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Elections to Tasmanian Society.

Letter as to the printing of
Tasmanian Journal.

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My dear Sir,

I find it difficult to remember all the circumstances originally connected with the printing of the magazine, but I believe they were nearly as follows.

When it was first determined to publish the "Fremontian Journal" I applied to Mr. Bliston to ascertain whether it could be printed by him. He said he could but only by throwing off half a sheet a time, as he had not a sufficient quantity of some of the kinds of type required. At his request I asked the Government Printer if he could spare the quantity wanted by Mr. Bliston upon the condition that it should be returned as soon as he could obtain some from England, but Mr. Barnard could not comply. The Courier was consequently printed twice a week, and if I recollect rightly greater difficulties arose to the

printing of the Magazine by Mr. Bellamy
without a larger supply of type. I then
asked him if it could be printed at any
other Office in Hobart, but he replied
that it could not, as there was no office
had a sufficient quantity of good type of
the description required to do the work well,
and it was particularly desirable that such a
publication should afford a good specimen
of the typography of the Colony.

At Launceston Mr. Davison had sent
his establishment to Mr. Knight - who was
printing two newspapers, and could not
undertake the publication of a Magazine. The
character of the type of the Cornwall Chronicle
rendered the employment of that office impossible.

Neatness and accuracy were deemed
essentials in a Scientific Periodical, and
the miserable blundering style in which all
the newspapers were got up, except the School
Town Courier & Launceston Advertiser, was
enough to have deterred from the employment