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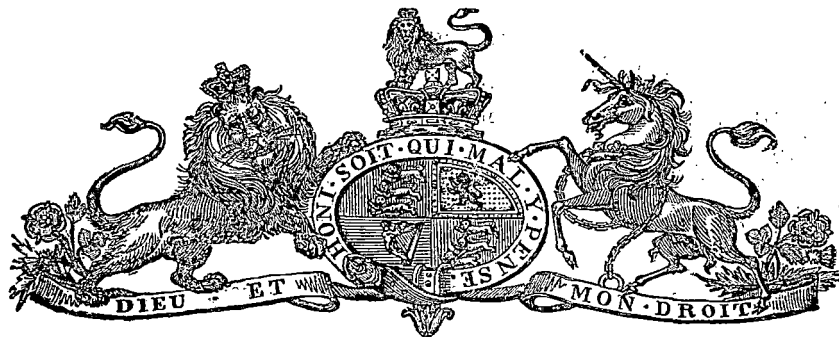
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L I B R A R Y.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

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THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE of the House of Assembly, appointed on the 15th December, 1856, have agreed to the following

REPORT.

Your Committee having, in accordance with the instructions received from your Honorable House, met on several occasions the Members of the Library Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, have, with their concurrence, agreed to recommend,—

1. That the Legislative Council and House of Assembly should possess one common Library, to be called the "Parliamentary Library of Tasmania."

2. That, for the management of the Library, a Joint Committee should be appointed at the commencement of each Session, to consist of five Members of each House.

4. That the following Works should be purchased and added to the Library :—

Adamson's Acts of Council of the Colony of Victoria.
 American Catalogue of Works, or English Guide to American Literature.
 Annals of British Legislation, by Professor Leone Levi (a serial).
 Annual Register, from its commencement, and to be continued.
 Austin's Province of Jurisprudence determined.
 Bacon's Works, by Robert L. Ellis, J. Spedding, and D. D. Heath.
 Blackstone's English Charters.
 Bohn's large Catalogue.
 British Commonwealth, by Homersham Cox.
 Broome's Law Maxims.
 Clarendon's History of the Great Rebellion.
 Classified Index to the London Catalogue (latest edition).
 Code Napoleon.
 Constitutional History of the United States of America, by George W. Curtis.
 De Quincey's Logic of Political Economy.
 Edinburgh Review, from the commencement (bound).
 Gilbert's History of Banking.
 Gilbert's Practical System of Banking.
 Guicciardini's History of Italy (translation, an old edition).
 Guizot's Commonwealth.
 Guizot's Cromwell.
 Guizot's Cromwell (Richard).
 Guizot's Representative Government.
 Hamilton's (Sir W.) Contributions to the *Edinburgh Review*.
 Hansard's Parliamentary Debates, from vol. 129, and to be continued.
 Heldreth's History of the United States.
 Hume's Essays (the complete edition).
 Johnson's English Dictionary (folio).
 Lefevre (Mr. Speaker), Decisions of.
 Lieber's Representative Government.
 Lowndes' Bookbuyer's Catalogue.
 M'Culloch's Discourses on Political Economy.
 M'Culloch's Literature of Political Economy.
 M'Culloch's Principles of Political Economy.
 M'Culloch's Succession to Property vacant by Death.
 Machiavelli's Discourses on Livy (Bohn's edition.)
 Manual of Educational Requirements for the Civil Service, by R. Dawes, M.A.

Marlborough Despatches, The.
 Marshall's (Chief Justice) Decisions on Constitutional Law.
 Martin's Colonies (complete), if cheap.
 Memoirs of Sir R. Peel, by Lord Stanhope.
 Merivale's History of the Roman Commonwealth.
 Metcalfe (Sir W.), Life of.
 Millar on the English Constitution.
 Milton's Prose Works.
 Motley's Rise of the Dutch Republics (Chapman & Hall.)
 Natural Elements of Political Economy, by Richard Jennings, M.A.
 Nelson Papers.
 New York Code, and the Report of the New York Commissioners.
 Quarterly Review, complete from the commencement to the end of 1855, including all the Indexes, 97 Vols., half bound, fresh Russia, £11 11s.
 Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. Printed by order of the Legislature, by R. B. Shustleff.
 Romilly, Life of Sir Samuel.
 Sismondi's History of the Italian Republics. (Translated, complete edition.)
 Sismondi's Miscellaneous Works.
 Story's (Judge) Life and Correspondence.
 Thornton's Plea for Peasant Proprietors.
 Use and Abuse of some Political Terms, by Sir G. C. Lewis. (J. W. Parker, Publisher.)
 Walpole, Coxe's, (if cheap.)
 Walpole's (Horace) Correspondence. (Bentley, Publisher.)
 Washington's Life and Correspondence, by Sparks.
 Webster's complete English Dictionary and Supplement. (Quarto).
 Wellesley's Despatches (Marquis of).
 Wellington Despatches (Selection by Gurwood).
 Whateley's Synonyms.
 Whealin's International Law.
 Wyndham's Speeches.
 Also the Volumes necessary to perfect any incomplete Works now in the Library.

5. That, as favourable opportunities may frequently present themselves during the Recess for procuring additional Works at Sales by Auction or otherwise, the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of your Honorable House should be authorised to purchase such as they may consider desirable for the Library, on the condition that the sum thus expended shall not exceed £20, and shall be within the limit of the provision voted by Parliament for the maintenance of the Library.

6. Your Committee have had under consideration the question of the expediency of effecting an exchange of the Parliamentary Papers of this Colony for those of other British Possessions; and they are of opinion that, considering the small amount of accommodation now set apart for the Library, such an arrangement should be limited to the neighbouring Colonies of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and to Canada; in which last Responsible Government has been most successfully carried out. With the three first named these Papers are already regularly interchanged; and it only remains therefore for your Committee to recommend that the necessary steps should be taken in the case of Canada.

7. Your Committee would repeat the recommendation made by the Library Committee which sat during the last Session of the late Legislative Council, but which does not appear yet to have been acted upon,—that an application should be made to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, requesting that all Papers of the Imperial Parliament for the last five years may be sent to the Colony without delay, and that for the future these Papers may be forwarded as they are published; and, in addition, they would propose that a set of the Lords' and Commons' Journals, complete as far as practicable up to the present time, should be obtained,—to be continued at the termination of each Session of Parliament.

8. And, finally, your Committee would recommend that the Librarian should be instructed, under the direction of Mr. Speaker, to adopt the necessary steps to obtain the Works and Papers recommended in this Report.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Chairman.*