



Premier's Office,

Hobart.

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1889.

Sir,

*3.5.90.*  
I have the honor to forward to you, herewith, a Commission under the signature of His Excellency the Governor empowering you to treat with the Directors of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company Limited for the purchase of their property.

In the event of your finding it possible, on your arrival in London, to procure any proposals for such purchase better than those now

The Honorable  
Andrew Inglis Clark,

Attorney General &c. &c.

in the hands of the Government, &  
which if accepted would render it  
possible to complete the purchase  
without proceeding with the appeal  
to the Privy Council, I shall be  
glad if you will call such proposals  
so that they may be considered in  
Cabinet and if necessary by Parliament  
at the earliest opportunity.

In any case I desire you  
clearly to understand that although  
you take with you full authority  
to act for the Government in the  
completion of purchase if terms are  
finally agreed upon between the  
Company

Company and the Colony, yet you are  
not to conclude any negotiations which  
will bind the Colony without the full  
knowledge of those terms having been  
communicated to Ministers or without  
their sanction having been conveyed  
to you.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Pitt