

VAN DIEMEN'S
LAND.

Mr. Secretary
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it right to take a retrospect of the proceedings which have been adopted since the last communication was addressed to you, on the 10th March last, in which you were requested to send home certain information, with the view of ascertaining the probable amount of funds which would be applicable to the same service during the year 1834.

Since the first commencement of the arrangements for granting loans and bounties up to the present time, 422 families, consisting of 1,571 persons in number, and 310 single females, have received assistance from these funds; in addition to which the "Princess Royal," containing about 200 young women, whose arrival was reported in your despatch of 8th September last, has been dispatched from this country.

In estimating the sums which might be devoted to this object, some difficulty has been experienced, and I have therefore limited the expenditure on this account to the following amount :

In Loans	- - - - -	8,406
In Bounties, including the freight of the "Princess Royal"	- - - - -	7,114
	£.	15,520

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Adverting, however, to your despatches of the 9th July 1831, and of the 28th of June 1832, it would appear that, exclusive of the revenue which may be expected to be derived from the tax on convicts (whenever that measure comes into operation), there was a balance in the Colonial Treasury of 12,362*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.*, on account of land sold during the three and a half years, commencing the 1st July 1829 up to the 28th June 1832, which would be available towards the encouragement of emigration. You have stated also, that there is a sum amounting to 13,839*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* due to the Government on sales of land mortgaged to the public, bearing interest at five per cent. This latter sum cannot, for reasons which have been already stated to you in Lord Goderich's despatch of the 23d March last, be made available in the manner proposed by you; but, presuming that the interest is regularly paid, the further sum of 692*l.* annually may be calculated upon. These funds may be considered as at once applicable for the years 1832 and 1833; in addition to which may be safely estimated the funds arising from the current sales of land, which have taken place since the 28th of June 1832, and which would amount, upon the lowest scale, to 3,530*l.*, the average of the receipts which, as before stated, have arisen from the sales of land for the three and a half years preceding the 28th June 1832. The following, therefore, may be taken as the amount available for the years 1832 and 1833, exclusive of the convict tax :

	£.	s.	d.
Lands sold, up to June 1832	12,362	13	5
Interest for two years on land sold on mortgage	1,384	-	-
Lands sold, from June 1832 up to June 1833	3,530	-	-
Making a Total of	17,276	13	5

Besides all these resources, which are certain and already existing, it is calculated by the committee appointed to examine this question in the colony, that the projected taxes on ticket-of-leave men, and on convict mechanics, &c. will produce about 10,000*l.* annually, according to the estimate therein given. Without further examination, therefore, of the resources of Van Diemen's Land, enough has been said to show that the expenditure, as before stated, which has been incurred on account of emigration will not have exceeded the amount which can be found to meet it; and when from this amount comes to be deducted the repayments which have been, or which may be shortly expected to be, received into the Colonial Treasury, on account of those emigrants who have proceeded the earliest to the colony, a still further surplus of funds disposable for this purpose may not unreasonably be expected to exist, increased as it will be in consequence of the dreadful calamity which befel the "Hibernia," a ship freighted with emigrants from Liverpool, many of whom were destined for Van Diemen's Land, in whose favour loans and bounties were ordered to the amount of 292*l.*

Notwithstanding these circumstances, however, it has been deemed advisable to suspend, for the present, any further assistance; and the notice has been issued, of which