, but with regard to the proportion of the aggregate space, and of the cost of construction and maintenance which has been assigned to each Colony, I have to observe that these particulars are necessarily subject to re-adjustment in the event of it being shown that the Colonial Revenue has been in any case incorrectly stated, or that any particular Colony, desiring to be admitted to the General Colonial Court, would require a larger or a smaller proportion of the space, in such a departure from the scale now proposed should be found convenient.

In order that the necessary works may be commenced during the summer of this year; it is most desirable that I should receive the earliest possible intimation from each Colony, as to its acceptance or otherwise of the proposal now communicated to you; and I request you to recommend it to the consideration of your responsible Advisers without delay, and inform me, as soon as practicable, whether they determine to ask the sanction of the Legislature for the necessary expenditure, and whether they concur in the details of the scheme now suggested, or would suggest any modifications.

It will probably be found convenient in fixing the contribution of each Colony to avoid fractions of a pound sterling.

It should be understood that in a permanent Exhibition of the nature now contemplated, it will be desirable that not only commercial products, but objects of interest of whatever kind, illustrating the Ethnology, Antiquities, Natural History, and Physical Character of the Country, should be included.

Her Majesty's Government will learn with much pleasure that this attempt to provide for the collective illustration on an adequate scale of the special characteristics of all the Colonies, has met with approval in the Colony under your Government; and I have to request that, in addition to communicating this Despatch with its enclosures to the Legislature, you will take such other steps as you may deem best calculated to give it general publicity.

I need perhaps hardly call attention to the fact that the expenditure of Colonial Funds on a permanent Exhibition, in regard of which the original outlay will be much reduced by combination, differs materially from expenditure on those temporary exhibitions, in which some Colonies have heretofore been represented at various places.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,  
KIMBERLEY.

*The Officer Administering the Government of Tasmania.*

\* Minute, 28th January, 1873. Minute, 18th February, 1873. Report of Sub-Committee, dated 18th February, 1873. Appendices, A. B. C. D. E. Appendix F. Plan-perspective view.

## LONDON INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1873.

*REPORT of Sub-Committee on Colonial Court, 18th February, 1873.*

I. THE Sub-Committee appointed at the Meeting held at the Victoria Office on Tuesday, the 28th January, 1873, report to the Committee that they have twice met for the purpose of carefully considering the construction and maintenance of a Colonial Court in connection with the current series of Annual International Exhibitions in London.

II. They recommend the Committee to ask Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851 to reserve, for a certain term of years, the Frontage and Space between the Belgian and French Annexes as a site for a Colonial Court, and to permit the ground between such site and the East Exhibition Galleries to be laid out as a Garden in connection with the Colonial Court—Her Majesty's Commissioners reserving to themselves all rights of access from Exhibition Road to the East Exhibition Galleries, and general supervision of the Police, Fire arrangements, and Door-keepers in the Colonial Court.

III. They consider that the first contribution, and the annual charge for maintenance, paid by each Colony should be in direct proportion to the space allotted to it in the Colonial Court; and that all arrangements connected with such allotments of space should be administered by a London Committee of Representatives of the Colonies, acting in connection with, and under the superintendence of, Her Majesty's Commissioners. They further suggest that the Annual Revenues of the Colonies would form a fair elementary basis of calculation as to proposals for first allotments of space; and they append a statement (Appendix E) showing the charges which, by this computation, would fall upon each Colony.

IV. The Sub-Committee have caused designs and approximate estimates to be prepared for purchasing the existing Belgian Annexe, and extending it to the French Annexe, so as to form a complete Colonial Court, containing, in addition to Office accommodation, an Exhibition area of about 15,000 superficial feet of floor space, and about 15,000 superficial feet of useful wall space. The cost of this work is estimated at £25,000, which sum includes the provision of a limited number of cases and fittings, the necessary heating, lighting, and water connections, external decoration of the wall facing Exhibition Road (according to Mr. REUBEN TOWNROE's designs), and laying out the Garden (*see* Appendix A herewith). They would observe that this sum provides for building Offices and a Reading-room, which (if provided with Colonial Newspapers, &c.) would form a convenient rendezvous at all times of the year for Colonists visiting London. For the £25,000 a floor space of about 15,624 square feet would be obtained, and 15,176 square feet of available wall space; thus allotting, for each £1,000 expended, a floor space of 625 square feet, and of wall space 607 square feet, *i. e.*, a length of  $17\frac{1}{2}$  feet of the Court, which will be 36 feet wide.

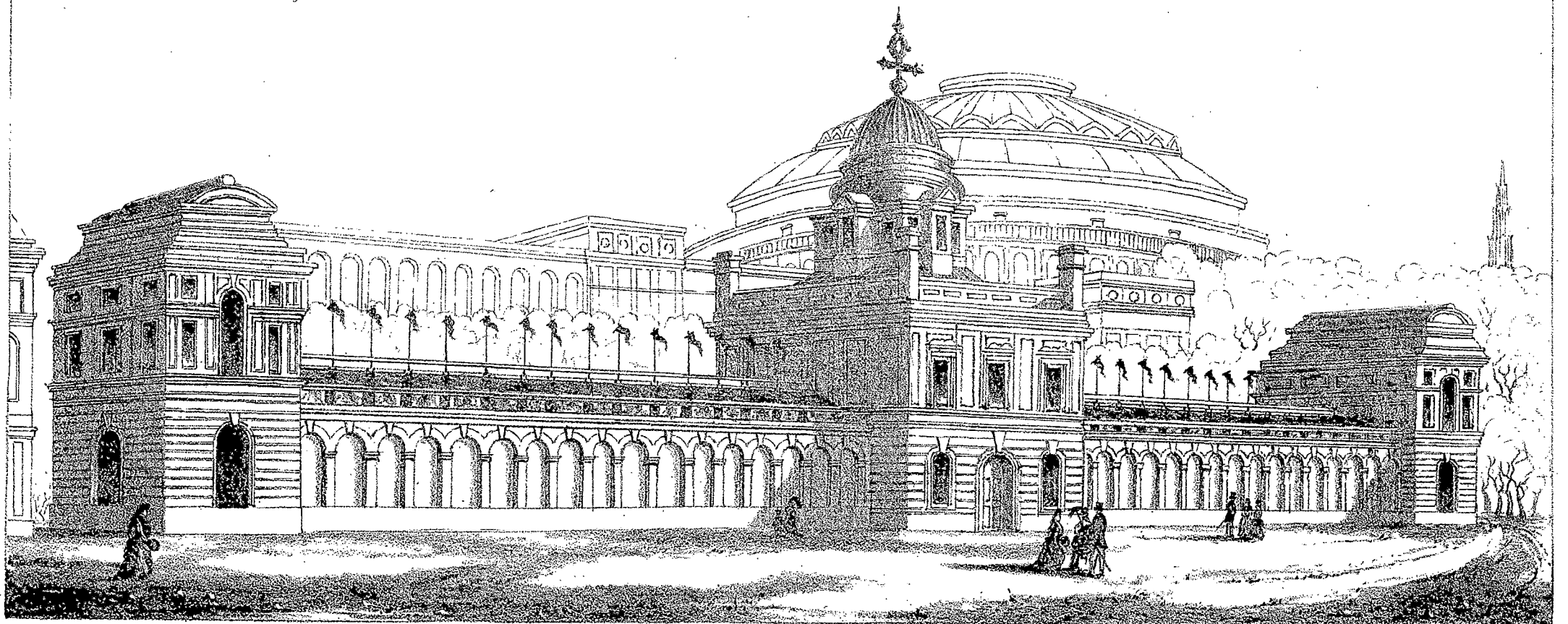
V. The annual cost of maintaining this general Colonial Court has been estimated at about £1300, according to Appendix B herewith.

VI. The outlay required for preparing and occupying the Belgian Annexe as a temporary Colonial Court during the Exhibition of 1873 has been estimated at about £2000 (*see* Appendix C herewith), it being assumed that Her Majesty's Commissioners lend the Building to the Colonies for the season free of charge. The Belgian Annexe is 171 feet 6 inches long, and 36 feet wide, containing a floor space of 6156 square feet, and an available wall space of 6500 square feet.

VII. The Sub-Committee recommend that, if their proposals be approved, a statement of the Scheme (accompanied by approximate Estimates) be at once prepared for the information of the Colonies, who should be requested to state severally the amounts which might be expected from them as contribution to the Capital Account and to the Annual Maintenance of the Building in the event of such Building being erected. They would also recommend that some detailed Drawings and Estimates be at once proceeded with (at the approximate cost of £100), without waiting for general approval of the project as a whole.

VIII. They finally report that, if the Colonies propose to occupy the Belgian Annexe as a separate Colonial Court in the London Exhibition of 1873 (which is to open in the middle of April next), authority should at once be obtained for the expenditure of the whole, or a part, of the £2000 estimated, according to Appendix C, as being necessary for that purpose.

HUGH C. E. CHILDERS, *Chairman.*



W.C. PIGUENIT. DEL.

LANDS AND WORKS OFFICE, HOBART TOWN, TASMANIA.

FIRST SKETCH FOR A PROPOSED COLONIAL GALLERY IN CONNEXION WITH THE LONDON ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS  
THE BUILDINGS IN THE BACK GROUND ARE THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION BUILDINGS

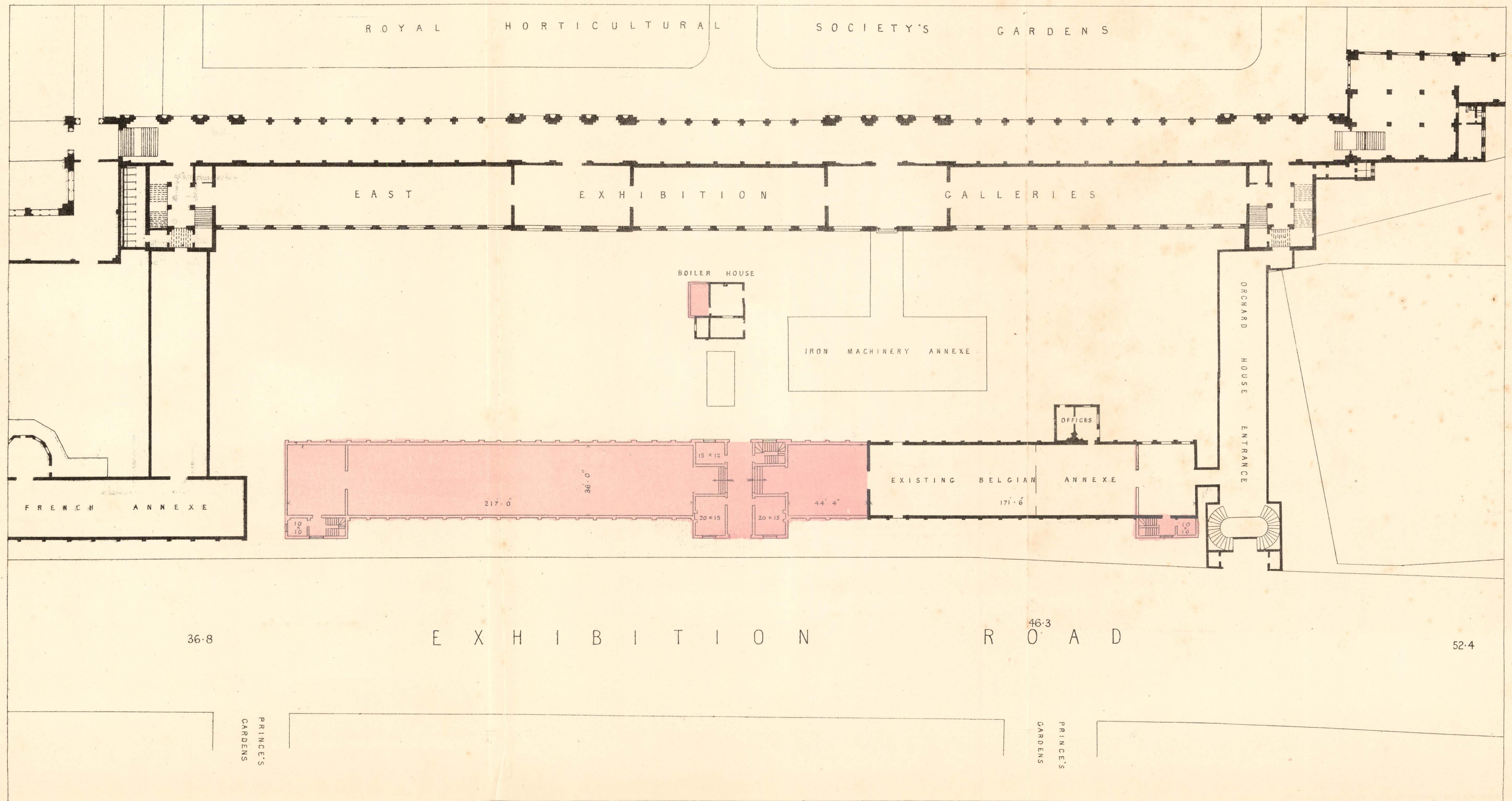


# ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS, LONDON

## PROJECT OF COLONIAL COURT

To accompany Report of Sub-Committee on Colonial Court  
dated 18th February 1873

The parts tinted pink show proposed additions.



H. C. Duguid del.

Lands and Works Department, Robert Town, London.

Scale - 41.66 feet to One Inch





# APPENDIX F.

DIAGRAM shewing the proportion which Space will bear to Money in the proposed Colonial Court, based on the suggestion that the several Colonies should contribute in the Ratio which Revenue bears to the sum required for the erection of the Building.

£ 5,455	No 1	CANADA (DOMINION)
4,476	2	VICTORIA
3,372	3	N. S. WALES
1,817	4	NEW ZEALAND
1,519	5	CEYLON
1,083	6	QUEENSLAND
1,054	7	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
1,009	8	CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
836	9	MAURITIUS
588	10	JAMAICA
514	11	BRITISH GUIANA
405	12	STRAITS — SETTLEMENTS
365	13	TASMANIA
358	14	TRINIDAD
283	15	WINDWARD ISLANDS
239	16	NATAL
238	17	HONG KONG
231	18	MALTA
227	19	W. AFRICAN — SETTLEMENTS
222	20	NEWFOUNDLAND
161	21	P. EDWARD'S ISLAND
149	22	LEEWARD ISLANDS
132	23	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
58	24	HONDURAS
57	25	BAHAMAS
55	26	ST HELENA &c.
52	27	GIBRALTAR
47	28	BERMUDA

25,000

AVAILABLE FOR EXHIBITION

Floor Space .....15,000 superficial feet

Wall Space .....15,000 " "

Total .....30,000 superficial feet at 16s.8d. £25,000

## APPENDIX A.

*APPROXIMATE Estimate for Completion of Colonial Court.*

	£	s.	d.
Cost of Belgian Annexe ( <i>see</i> Appendix D) .....	2530	12	6
Extension along Exhibition Road, as shown in pink on Plan herewith ..	15,064	0	0
Iron Railing and Curb, Exhibition Road (one-half cost) .....	643	7	6
Laying out Garden, and Decoration .....	500	0	0
Heating Apparatus, including an extension of the existing Boiler-house ..	1375	0	0
Gas Fitments, with Meter .....	384	0	0
Laying on Water, with Meter and Fire Hose .....	253	0	0
Decoration of Wall facing Exhibition Road, in <i>sgraffito</i> work .....	3000	0	0
Cases and Fitments .....	1000	0	0
Drawings and Clerk of Works .....	250	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>£25,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## APPENDIX B.

*APPROXIMATE Estimate for Annual Maintenance of Colonial Court.*

	£	s.	d.
Manager in charge .....	250	0	0
Police—1 Constable in 3 reliefs, 40 weeks, £1 16s. 8d. each .....	220	0	0
Labour, in unpacking and arranging Goods and Carriage in London ....	260	0	0
Ditto, for Cleaning .....	60	0	0
Warming .....	120	0	0
Lighting, including opening the Galleries two nights a week, for 29 weeks	268	0	0
Sundries (repairs to Buildings, &c.) .....	122	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>£1300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## APPENDIX C.

*APPROXIMATE Estimate for use of the "Belgian Annexe" as a Colonial Court during the London International Exhibition of 1873.*

Item.		£	s.	d.
1	Repairs of Walls, Floors, and Steps .....	60	0	0
2	Blinds to Skylights .....	50	0	0
3	Cases (20 of 3 kinds, at £30 each) .....	600	0	0
4	Fitments; viz., Shelves, Tables, Case-linings, &c. ....	240	0	0
5	Lighting Offices .....	10	0	0
6	Warming ditto .....	25	0	0
7	Manager in charge, say 40 weeks at £6 6s. ....	252	0	0
8	Salaries } Police—1 Constable, i.e., 3 reliefs, say 40 weeks at £1 16s. 8d.	220	0	0
9	and } Labour for unpacking and arranging Goods, including carriage			
	Wages. } in London .....	224	0	0
10	Cleaning .....	30	0	0
11	Experimental Decoration on the East Wall facing Exhibition Road ....	150	0	0
12	Sundries (Office Expenses, &c.), say .....	139	0	0
	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>£2000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## APPENDIX D.

*DETAILS of Cost of the "Belgian Annexe" to Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851.*

		£	s.	d.
1872.				
May 29th.	First Instalment of the agreed price, 62,500 francs .....	1230	7	4
Oct. 29th.	Second ditto .....	1218	7	3
Dec. 7th.	Repaid to Mr. W. Janssens for Rate of Exchange .....	10	5	0
May 13th.	Mr. S. W. Aries—Platforms on Roof to inspect Skylights .....	17	15	0
Sept. 16th.	Ditto—Extras, agreed to by Mr. Gammon, on behalf of the Company	47	9	7
Aug. 30th.	G. Smith & Co. — Adding 12 Iron Straps and Bolts to Ridge Piece of Roof	2	4	10
May 3rd.	Mr. J. Weeks—Altering Hot-water Pipes in N.E. Orchard House .....	4	3	6
	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>£2530</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>

## APPENDIX E.

**PROPORTION** suggested as payable by each Colony towards the Construction and Annual Maintenance of a Permanent Colonial Court in connection with the Annual International Exhibition in London, taking Revenue as the measure of the power of the several Colonies to contribute towards the necessary Funds for its construction and maintenance.

COLONY.	REVENUE, 1871.	CONTRIBUTION. 2s. 8½d. per cent.			SUBSCRIPTION. 1½d. per cent.			
	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Canada (Dominion).....	4,028,200	5454	17	1	285	6	7	{ Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Manitoba..
Victoria .....	3,305,300	4475	18	6	234	2	6	
New South Wales, 1870 .....	2,490,200	3372	2	8	176	7	9	
New Zealand .....	1,342,100	1817	8	6	95	1	3	
Ceylon .....	1,121,700	1518	19	4	79	9	0	
Queensland .....	800,000	1083	6	8	56	13	4	
South Australia.....	778,100	1053	13	6	55	2	3	
Cape .....	744,800	1008	11	8	52	15	1	
Mauritius .....	617,000	835	10	5	43	14	1	
Jamaica .....	434,400	588	5	0	30	15	4	
British Guiana .....	379,600	514	0	10	26	17	9	{ Barbadoes, St. Vincent, Grenada, Tobago, St. Lucia.
Straits Settlements.....	298,700	404	9	9	21	3	1	
Tasmania .....	269,700	365	4	4	19	2	0	
Trinidad .....	264,400	358	0	10	18	14	6	
Windward Isles .....	209,200	283	5	8	14	16	3	
Natal .....	176,500	239	0	2	12	10	0	
Hong Kong.....	176,000	238	6	8	12	9	4	
Malta .....	170,900	231	8	6	12	2	1	
West African Settlements.....	167,700	227	1	10	11	17	5	
Newfoundland.....	164,300	222	9	9	11	12	9	
Prince Edward's Isle.....	118,700	160	14	10	8	8	1	
Leeward Isles .....	109,900	148	16	5	7	15	5	
Western Australia .....	97,600	132	3	4	6	18	3	
Honduras .....	42,900	58	1	10	3	0	9	
Bahamas .....	41,900	56	14	10	2	19	4	
St. Helena.....	39,100	52	18	9	2	15	2	
Turk's Island .....								
Labuan .....								
Heligoland .....								
Falkland Isles .....	38,200	51	14	7	2	14	1	{ Antigua, St. Kitts, Dominica, Nevis, Montserrat, Virgin Islands.
Gibraltar.....								
Bermuda .....								
	35,000	47	7	11	2	9	7	
	18,462,100.	25,000	14	2	1307	13	0	

## LONDON INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1873.

**MINUTES** of the First Conference concerning a Colonial Court in connection with the Annual International Exhibitions in London.

Office of the Agent-General for Victoria,  
8, Victoria Chambers, Westminster, S.W., 28th January, 1873.

An informal Conference is held for the purpose of considering the formation of a Colonial Court in connection with the Exhibition Building at South Kensington, at which there are present—

THE RIGHT HON. HUGH C. E. CHILDERS, M.P., *in the Chair*.  
MR. H. COLE, C.B.  
SIR DANIEL COOPER, BART.  
MR. DUTTON, C.M.G.  
MR. HERBERT (Colonial Office).  
MR. CASHEL HOEY (Victoria).  
MR. JULYAN, C.B. (Crown Agent).  
SIR JAMES M'CULLOCH.  
MAJOR ROBERTS (New South Wales).  
MR. SARGEAUNT (Crown Agent).  
MR. WHEELER (Queensland).

On the motion of Sir JAMES M'CULLOCH, Mr. CHILDERS takes the Chair.

Mr. CASHEL HOEY is appointed Secretary to the Conference.

Mr. CHILDERS states the circumstances which have led to the meeting of the Conference; that the success of the Queensland Annexe of last year had induced the Governments of Victoria and South Australia to vote respectively £2000 and £1500 towards the establishment of a permanent Australian Annexe; that in the course of communication with the Exhibition Staff, the project of founding a general



Colonial Court instead had originated; that of this project the Canadian Government, through SIR JOHN ROSE, had promptly signified his approval, as also the Government of Victoria by telegram; that the Agents-General of the various Australasian Colonies had also adhered to it; that the Crown Agents for the Colonies had expressed their wish to aid it on the part of the Colonies represented by their Department; and that LORD KIMBERLEY had informed him that the project was regarded by him with favour, and would be supported by the Colonial Office. MR. CHILDERS further stated that, at this stage of the proceedings, he had brought the subject under the notice of His Royal Highness the PRINCE OF WALES, and that His Royal Highness was pleased to signify at once his warm approval, and to propose to bring the wishes of the Colonies concerned before the Commissioners of International Exhibitions; in consequence of which the Commissioners, adhering to the view that a Colonial Court might with advantage be added to the Building at South Kensington, had, pending the erection of a permanent edifice, offered for the purposes of this year's Exhibition the use of the Belgian Annexe to the Colonies prepared to exhibit; finally, that the present Conference is convened to consider the course proper to be pursued both with regard to preparations for this year's Exhibition, and to the erection of a permanent Colonial Court.

MR. CASHEL HOEY states that he has received a letter from SIR JOHN ROSE regretting his inability to attend, and expressing his concurrence in the objects of the Conference, and that he has also received a similar communication from DR. FEATHERSTON.

The letter of the Commissioners of International Exhibitions, offering the use of the Belgian Annexe for this year to such Colonies as are willing to combine for a permanent exhibition of Colonial objects, is considered; and it is agreed to advise that Colonial Exhibits belonging to the four Classes proper to this year's exhibition be displayed in connection with the exhibits of such four Classes coming from other Countries—reserving the Belgian Annexe, or such other special space as may be allotted by the Commissioners, for permanent and general Colonial Exhibits.

It is agreed that a Sub-Committee be appointed to report upon a plan of building arrangements with the Commissioners, and estimates of the expenditure, both for this year and in the event of the erection of a permanent Building, to consist of—

MR. CHILDERS.  
SIR JOHN ROSE.  
MR. JULYAN.  
MR. COLE.  
MR. DAINTREE.

CAPTAIN GROVER to act as Secretary.

The Conference adjourn to Tuesday, the 11th of February, but is further adjourned, by desire of the Sub-Committee, to Tuesday, the 18th of February.

(Signed) HUGH C. E. CHILDERS.

18th February.

#### LONDON INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1873.

*EXTRACTS from the Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Conference concerning a Colonial Court in connection with the Annual International Exhibitions in London.*

*Office of the Agent-General for Victoria,  
8, Victoria Chambers, Westminster, S.W., 18th February, 1873.*

*Present :—*

THE RIGHT HON. HUGH C. E. CHILDERS, M.P., *in the Chair*.  
SIR CHARLES COWPER, K.C.M.G. (New South Wales).  
MR. R. DAINTREE (Queensland).  
MR. DUTTON, C.M.G. (South Australia).  
MR. R. G. W. HERBERT (Colonial Office).  
MR. CASHEL HOEY (Victoria).  
MR. PENROSE G. JULYAN, C.B. (Crown Agent).  
SIR JAMES M'CULLOCH (Victoria).  
MAJOR C. F. ROBERTS (New South Wales).  
SIR JOHN ROSE, BART., K.C.M.G. (Canada).  
MR. H. COLE, C.B. } from the Exhibition.  
CAPTAIN G. E. GROVER, R.E. }

1. A Report from the Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting, held on the 28th January, 1873, was read and adopted.

2. MR. COLE offered to lay the Report before the Management Committee of the Royal Commission at its next Meeting, viz., on the 19th instant, and before the Royal Commission at its Meeting on the 22nd instant.