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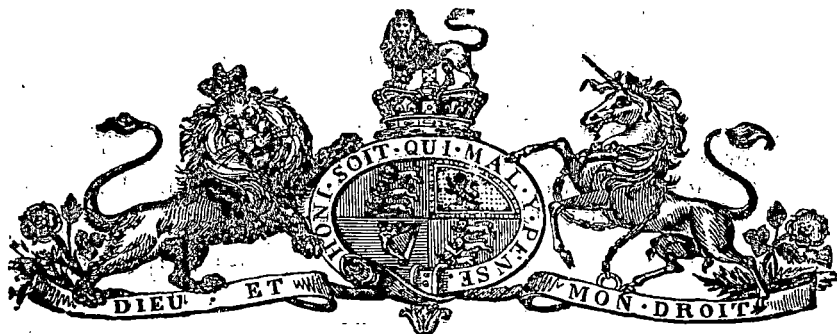
T A S M A N I A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

COLLECTION OF RAILWAY RATE.

Copies of Telegrams between Mr. Murphy, the Mayor of Launceston, and the Government, respecting the assistance of the Police in the collection of the Railway Rate.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 12, 1874.



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TASMANIA.—ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

Telegram for the Inspector of Police, Hobart Town.

RIOTING last night: again apprehended to-night. Property damaged. Coulter severely assaulted. Assistance of Rural Police requested to-night. Please send me authority.

From JOHN MURPHY, Mayor.
Launceston, 10.32 A.M. 6th February, 1874.

Telegram for transmission to the Mayor, Launceston.

INSTRUCTIONS sent to Mr. Propsting to render Mayor every assistance he can with Territorial Police. Send for him and instruct.

(Signed) J. FORSTER.
6. 2. 74.

TASMANIA.—ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

[Words 75. Charges 6s. 5d. Free. Station, Hobarton. Date, 7. 2. 74. Time, 10.33 A.M.]

To the Hon. T. D. CHAPMAN, Hobart Town.

Launceston, 7. 2. 74, 10.22.

It is reported that armed constables are detained at Perth through breaking down of coach. If so, it will be wise to detain them there for the present, as their appearance in Launceston would be provocative of greater violence; at any rate, have them detained there until I consult with the Aldermen. We are anxious, and determined to put the violence down if possible; but, in the first instance, must use temperate but firm measures.

(Signed) JOHN MURPHY.

Telegram for His Worship the Mayor, Launceston.

11 A.M., 7th February, 1874.

THE Constables you refer to were despatched in consequence of your request for assistance, and their special duty will be to protect the Public Buildings and to co-operate with your Police if called upon.

(Signed) THOS. D. CHAPMAN, Colonial Secretary.
Hobart Town, 11 A.M., 7th February, 1874.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

[Words, 60. Charges, 5s. 2d. Hobart Town. Date 7. 2. 74. Time, 8.5.]

From Launceston to the Honorable T. D. CHAPMAN, Esq.

7. 2. 74. Time, 7.47 P.M.

CONFIDENTIAL.—Reported to us to-day by one of the mob to the Police that they intended burning down the Railway Station. I at once communicated with Mr. Lord, and have arranged that his force, with the Southern Police, remain at Railway Station until Monday morning. I give you the rumour as it reached me, and will wire you again later.

(Signed) JOHN MURPHY.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

[Words, 165. Charges, 14s. 9d., free. Hobart Town. Date, 7. 2. 74. Time, 10.45.]

*To the Hon. T. D. CHAPMAN, Esq.**From Launceston, 7. 2. 74., 10.20.*

THE town to-night so far has been quiet, and we do not anticipate any demonstration; but many of the leaders are kept employed until late, and the Circus being open may keep some of them quiet; still I think for to-night all is safe. At the Railway Station everything is prepared if an attempt should be made. Might I suggest the desirability of no action being taken next week? I have just met Mr. Reeve, and he informs me that some two hundred navvies have been discharged this week and are making their way towards Launceston, and these men, if excited by drink at the Races, might assist in making a riot during the night of the Races. It is reported that a great number of summonses are to be issued next week among the poorer and labouring classes; and if these men, assisted by the navvies, join in any demonstration, it would be difficult to suppress it. Might I request, for the peace of the town, that this suggestion be well considered by the Executive?

(Signed) JOHN MURPHY.
Launceston.