





THE Suid Afrikaan.

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MONSTER HEADS AND WORTHLESS TAILS.

We are indebted to our distinguished Treasurer General for the important fact, that unless there is a "Head" with something more in it than is usually to be found on the shoulders of those in the inferior grades of the several departments of the public service, at the "head" of a department, nothing can reasonably be expected of it but irregularity, failure and disappointment.

Every body knows that it requires "precious little wisdom to govern the world," how much less to govern a very small portion of it. If a country is highly enlightened, and its population individually intelligent, independent circumstances, the Government is no longer compelled to conduct itself respectfully and irreproachably, but the rulers of a people under different circumstances will often take liberties, and do take liberties which would not be tolerated for a moment, were the political circumstances different.

But the Treasurer General has a way of arguing quite peculiar to himself, and irrespective of every principle of common sense, or a sound logic that has been hitherto enunciated. It seems to be as follows: The true measure of a man's capacity for office is a constant quantity, varying in direct proportion with his pay; increase the pay twofold and you double his efficiency; diminish it correspondingly, and you decrease half the effective result of his labors.

The House of Commons have, after interminable discussions, abolished the "compound household" and established what will probably be a local rate franchise for it. This is a very low franchise, but it is an advantage that the principle of personal rating is one which is likely to be maintained and if so will stop all further agitation.

He is reported to have made use of an old saying, "the question of salary to the Postmaster General," which no doubt will be of great benefit to the public, but the public strongly object to it, and will more to the surplus funds, which are all rather a private speculation of the very highest class.

By doing during the past month, the Treasurer General has done more than any other man in the colony, and Mr. Charles Stanfield, the well-known marine painter, Mr. Charles Kepp, the actor, is seriously ill.

APPOINTMENT.—Mrs. A. J. Wessels, as deputy postmistress at Sir Lowry's Pass.

POST OFFICES ABOLISHED.—From 1st August, the post offices at Simondium and Daljoseph will be abolished.

TULBAGH DIVISIONAL COUNCIL. Bokkeveld, 28th June, 1867. A. ARNHOLZ, Esq., M.D.C. Sir,—With much pleasure we have seen by the report of the meeting of the Divisional Council held at Tulbagh on the 3rd inst. your manly conduct and behaviour at the same, and we cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing to you our sincere thanks and approval as well as approbation for the manner in which you have conducted yourself.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL PER "CELT." On Friday last the Celt unexpectedly made her appearance in Table Bay, having accomplished the voyage from England in about 81 days.

THE MURDER AT BUSHMAN'S VLEY.—Vou Whitt, the executioner, has arrived in Coleridge, but the day on which the prisoner Booy is to be hung is not yet fixed. A correspondent writes to us, under date July 2, as follows: "Sir,—Most people were surprised this morning to hear that an effort would be made to save the life of Booy, the wretched Hottentot convicted at the last Circuit Court of murdering three or four of his own race on the farm Bushman's Vley, in this district.

Now, in the name of common sense, I would ask when is this manly humanitarianism to cease? Sorry am I to say that one of the oldest Wesleyan ministers in South Africa is the originator of this most absurd interference with justice.

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FREE STATE. (From the Friendly June 28, 1867.) SOMETHING NEW FOR THE "NATAL WRITERS."—Ours BLOODIED MURDER BY THE BASUTOS IN TIME OF PEACE.—On Sunday last, the intelligence reached this from Thaba Nchu, that an Englishman named Bunge, a former servant of the R.S.V. Mr. Dumas, and who had resided for some time with that gentleman at Mekuisting, had been put to death, in cold blood, by the Basutos,—rumour says, by, or at the instigation of a son of Marakub, and consequently a grandson of Molitani.

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