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FROM THE

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ELECT COMMITTEE

ON

MINES (BRITISH SETTLEMENTS)

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

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Martis, 9^o die Febraru

Ordered, THAT a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Native Inhabitants of Countries made; and to the Neighbouring Tribes, in order to secure their Justice, and the protection of their Rights; to promote the welfare of them, and to lead them to the peaceful and voluntary reception of

And a Committee was appointed of

Mr. Fowell Buxton.
Mr. Hardy.
Mr. Hawes.
Mr. Bonaw.
Sir Rufane Donkin.
Mr. Holland.
Charles Lushington.
George Grey.

Mr. Pease
Mr. Baiues
Mr. Andre
Mr. Hind
Mr. Pitt
Mr. W.
Colonel Th

Ordered, THAT the Committee have power to send for Persons, Papers, &c.
Ordered, THAT Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

Veneris, 11^o die Febraru, 1836.

Ordered, THAT the Minutes of Last night of the Committee of last Session be read over by the Committee.

Ordered, THAT the Committee have power to report the Minutes of the Extraordinary Session before them, together with their Observations thereupon, from time to time.

Martis, 12^o die Febraru,

Ordered, THAT Mr. Hardy be excused from serving on the Select Committee, and his place be added to the Committee.

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REPORT.

THE COMMITTEE appointed to consider what Measures ought to be adopted with respect to the Native Inhabitants of Countries where Settlements are made, and to the Neighbouring Tribes, in order to secure to them the due observance of Justice and the protection of their Persons; to promote the spread of Civilization among them, and to lead them to the peaceful and voluntary reception of the Christian Religion; to whom the Minutes of Evidence of the Committee of last Session referred; and who were empowered to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, together with their Observations thereupon, from time to time, to The House:—HAVE, pursuant to the Order of The House, examined the Matters to them referred, and have agreed to the following REPORT:

YOUR Committee have proceeded to take Evidence, and their Inquiry has extended to Southern Africa, the Canadas, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Wales and Van Diemen's Land. They have also received some Information relative to New Zealand and the South Sea Islands, which countries, though not British Possessions, are continually visited by Subjects of Great Britain, and on which many of them reside.

As a portion of the Evidence is not yet printed, Your Committee are at present unable to prepare a well-digested Report.

Your Committee, therefore, suggest the propriety of directing that the Minutes of Evidence be printed for the Information of The House, and of re-presenting them early in the next Session, in order that they may then be considered upon the very important subject committed to their Charge. The Committee will then be afforded of receiving Evidence, and of meeting any Allegations already made, which in their discretion being reserved of admitting or rejecting such Evidence, the Committee shall or shall not deem it to be material to the purposes of their Inquiry.

Your Committee are prepared at present to give an Account of the Countries and Tribes which merits the most careful Attention, and to furnish such Information as may be required for the purpose of the Report.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

DIVISIONS.

Lunæ, 6^o die Junii, 1836.

MOTION made and Question put, That Dr. Philip be not examined before this Committee on any matter touching the Aborigines of the Cape of Good Hope. Donkin.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 1.

Sir Rufane Donkin.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Charles Lushington.
Mr. Andrew Johnston.
Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Holland.

Lunæ, 20^o die Junii, 1836.

Motion made and Question put, That Tzatzoe be not examined before this Committee on any question of grievances which he may allege that he has endured, it appearing that the same have been communicated to the Government without his knowledge. William Gladstone.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. William Gladstone.
Sir Rufane Donkin.
Mr. Holland.
Mr. Bagshaw.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Charles Lushington.
Mr. Andrew Johnston.
Mr. Hindley.
Mr. Baines.

Chairman gave his casting vote in the negative.

Mercurii, 3^o die Augusti, 1836.

read:

"d, to leave out all the words from "careful attention," in the insert the words, "and that they believe it will be practicable with the uncivilized tribes, consonant to justice and humanity character of Great Britain," instead thereof.—Mr. Wilson hat the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Report."

The Committee divided.

Noes, 2.

Mr. Bagshaw.
Mr. William Gladstone.

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