

RS 16/11

28th Oct 1843. Hobart Town

Sir

I have the honor to inform you as a Corresponding Member of the Tasmanian Society that the Society has lately been entrusted with the Tasmanian Museum, built at Lady Franklin's expense for the reception of specimens of the Natural History of ~~Australia~~ Tasmania as well with a view to transmission to England as for the provision of Science in Tasmania.

A Library has also been established by the Society for the reception of Works illustrating the Natural History &c. of ~~Australia~~ Tasmania – also of Works published in these Colonies, or written by Authors who either [are] or have been our fellow Colonists.

To this Library your assistance is earnestly requested – and any gifts to it committed to the charge of Sir John Franklin, 21 Bedford Place, Russell Square - for the Tasmanian Library - will be gratefully received.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

John Philip Gell.

Secretary of the Tasmanian Society

To

Capt. Ross - R.N.

Transcribed by Gabrielle Irvin-Speck, 02/06/2020