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1877.

SESSION II.

TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MR. HUGH M. HULL.

CORRESPONDENCE CONNECTED WITH HIS REQUEST TO RETIRE  
FROM THE CLERKSHIP OF THE HOUSE AT 60 YEARS OF AGE.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, May 1, 1877, and ordered by the  
House to be printed.



*New Norfolk, 25th March, 1877.*

SIR,

At the request of Mr. Hugh Hull, Clerk and Librarian of the House of Assembly, I have the honor to transmit his letter, dated the 24th inst., in which he requests permission to retire from his present office on the 20th March next; and at the same time to express my opinion that Mr. Hull is entitled to the highest consideration which an almost unprecedented length of service, and a zealous and effective performance of the duties of his office, can claim for him.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

R. OFFICER,  
*Speaker of the House of Assembly.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.*

*House of Assembly, 24th March, 1877.*

SIR,

I REQUEST permission to retire from the service of the House on the 20th March next, when I shall have passed my sixtieth year of age, and within one month shall have been forty-four years in unbroken service in various confidential and important appointments under this Government. I annex a certificate of my age.

2. I apply first to the Executive Government, from whom I received my appointment; although, as an officer of Parliament, my application should strictly be addressed to the Honorable the Speaker, through whom, however, I now forward this letter.

3. The mental and physical labour of many years of Parliamentary office life has induced me, year after year, for some time past, to endeavour to obtain rest, on such pension as it might please Parliament to grant to an officer who has zealously served it for twenty-six sessions, after twenty-three years of previous official employment.

4. Egotism does not move me to quote Sir William Denison's and Sir Thomas Gore Browne's written words on parting with me; the first after twenty-one years of confidential service, and the other thirteen years afterwards. (The original letters are filed in your office.) Sir William wrote:—"I cannot, in parting, limit myself to a mere formal acknowledgment of the admirable mode in which you have conducted your official business, for as you have, on every occasion upon which your assistance could be made available, most readily afforded it; so I, in bidding you farewell, am anxious that you should be aware of my sense of the kind feelings by which you have been actuated, and of my gratitude to you for the services which you have so constantly rendered. Will you allow me to request your acceptance of the accompanying gold watch as a testimony of my regard and esteem for you?"

Sir Thomas Gore Browne's words in 1868 were:—"As an upright, faithful, and hardworking public servant, always ready to make yourself useful, and to do all in your power to promote the welfare of the colony, few men are more deserving than yourself."

5. I have not been an idle or unprofitable public servant since then.

6. I do no more than refer to Governors Sir Charles Du Cane's and Mr. Weld's favourable despatches to the Secretaries of State, or to their Lordships' complimentary replies. They are on record in your office. They had reference to my dream of promotion to a higher office under the Crown in some other colony—a dream (like most of the aspirations of my earlier years) not yet realised, and leaving nothing beyond a consciousness of having hitherto done my duty, with a strong desire for rest!

7. I apply thus early, because the opportunity may be seized for the appointment, by the Executive, of some young officer of average official aptitude, and strong physical endurance, who will zealously study Constitutional Law, and the various Rules and Orders of Parliament, and as Clerk Assistant under my instruction during the two next Sessions, so work as to provide for the contingency of my probable ill-health or retirement.

After twenty-six Sessions I hope he may find himself as acceptable to the House (I say it gratefully) as I have ever found my earnest services to have been.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

HUGH MUNRO HULL,

*Clerk of the House and Librarian to Parliament.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.*

TASMANIA.

THIS is to certify that my eldest son Hugh Munro Hull was born in Romney Terrace, Westminster, London, on Thursday, the 19th (nineteenth) day of March, 1818, and that he was baptised on the 20th (twentieth) day of April following, at St. John's Church, Westminster aforesaid, by the Revd. D'Arcy Haggitt, by the name of Hugh Munro.

Given under my hand and seal at Tolosa, Glenorchy, Tasmania, this twenty-eighth day of June, 1876.

GEO. HULL, J.P.

(Copy.)

TASMANIA.

No. 28.

*Downing-street, 1st October, 1875.*

SIR,

I HAVE received your Despatch, No. 23, of the 25th June, forwarding an application from Mr. Hugh M. Hull for promotion in the Colonial Service.

While I gladly acknowledge the long and faithful service which Mr. Hull has rendered, I cannot but recognise the difficulty, which has no doubt been experienced by my predecessors, in finding suitable opportunities for offering promotion to deserving public servants, especially when it is not possible to do so in the Colony in which they may be serving.

I have therefore to request you to inform Mr. Hull that, though I shall have much pleasure in placing his name upon my List, it is impossible for me in fairness to himself, having a due regard to the peculiar exigencies of the Colonial Service, to hold out any strong hope of being able to meet his wishes.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CARNARVON.

*Governor WELD, C.M.G.*

(Copy.)

TASMANIA.

No. 10.

*Downing-street, 26th April, 1876.*

SIR,

I REQUEST that you will inform Mr. H. M. Hull, Clerk of the House of Assembly of Tasmania, that his letter to Sir H. T. Holland, M.P., late Assistant Under Secretary of State of this Department, has been received in this office, and that you will thank him for the copy he enclosed of the Alphabetical Index to the subjects of the Statute Law in force in Tasmania, which he has recently compiled, and which has been placed in the Library of this office for the convenience of persons consulting the Laws of Tasmania.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CARNARVON.

*Governor WELD, C.M.G.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, 10th April, 1877.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, forwarded by the Hon. Sir Robert Officer, requesting permission to retire from the Public Service on the 20th March next.

As the date upon which you seek to be relieved of your duties is so far distant, there is no immediate necessity for a definite reply. When, however, the time arrives, should you still desire to sever your connection with the Government, your application will receive all due consideration at the hands of the Executive.

I have, &c.

(Signed) THOS. REIBEY.

H. M. HULL, *Esq.*, Clerk of the House of Assembly.

*House of Assembly, 16th April, 1877.*

SIR,

I DESIRE to thank you for your reply to my application for permission to retire from the Civil Service in March next.

I trust my health will allow me not only to do the duties of the Session which is about to commence, but also, for the fourth time since my promotion to the Clerkship, assist in the inauguration of the new Parliament, and then go cheerfully into retirement.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

HUGH M. HULL.

*The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.*