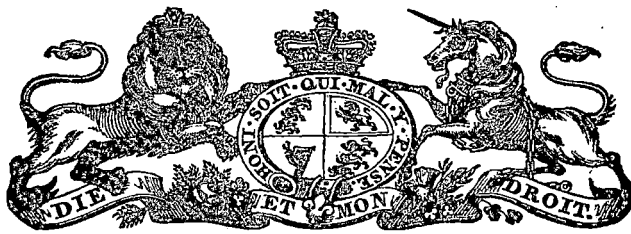


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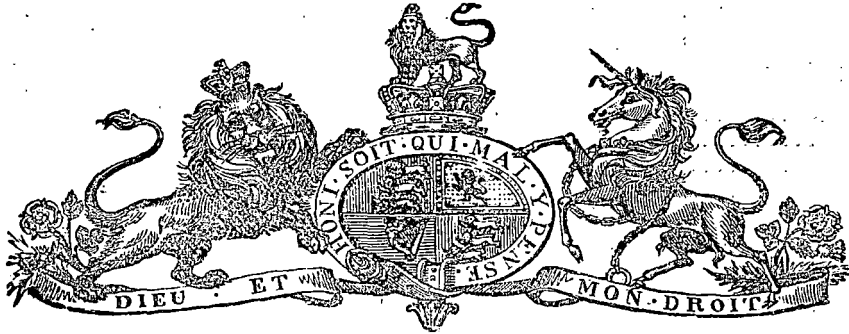
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**MELBOURNE AND PHILADELPHIA  
EXHIBITIONS:**

**FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS.**

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 24, 1877.



To His Excellency FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Tasmania.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

IN the second Progress Report which your Commissioners had the honor to present to Your Excellency on the 4th September, 1876, they referred to the fact of the opening of the Exhibition in Philadelphia, and stated that Tasmanian Wool, Minerals, and Grain had there excited the attention of a large number of American manufacturers and farmers, who were visitors at the Exhibition.

2. Your Commissioners now desire to report, finally, to Your Excellency that they have to the utmost of their ability carried out Your Excellency's instructions as conveyed in the Royal Commission issued on 13th March, 1875; and they trust that Your Excellency will agree with them that the results of the two Exhibitions have been eminently successful.

3. In the Melbourne Division of the Exhibition, which closed in October, 1875, Tasmania presented a selection of products to the number of 332 separate exhibits, which resulted in their being awarded, by the Victorian Judges, Four Silver Medals, Twenty-two Bronze Medals, and Thirty-two Certificates of Honor.

4. In the Philadelphia Division, Tasmania presented 194 selected exhibits, most of which had already received prizes in Melbourne; and these were awarded, by the American Judges, Twenty-nine Bronze Medals and Twenty-nine Certificates or Diplomas of Honor. Although the success which this Colony met with may be deemed highly satisfactory, it is to be regretted that the whole of the exhibits sent were not available to be placed in the Tasmanian Court; a large number of these, owing to the disgraceful conduct of the master of the ship which conveyed them to America, having been destroyed, for the loss of which your Commissioners fear there is no redress. See Appendix A.

5. Whilst the result of the combined Exhibitions has been the means of making known our various products, it has had the effect of bringing before the American public the very fine wool which our sheep produce; the valuable tin and other ores of our extensive mines; and the grain, which has received the unqualified admiration of American farmers and Agricultural Societies, who have sought and since obtained, through the Secretary to your Commissioners, samples of the grain of this Colony. See Appendix B.

6. In return for small presents of exhibits which your Commissioners, by the liberality of their owners, have been enabled to make to several Scientific Institutions in America, there has been a reciprocity on their part in the form of upwards of a thousand volumes of American Books, recently published on various subjects, with a promise of more annually; and also of a large number of forest trees, and other useful seeds. Under instructions from the Executive Government, these books and seeds have been judiciously distributed throughout the Colony; and they will doubtless be valued by the various recipients. See Appendix C.

7. The Abstracts of Expense, which are annexed to this Report, show the amount expended for the Melbourne portion to have been £575, of which £152 were incurred by the Melbourne Agent; and of the Philadelphia portion about £762, of which sum nearly two-thirds, or £444, were for freight to America and expenses in fitting up the Tasmanian Court there. See Appendices D. and E.

8. Although the expenditure has exceeded the estimate of your Commissioners, they consider that it will bear a favourable comparison with that of the other Exhibitions in which Tasmania has taken part, as will be seen by the following Table:—

EXHIBITION.	Year.	No. of Exhibitors.	No. of Exhibits.	Prizes.		Cost to the Colony.
				Medals.	Certificates of Honor.	
London .....	1851	88	349	13	18	£ 2000
Paris .....	1855	89	609	14	9	2000
London .....	1862	148	668	26	26	4100
Melbourne .....	1866-7	178	738	72	89	800
Melbourne .....	1875	149	332	26	32	575
Philadelphia .....	1876	86	194	29	29	762*

\* From this may be deducted 1000 dollars, equal to £200, for the value of Books, &c. in return.

In conclusion, your Commissioners resign their trust to Your Excellency with the full confidence that the results of these combined Exhibitions have been, and will be, very favourable to the future interests of Tasmania.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

J. M. WILSON, *Chairman.*

HUGH M. HULL, *Secretary.*  
23rd July, 1877.

In referring this Report to Ministers, it affords me much pleasure to express the high sense I entertain of the zealous and well-directed exertions of the Commissioners, which has resulted in a success which fully justifies the hope with which they conclude this Report—that the results of these combined Exhibitions have been, and will be, very favourable to the future interests of Tasmania.

FRED. A. WELD.  
24 July, 1877.

## APPENDIX A.

### EXHIBITS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED PER "SKERRYVORE," FOR AMERICA.

CASE.	COMPLETELY DESTROYED.	CASE.	DAMAGED TO 10 PER CENT. OF VALUE.
402.	Launceston Photographs (34).	611.	D. Taylor's Wool, 6 fleeces.
601.	Grass Seeds and Peas (Cresswell).	612.	Ditto, ditto.
602.	Wheat and Oats (Dalgety and Dean).	615.	Wool (Keach, Parramore, Taylor).
605.	Blue Gum Seeds (Gulliver and Lipscombe).	627.	" (MacLanachan).
606.	Oats, Barley, and Wheat (Archer, Cresswell, and Harrap).	632.	" (John Taylor).
609.	Malt and Flour (Gracie, Degraives, Gibson, and Dossetor).	643.	" (G. Taylor).
	DAMAGED TO 75 PER CENT. OF VALUE.	645.	" (MacLanachan).
619.	Skins, Furs, and Leather (Commissioners, Arnett, and Gardner).	649.	" (D. Taylor).
	DAMAGED TO 50 PER CENT. OF VALUE.	651.	" (D. Taylor).
604.	Wheat and Oats (Cresswell).	652.	" (G. Taylor).
608.	Seeds (Cresswell and Gulliver).	653.	" (W. H. Gibson).
		654.	" (Bale of, John Taylor).
		655.	" (Bale of, T. Parramore).
			DAMAGED TO 10 PER CENT. OF VALUE.
		622.	Shells (Davies).

*Report of Lloyd's Surveyor in Philadelphia—(Charges 31 Dollars.)*

## APPENDIX B.

### TASMANIA.

*Office of the Royal Commission for the Philadelphia Exhibition.*

Sir,  
I AM desired by the Royal Commissioners to inform you, in reply to applications made to the Representative Commissioner, Mr. Welch, that it is the desire of the Commissioners to reciprocate the liberality shown to the Colony by several of the Scientific Societies of America, and to forward by the first vessel to New York the Products of Tasmania which are named on the opposite page, in order that they may be placed in the Museums or Institutions named on the annexed page, as illustrative of the varied productions of Tasmania.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

HUGH M. HULL, *Hon. Secretary.*

*To the Director of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington.*

(Copy.)

25th June, 1877.

Sir,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I have packed in two boxes 12 bushels of the finest Farmer's Friend Wheat that could be obtained for the purpose of being presented through the Smithsonian Institute to the Societies named in the enclosed list, which had applied to the Royal Commissioners for the Philadelphia Exhibition for an exchange of seeds, and some of whom had sent us a variety of seeds which I have distributed to the persons and societies named in the list herein,\* in order that they may be as widely and usefully spread as possible.

I may say that our farmers who received samples of the American Wheat from the Exhibition stated that the finest Wheat of America was far inferior to that of Tasmania.

The expense of these 12 bushels will form part of the £20 authorised by your letter of 7th March, 1877, (No. 297).

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) HUGH M. HULL, *Hon. Secretary.**The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

\* Royal Society, General Cemetery, 27 other persons.

## SENT TO THE AMERICAN CONSUL, LONDON.

*For the Smithsonian Institute, Washington.*

Journals of Legislative Council, 1873, 1874, 1875.  
Journals of House of Assembly, Vols. 8, 9, 10, 12, 13,  
14, 15, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.  
Statistics for 1873, 1874, and 1875.  
Walch's Red Book for 1876 and 1877, 2 copies.  
Walch's Guide to Tasmania, 2 copies.  
Hull's 40 Years in Tasmania, 2 copies.  
Collins' Map, 2 copies.  
Standing Orders of Houses of Parliament.  
Tasmaniana (Just), 2 copies.  
Specimens of Tin Ore from 5 localities.  
5 lbs. Blue Gum Seed.  
5 lbs. Blackwood Seed.  
2 bushels Wheat.

*For the Museum of the Education Department for Ontario.*

Statistics for 1875.  
Walch's Almanac for 1877.  
Walch's Guide to Tasmania.  
Hull's 40 Years in Tasmania.  
Collins' Map.  
Tasmaniana.

*For the Museum of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, 1100, Girard-street, Philadelphia.*

Collins' Map.  
Specimens of Tin Ore from 5 localities.

*For the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis.*

Collins' Map.  
Specimens of Tin Ore from 5 localities.

*For the Museum of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, New York.*

Collins' Map.  
Specimens of Tin Ore from 5 localities.  
Bushel of Wheat.

*For the Mexican Commissioners, Philadelphia.*

Collins' Map.  
5 lbs. Blue Gum Seed.  
5 lbs. Blackwood Seed.

*For the Illinois Department of Agriculture.*

Collins' Map.  
Statistics for 1875.  
Walch's Almanac for 1877.  
Walch's Guide to Tasmania.  
Hull's 40 Years in Tasmania.  
Tasmaniana (Just).  
5 lbs. Blue Gum Seed.  
5 lbs. Blackwood Seed.  
Bushel of Wheat.

*For the Stacey Stone Dressing Machine Company, Philadelphia.*

Collins' Map.  
Statistics for 1875.  
Walch's Almanac for 1877.  
Walch's Guide to Tasmania.  
Hull's 40 Years in Tasmania.  
Tasmaniana (Just).

*For the Museum of the Society for Natural History, Wisconsin.*

Collins' Map.  
Statistics of Tasmania for 1875.  
Bushel of Wheat.

*For the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey.*

Collins' Map.  
Statistics for 1875.  
Walch's Almanac for 1877.  
Walch's Guide to Tasmania.  
Hull's 40 Years in Tasmania.  
Tasmaniana (Just).

*For the Commissioners of Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.*

Collins' Map.  
5 lbs. Blue Gum Seed.  
5 lbs. Blackwood Seed.  
A bushel of Wheat.

*For the Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts.*

Collins' Map.  
Statistics for 1875.  
Walch's Almanac for 1877.  
Walch's Guide to Tasmania.  
Hull's 40 Years in Tasmania.  
Tasmaniana (Just).

*For the Museum of the Department of Public Instruction, Iowa.*

Collins' Map.  
Specimens of Tin Ore from 5 localities.  
5 lbs. weight of Blue Gum Seed.  
5 lbs. of Blackwood Seed.  
Bushel of Wheat.

*For the Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.*

Collins' Map.  
Statistics for 1875.  
Walch's Almanac for 1877.  
Walch's Guide to Tasmania.  
Hull's 40 Years in Tasmania.  
Tasmaniana (Just).

*For the Department of Agriculture, New Hampshire State, Concord.*

Collins' Map.  
5 lbs. Blue Gum Seed.  
5 lbs. Blackwood Seed.  
Bushel of Wheat.

*For the Museum of Natural History, Wisconsin.*

A bushel of Wheat.

*For the York Society, Pennsylvania.*

A bushel of Wheat

*For the Ohio Agricultural Society,*

A bushel of Wheat.

*For Messrs. Landreth & Sons, and Mr. J. M. Heiger.*

Two bushels of Wheat

## APPENDIX C.

1. *Books presented by the Duke of Richmond.*  
 A Quarto Volume of the British Section of the Exhibition—  
 To Legislative Council Library.  
 Parliamentary Library.  
 Commissioners' Secretary.  
*Mercury*, Newspaper.  
*Launceston Examiner*, Newspaper.  
 Launceston Public Library.  
 Launceston Mechanics' Institute.  
 Launceston Agricultural Association.  
 Tasmanian Agricultural Association.
2. *From the Smithsonian Institution, Washington.*  
 961 Volumes of Books and Pamphlets : issued to—  
 Parliamentary Library.  
 Public Library.
- Royal Society.  
 Statistician.  
 Colonial Secretary.  
 Registrar Supreme Court.  
 Council of Education.
3. *From the Commissioners, Fairmount Park.*  
 Lithographs of Stud Sheep : issued to Chief Inspector of Sheep and 20 Sheepowners.
4. Illustrated Price Lists of American Manufactures : issued to Newspaper Offices and Tradespeople.
5. *From the Exhibition Commission, America.*  
 Specimens of Cinchona and other Barks : issued to the Royal Society's Museum.
6. Seeds of American Forest Trees, Grain, Pulse, and Grass : sent to Royal Society, General Cemetery, and 27 others.

## APPENDIX D.

## MELBOURNE PORTION.

*ABSTRACT of Expenses of the Royal Commissioners from 13th March, 1875, to 31st December, 1876.*

	£	s.	d.
Advertising and Printing.....	97	19	8
Boxes for Wool Exhibits .....	28	16	6
Boxes for Grain.....	27	6	6
Packing, Carting, Coach Charges .....	45	14	1
Expenses of Local Exhibition .....	5	18	3
Telegrams to and from Melbourne .....	6	17	4
Expenses of Launceston Commission.....	50	0	0
Expenses of Mr. Commissioner Ditcham .....	30	0	0
Expenses of Mr. Commissioner Castray.....	57	3	1
Expenses of Messrs. Welch & Co. in Melbourne.....	152	12	5
Storeman's Wages.....	17	0	0
Secretarial Aid, March to 31 December, 1875 .....	55	13	0
	<u>£575</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>

## APPENDIX E.

## PHILADELPHIA PORTION.

*ABSTRACT of Expenses of the Royal Commissioners from 1st January, 1876, to 30th June, 1877.*

	£	s.	d.
Advertising and Printing.....	2	14	0
Preparation of Exhibits .....	8	15	0
Boxes for Exhibits.....	30	10	3
Packing and Cartage.....	9	16	0
Telegrams .....	1	11	0
Insurance of Exhibits to America).....	5	0	8
Freight of Exhibits to America .....	203	3	2
"Skerryvore" Expenses.....	18	0	0
Personal Expenses of Mr. Welch.....	82	18	0
Fittings of Tasmanian Court, Philadelphia.....	241	0	0
Press Reports in America .....	10	0	0
<i>Mercury</i> , Special Newspaper.....	25	0	0
Furs and Skins for Exhibition.....	35	0	4
Subscription to Colonel Sandford .....	10	0	0
Bank for Bills of Exchange .....	6	4	10
Secretarial Aid, 18 months, to 30th June, 1877 .....	—	—	—
	<u>689</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>
Proceeds of Tin Exhibit sold in America, to be accounted for by Mr. Welch .....	72	13	6
	<u>£762</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

## LIST OF AWARDS TO TASMANIA.

MEDAL AND DIPLOMA OF HONOR.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Wool.</i></p> <p>W. H. D. Archer, Brickendon. James Brock, Campania. James Gibson, Belle Vue. William Gibson &amp; Son, Perth. William Henry Gibson, Fairfield. C. Headlam, Egglestone. G. W. Keach, Chiswick. J. MacLanachan, Ballochmyle. T. Parramore, Beaufront. F. Shaw, Red Banks. W. S. Sharland, Woodbridge. Samuel Page, Hobart Town. George Taylor, Milford. John Taylor, Winton. David Taylor, St. Johnstone. J. Ralston, Logan. G. Wilson, Ashgrove.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Slate.</i></p> <p>Lyell &amp; Gowan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Tin.</i></p> <p>Mount Bischoff Company.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Freestone.</i></p> <p>W. A. Kermode, Mona Vale.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Grain.</i></p> <p>C. F. Cresswell, Hobart Town. W. H. D. Archer, Brickendon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Wheat.</i></p> <p>G. Kemp, Maiden Erleigh.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Seeds.</i></p> <p>C. F. Cresswell, Hobart Town.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Brown Trout.</i></p> <p>Salmon Commissioners.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Ores and Rocks.</i></p> <p>Commissioners of Tasmania.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Blue Gum Oil.</i></p> <p>Lunatic Asylum Commissioners.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Hat Manufacture.</i></p> <p>J. Bidencope, Hobart Town.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For General Collection.</i></p> <p>Government of Tasmania.</p>
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*Tasmanian Commission, International Exhibition,  
78, Lombard-street, 13th April, 1877.*

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE no favour of yours by last mail to reply to.

A few days since I received the enclosed letter from Colonel Sandford, which, if you have no wish to keep for reference, I should like to have returned.

I have enquired about the Medals, but nothing further has been heard of them.

*Paris Exhibition.*—I have been requested to do what I could to induce your Government to exhibit. It is quite believed that it will surpass anything that has yet been attempted. I see no reason why you should not make a very good show at comparatively small cost for very many of the more expensive things, such as the huge blocks of iron that cost in freight alone to Philadelphia between £30 and £40. The minerals should all be well represented, as also timbers, seeds, cereals, wools, &c.

I shall be very glad to offer my services; and, as the expenses of living, &c. are exceedingly moderate in Paris compared to America, I anticipate the expense would not be great; and, moreover, it might not be absolutely necessary to remain the whole time on the spot. Even should the other Colonies not decide to exhibit, it would probably do your Colony more good than ever if properly represented.

Awaiting favours,

I am,

Dear Sir,  
Yours obediently,

HENRY P. WELCH.

HUGH M. HULL, Esq.,  
Hon. Secretary Exhibition Commissioners, Hobart Town.