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Report to the Society.

Gentlemen In accordance with a Resolution passed at the last Meeting of this Society, the publication of the 1st no. of your Journal commenced on the 20th ult. -

The members have all been provided with copies, & opportunities being offered of communicating with New South Wales, New Zealand & England, I have taken upon myself without waiting to receive your commands on this subject, to forward copies to such persons & Societies in those countries respectively as appeared likely to take an interest in your labours & whose cooperation it seemed of importance to secure.

Appended is a list of such persons & Societies. Most of those individuals in the neighbouring colonies who have been furnished with copies, have at the same time been requested to assist the Society by communications, in many instances a particular subject has been suggested. -

The edition amounts of 750 copies. Of this number, have been distributed among the members, have been forwarded to New South Wales, to New Zealand, & to London.

have been forwarded to the principal officers of the Government.

I beg to submit a list of about 50 names of persons in Europe to whom it might be advisable to send copies.

The following points are also submitted for your consideration & instruction. viz. 2.

1. What steps are to be taken for the public circulation of the work?
2. What number of copies should be sent to London, where it is believed Mr. Murray would undertake the publication of them?
3. What number of copies should be published in New South Wales?

4. What number is to be retained for circulation in the island & to whom the publication should be entrusted? — Mr. Tegg has offered to publish at 20 per cent commission, advertising at his own cost. Mr. R. Inan has been requested to make enquiries at Lancaster as to what arrangements can be made for the circulation of the work on that side of the island.

The expenses of the first number as at present ascertained, are 33.9 viz. 25 for paper & 8.9 for printing. The accounts of expenses attendant on the illustrations have not yet been rendered. The former amount has been paid to the respective parties.

The 2^d number is in progress, & can be prepared for publication if such is your pleasure, by the next meeting of the Society, viz. in October. It will comprise papers on the following subjects, viz.

1. Geology, by Mr. Lillie not sent
2. Vocabulary of the Adelaide tribe by Mr. Gell
3. Tertiary Magnetism, by Mr. Kay
4. The blood of the Ornithogorachus, by D^r. Hobson
5. Continuation of the account of the Fish collected in Oland.
6. Irrigation by Captain Cotton.
7. Medical Statistics by Mr. Bradford. not sent

The Miscellanea will contain Count Hurler's calculation of latitudes, with a view to irrigation, an account of a sea-clay, found at Port Arthur & other matters.

It will, it is to be hoped, be very hereforward to publish quarterly viz. in January, April, July & October.

(18) J. Hartwell Stenslowe
Secretary.

Letter to Sir George Sappers
electing him a member of the Tasm. Society.

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Hobart T.D.L. Aug. 24. 1842.

Sir I have the honor to inform your Excellency that at the last meeting of the Tasmannian Society, your Excellency was unanimously elected a member of the same. The members of the Society have done themselves this honor, trusting that you will not be disinclined to accept this mark of their esteem & to unite in an object so worthy of your especial regard, as the promotion of science in Australia.

I have the honor to be, Sir
your Excellency's obedient servant.

(sd) John Philip Gill
Secretary.

To His Excellency
Sir George Sappers & Co. &c.

D^o to Captain Hobson R. N.
Governor of New Zealand.

Hobart. T.D.L. Aug. 24. 1842.

Sir I have the honor to inform your Excellency that at the last meeting of the Tasmannian Society, you were unanimously elected a member of the same; & I trust that your Excellency will accept this mark of regard & esteem from the members of the Society, as well as their honor of co-operating in their objects, by the communication of such statistical & other scientific information, as may from time to time be in your power.

I have the honor to be, Sir
your Excellency's most obt. servant
(sd) John Philip Gill
Secretary.

To His Excellency
Captain Hobson
Governor

D^o to the Rev^d Mr. Cotton. Hobart T.D.L. Aug. 24. 1842

Sir I do myself the honor of informing you that at the last meeting of the Tasmannian Society, you were unanimously elected a member. I beg to forward you copies of the Journal of the Society, & to request your contributions in future upon subjects unwarmed with New Zealand, which are always very interesting to us here. Allow me also to

add on my own account that I shall have the pleasure of claiming
an introduction to you, should we ever meet, through our mutual friend
the Rev. A. P. Stanley, son of the Bishop of Norwich, who mentions you
in his letter to me. However interesting your natural history may be
to me as the organ of the Tasmanian Society, your ecclesiastical proceedings
are much more so, & I should be much gratified to hear more of them
than we do, for our accounts are very scanty. Your communications
to the Society will be best addressed under cover to the Private Sec^y of the Soc^y.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

your faithfully

(2) John Philip Gell
Sec^y to the Society

D^o to Professor Renzie Sydney.

Robert T. D. Aug. 24. 1842

Sir I have the honor to inform you that at the last meeting
of the Tasmanian Society, you were unanimously elected a member
of the same; a compliment which I hope you will receive, as a mark
of their sense of the value of your exertions in the cause of Australian
science & your interest in the promotion of the objects of the Society.

I have &c

J. Professor Renzie

(10) J. P. Gell
Sec^y of the Society

D^o to Mr. James Backhouse

Robert T. D. Aug. 24. 1842

Sir I have the honor to inform you that at the last meeting of
the Tasmanian Society, you were unanimously elected a corresponding
member of the same. I trust that you will still find it in your power
to promote the interests of science in Australia, tho' so far removed from us,
& more especially by communicating the results of your experience in the
culture of Australian plants which is an object of great interest to the
Society.

I have the honor to be, Sir &c (2) John Philip Gell.

Secretary.

J. Mr. James Backhouse

D^o to Mr. R. H. Lewis.

Robert T. D. Aug. 4. 1842

Sir I do myself the honor of informing you that at the last meeting of
the Tasmanian Society, you were unanimously elected a corresponding member

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of the same; & I also try to forward to you a copy of the last published number
of the Journal of the Society, to which I trust that your investigations into
the natural history of the colony will enable you to supply valuable con-
tributions.

I have, &c. (s) John Philip Zill
Secretary of the Society

J. R. H. Lewis Esq-

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D^o. to St. Beeton R. St.

P. M. of Lancaster. (admitted).

Private letter to Capt Mr. Parker
accompanying the letter to Sir G. Siffes & Mr. Rennie.

My dear Sir Will you be good enough to convey the inclosed to the
parties for whom they are intended, & accept a copy of the last number
of the Journal of the Tasmanian Society, which I have already given
Mr. Rennie for you. It is intended to act as a return, expressing your
to suggest to Sir G. Siffes any of the numerous advantages which we
might confer upon us by sending us statistical returns, accounts,
of late discoveries &c. to be found in the Registry Govt. offices. From
being Editor of the Journal, I have stepped into Rennie's place of Secretary
to the Society, & in that capacity have addressed the inclosed to Sir G. Siffes,
informing him that we have elected him a member of our Society with
great applause on the motion of Sir J. Franklin, seconded by the acclama-
tions of the meeting. — x x —

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