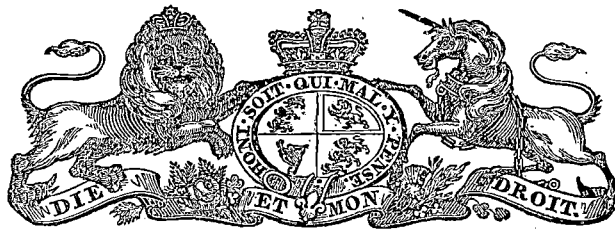


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PUBLIC EDUCATION.

ADDRESS OF THE COUNCIL TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE  
GOVERNOR, AND REPLY TO THE SAME.

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Presented by Sir R. Dry; and ordered by the Council to be printed, October 10,  
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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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*To His Excellency COLONEL THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., Captain-General  
and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause effect to be given to the following Resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*, That, having had under consideration the Report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the "present system of Public Education in this Colony, and the best mode of reducing the present Government expenditure under that head, and at the same time of securing the greatest amount of benefit from the advantages placed at the disposal of the community for Educational purposes," the Legislative Council is of opinion that the Commissioners have displayed zeal, assiduity, and judgment in the prosecution of the important enquiry entrusted to them.

2. The Legislative Council approves of the Recommendations of the Commissioners ; viz.—

That the system of Public School Education be provided for by legal enactment ; the Bill to be submitted to Parliament for that purpose leaving the following proposals to its decision :—

1. The compulsory education of neglected children,—where the parents are in a situation to defray the expense, at their cost ; where they are not, at that of the State.

2. Providing that licences or certificates of different grades should be required from Teachers, and disqualifying uncertificated persons from prosecuting that calling. Also, that School-houses be licensed.

3. The appointment of a Central authority in connection with Schools, and with defined powers.

4. The appointment of Local authorities.

5. Also of Inspectors.

6. Providing for Education by a fixed grant instead of an annual vote, and the objects and the conditions of its outlay.

7. Securing reserves in various parts of the Island for School-houses and Teachers' dwellings, &c.

W. NAIRN, *President.*

Passed the Legislative Council this 26th day of September, 1867.

E. C. NOWELL, *Clerk of the Council.*

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Assented to.

T. GORE BROWNE,  
30 September, 1867.