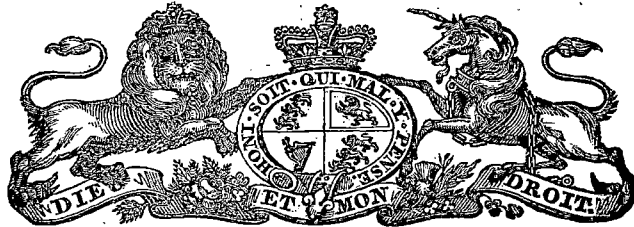


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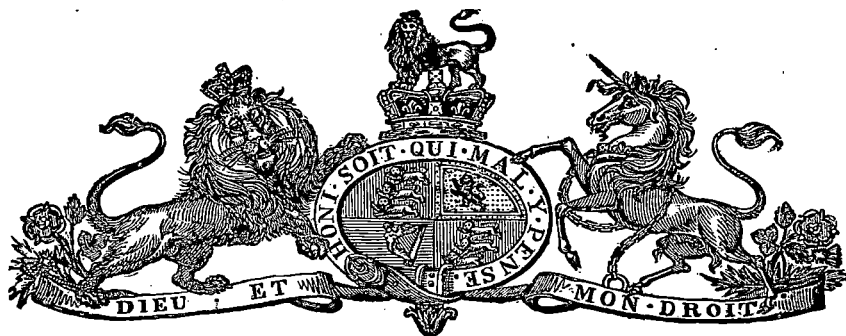
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

H U N T . C A S E :

MEMORANDUM OF MINISTERS, AND MINUTE OF THE
GOVERNOR.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Crowther, and ordered by the Council to be printed.
May 13, 1879.



MEMORANDUM.

MINISTERS being desirous to end an interminable correspondence in relation to the Hunt case, and anxious that good feeling should be restored between all parties to the controversy, and knowing that the views of His Excellency the Governor were in accord with Ministers upon this subject, deemed it expedient, as no public policy was involved, to advise His Excellency not to lay the Despatches and Correspondence before Parliament.

The action taken by the Legislative Council yesterday, however, leaves Ministers no alternative but to advise the publication of all the Despatches and Correspondence incidental to the controversy. Ministers having nothing on their part to conceal, now believe that, in order to prevent further misrepresentations and misunderstanding, it behoves them to place Parliament in possession of all documents bearing upon the subject.

WILLIAM LODGE CROWTHER, *Premier.*

Cabinet Office, 7th May, 1879.

THE Governor concurs in the Memorandum by Ministers of 7th of May. He had already minuted his assent to the request of the Legislative Council on their Address.

Whilst, (*vide* Memo. of 30th June and 8th February, 1877), he has desired to prevent an unnecessary controversy, he has ever been favourable to the production of papers or despatches of public import at the request of Parliament.

In this case the production of part seems to involve the production of the whole.

The Governor points out to Ministers, as he did to their predecessors, that whatever may be his personal views—he, (in matters not involving Imperial interests, or the prerogatives of the Crown, directly or indirectly), considers his Responsible Advisers to be answerable to Parliament for advising the production of despatches and for the policy of such production, but does not consider that such responsibility renders it incumbent on them to defend any view or statement therein expressed by the Governor.

FRED. A. WELD, *Governor.*

*Government House, Hobart Town,
8th May, 1879.*