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To Sir Wm Denison
Lieut Governor of
Van Diemens Land &c &c.

Having laid before my
Colleagues in office the plans and details
so kindly furnished for our consideration,
in connection with the proposed erection of
a Temperance Hall and Model Lodging
House, I beg leave respectfully to communicate
the result of our deliberations.

I regret having to state that, after viewing
the subject in all its bearings, we feel compelled
to arrive at the conclusion, that the expense
involved in the plan which contemplates the
combination of both objects under one roof, and
the limited means at our command, or even
any prospective resources that could reasonably
be anticipated, are such as to preclude the hope
that the undertaking could be satisfactorily
accomplished.

We are therefore constrained to fall back
on our original project, of erecting, in the first
instance, a Temperance Hall, that shall
include under the same roof, a Coffee House,
Reading

Reading-room and Library, for the use of the working classes; which we should hope to proceed with at once on obtaining a suitable site for the building.

The Model Lodging House would have to be undertaken at some future period, as soon as means could be realized commensurate with the object; in bringing about which the use of the Hall; in our efforts to diffuse information, & interest the public mind in the measure, would be highly auxiliary. We may also reasonably indulge the hope, that coincident with this result, the state of the labour market will be more propitious for carrying out the project economically.

I am therefore instructed earnestly to solicit the ^{sanction} of the Lieutenant Governor to the appropriation of a suitable piece of ground, say 60 feet by 160 - for the purpose specified, viz: a Temperance Hall; for which the spot pointed out by the Deputation at the S.E. angle of Murray & Davey Streets (supposing Davey Street to be carried right through) seems very well adapted. And should the wishes of the Deputation, acting on behalf of the Hobart Town Temperance and Total Abstinence Association, which we have the pleasure to

represent, he complied with, - we would ask
the further favour of the Trustees being placed
in a position to raise money on the property,
by the Government imposing a sum equivalent
to the value of the ground, as a lien thereon,
preventing its alienation until discharged.
We have little doubt the Society would thus
be enabled ^{early} speedily and effectually to complete
the undertaking.

I beg to subscribe myself,

Yours very respectfully

Geo. W. Walker.

(Chairman of the
Deputation)

Copy of Letter to
Sir Wm Denison
relative to a site
for the Temperance
Hall. }

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