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The Parliament of the Commonwealth

House of Representatives.

Report

from the

Committee of

Elections and Qualifications

upon the

Petition of James Brooke Whitelaw

against the Return of

William Hartnoll

as a Member for the

State of Tasmania

together with the

Proceedings of the Committee

and Exhibits of Evidence.

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REPORT.

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications have the honour to report as follows on the Petition of James Crooke Whitelaw against the return of William Hartnell as a Member for the State of Tasmania:-

Your Committee find that there has been an informality in the nomination of Mr. Hartnell, inasmuch as his consent to the nomination was given by telegram instead of being written at the foot of the nomination paper as required by section 83 of the Electoral Act 1896 of Tasmania, the written consent by letter not reaching the Returning Officer until the day after the nomination.

Your Committee however do not consider the informality a sufficient reason for disturbing the election.

C. Hamilton

Chairman.

House of Representatives,

Committee Room, 28th May, 1902.