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## DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

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The Under Secretary for Lands to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 September, 1890.

I have the honor to submit, for your information, the Tenth Annual Report of the Department, indicating the business transacted during the year 1889.

### *Reorganization.*

The Departmental Board of Inquiry, which prior to 1889 had visited all the Land Board and District Survey Offices with the exception of those at Cooma and Sydney, brought their inspection to a conclusion during the year, and submitted five Progress Reports and their Final Report, in which were embodied recommendations of much importance affecting the methods of action adopted, and a proposal for a complete recasting of the personnel of the staffs, the inquiry having been of a thorough and searching character, initiated with a view to general retrenchment, the introduction of a uniform system, and the correction of defective administration.

The Board recommended the retirement of several officers whose services it was apparent were no longer required, and effect was given thereto at a saving to the Department of about £1,187 per annum.

Radical changes having been recommended in respect to country offices in the final Report, it was necessary that careful consideration should be extended to it before adopting and giving effect to the alterations involved; consequently action in respect thereto was not complete at the close of the year, and the reconstruction will become a matter for reference in the Report of the Department for the present year, and will be fully dealt with therein.

An investigation into the working of the General and Trigonometrical Survey Branches of the Department was also conducted by a Board, consisting of Messrs. Conder, M'Donald (Members of the former Board of Inquiry), and Mr. District Surveyor Allworth, and their report, in which considerable alterations were recommended, was furnished at the close of the year.

During the year an alteration in administrative arrangements was made, and the Forest Conservancy Branch, which had hitherto been under the control of this Department, was removed and vested in that of the Colonial Secretary; as a consequence no reference to the work effected by that Branch appears in connection with the present Report.

### *Caveats and Appeals.*

During the year 54 caveats were received against applications made under the law. 244 appeals were dealt with by the Minister resulting in 96 being upheld, while 125 were dismissed; others were postponed, and some were referred back to the Local Land Boards for further inquiry. Schedules I and V set forth the details in respect to the caveats and appeals.

*Expenditure in 1889.*

The amount voted by the Legislature to defray the expenses of the Department was £673,792, from which should be deducted the sum of £253,000, voted as a special account to meet claims for subsidies under the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883, and refunds to Pastoral Lessees, leaving the vote to cover the ordinary expenses at £420,792. A further appropriation of £2,689 will be required, making in all £676,481.

The actual expenditure for the year is £539,048.12s., and the estimated amount of claims outstanding may be set down at £8,700, leaving the total expenditure at about £547,748 12s., which will include a sum of £1,092 10s. 11d., paid from a vote under the Treasury Department for advertising. A saving of a little over £20,000 is expected in different items voted in excess of requirements for salaries and contingencies which will in due time be written off by the Treasury authorities.

The increase in expenditure over that of 1888 is due to the appropriations to meet claims for subsidies under the Rabbit Nuisance Act chargeable to previous years, and refunds on Pastoral Leases and Occupation Licenses, the liability for which was incurred in previous years and should have been so distributed; the appropriation, however, was only made during 1889.

*Auction Sales.*

The sales of town lots during 1889 were 1,539, aggregating 670 acres 1 rood  $33\frac{3}{4}$  perches, realizing £29,474 14s., an average of £43 19s. 3d. an acre being secured. This compares very favorably with the results obtained in 1888, when 1,734 lots were sold, containing an area of 688 acres and 17 perches for £19,661 1s. 6d., or an average of £28 11s.  $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. an acre. The sum of £3,956 was received for 40 acres 2 roods 31 perches at Blackheath, and was the largest amount secured at any one sale during the year. Details of the sales of this class of land are set forth in Schedule VII.

Schedule VIII indicates in detail the sales in respect of suburban land. It will be observed that 767 lots, containing 3,488 acres 3 roods 16 perches, were alienated for £22,080 2s., or an average of £6 6s.  $6\frac{3}{4}$ d. an acre. The average price secured during the year was an improvement on that of 1888, when 825 lots, comprising 4,669 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres, were disposed of for £22,929 11s. 6d., an average of £4 18s.  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. an acre.

The country lands alienated during the year consisted of 482 lots of an area of 18,429 acres 2 roods 30 perches, the price realised being £42,626 12s. 7d., an average of £2 6s. 3d. an acre.

The aggregate area submitted to auction during 1889 was 52,753 acres 3 roods  $29\frac{3}{4}$  perches, far below that permissible under the provisions of the 61st clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

	Year.	No. of lots offered.	Area offered.			No. of lots sold.	Area sold.			Amount realized.			Average price per acre.		
			a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Town .....	1888	4,476	1,881	1	$16\frac{1}{4}$	1,734	688	0	17	19,661	1	6	28	11	$5\frac{1}{2}$
	1889	3,014	1,312	2	$12\frac{3}{4}$	1,539	670	1	$31\frac{3}{4}$	29,474	14	0	43	19	3
Suburban ...	1888	1,841	9,734	2	$21\frac{3}{4}$	825	4,669	2	1	22,929	11	6	4	18	$2\frac{1}{2}$
	1889	1,509	7,420	3	$13\frac{3}{4}$	767	3,488	3	16	22,080	2	0	6	6	$6\frac{3}{4}$
Country .....	1888	3,437	221,441	0	39	1,781	100,127	1	$11\frac{1}{2}$	231,022	13	1	2	6	$1\frac{3}{4}$
	1889	1,122	44,020	2	$3\frac{3}{4}$	482	18,429	2	30	42,626	12	7	2	6	3

Deposit money to the value of £977 19s. 6d., paid in connection with 29 purchases, comprising 73 acres and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  perches, was forfeited consequent on the inability of the purchasers to complete the transactions. Guarantee deposits, to the extent of £30 17s. 6d., were returned to applicants who purchased the lands in connection with which the amounts were lodged, and the sum of £609 12s. 6d., purchase moneys and deed fees paid in excess, was also refunded to the parties concerned. The Crown, for sufficient reasons, having waived its right to the improvements effected on land sold, the value of such improvements (which had been added to the upset price of the land) amounting to £2,399 14s. 9d., was also refunded.

*Improvement*

### Improvement Purchases.

The number of applications to purchase land by virtue of improvements effected thereon, and occupied under the provisions of the Mining Act, received during the year was 872 for an area of 501 acres 3 roods 36 perches, of which 193 were refused and 105, containing an area of 43 acres 1 rood  $38\frac{4}{5}$  perches, at an appraised value of £4,406 12s. 6d. granted. Of the outstanding applications on the 31st December, 1888, 287 made under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and 95 under the repealed Acts, were also granted. Some of the latter included applications for land occupied by virtue of pastoral leases, &c. Details of the sales in consideration of improvements are set forth in Schedules XIII, XIV, and XV, and on reference thereto it will be observed that 487 portions, representing an area of 16,143 acres 2 roods  $12\frac{1}{2}\frac{7}{10}$  perches, were alienated for the sum of £43,631 15s. 6d., not inclusive of fines paid in connection with certain overdue amounts.

### Special Purchase Applications.

One hundred and ninety-six applications were put forward during the year, 6 being for the rescission of water frontage, 43 for permission to reclaim land, 24 for the purchase of small areas unavailable for conditional purchase, 98 for the purchase of unnecessary roads, and 25 for the exchange of roads.

An area of 982 acres 1 rood  $12\frac{1}{4}$  perches was alienated in satisfaction of the applications made under the Crown Lands Act of 1884 disposed of during 1889, some of which were lodged in previous years. An area of 552 acres and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  perches was also disposed of in compliance with applications made under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. The sum of £10,380 9s. was realised in connection with these alienations. The sale of 22 acres 3 roods and 13 perches in the County of Cumberland realised £6,475 11s. 7d.

The details in respect to the sales are set forth in Schedules XVI, XVII, XVIII.

### Conditional Purchases.

The business in connection with conditional purchases could scarcely be affected by the liberal provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, consequent on its only coming into operation on the 1st December, 1889, yet the number and area of applications made under this heading compare very favorably with those of 1888, 5,364 applications for an area of 865,199 acres and 38 perches having been made during the latter year, as against 6,205, comprising 903,159 acres 2 roods 9 perches in 1889. Of those lodged during 1889, 406 containing an area of 76,537 acres 2 roods, and involving a deposit of £8,601 15s. 5d., were made subsequently to the Crown Lands Act of 1889 coming into force. Included in the number lodged were 529 made under the provisions of the special area clause, the prices thereunder being in excess of those attached to ordinary conditional purchases. An analysis of the returns shows that 3,043 applications were lodged for original conditional purchases, 2,856 for additional conditional purchases, and 306 for non-residential conditional purchases.

The following Schedule affords a comparison between the business of this character transacted during the years 1888 and 1889:—

Year.	Section 26.				Section 42.				Section 47.				Total, Special Areas.				Grand Total.														
	No.	Area.		Deposit.	No.	Area.		Deposit.	No.	Area.		Deposit.	No.	Area.		Deposit.	No.	Area.		Deposit.											
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.			a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.			a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.								
1888	2474	560,109	3	23	56,010	19	11	2334	247,639	0	16	24,763	13	4	233	26,139	0	22	5,227	17	0	..	.....	.....	5364	865,199	0	38	93,153	4	3
	231	27,859	0	17	6,273	16	3	22	1,763	3	0	309	6	3	20	1,688	1	0	572	6	6	273	31,311	0		17	7,155	9	0		
1889	2722	533,213	0	0	53,321	3	0	2634	283,215	0	20	28,320	15	3	271	26,660	3	0	5,532	3	0	..	.....	.....	6205	903,159	2	9	99,854	6	3
	321	30,538	2	25	8,020	6	4	172	17,317	0	14	3,206	4	11	35	3,164	3	30	1,453	13	9	523	60,070	2		29	12,680	5	0		

The Schedules indicate a state of things similar to that adverted to in a previous report, viz., the inability to place a large number of applicants as speedily as

as might be desired in possession of the land they applied for during the year. The Crown Lands Act of 1889, which came into operation at the close of the year, however, affords a remedy for the difficulty, as it confers upon applicants the right of immediate occupation without making intervention by the Land Boards a necessary preliminary. The difficulty previously experienced was due to the Act of 1884, having provided that the applicant had no right to occupy the land before confirmation of the application, and confirmation having to be postponed until after measurement of the land.

Of the applications lodged during 1889, 2,311 were confirmed for an area of 347,173 acres 22 perches, and 957 were disallowed. There were also 2,467 cases confirmed during the year, representing 406,989 acres 8 perches, the applications for which were made in previous years, and 408 were disallowed, resulting in 6,143 claims being finally disposed of.

On the 31st December, 1889, there were 148,474 conditional purchases in existence, comprising an area of 18,846,242 acres 3 roods 25 perches. Included in this number are those made subsequent to the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, a proportion of which may be subsequently disallowed.

The provisions of the 35th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, whereby the privilege is conceded of allowing conditional purchasers a reduction in the rate of interest payable, was taken advantage of in 1,311 cases, particulars of which are set out in Schedule XX.

During the year the Inspectors of Conditional Purchases furnished 10,161 reports with respect to the manner in which conditional purchasers were fulfilling their obligations, and 9,455 cases were referred to them during the same period. Of these 347 instructions were issued from the Head Office, the remainder emanating from the Chairmen of the Local Land Boards.

Schedule XXIII indicates that 852 cases were investigated by the Local Land Boards, and in relation to 606 it was ascertained that the requirements of the law were complied with. The Minister also remitted 71 cases to the Boards on special grounds, while in 2,365 cases the papers were returned to the Head Office, the reports of the Inspectors indicating that the proof supplied was of such a character as rendered further investigation unnecessary.

3,306 declarations relating to the fulfilment of conditions in respect of conditional purchases were received, and no fewer than 6,673 certificates were issued that the required conditions had been carried out, the only further obligation being the payment of yearly instalment.

Schedule XXVII indicates in detail the particulars respecting conditional purchases forfeited during 1889 for noncompliance with conditions or payment of interest. The aggregate area of such reversions was 96,925 acres 3 roods 5 perches, comprised in 796 selections. During the year, however, 41 cases, involving an area of 5,707 acres, were reinstated, the lapsing or forfeiture having been reversed.

The provisions of the 138th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 were made use of to validate 15 conditional purchases, comprising 2,488 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres, and 51 mining conditional purchases, containing 6,289 acres 3 roods 34 perches, were similarly dealt with under Act 50 Vic. No. 21.

The transfers received and dealt with are referred to in Schedule XXV, which shows that 9,971 were received during the year, while 10,915 were intimated to the Treasury during the same period. The number of conditional purchases thereby transferred was 22,138, and the stamp duty paid amounted to £6,483 8s.

During the year 22 conditional purchases, representing 2,339 acres, were declared void, and 11, containing an area of 1,949 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres, in connection with which voidance had been declared, were reinstated. 457 conditional purchases were also adjusted during the same period, either by increase or reduction in area. For particulars see Schedule XXX.

#### *Conditional Leases.*

An area of 1,569,949 acres 3 roods 30 perches, comprised in 3,470 applications, was applied for under the provisions of the Principal Act by virtue of conditional purchases made thereunder during the year, as against 2,623 applications for 1,424,753 acres 1 rood 25 perches in 1888. Of those lodged during 1889, 204, containing



containing an area 106,318 acres 2 roods 22 perches, were made subsequently to the Crown Lands Act of 1889 coming into force. The several Local Land Boards confirmed 1,050 of these, representing 489,600 acres 1 rood 8 perches, and disallowed 585.

The number of applications confirmed during the year (made during previous years), and outstanding on the 31st December, 1888, was 1,386, containing an area of 773,475 acres 2 roods 5 perches. During the same period 9 applications under the 54th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 were disposed of, 5 comprising 3,557 acres being confirmed and 4 disallowed. In addition thereto 4 applications under the 52nd clause were gazetted, representing 5,220 acres.

Taking into consideration the conditional leases granted under the sections referred to, it will be observed on reference to Schedules XXXVII, XXXVIII, XXXIX, XL that 2,445 leases were confirmed, comprising an area of 1,271,852 acres 3 roods 13 perches, and 800 applications were disallowed, making a total of 3,245 cases disposed of.

During the year 469 conditional leases, representing 208,715 acres 1 rood 22 perches, and a rent of £2,423 9s. 1d. were gazetted as forfeited.

On the 31st December, 1889, there were 10,430 conditional leases in existence, comprising an area of 6,928,803 acres 3 roods 1 perch; included in this number are those applied for subsequently to the Crown Lands Act of 1889 taking effect, a proportion of which applications may be disallowed.

#### *Annual Leases.*

Advantage was taken of the 85th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 to submit for annual lease by auction an area of 228,755 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres in 405 lots, the result being the sale of 198 lots, with an aggregate area of 116,146 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres, producing an annual revenue of £1,805 19s. 1d. (See Schedule XLII.)

2,391 lots, covering 1,661,856 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres, were submitted for tender under the provisions of the same section, of which 440, representing 252,869 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres, were accepted at an annual rent of £2,376 1s. 8d. The fact that these leases are of an insecure tenure, and liable to alienation, operates largely against transactions under this section.

On the 31st December, 1889, there were 5,267 annual leases current, aggregating 3,567,475 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres, and producing an annual rent of £23,500 17s. 6d.

During the year 780 annual leases of all kinds, comprising 508,988 acres, and an annual rental of £3,023 7s. 4d., were gazetted as forfeited.

The following table affords a comparison between the years 1888 and 1889:—

Year.	No. of lots offered at auction.	Area.	No. sold.	Area.	Annual Rent.
1888 ... ..	1,308	acres. 758,158	291	acres. 167,347	£ s. d. 2,163 16 8
1889 ... ..	405	228,755 $\frac{1}{4}$	198	116,146 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,805 19 1
	No. of lots offered to tender.				
1888 ... ..	4,156	2,402,571 $\frac{5}{8}$	239	156,363 $\frac{1}{8}$	1,430 7 11
1889 ... ..	2,391	1,661,856 $\frac{3}{4}$	440	252,869 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,376 1 8

#### *Reserves, Dedications, and Special Areas.*

The reservations from sale notified during the year were 1,706, containing 2,011,658 acres; an area of 1,886,038 acres, comprised in 1,754 reserves, was, however, revoked, and the greater portion rendered available for alienation.

There were 400 reserves notified from lease, representing an area of 190,882 acres, and during the same period 184, comprising 281,611 acres, were freed from reservation. The population areas of Gulgong, Newcastle, Minmi, and Wellington, were also revoked during the year. Some of the land being included in joint reservations from sale and lease, the area in several instances is repeated under each heading, so that, in point of fact, the actual area reserved is less than the aggregate of both notifications. Particulars of reservations and revocations are set forth in Schedules XLVI, XLVII, XLVIII, XLIX.

During

During the year 219 special areas, comprising 89,772 acres, were proclaimed under the provisions of the 24th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884. Dedications for the public purposes set out in Schedule LI represented an area of 1,901 acres 3 roods 14½ perches.

#### *Pastoral Leases and Occupation Licenses.*

The number of pastoral leases current during the year was 1,622, comprising 66,932,621 acres, at an annual rent of £411,026 5s. 5d., and during the same period 1,498 occupation licenses were in existence, containing an area of 55,619,517 acres, and returning an annual revenue of £206,710 13s. 1d.

The sum of £52,971 7s. 7d. was refunded in connection with withdrawals from pastoral leases and occupation licenses, the area involved being 4,001,667 acres. Particulars are set forth in Schedule LVI. There were only 3 applications put forward to surrender land within resumed areas in exchange for land on leasehold areas, 1 of which was disposed of.

On the application of the parties interested, 1 leasehold area was subdivided, and the transfer of 159 pastoral leases and 130 occupation licenses was effected. Three applications for refund of rent by way of compensation on account of lands withdrawn from pastoral lease were dealt with, and the rents of 5 leasehold areas and 3 occupation licenses were reconsidered and reduced under the provisions of the 100th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

During the year there were 35 applications made to bring pastoral leases in the Central and Western Divisions under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, also 50 applications for preferential occupation licenses of leasehold areas in the Eastern Division, and 33 for reappraisalment of occupation licenses in the Central and Western Divisions.

Three lots, containing an area of 61,900 acres, were offered at auction under the provisions of the 81st clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 as occupation licenses, resulting in the sale of 2, representing 54,100 acres, at an annual revenue of £170 15s. Thirteen licenses, aggregating 261,700 acres, were let at an annual rent of £950 10s. 3d. by tender during the same period. For particulars see Schedules LIII, LIV.

#### *Homestead Leases.*

While the demand for land under homestead lease was slightly greater in 1888 than 1887, business of this character during 1889 shows a marked increase over that of 1888, 238 applications for 2,187,837 acres having been received during 1889 as against 141 for 1,332,691 acres in 1888. Of those lodged during 1889, 49 containing an area of 345,622 acres were made subsequently to the Crown Lands Act of 1889 coming into force.

The applications complied with were 94 (some of which were made in previous years), comprising 918,141 acres, and representing an annual rent of £5,825 4s. 4d.; of those put forward in 1889, 35 were granted and 14 refused.

On the 31st December, 1889, 471 leases were current, possessing an aggregate area of 4,545,715 acres, and producing an annual rent of £31,282 18s. 3d. (See Schedule LXX.)

One hundred and five applications were made for the refund of the value of improvements on land held under homestead lease, and 160 were dealt with during the year.

Eleven applications were made to bring homestead leases under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

#### *Scrub Leases.*

Only 3 applications were received during 1889 for scrub leases, and these had reference to land exclusively within resumed areas. One lease was granted, on a resumed area, containing 640 acres, at an annual rent of 9s. 1d. At the close of the year there were 62 applications for land within leasehold areas and 27 within resumed areas outstanding. (See Schedules LXXIII and LXXIV.)

#### *Special Leases.*

Schedule LXXX indicates that 220 applications were made under the provisions of the 89th and 90th clauses of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 during the year as against 266 in 1888. Taking into consideration such applications as remained incomplete

incomplete on the 31st December, 1888, there were 304 brought under review, of which 90 lapsed or were refused, and 129 were granted, containing an area of 3,772 acres and 33½ perches, producing an annual revenue of £2,284 15s. During the year there were also 7 applications for special leases, made under the repealed Acts, disposed of by refusal.

A reference to Schedule LXXIX shows that 473 leases were current, with an aggregate area of 7,872 acres and 7¼ perches, and an annual rent of £9,466 15s. Schedule LXXVIII discloses the purposes for which the lands were leased.

32 leases were forfeited during 1889, and 104 expired, details of which are set forth in Schedules LXXVI and LXXVII.

#### *Volunteer Land Order Applications.*

During 1889, 37 applications were received for grants of land by virtue of Volunteer certificates, the area applied for being 1,850 acres; 2 were refused, and 9, including applications outstanding on the 31st December, 1888, granted. (See Schedule LXXXIII.)

#### *Deeds of Grant.*

4,606 deeds of grant embracing 322,890 acres and 31 perches of land were prepared during 1899. Details, indicating the number and area, are set forth in Schedule LXXXV.

#### *Applications for permission to Ringbark.*

During the year there were 222 applications for permission to ringbark under consideration, 168 of which, covering an area of 950,839 acres, were made during 1889, the remainder being outstanding on the 31st December, 1888. Of those applied for during the year, 104 were complied with, containing 461,722 acres, and 10 refused. The total area over which permission was given comprises 602,950 acres, representing 149 cases.

#### *Cases of Trespass on Crown Lands.*

Details in connection with these are set forth in Schedule LXXXVIII. The number of cases brought under review was 554, which included 176 outstanding on the 31st December, 1888; 297 were disposed of, leaving 257, on which action was proceeding at the close of the year.

#### *Correspondence.*

The character of the correspondence conducted is set forth in Schedules LXXXIX, XC, XCI, from which it will be gleaned that 97,528 letters, &c., were received during 1889 at head quarters, and 24,501 manuscript letters, 1,833 telegrams, 121 circulars, 82,045 printed letters, 1,040 schedules, and 11,749 parcels were despatched therefrom; while in the Local Land Board Offices 104,604 letters were received, and 82,902 letters, parcels, &c., were despatched.

#### *Rabbit Destruction.*

The action taken during 1888 in suspending the compulsory clauses of the Act and discontinuing the payment of subsidy rendered rabbit destruction dependent upon the voluntary efforts of landholders, and as the necessity for a field staff had ceased to exist, it could not be readily ascertained what efforts were being made by the owners of infested lands to cope with the pest.

#### *Reduction of Staff.*

At the commencement of the year six inspectors were retained, and for a few months were engaged in collecting information that would admit of outstanding claims for subsidy being checked and payments made in connection therewith. This, however, was soon accomplished, and for the greater portion of the year four of these officers were engaged in supervising the erection of the rabbit-proof fence along the South Australian boundary. As the work progressed opportunity was taken to reduce the staff, and on the 31st December, 1889, the services of one officer had been dispensed with, and three others were on leave of absence preparatory to retirement.

In the head office there were seven officers engaged, and as the various matters were concluded the staff was reduced, until at the close of the year only three were retained. Advantage was taken to clear off a number of claims for subsidy which had originated during the preceding three years, resulting in the payment of £15,112 3s. 11d. in connection therewith.

*Rabbit-proof*

*Rabbit-proof Fencing.*

The work commenced in 1888, of erecting a rabbit-proof fence along the South Australian border, a distance of  $346\frac{1}{2}$  miles, was prosecuted with vigour, and notwithstanding the obstacles encountered in this remote portion of the Colony, such as scarcity of water, difficulties of carriage, &c., a distance of 232 miles 70 chains along the western boundary of the Colony, starting from the river Murray, had been completed. The work was divided into nine sections, seven of which were completed, and a start made on that known as No. 8. The cost of the work completed to 31st December, 1889, was £17,945 10s. 10d., or at the rate of about £77 per mile, which can hardly be viewed as excessive when it is considered that the wire netting used was of the best description, being No. 17 gauge,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch mesh, and 42 inches in width, and that in addition to extensive repairs to existing fences many miles of entirely new fencing had to be erected.

*The Crown Lands Act of 1889.*

The experience gained by five years' working of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 indicated the existence of defects therein, which could only be remedied by legislation. During the intervening period amending measures from time to time received legislative approval, dealing with matters of an urgent character. It was, however, recognised that an Amending Act of greater scope than those previously introduced was required to remedy, not only difficulties in administration but also disabilities under which certain classes laboured, and accordingly the Act known as the Crown Lands Act of 1889 was introduced and passed into law.

Appended hereto is the report of the Acting Surveyor-General.

WILLIAM HOUSTON,  
Under Secretary.

## SCHEDULES.

## SCHEDULE I.

RETURN of Appeal Cases dealt with during the year 1889, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Land Board District.	No. of Appeals.	Sustained.	Dismissed.	Postponed.	Referred back to Board.	Decision on return from Board.	
						Sustained.	Dismissed.
Armidale .....	8	4	2	.....	2	1	.....
Bourke .....	4	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cooma .....	8	3	2	.....	3	3	.....
Dubbo .....	9	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forbes .....	21	12	6	.....	3	.....	.....
Goulburn .....	14	6	6	.....	2	1	.....
Grafton .....	24	12	11	.....	1	1	.....
Hay .....	22	8	11	.....	3	3	.....
Maitland .....	11	3	7	.....	1	.....	.....
Moree .....	24	7	16	.....	1	.....	.....
Orange .....	18	9	7	.....	2	1	.....
Sydney .....	12	3	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tamworth .....	26	7	17	.....	2	.....	2
Wagga Wagga .....	42	15	25	.....	3	.....	1
Totals.....	244	96	125	.....	23	10	3

## SCHEDULE II.

RETURN showing number of Officers employed at the several Local Land Board Offices on the 31st December, 1889, calculated at annual rate of pay.

Land Board District.	No. of Officers.			Total.	Salaries.
	Chairman and Clerical Staff.	C. P. Inspectors.	Messengers and Office-cleaners.		
Armidale .....	3	2	2	7	£ s. d. 1,676 0 0
Bourke .....	3	...	1	4	1,257 0 0
Cooma .....	6	1	...	7	2,089 15 0
Dubbo .....	5	1	1	7	2,250 12 6
Forbes .....	4	1	1	6	1,736 10 0
Goulburn .....	7	1	2	10	2,499 10 0
Grafton .....	6	2	1	9	2,502 3 0
Hay .....	4	...	1	5	1,236 9 6
Maitland .....	7	1	...	8	2,576 10 0
Moree .....	3	1	1	5	1,402 0 0
Metropolitan.....	4	2	...	6	2,186 10 0
Orange .....	6	1	1	8	2,410 3 6
Tamworth .....	5	1	1	7	2,059 2 0
Wagga Wagga .....	9	3	1	13	3,353 6 1
Totals.....	72	17	13	102	29,235 11 7

## SCHEDULE III.

RETURN showing number of Officers employed at District Surveyors' Offices, and Aggregate Annual Amount of Salaries of each Staff, on the 31st December, 1889.

District.	No. of Office Staff.	Annual Amount.	No. of Field Staff.	Annual Amount.	Total.
Armidale .....	9	£ s. d. 2,334 4 0	4	£ s. d. 1,765 0 0	£ s. d. 4,099 4 0
Bourke .....	7	1,551 7 0	2	950 0 0	2,501 7 0
Cooma .....	7	1,619 12 0	6	2,162 0 0	3,781 12 0
Dubbo .....	11	2,785 18 6	3	1,109 10 0	3,895 8 6
Forbes .....	8	2,258 10 0	3	1,221 10 0	3,480 0 0
Goulburn .....	10	2,690 18 0	6	1,589 10 0	4,280 8 0
Grafton .....	10	2,532 0 0	8	2,579 10 0	5,111 10 0
Hay .....	9	2,247 18 0	4	1,630 0 0	3,877 18 0
Maitland .....	17	4,286 0 0	11	3,276 0 0	7,562 0 0
Moree .....	10	2,682 0 0	1	340 0 0	3,022 0 0
Metropolitan.....	20	5,035 10 0	10	3,380 0 0	8,415 10 0
Orange .....	13	3,182 16 0	5	1,897 10 0	5,080 6 0
Tamworth .....	9	2,214 0 0	3	1,109 10 0	3,323 10 0
Wagga Wagga .....	13	3,415 0 0	5	1,937 10 0	5,352 10 0
Totals.....	153	38,835 13 6	71	24,947 10 0	63,783 3 6

## SCHEDULE IV.

SCHEDULE showing Meetings of Local Land Boards held during 1889, the number of cases heard, with Analysis of Expenses (excepting Salaries and Advertising).

Local Land Board Districts.	Number of cases set down for hearing or inquiry.		Number of cases adjourned till further meeting.		Number of cases disposed of.		Expenses.	Total.	Number of Sittings.
	Under repeated Acts.	Under 48 Vic. No. 18.	Under repeated Acts.	Under 48 Vic. No. 18.	Under repeated Acts.	Under 48 Vic. No. 18.			
Armidale.....	126	1,868	22	323	104	1,545	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. £ s. d. 422 9 10 Members' travelling expenses..... 24 7 6 Members' fees ..... 250 8 6 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses..... } 38 16 6	736 2 4	100
Bourke .....	66	1,088	29	77	37	1,061	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. 243 16 9 Members' travelling expenses ..... 50 5 0 Members' fees ..... 186 18 0 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses ..... } 37 12 6	518 12 3	94
Cooma .....	90	1,830	28	98	62	1,737	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. 354 15 0 Members' travelling expenses..... 215 5 1 Members' fees ..... 250 8 6 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses ..... } 5 3 0	825 11 7	83
Dubbo .....	15	1,773	7	245	5	1,528	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. 283 8 3 Members' travelling expenses ..... 172 0 0 Members' fees ..... 215 15 6 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses ..... } 15 15 0	686 18 9	56
Forbes.....	14	2,499	5	698	10	1,801	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. 161 12 0 Members' travelling expenses ..... 28 4 0 Members' fees ..... 101 17 0 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses ..... } 7 17 6	299 10 6	54
Goulburn .....	431	3,509	170	617	261	2,892	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. 422 6 8 Members' travelling expenses..... 86 11 9 Members' fees ..... 163 5 6 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses..... } 12 3 0	684 6 11	96
Grafton .....	135	1,998	11	45	124	1,953	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. 399 10 3 Members' travelling expenses..... 119 11 6 Members' fees ..... 204 4 6 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses..... } 31 10 0	704 16 3	34
Hay.....	75	1,187	10	118	65	1,069	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. 413 18 3 Members' travelling expenses ..... 6 13 0 Members' fees ..... 29 18 6 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses ..... } 18 15 0	469 4 9	135
Maitland.....	24	3,324	5	147	19	3,177	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. 511 10 2 Members' travelling expenses..... 126 0 10 Members' fees ..... 270 18 0 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses..... } 18 5 11	926 14 11	123
Moree .....	149	1,515	35	328	114	1,187	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. 130 16 6 Members' travelling expenses ..... 120 12 0 Members' fees ..... 342 6 6 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses..... } 67 18 6	661 13 6	112
Orange.....	41	3,518	1	87	40	3,431	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. 313 1 0 Members' travelling expenses ..... 115 5 5 Members' fees ..... 274 1 0 Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses..... } 57 3 11	759 11 4	68

## SCHEDULE IV—continued.

Local Land Board District.	Number of cases set down for hearing or inquiry.		Number of cases adjourned till further meeting.		Number of cases disposed of.		Expenses.	Total.	Number of Sitzings.	
	Under repeated Acts.	Under 48 Vic. No. 18.	Under repeated Acts.	Under 48 Vic. No. 18.	Under repeated Acts.	Under 48 Vic. No. 18.				
Sydney .....	52	2,318	6	109	46	2,209	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. Members' travelling expenses..... Members' fees ..... Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses.....	£ s. d. 317 8 2	£ s. d. 652 15 10	57
Tamworth .....	123	2,091	35	313	88	1,778	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. Members' travelling expenses..... Members' fees ..... Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses.....	350 4 9 173 6 3 340 16 0 44 10 8		
Wagga Wagga..	125	1,751	26	170	90	1,581	Chairman's and deposition clerk's travelling expenses. Members' travelling expenses..... Members' fees ..... Fees to surveyors, witnesses, and others } Travelling expenses of witnesses.....	321 5 3 107 0 0 246 15 0 18 3 6	908 17 8	63
Totals .....	1,466	30,269	390	3,370	1,074	26,949		£ 693 3 9	£ 9,578 0 4	111

Average cost per sitting, £8 0s. 10½d.

## SCHEDULE V.

RETURN showing the number of Caveats received and dealt with by the Local Land Boards during the year 1889.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. against Conditional Purchase application.	No. upheld.	No. not sustained.	No. unacted upon.	No. against Conditional Lease application.	No. upheld.	No. not sustained.	No. unacted upon.	No. against Homestead Lease application.	No. upheld.	No. not sustained.	No. unacted upon.	Total No. upheld.	Total No. not sustained.	Total No. unacted upon.	Gross Total.
	Glen Innes .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Inverell .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Tenterfield.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Walcha .....	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Bourke .....	Bourke .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
	Brewarrina .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Brewarrina, East .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cobar.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cobar, East .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cooma.....	Bega .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bombala .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cooma .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Eden .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Queanbeyan .....	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
Dubbo.....	Coonamble.....	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
	Dubbo .....	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
Forbes.....	Condobolin .....	6	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	6
	Forbes .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Grenfell.....	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	3
	Parkes .....	4	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	4
Goulburn .....	Burrowa .....	2	...	1	1*	2	...	1	1*	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	4
	Braidwood .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Goulburn .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gunning .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Yass .....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Young .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

\* Withdrawn.

SCHEDULE V—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. against Conditional Purchase application.	No. upheld.	No. not sustained.	No. unacted upon.	No. against Conditional Lease application.	No. upheld.	No. not sustained.	No. unacted upon.	No. against Homestead Lease application.	No. upheld.	No. not sustained.	No. unacted upon.	Total No. upheld.	Total No. not sustained.	Total No. unacted upon.	Gross Total.
Grafton .....	Casino .....	5		3	2										3	2	5
	Grafton .....																
	Kempsey .....																
	Lismore .....																
	Murwillumbah .....																
Hay .....	Balranald .....									2	1			1	1		2
	Balranald, South .....																
	Deniliquin .....																
	Hay .....	1		1										1			1
	Hay, North .....																
	Hillston .....																
	Hillston, North .....																
Maitland.....	Wentworth .....																
	Cassillis .....																
	Dungog .....	1			1											1	1
	Maitland .....																
	Muswellbrook .....																
	Newcastle .....																
	Pater-son .....																
	Port Macquarie.....																
	Raymond Terrace .....																
	Scone .....																
	Singleton .....																
	Stroud .....																
	Taree .....																
Moree .....	Wollombi .....																
	Bingara .....																
	Moree .....																
	Walgett .....																
	Walgett, North .....																
Orange .....	Warialda .....																
	Bathurst .....																
	Carcoar .....																
	Cowra .....	1		1											1		1
	Molong .....																
	Mudgee .....																
	Orange .....																
Sydney .....	Rylestone .....																
	Wellington .....	1			1											1	1
	Berrima .....																
	Camden .....																
	Campbelltown .....																
	Gosford .....																
	Kiama .....																
	Lithgow .....	1		1		1		1							2		2
	Liverpool .....																
	Metropolitan.....																
	Milton .....																
	Moruya .....																
	Nowra .....																
Parramatta .....																	
Penrith .....																	
Windsor .....	1	1												1		1	
Tamworth .....	Wollongong .....																
	Coonabarabran .....																
	Gunnedah .....																
	Murrurundi .....																
	Narrabri .....	2		2											2		2
Wagga Wagga .....	Tamworth .....	1		1										1		1	
	Albury .....	3			3	1			1							4	4
	Corowa .....	1			1											1	1
	Cootamundra .....																
	Gundagai .....	1	1											1			1
	Narrandera .....	3	2		1									2		1	3
	Tumut .....																
	Urana .....	1	1											1			1
Wagga Wagga .....	2	1		1									1		1	2	
		46	11	21	14	5		3	2	3	1		1	13	23	16	54



SCHEDULE VI.

RETURN showing the number of cases referred to the Local Land Boards, from 1st January to 31st December, 1889.

Land District.	Cases for inquiry.	Cases for inspection.	Total.	Land District.	Cases for inquiry.	Cases for inspection.	Total.
Armidale .....	2	25	27	Maitland .....	5	17	22
Bourke .....	3	10	13	Moree .....	5	9	14
Cooma .....	12	47	59	Orange .....	6	68	74
Dubbo .....	3	6	9	Sydney .....	4	15	19
Forbes .....	1	8	9	Tamworth .....	6	14	20
Goulburn .....	6	48	54	Wagga .....	7	41	48
Grafton .....	11	36	47				
Hay .....	4	3	7	Total .....	75	347	422

SCHEDULE VII.

RETURN of Auction Sales of Town Lands under the 61st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Land District.	Counties.	No. of Lots offered.	Area offered.	No. of Lots sold.	Area sold.	Area not bid for.	Percentage sold.	Amount realised.	Average price per acre.
			a. r. p.		a. r. p.	a. r. p.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Albury .....	Selwyn .....	71	34 0 11	63	30 0 22	3 3 29	88.46	358 15 0	11 18 1
" .....	Goulburn .....	1	0 1 30	1	0 1 30		100	27 10 0	62 17 1½
Armidale .....	Sandon .....	80	38 0 38	55	26 1 38½	11 2 39½	69.27	1,678 0 0	63 6 11½
Ballina .....	Rous .....	27	12 0 0	27	12 0 0		100	1,225 10 0	102 2 6
Bathurst .....	Bathurst .....	1	0 1 3	1	0 1 3		100	21 0 0	78 2 9½
" .....	Westmoreland .....	52	26 0 0	38	19 0 0	7 0 0	73.07	333 5 0	17 10 9
" .....	Roxburgh .....	7	7 2 0	7	7 2 0		100	62 5 0	8 6 0
Bega .....	Dampier .....	110	31 2 16	57	16 1 32	15 0 24	52.05	427 19 0	26 0 4
Bourke .....	Cowper .....	48	11 3 0	26	6 1 26½	5 1 13½	54.60	3,335 0 0	519 16 5½
" .....	Canbelego .....	10	5 0 0	7	3 2 0	1 2 0	70	167 5 0	47 15 8½
Burrowa .....	Harden .....	69	24 2 3	33	11 0 38	13 1 5	45.83	226 10 0	20 3 1½
Carcoar .....	Georgiana .....	1	0 1 0	1	0 1 0		100	11 5 0	45 0 0
" .....	Bathurst .....	1	0 1 0	1	0 1 0		100	12 0 0	48 0 0
Casino .....	Richmond .....	21	10 1 11½	11	5 1 11½	5 0 0	51.55	101 7 0	19 0 11
Cooma .....	Beresford .....	157	67 0 2¾	33	10 2 37½	56 1 5½	16.01	1,129 10 0	105 4 5½
" .....	Wallace .....	22	8 3 5	4	1 2 14½	7 0 30½	18.11	20 0 0	12 11 5½
Coonabarabran .....	Gowen .....	2	0 3 20	1	0 2 0	0 1 20	57.14	12 5 0	6 2 6
" .....	Baradine .....	9	4 2 0	4	2 0 0	2 2 0	44.44	22 10 0	11 5 0
Coonamble .....	Ewenmar .....	60	30 0 0	54	27 0 0	3 0 0	90	350 10 0	12 19 7½
Cootamundra .....	Bland .....	22	5 0 26½	19	4 1 26½	0 3 0	85.48	416 7 0	94 5 9½
" .....	Clarendon .....	40	15 3 23	14	5 2 16	10 1 7	35.23	144 10 0	25 16 0½
Corowa .....	Hume .....	30	14 1 2	30	14 1 2		100	160 16 0	11 5 6
" .....	Denison .....	15	7 1 0	8	4 0 0	3 1 0	55.17	556 0 0	139 0 0
Deniliquin .....	Townsend .....	33	16 2 0	33	16 2 0		100	204 5 6	12 7 7½
Dubbo .....	Lincoln .....	190	95 0 0	22	11 0 0	84 0 0	11.55	96 17 0	8 16 1
" .....	Narromine .....	20	9 2 8	15	7 0 26	2 1 22	75	122 9 0	17 1 11
" .....	Oxley .....	36	13 1 21	19	4 0 6	9 1 15	30.17	313 10 0	77 12 11½
Dungog .....	Durham .....	17	8 0 12½			8 0 12½			
Forbes .....	Ashburnham .....	18	7 0 8	18	7 0 8		100	401 5 0	56 18 3½
Gosford .....	Northumberland .....	75	34 1 10	1	0 1 24	33 3 26	1.16	99 0 0	247 10 0
Goulburn .....	Argyle .....	24	11 2 33	24	11 2 33		100	259 1 0	22 2 7
Grafton .....	Clarence .....	174	79 2 35½	88	39 2 18½	40 0 17	49.69	1,078 12 6	27 4 6½
Grenfell .....	Monteagle .....	22	8 3 2	16	6 1 30	2 1 12	73.46	160 10 0	24 18 7½
" .....	Forbes .....	1	0 2 0			0 2 0			
" .....	Bland .....	40	10 0 0	36	9 0 0	1 0 0	90	262 15 0	29 3 10½
Gundagai .....	Clarendon .....	21	9 0 3½	17	7 0 3½	2 0 0	77.83	74 10 0	10 12 2½
" .....	Harden .....	26	11 1 36½	9	4 1 29½	7 0 7	38.62	49 0 0	11 1 0½
Gunnedah .....	Pottinger .....	1	0 2 0			0 2 0			
Gunning .....	King .....	45	19 0 24	32	13 3 16	5 1 8	72.32	144 2 0	10 8 1
Hay .....	Nicholson .....	19	9 3 0	3	1 2 0	8 1 0	15.38	21 0 0	14 0 0
Hillston .....	Dowling .....	1	0 2 0	1	0 2 0		100	10 5 0	20 10 0
" .....	Waljeers .....	36	18 0 0	11	5 2 0	12 2 0	30.55	70 0 0	12 14 6½
Lismore .....	Rous .....	84	35 3 0½	16	6 3 27	28 3 13½	19.35	210 5 0	30 7 9½
Lithgow .....	Cook .....	91	40 3 29½	90	40 2 31	0 0 38½	99.41	3,956 0 0	97 4 3½
Maitland .....	Gloucester .....	80	32 2 8	29	11 2 33½	20 3 14½	35.97	208 3 0	17 15 5½
Metropolitan .....	Cumberland .....	1	0 0 3¼	1	0 0 3¼		100	335 12 6	16,523 1 6½
Molong .....	Ashburnham .....	4	1 2 32	4	1 2 32		100	33 10 0	19 14 1½
" .....	Gordon .....	24	8 3 23	21	7 3 3	1 0 20	87.35	125 10 0	16 3 1
Moree .....	Benarba .....	30	15 0 0	30	15 0 0		100	500 12 6	33 7 6
Moruya .....	Dampier .....	1	0 0 34			0 0 34			
Mudgee .....	Phillip .....	4	0 3 22	4	0 3 22		100	47 10 0	53 10 5
Murrurundi .....	Pottinger .....	47	23 2 0	36	18 0 0	5 2 0	76.59	173 5 0	9 12 6
" .....	Buckland .....	8	3 0 28	8	3 0 28		100	864 10 0	272 5 8
Musclebrook .....	Durham .....	66	26 0 16½	66	26 0 16½		100	1,936 0 0	74 3 5½
" .....	Brisbane .....	26	12 3 10	24	11 3 14	0 3 36	92.39	126 0 0	10 12 10½
Murwillumbah .....	Rous .....	57	21 1 31	7	2 1 27	19 0 4	11.22	97 10 0	40 6 2½
Narrabri .....	White .....	15	3 2 35	4	1 0 5	2 2 30	27.73	75 0 0	72 15 1
Narrandera .....	Cooper .....	81	26 0 29	17	6 2 30	19 1 39	23.54	476 10 0	71 5 0½
" .....	Bourke .....	36	18 0 0	36	18 0 0		100	173 5 0	9 12 6
Newcastle .....	Northumberland .....	1	0 0 21	1	0 0 21		100	282 0 0	2,148 11 5
Forbes .....	Ashburnham .....	33	13 3 32	33	13 3 32		100	909 3 0	65 3 5½
Parramatta .....	Cumberland .....	10	2 0 13			2 0 13			
Pictou .....	Camden .....	75	36 3 18	3	1 2 0	35 1 18	4.06	438 0 0	292 0 0
Port Macquarie .....	Macquarie .....	8	4 2 0	8	4 2 0		100	36 0 0	8 0 0
Queanbeyan .....	Murray .....	29	8 1 12	15	4 3 31	3 1 21	59.38	60 2 0	12 3 1½
Scone .....	Brisbane .....	91	43 2 4	22	10 1 2	33 1 2	23.57	97 8 0	9 9 9½
Singleton .....	Durham .....	16	8 0 0	2	1 0 0	7 0 0	12.5	12 0 0	12 0 0
" .....	Hunter .....	3	1 2 0	3	1 2 0		100	60 0 0	40 0 0
Tamworth .....	Inglis .....	38	18 1 29½	38	18 1 29½		100	2,101 0 0	113 19 5½
" .....	Buckland .....	12	4 3 23			4 3 23			

SCHEDULE VII—continued.

Land District.	Counties.	No. of Lots offered.	Area offered.			No. of Lots sold.	Area sold.			Area not bid for.	Per-centage sold.	Amount realised.	Average price per acre.
			a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.				
Tenterfield	Clive	3	1	1	25	3	1	1	25		100	£ 35 10 0	£ 25 4 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Tumut	Buccleuch	52	25	1	18	48	23	1	18	2 0 0	92.11	307 0 0	13 2 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Wagga Wagga	Mitchell	34	17	0	0	29	14	2	0	2 2 0	85.29	147 6 0	10 3 2
"	Bourke	34	17	0	0	6	3	0	0	14 0 0	17.64	28 0 0	9 6 8
"	Wynyard	13	6	1	4	3	1	1	4	5 0 0	20.31	20 0 0	15 13 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Walgett	Finch	49	24	2	0	...	...	...	...	24 2 0	.....	.....	.....
Wellington	Wellington	9	2	1	39	4	1	0	8	1 1 31	42.10	19 6 0	18 7 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Yass	Harden	20	9	1	19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2	0	3	29 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8 1 30	9.97	12 0 0	12 16 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Young	Monteagle	125	60	1	34 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	71	33	2	34 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	26 3 0	55.76	791 10 0	23 9 6
"	Harden	49	16	2	33	25	7	3	33	8 3 0	47.62	612 5 0	76 19 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
		3,014	1,312	2	12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1,539	670	1	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	642 0 20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	51.07	29,474 14 0	43 19 3

SCHEDULE VIII.

RETURN of Auction Sales of Suburban Lands under the 61st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Land District.	Counties.	No. of Lots offered.	Area offered.			No. of Lots sold.	Area sold.			Area not bid for.	Per-centage sold.	Amount realised.	Average price per acre.
			a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.				
Albury	Goulburn	32	121	2	36	30	102	2	6	19 0 30	84.23	1,537 17 6	£ 14 19 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Selwyn	10	153	1	10	10	153	1	10	.....	100	921 0 0	6 0 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Armidaale	Sandon	34	53	3	18	14	29	1	20	29 1 38	49.90	252 10 0	8 11 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Bathurst	Roxburgh	2	8	2	16	2	8	2	16	.....	100	25 0 0	2 18 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Bega	Dampier	75	275	1	19	30	111	0	17	164 1 2	40.30	410 2 0	3 13 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Auckland	1	3	1	13	1	3	1	13	.....	100	35 0 0	10 10 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Braidwood	St. Vincent	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	20	.....	100	5 10 0	4 0 0
Burrowa	Harden	12	145	1	6	11	123	2	6	16 3 0	88.47	370 0 0	2 17 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Carcoar	Georgiana	6	16	0	15	6	16	0	15	.....	100	63 8 0	3 18 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Casino	Richmond	13	23	0	1	9	19	0	1	4 0 0	82.61	354 0 0	18 12 6
Cooma	Beresford	32	119	3	11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	...	...	...	...	119 3 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	.....	.....	.....
Cootamundra	Bland	60	222	0	15	41	156	0	26	65 3 29	70.31	674 7 6	4 6 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Clarendon	44	263	0	26	25	118	2	14	144 2 12	45.06	599 17 6	5 1 1
"	Harden	2	23	1	33	2	23	1	33	.....	100	83 0 0	3 10 9
Corowa	Hume	58	245	1	19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	46	233	1	19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	12 0 0	95.10	886 19 0	3 16 0
"	Denison	3	22	3	11	3	22	3	11	.....	100	274 10 0	12 0 7
Deniliquin	Townsend	12	30	0	0	12	30	0	0	.....	100	127 0 0	4 4 8
"	Cadell	2	30	3	1	2	30	3	1	.....	100	160 0 0	3 5 1
Dubbo	Gordon	4	78	0	10	2	40	0	0	38 0 10	51.24	100 0 0	2 10 0
"	Lincoln	26	153	0	37	5	41	0	29	112 0 8	26.87	186 15 0	4 10 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Norromine	4	43	1	0	...	...	...	...	43 1 0	.....	.....	.....
"	Oxley	13	177	0	6	13	177	0	6	.....	100	1,022 0 0	5 15 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Canbelego	3	33	0	0	3	33	0	0	.....	100	141 14 0	3 14 7
Forbes	Ashburnham	59	190	3	37	57	184	0	19	6 3 18	96.40	1,313 5 0	7 2 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Forbes	2	3	2	0	2	3	2	0	.....	100	21 12 6	6 3 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Glen Innes	24	369	3	17	3	49	1	17	320 2 0	13.34	172 0 0	3 9 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Gosford	Northumberland	74	138	3	1	18	30	2	25	108 0 16	22.09	649 10 0	21 3 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Argyle	1	3	2	33	1	3	2	33	.....	100	19 19 0	5 7 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Grafton	Clarence	22	98	0	34 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	13	69	1	32	28 3 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	70.40	335 7 6	4 16 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Grenfell	Monteagle	56	155	0	24	30	65	2	3	89 2 21	42.23	315 6 0	4 16 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Bland	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	.....	100	12 0 0	6 0 0
Gundagai	Clarendon	13	16	0	33	12	14	0	33	2 0 0	87.66	87 0 0	6 2 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Wynyard	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	.....	100	15 0 0	5 0 0
Gunnedah	Pottinger	29	93	0	6	1	2	2	0	90 2 6	2.68	20 0 0	8 0 0
"	Buckland	22	47	2	12	11	30	2	12	17 0 0	64.26	155 17 6	5 1 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Gunning	King	9	152	3	23	9	152	3	23	.....	100	466 0 0	3 0 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Hay	Waljeers	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	0	.....	100	35 0 0	14 0 0
Kempsey	Raleigh	5	47	0	22	2	39	1	0	7 3 22	83.26	162 10 0	4 2 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Lismore	Rous	81	164	1	37 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8	14	1	15	150 0 22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8.72	94 10 0	6 11 9
Lithgow	Cook	101	875	1	29	32	237	0	30	638 0 39	27.09	2,515 0 0	10 12 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Liverpool	Cumberland	64	165	2	37	34	93	0	8	72 2 29	56.14	961 10 0	10 6 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Maitland	Northumberland	3	9	0	33	3	9	0	33	.....	100	28 10 0	3 1 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Molong	Ashburnham	43	216	2	30	7	30	3	23	185 3 7	14.25	224 5 0	7 5 2
"	Gordon	14	75	0	39	1	5	2	0	69 2 39	7.31	14 0 0	2 10 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Moree	Benarba	8	16	0	12	5	9	3	31	6 0 21	61.81	88 10 0	8 18 0
Mudgee	Wellington	5	58	2	37	3	29	1	37	29 1 0	50.19	90 12 6	3 1 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Phillip	3	34	2	20	...	...	...	...	34 2 20	.....	.....	.....
Muswellbrook	Durham	21	32	1	24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	21	32	1	24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	.....	100	930 10 0	28 14 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Brisbane	16	28	2	21 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	16	28	2	21 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	.....	100	194 10 0	6 15 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Murwillumbah	Rous	15	20	1	0	12	15	0	4	5 0 36	74.19	156 10 0	10 8 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Narrabri	White	12	56	0	33	...	...	...	...	56 0 33	.....	.....	.....
Narrandera	Cooper	1	7	1	0	1	7	1	0	.....	100	181 10 6	25 0 9
"	Mitchell	16	190	2	14	...	...	...	...	190 2 14	.....	.....	.....
Parke	Ashburnham	64	251	1	13	60	232	3	34	18 1 19	92.69	1,529 5 0	6 11 5
Pictou	Camden	63	207	3	22	4	15	1	31	192 1 31	7.42	304 10 0	19 14 4
Port Macquarie	Macquarie	7	17	1	38	1	2	1	38	15 0 0	14.22	14 0 0	5 12 7
Scone	Brisbane	31	143	3	0	19	76	1	2	72 1 33	51.26	233 3 0	3 1 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Tamworth	Buckland	44	499	1	20	17	112	2	3	386 3 17	22.53	348 0 0	3 1 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Darling	11	26	2	17	8	19	1	16	7 1 1	72.72	111 5 0	5 14 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Tumut	Wynyard	30	37	3	0	30	37	3	0	.....	100	702 10 0	18 12 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Buccleuch	15	61	2	18	15	61	2	18	.....	100	370 10 0	6 0 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Wagga Wagga	Mitchell	26	303	1	37	11	126	3	2	176 2 35	41.76	351 3 0	2 15 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Harden	11	144	3	12	7	92	3	12	52 0 0	64.94	267 12 0	2 17 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Young	Monteagle	25	58	1	32 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	18	37	0	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	21 1 30	63.32	289 18 0	7 16 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
"	Harden	9	115	0	30	2	23	0	10	92 0 20	20.02	127 10 0	5 10 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
		1,509	7,402	3	13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	767	3,488	3	16	3,913 3 37 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	47.12	£22,080 2 0	£6 6 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

## SCHEDULE IX.

RETURN of Auction Sales of Country Lands under the 61st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Land District.	Counties.	No. of Lots offered.	Area offered.	No. of Lots sold.	Area sold.	Area not bid for.	Percentage sold.	Amount realised.	Average price per acre.
			a. r. p.		a. r. p.	a. r. p.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Albury	Goulburn	5	103 3 8	3	21 1 15	82 1 33	20.50	71 5 10	3 6 9½
"	Selwyn	4	352 1 1	2	30 1 1	322 0 0	8.50	122 6 0	4 0 10
Armidale	Sandon	4	48 3 9	3	19 2 9	29 1 0	40.06	61 2 3	3 2 5½
"	Inglis	4	337 0 0	...	...	337 0 0	...	...	...
"	Clarke	1	22 0 0	...	...	22 0 0	...	...	...
Balranald	Caira	2	284 1 32	2	284 1 32	...	100	394 10 0	1 7 8½
Bathurst	Georgiana	3	85 0 0	1	31 0 0	54 0 0	36.46	38 15 0	1 5 0
"	Westmoreland	5	190 0 0	1	40 0 0	150 0 0	21.05	50 0 0	1 5 0
Bega	Dampier	1	56 0 0	...	...	56 0 0	...	...	...
Berrima	Camden	4	238 2 0	1	48 2 0	190 0 0	20.33	60 12 6	1 5 0
Bingera	Murchison	6	137 3 20	6	137 3 20	...	100	270 12 7	1 19 3
Bombala	Wellesley	2	139 1 0	...	...	139 1 0	...	...	...
Braidwood	St. Vincent	1	2 0 0	1	2 0 0	...	100	6 0 0	3 0 0
Brewarrina	Clyde	1	640 0 0	...	...	640 0 0	...	...	...
Burrowa	Monteagle	1	40 0 0	...	...	40 0 0	...	...	...
"	King	5	266 0 0	1	5 0 0	261 0 0	1.88	25 0 0	5 0 0
"	Harden	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	...	100	80 0 0	2 0 0
Carcoar	Georgiana	44	1,072 0 0	6	52 2 30	1,019 1 10	4.91	139 11 0	2 12 11½
"	Bathurst	2	46 3 0	1	2 0 0	44 3 0	4.27	7 0 0	3 10 0
Casino	Richmond	1	68 0 0	1	68 0 0	...	100	102 0 0	1 10 0
"	Rous	2	341 0 0	2	341 0 0	...	100	688 15 0	2 0 4½
Cassilis	Bligh	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	...	100	150 0 0	1 5 0
Coonina	Wallace	1	50 0 0	...	...	50 0 0	...	...	...
"	Beresford	3	200 0 0	...	...	200 0 0	...	...	...
Coonabarabran	Gowen	7	1,697 0 0	2	314 0 0	1,383 0 0	18.50	471 0 0	1 10 0
Coonamble	Gregory and Leichhardt.	1	532 0 0	...	...	532 0 0	...	...	...
"	Leichhardt	3	434 0 0	3	434 0 0	...	100	631 0 0	1 9 0½
"	Gregory	4	817 3 0	1	418 0 0	399 3 0	51.11	574 15 0	1 7 6
"	Ewenmar	1	12 1 0	1	12 1 0	...	100	18 7 6	1 10 0
Cootamundra	Bland	7	21 0 24	6	20 3 24	0 1 0	98.81	83 3 9	3 19 7½
"	Clarendon	3	120 0 0	...	...	120 0 0	...	...	...
"	Harden	30	532 2 36	5	79 3 0	452 3 36	14.97	483 5 0	6 1 2½
Corowa	Denison	1	132 2 0	1	132 2 0	...	100	827 11 6	6 4 11
Cowra	Bathurst	2	51 0 0	1	14 3 20	36 0 20	29.16	44 12 6	3 0 0
Deniliquin	Wakool	2	1,165 0 0	2	1,165 0 0	...	100	2,038 15 0	1 15 0
"	Townsend	1	20 0 0	1	20 0 0	...	100	85 0 0	4 5 0
Dubbo	Gregory	13	2,888 1 0	12	2,568 1 0	320 0 0	89	3,441 8 9	1 6 9½
"	Lincoln	1	40 0 0	...	...	40 0 0	...	...	...
"	Ewenmar	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	...	100	125 0 0	1 5 0
"	Oxley	3	120 0 0	1	40 0 0	80 0 0	33.33	96 0 0	2 8 0
"	Narromine	2	806 1 0	...	...	806 1 0	...	...	...
Dungog	Gloucester	1	21 0 0	1	21 0 0	...	100	273 0 0	13 0 0
Eden	Auckland	7	476 2 0	...	...	476 2 0	...	...	...
Forbes	Forbes	1	2 0 0	1	2 0 0	...	100	9 0 0	4 10 0
"	Ashburnham	8	91 3 13	8	91 3 13	...	100	347 0 8	3 15 7
Glen Innes	Gough	3	62 3 20	1	20 3 0	42 0 20	33	37 7 0	1 16 0
Goulburn	Argyle	7	110 0 26	6	108 0 26	2 0 0	98.18	355 1 7	3 5 7½
"	Georgiana	2	117 1 0	...	...	117 1 0	...	...	...
Grafton	Clarence	13	664 3 0	9	439 0 0	225 3 0	66.04	744 7 0	1 13 11
"	Fitzroy	9	546 0 8	1	6 2 20	539 1 28	1.21	9 18 9	1 10 0
Grenfell	Monteagle	38	394 1 31	17	108 0 9	286 1 22	27.39	344 8 9	3 3 9
Gundagai	Clarendon	3	68 2 14	2	21 1 14	47 1 0	31.11	53 6 10	2 9 11½
"	Wynyard	25	1,222 0 10	17	448 1 0	773 3 10	36.68	1,302 6 0	2 18 1½
Gunnedah	Pottinger	5	1,886 1 0	4	1,518 3 0	367 2 0	80.51	1,898 8 9	1 5 0
"	Nandewar	27	1,530 1 0	27	1,530 1 0	...	100	3,772 4 5	2 9 3½
Gunning	King	3	67 1 0	2	39 1 0	28 0 0	58.36	89 13 6	2 5 8½
Hay	Townsend	4	627 2 0	1	80 0 0	547 2 0	12.74	120 10 0	1 10 1½
"	Wakool	3	788 2 0	3	788 2 0	...	100	1,182 15 0	1 10 0
"	Nicholson	1	256 0 0	...	...	256 0 0	...	...	...
Inverell	Burnett	1	52 0 0	...	...	52 0 0	...	...	...
"	Arrawatta	2	202 2 0	2	202 2 0	...	100	253 2 6	1 5 0
Kempsey	Raleigh	4	194 3 20	1	18 3 20	176 0 0	9.68	23 11 11	1 5 0
"	Dudley	2	51 0 29	1	1 0 29	50 0 0	2.30	23 12 6	20 0 0
Kiama	Camden	4	254 0 0	3	199 2 0	54 2 0	78.54	249 7 8	1 5 0
Lithgow	Westmoreland	5	319 3 0	...	...	319 3 0	...	...	...
"	Cook	1	5 0 9	1	5 0 9	...	100	60 13 6	12 0 0
"	Georgiana	1	42 2 0	...	...	42 2 0	...	...	...
Liverpool	Cumberland	4	33 2 13	2	21 2 31	11 3 22	64.60	105 0 6	4 16 9½
Metropolitan	Ashburnham	345	829 3 30	139	329 2 9	500 1 21	39.70	9,604 13 3	29 2 10½
Molong	Gordon	2	457 0 0	...	...	457 0 0	...	...	...
"	Wellington	2	696 0 0	...	...	696 0 0	...	...	...
"	Wellington	1	80 0 0	...	...	80 0 0	...	...	...
Moree	Benarba	1	202 1 0	1	202 1 0	...	100	252 16 3	1 5 0
"	Stapylton	1	53 2 0	...	...	53 2 0	...	...	...
Moruya	St. Vincent	4	82 0 0	1	1 0 0	81 0 0	1.22	11 0 0	11 0 0
Mudgee	Phillip	8	404 0 0	2	4 0 0	400 0 0	0.99	12 0 0	3 0 0
"	Wellington	14	131 3 18	9	11 3 29	119 3 29	9.04	62 3 5	5 4 2½
Murrurundi	Buckland	36	1,381 2 0	...	...	1,381 2 0	...	...	...
Narrabri	Jamieson	9	2,335 3 0	...	...	2,335 3 0	...	...	...
Narrandera	Cooper	1	254 3 0	1	254 3 0	...	100	382 2 6	1 10 0
"	Mitchell	1	93 0 0	...	...	93 0 0	...	...	...
Nowra	St. Vincent	2	140 0 0	...	...	140 0 0	...	...	...
Orange	Bathurst	1	11 1 4	1	11 1 4	...	100	28 10 0	2 10 6½
"	Wellington	18	18 3 26½	3	3 2 16½	15 1 9½	19.05	104 0 0	23 17 3½

## SCHEDULE IX—continued.

Land District.	County.	No. of Lots offered.	Area offered.	No. of Lots sold.	Area sold.	Area not bid for.	Per-centage sold.	Amount realised.	Average price per acre.
			a. r. p.		a. r. p.	a. r. p.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Parkes	Ashburnham	42	320 1 12	36	295 3 37	24 1 15	92.40	809 9 1	2 14 8½
"	Kennedy	1	411 0 0	...	...	411 0 0	...	...	...
"	Cunningham	1	235 1 0	...	235 1 0	...	...	...	...
Parramatta	Cumberland	3	43 2 18	1	15 0 0	28 2 18	34.49	540 0 0	36 0 0
Port Macquarie	Macquarie	1	30 2 0	...	...	30 2 0	...	...	...
Rylstone	Phillip	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	...	100	50 0 0	1 5 0
"	Roxburgh	1	29 0 0	1	29 0 0	...	100	43 10 0	1 10 0
Scone	Brisbane	3	222 1 0	1	129 3 0	92 2 0	58.38	162 3 9	1 5 0
"	Denham	2	101 0 0	2	101 0 0	...	100	126 5 0	1 5 0
Singleton	Durham	2	171 0 0	2	171 0 0	...	100	217 17 6	1 5 5¾
Stroud	Gloucester	1	46 0 0	1	46 0 0	...	100	69 0 0	1 10 0
Tamworth	Darling	1	291 0 0	1	291 0 0	...	100	436 10 0	1 10 0
"	Inglis	1	320 0 0	1	320 0 0	...	100	400 0 0	1 5 0
Taree	Macquarie	39	1,016 1 0	33	834 1 10	181 3 30	82.09	1,679 8 4	2 0 3
Tenterfield	Clive	8	785 2 0	4	359 0 0	426 2 0	45.70	448 15 0	1 5 0
Tumut	Buccleuch	2	240 0 0	...	...	240 0 0	...	...	...
"	Wynyard	51	2,048 1 30	15	62 3 37	1,985 1 33	3.07	172 10 0	2 14 9¼
Urana	Urana	2	90 0 0	2	90 0 0	...	100	145 0 0	1 12 2¾
Wagga Wagga	Bourke	7	985 2 0	4	797 0 0	188 2 0	80.87	1,511 10 0	1 17 11½
Walcha	Vernon	4	261 0 0	4	261 0 0	...	100	354 2 6	1 7 1½
Walgett	Denham	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	...	100	50 0 0	1 5 0
"	Leichhardt	3	960 0 0	3	960 0 0	...	100	1,360 0 0	1 8 4
Warialda	Burnett	3	130 0 0	1	40 0 0	90 0 0	22.22	50 0 0	1 5 0
Wellington	Wellington	1	22 0 10	...	...	22 0 10	...	...	...
"	Lincoln	1	70 0 0	...	...	70 0 0	...	...	...
"	Bligh	3	161 0 0	...	...	161 0 0	...	...	...
Wollombi	Northumberland	2	180 0 0	2	180 0 0	...	100	226 6 6	1 5 1¾
Yass	Harden	32	1,988 0 0	1	71 0 0	1,917 0 0	3.57	88 15 0	1 5 0
"	King	1	34 2 0	...	...	34 2 0	...	...	...
Young	Monteagle	53	573 1 32½	18	65 1 25½	508 0 7	11.40	282 6 5	4 6 3¾
"	Harden	33	542 3 20	10	176 0 20	366 3 0	32.44	503 12 1	2 17 2½
		1,122	44,020 2 3¼	482	18,429 2 30	25,590 3 13¾	41.86	42,626 12 7	2 6 3

## SCHEDULE X.

RETURN showing the situation of, and amount realised for, Town and Suburban Lands sold at Auction during 1889.

Town or Village of	Town.			Suburban.		
	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realised.	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realised.
	No.	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	No.	a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Aberdeen	2	1 0 0	12 0 0	...	...	...
Albury	...	...	...	8	65 2 1	1,212 10 0
Araluen	...	...	...	1	1 1 20	5 10 0
Armidale	55	26 1 38½	1,678 0 0	14	29 1 20	252 10 0
Arthur	1	0 1 0	11 5 0	6	16 0 5	63 8 0
Ballina, West	27	12 0 0	1,225 10 0	...	...	...
Baradine	4	2 0 0	22 10 0	...	...	...
Barmedman	36	9 0 0	262 15 0	...	...	...
Barratta	33	16 2 0	204 5 6	12	30 0 0	127 0 10
Bathurst	1	0 1 3	21 0 0	...	...	...
Bermagui	57	16 1 32	427 19 0	30	111 0 17	410 2 0
Bethungra	14	5 2 16	144 10 0	25	118 2 14	599 17 6
Bexhill	14	6 0 19	203 5 0	...	...	...
Bimbi	...	...	...	1	2 0 0	12 0 0
Binalong	33	11 0 38	226 10 0	11	128 2 6	370 0 0
Blackheath	90	40 2 31	5,956 0 0	32	237 0 30	2,515 0 0
Blackville	36	18 0 0	173 5 0	...	...	...
Bourke	26	6 1 26½	3,335 0 0	...	...	...
Bowring	2	0 3 29½	12 0 0	7	92 3 12	267 12 0
Bredbo	3	1 2 0	21 0 0	...	...	...
Brungle	48	23 1 18	307 0 0	15	61 2 18	370 10 0
Bulla	18	8 3 3	125 10 0	5	23 1 35	83 10 0
Bulla Delah	29	11 2 33¾	208 3 0	...	...	...
Bunnan	18	8 1 2	72 3 0	19	76 1 2	233 3 0
Buraja	30	14 1 2	160 16 0	18	205 0 19	661 14 0
Burbong	15	4 3 31	60 2 0	...	...	...
Camden Haven	8	4 2 0	36 0 0	...	...	...
Cargellico	1	0 2 0	10 5 0	...	...	...
Carroll	...	...	...	11	30 2 12	155 17 6
Casino	1	0 1 11½	20 0 0	6	13 0 1	294 0 0
Codrington	10	5 0 0	81 7 0	3	6 0 0	60 0 0
Colombo	...	...	...	1	3 1 13	35 0 0
Coolabah	7	3 2 0	167 5 0	...	...	...

## SCHEDULE X—continued.

Town or Village of	Town			Suburban.		
	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realised.	Lots.	Area.	Total amount realised.
	No.	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	No.	a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Cooma . . . . .	30	9 0 37½	1,108 10 0	..	..	..
Coonabarabran . . . . .	1	0 2 0	12 5 0	..	..	..
Corowa . . . . .	..	..	..	28	28 1 0½	225 5 0
Cunjeogong . . . . .	..	..	..	2	23 1 33	83 0 0
Currabubula . . . . .	..	..	..	17	112 2 3	348 0 0
Currawananna . . . . .	6	3 0 0	28 0 0	..	..	..
Dalgety . . . . .	4	1 2 14½	20 0 0	..	..	..
Dubbo . . . . .	..	..	..	4	75 1 34	268 0 0
Eugowra . . . . .	1	0 0 32	6 0 0	..	..	..
Forbes . . . . .	18	7 0 8	401 5 0	59	187 2 19	1,334 17 6
Germanton . . . . .	1	0 1 30	27 10 0	..	..	..
Gilgandra . . . . .	54	27 0 0	350 10 0	..	..	..
Glenken . . . . .	41	20 1 9	187 0 0	..	..	..
Glen Innes . . . . .	..	..	..	3	49 1 17	172 0 0
Glenrouth . . . . .	29	14 2 0	147 6 0	11	126 3 2	351 3 0
Gosford . . . . .	1	0 1 24	99 0 0	18	30 2 25	649 10 0
Grafton, South . . . . .	6	3 0 0	257 10 0	..	..	..
Grenfell . . . . .	16	6 1 30	160 10 0	30	65 2 3	315 6 0
Grong Grong . . . . .	36	18 0 0	173 5 0	..	..	..
Gulgong . . . . .	4	0 3 22	47 10 0	..	..	..
Gunbar . . . . .	3	1 2 0	21 0 0	..	..	..
Gundagai, North . . . . .	17	7 0 3½	74 10 0	12	14 0 33	87 0 0
Do South . . . . .	..	..	..	3	3 0 0	15 0 0
Gunnedah . . . . .	..	..	..	1	2 2 0	20 0 0
Gunning . . . . .	32	13 3 16	144 2 0	9	152 3 23	466 0 0
Heathcote . . . . .	..	..	..	34	93 0 8	961 10 0
Humula . . . . .	2	1 0 0	10 0 0	..	..	..
Huka . . . . .	9	4 1 10½	48 10 0	3	4 0 12	42 0 0
Jerry's Plains . . . . .	3	1 2 0	60 0 0	..	..	..
Jindera . . . . .	..	..	..	22	37 0 5	325 7 6
Jugiong . . . . .	9	4 1 29½	49 0 0	..	..	..
Kooroowatha . . . . .	47	22 2 31½	335 0 0	..	..	..
Kyuga . . . . .	24	11 3 14	126 0 0	16	28 2 21½	194 10 0
Lawrence . . . . .	71	31 2 24	722 12 6	10	65 1 20	293 7 6
Manilla . . . . .	..	..	..	8	19 1 16	111 5 0
M'Alister . . . . .	24	11 2 33	259 1 0	1	3 2 23	19 19 0
Moama . . . . .	..	..	..	2	30 3 1	100 0 0
Molong, West . . . . .	3	1 2 0	27 10 0	7	30 3 23	224 5 0
Mount M'Donald . . . . .	1	0 1 0	12 0 0	..	..	..
Mossgiel . . . . .	11	5 2 0	70 0 0	..	..	..
Mudgee . . . . .	..	..	..	3	29 1 37	90 12 6
Mullumbumby . . . . .	3	1 1 8	11 0 0	12	15 0 4	156 10 0
Mulwala . . . . .	..	..	..	3	22 3 11	274 10 0
Mungindi . . . . .	30	15 0 0	500 12 6	5	9 3 31	88 10 0
Murrumbidgee . . . . .	14	7 0 0	56 0 0	..	..	..
Murrumburrah . . . . .	25	7 3 33	612 5 0	2	23 0 10	127 10 0
Murwillumbah . . . . .	4	1 0 19	86 10 0	..	..	..
Musclebrook . . . . .	66	26 0 16½	1,936 0 0	21	32 1 24½	930 10 0
Narrabri, West . . . . .	4	1 0 5	75 0 0	..	..	..
Narrandera . . . . .	5	1 1 0	255 0 0	1	7 1 0	181 10 6
Narromine . . . . .	15	7 0 26	122 9 0	..	..	..
Nevertare . . . . .	1	0 1 0	5 0 0	..	..	..
Nyngan . . . . .	4	2 0 0	180 0 0	6	78 2 7	628 4 0
Oberon . . . . .	34	19 0 0	333 5 0	..	..	..
Oxley . . . . .	..	..	..	1	2 2 0	35 0 0
Parkes . . . . .	33	13 3 32	939 3 0	60	232 3 34	1,529 5 0
Pokolbin . . . . .	..	..	..	3	9 0 33	28 10 0
Ponto . . . . .	8	4 0 0	40 17 0	3	5 2 35	18 15 0
Port Macquarie . . . . .	..	..	..	1	2 1 33	14 0 0
Quirindi . . . . .	8	3 0 28	864 10 0	..	..	..
Raglan . . . . .	7	7 2 0	62 5 0	..	..	..
Raleigh . . . . .	..	..	..	2	39 1 0	162 10 0
Rosewood . . . . .	22	9 3 13	171 15 0	..	..	..
Stuart . . . . .	4	1 0 8	19 6 0	..	..	..
Sydney . . . . .	1	0 0 3½	335 12 6	..	..	..
Tamworth . . . . .	38	18 1 29½	2,101 0 0	..	..	..
Temora . . . . .	19	4 1 26½	416 7 0	41	156 0 26	674 7 6
Tenterfield . . . . .	3	1 1 25	35 10 0	..	..	..
Toven . . . . .	2	0 3 8	7 0 0	5	10 0 29	52 0 0
Thirlmere . . . . .	3	1 2 0	438 0 0	4	15 1 31	304 10 0
Tocumwal . . . . .	8	4 0 0	556 0 0	..	..	..
Tumut . . . . .	..	..	..	30	37 3 0	702 10 0
Wagga Wagga . . . . .	1	0 1 4	10 0 0	..	..	..
Wardell . . . . .	..	..	..	3	4 0 26	42 10 0
Warren . . . . .	4	1 3 6	128 10 0	10	136 1 39	535 10 0
Walaregang . . . . .	..	..	..	10	153 1 10	921 0 0
Whitton . . . . .	12	5 1 30	221 10 0	..	..	..
Wickham . . . . .	1	0 0 21	282 0 0	..	..	..
Wingen . . . . .	4	2 0 0	25 5 0	..	..	..
Yambi . . . . .	2	0 2 24	50 0 0	..	..	..
Yeoval . . . . .	21	7 3 3	125 10 0	1	5 2 0	14 0 0
Yetholme . . . . .	..	..	..	2	8 2 16	25 0 0
Young . . . . .	6	2 1 0	331 0 0	13	13 2 6½	206 8 0
	1,539	670 1 31½	29,474 14 0	767	3,488 3 16	22,080 2 0



## SCHEDULE XIV

RETURN showing Number and Area of Improvement Purchases applied for during 1889, under the 46th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and action taken thereon, to 31st December, 1889.

County.	Land District	Number of applications and area applied for			Total number of applications and area applied for in each county			Number disallowed	Number of applications approved, and area		Class of Land	Amount realised	Number of applications not finally decided on 31st Dec., 1889	Land Board District.
		No.	a	r.	p.	No.	a		r.	p.				
Ashburnham	Forbes ..	6	1	1	17½	..	.....	2	1	0	1	0	3	Forbes.
"	"	3	3	0	0	..	.....	1	..	..	..	..	2	"
"	Molong	5	3	2	7	..	.....	1	..	..	..	..	4	Orange.
"	Parkes	26	6	2	3	..	.....	4	1	0	1	0	21	Forbes.
"	"	39	48	3	23	79	63 1 10½	18	1	1	0	0	20	"
Bathurst	Bathurst ..	1	1	0	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	Orange.
"	Carcoar ..	2	0	2	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	"
"	"	3	2	1	0	..	.....	1	..	..	..	..	2	"
"	Cowra ..	1	1	0	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	"
"	Orange	1	1	0	0	8	5 3 0	..	..	..	..	..	1	"
Bland	Cootamundra.	15	4	0	0	..	.....	4	..	..	..	..	11	WaggaWagga.
"	"	23	46	3	0	..	.....	1	..	..	..	..	22	"
"	Grenfell	5	1	1	0	43	52 0 0	2	..	..	..	..	3	Forbes.
Bligh	Wellington	1	1	0	0	1	1 0 0	1	..	..	..	..	..	Orange.
Buller	Casino	1	2	0	0	1	2 0 0	1	..	..	..	..	..	Grafton.
Clarendon	Wagga Wagga.	1	1	0	0	1	1 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	1	WaggaWagga.
Dampier	Bega	2	0	1	37	..	.....	1	0	1	0	..	1	Cooma.
"	"	1	1	0	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
"	Moruya	1	0	1	0	4	1 2 37	..	..	..	..	..	1	Sydney.
Dowling	Hillston	6	1	2	0	6	1 2 0	1	..	..	..	..	5	Hay.
Drake	Casino	5	1	1	0	..	.....	3	..	..	..	..	2	Grafton.
"	"	2	4	1	8	7	5 2 8	2	..	..	..	..	..	"
Evelyn	Wilcannia	2	2	0	0	2	2 0 0	1	..	..	..	..	1	Bourke.
Forbes	Grenfell	2	2	0	0	2	2 0 0	2	..	..	..	..	..	Forbes.
Georgiana	Carcoar	4	1	0	0	..	.....	2	..	..	..	..	2	Orange.
"	"	8	6	0	0	12	7 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	8	"
Gloucester	Stroud	2	2	0	0	..	.....	1	..	..	..	..	1	Maitland.
"	Laree	1	0	1	0	3	2 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	1	"
Goulburn	Albury	1	1	0	0	1	1 0 0	1	..	..	..	..	..	WaggaWagga.
Gough	Tenterfield	1	1	0	0	1	1 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	1	Armidale.
Harden	Burrowa	2	1	0	39	2	1 0 39	1	..	..	..	..	1	Goulburn.
Hardinge	Inverell	6	6	0	0	6	6 0 0	2	..	..	..	..	4	Armidale.
Kennedy	Parkes	1	0	1	0	1	0 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	1	Forbes.
Monteagle	Grenfell	2	0	1	33½	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	"
"	"	14	14	0	0	..	.....	2	1	1	0	0	11	"
"	Young	4	1	0	0	..	.....	2	..	..	..	..	2	Goulburn.
"	"	12	14	0	5	32	29 1 33½	7	..	..	..	..	5	"
Murray	Queanbeyan	1	0	1	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	Cooma.
"	"	4	3	0	12	5	3 1 12	1	..	..	..	..	3	"
Parry	Tamworth	1	0	2	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	Tamworth.
"	"	2	1	2	0	3	2 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	2	"
Roxburgh	Bathurst	4	4	0	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	4	Orange.
"	"	2	0	1	32	6	4 1 32	..	..	..	..	..	2	"
Sandon	Armidale	130	31	2	17	..	.....	30	4	1	0	0	96	Armidale.
"	"	9	7	0	0	139	38 2 17	..	..	..	..	..	9	"
Selwyn	Albury	3	0	3	0	3	0 3 0	2	..	..	..	..	1	WaggaWagga.
St. Vincent	Braidwood	2	2	0	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	Goulburn.
"	Moruya	2	2	0	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	Sydney.
"	Nowra	6	3	0	7	10	7 0 7	..	1	0	1	7	5	"
Tongowoko	Wilcannia	5	1	0	32	5	1 0 32	1	1	0	1	0	3	Bourke.
Wellington	Bathurst	1	0	2	0	..	.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	Orange.
"	Mudgee	2	2	0	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	"
"	Wellington	1	0	1	0	4	2 3 0	..	..	..	..	..	1	"
Westmoreland	Bathurst	1	0	0	25	1	0 0 25	..	..	..	..	..	1	"
Wynyard	Gundagai	2	0	1	22	..	.....	1	..	..	..	..	1	WaggaWagga.
"	"	3	3	0	0	..	.....	2	..	..	..	..	1	"
"	Tumut	1	1	0	0	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	"
"	Wagga Wagga	1	1	0	0	7	5 1 22	..	..	..	..	..	1	"
Yancowinna	Wilcannia	21½	48	1	36	..	.....	44	54	11	3	6½	115	Bourke.
"	"	26¼	201	3	0	477	250 0 36	47	40	27	1	25	177	"
	Totals	872	501	3	36	872	501 3 36	193	105	43	1	38½	574	

SCHEDULE XV.

RETURN showing Number of Improvement Purchase Applications applied for prior to 1889, under the 46th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and for which the Purchase Money was paid during 1889.

County.	Land District.	Number of applications and area alienated.		Total number of applications and area alienated in each county.		Class of Land.	Amount realised.	
		No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.		£	s. d.
Ashburnham	Forbes	1	1 0 0	...	...	Suburban	13	4 0
"	Parkes	12	2 3 4½	...	...	Town	235	5 0
"	"	3	3 0 0	16	6 3 4½	Suburban	26	8 0
Bland	Cootamundra	2	0 2 0	2	0 2 0	Town	21	2 0
Bligh	Wellington	1	1 0 0	1	1 0 0	Suburban	5	15 0
Buller	Casino	1	1 0 0	1	1 0 0	"	5	10 0
Clarendon	Gundagai	2	1 3 14	2	1 3 14	"	20	0 0
Dampier	Bega	5	1 1 0	...	...	Town	64	13 6
"	Moruya	1	0 1 0	6	1 2 0	"	12	0 0
Dowling	Hillston	5	1 1 0	5	1 1 0	"	71	2 0
Farnell	Wilcannia	1	1 0 0	1	1 0 0	Suburban	40	0 0
Gloucester	Stroud	1	0 1 0	1	0 1 0	Town	8	0 0
Hardinge	Inverell	2	2 0 0	2	2 0 0	Suburban	20	0 0
Harden	Young	2	2 0 0	2	2 0 0	"	15	0 0
Monteagle	Grenfell	1	1 0 0	...	...	"	8	0 0
"	"	1	0 0 37	...	...	Town	10	0 0
"	Young	7	1 3 0	...	...	"	219	4 0
"	"	9	9 0 0	18	11 3 37	Suburban	114	13 8
Narromine	Dubbo	2	2 0 0	2	2 0 0	"	46	12 6
Phillip	Mudgee	1	0 1 0	1	0 1 0	Town	6	0 0
Sandon	Armidale	4	1 0 0	4	1 0 0	"	150	0 0
Selwyn	Albury	2	2 0 0	2	2 0 0	Suburban	15	0 0
St. Vincent	Braidwood	2	1 3 3¼	...	...	"	13	0 0
"	Moruya	1	1 0 0	...	...	"	8	10 0
"	"	1	0 1 0	...	...	Town	6	12 0
"	Nowra	5	2 2 11	...	...	Suburban	33	15 0
"	"	1	0 1 0	10	6 0 2½	Town	6	12 0
Tongowoko	Wilcannia	1	0 0 2½	1	0 0 20	"	10	0 0
Wellington	Bothurst	1	0 2 9	...	...	Suburban	7	10 0
"	Mudgee	1	1 0 0	...	...	"	6	10 0
"	Wellington	1	0 0 33	...	...	Town	7	10 0
"	"	1	1 0 0	4	2 3 2	Suburban	4	15 0
Wynyard	Gundagai	1	1 0 0	1	1 0 0	"	5	0 0
Yancowinna	Wilcannia	130	28 2 37½	...	...	Town	10,819	5 6
"	"	75	64 2 4½	205	93 1 2¾	Suburban	3,283	6 0
TOTALS		287	139 2 2¼	297	139 2 2¼		15,339	15 8

SCHEDULE XVI.

RETURN showing the number of Special Purchase Applications received within the various Land Districts during the year 1889.

Land Board and Land District.	Clause					Total.	Land Board and Land District.	Clause					Total.	
	63	64	66	67	69			63	64	65	67	69		
Armidale—							Maitland— <i>continued.</i>							
Armidale			3	5		12	Newcastle		1	1	3		14	
Glen Innes				1			Raymond Terrace			1	1			
Inverell				2			Singleton			1	2	1		
Tenterfield				1			Taree		1					
Cooma—							Wollombi			1	1			
Bega				2	4	9	Metropolitan—							
Cooma				1			Berrima				2			
Eden				1			Hartley				1			
Queanbeyan				1			Lithgow			2				
Dubbo—							Moruya				3		71	
Coonamble				1		Shoalhaven			1	1				
Forbes—						Sydney	6	38	5	9	2			
Forbes				4		Windsor				1				
Grenfell				1	1	9	Moree—							
Parkes				1	2		Bungera				2			
Goulburn—							Moree				2	2	6	
Braidwood				1			Orange—							
Burrowa				1	3	Cowra				1	2			
Goulburn				1		Molong					1			
Gunning					1	10	Orange				4		9	
Yass					3		Rylstone				1			
Grafton—							Tamworth—							
Casino					1		Combarabun				1			
Grafton					3	15	Murrumbidgee				1		8	
Kempsey					1		Narrabri				3			
Lismore					3		Tamworth				2	1		
Macleay River				1	3		Wagga Wagga—							
Tweed River					1	Albury				4	1	17		
Hay—						Cootamundra				2				
Deniliquin					1	Coswara				1				
Hay					2	Gundagai					1			
Hillston		2			1	10	Narrandera		1		1	1		
Maitland—							Tombi				1			
Cassilis					3		Urania				1	1		
Dungog					1		Wagga Wagga					2		
Musclebrook					1	5								
Grand Totals							6	43	24	98	25	196		



## SCHEDULE XVII.

RETURN of Lands alienated during 1889 in satisfaction of Special Purchase Applications made under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

County.	Land alienated.					Purchase money paid.	Penalties.	Land Board District.
	Clause 63.	Clause 64.	Clause 66.	Clause 67.	Clause 69.			
	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland .....				2 1 12		16 5 6		Cooma.
Bland .....				185 0 33		231 17 8		Forbes.
Buccleuch .....				5 2 16	4 3 0	35 8 9	0 15 6	Wagga Wagga.
Camden .....				15 1 19	5 0 4	85 5 8		Metropolitan.
Clarence .....				2 0 0		4 0 0		Grafton.
Clarendon .....				4 0 0		6 0 0		Wagga Wagga.
Cook .....					2 0 22			Metropolitan.
Cooper .....					2 1 27	4 0 0		Wagga Wagga.
Cowper .....				1 1 33		30 13 11	3 1 5	Bourke.
Cumberland .....	2 3 33 $\frac{3}{4}$					2,108 2 6		Metropolitan.
" .....		9 2 7 $\frac{1}{4}$				1,839 7 6	10 19 4	"
" .....			0 0 36			52 5 0		"
" .....				4 0 39		76 7 9		"
Dampier .....				18 0 0		58 0 0		"
Dudley .....			5 1 0	4 3 22		53 14 9		Grafton.
Forbes .....				1 0 27		1 18 0		Orange.
Gipps .....				1 1 27		1 15 7		Forbes.
Gloucester .....	0 0 28					114 0 0		Maitland.
Goulburn .....				6 2 0	8 1 18	19 10 0	1 7 0	Wagga Wagga.
Hume .....				178 2 30		369 2 6		"
Lincoln .....				0 0 12		20 0 0		Dubbo.
Murchison .....				14 0 17		21 3 2		Armidale.
Murray .....					7 3 30	4 0 0		Cooma.
Northumberland .....	5 3 10 $\frac{3}{4}$		3 2 3	3 1 9		442 13 4		Maitland.
Rous .....		0 1 2				28 8 6		Grafton.
Sandon .....				21 0 37		68 17 0		Armidale.
St. Vincent .....				3 1 8		13 4 0		Metropolitan.
Townsend .....				85 1 13		138 0 1		Hay.
Urana .....				225 3 4		564 8 9		Wagga Wagga.
Wakool .....				119 2 31		241 2 9		Hay.
Waradgery .....					10 0 4	4 0 0		"
Wellington .....				5 3 4		57 15 0		Orange
Wynyard .....			0 0 20	4 1 8		45 10 0		Wagga Wagga.
Grand Total .....	8 3 32 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 3 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 0 19	913 3 6	40 2 25	6,756 17 8	16 3 3	

## SCHEDULE XVIII.

RETURN of Lands alienated during 1889 in satisfaction of Special Purchase Applications made under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

County.	Area alienated.				Purchase money paid.	Penalties.	Land Board District.
	Clause 9.	Clause 10.	Clause 11.	Clause 12.			
	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Cooper .....		81 1 34			137 2 7		Wagga Wagga.
Cumberland .....	5 3 14 $\frac{1}{4}$				2,270 19 0	12 2 5	Sydney.
" .....			0 0 1 $\frac{1}{4}$		116 10 0		"
" .....				0 0 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 10 6		"
Goulburn .....		10 3 0			113 10 0		Wagga Wagga.
Hume .....		7 3 35			15 19 9		" "
Macquarie .....			13 0 0		70 14 0	7 1 6	Grafton
Sandon .....		4 2 11			17 16 9		Armidale.
Townsend .....		58 1 15			95 15 4		Hay.
Urana .....		370 0 12			767 10 2		Wagga Wagga.
Grand Total .....	5 3 14 $\frac{1}{4}$	533 0 27	13 0 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 0 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	3,607 3 1	19 3 11	

RETURN showing the Number and Area of Conditional Purchases applied for during 1889, with the amount of by Local Land Boards in 1889 upon

Land Board District	Land District	Section 2C			Section 42			Section 47		
		No	Area	Deposit	No	Area	Deposit	No	Area	Deposit
			a r p	£ s d		a r p	£ s d		a r p	£ s d
Armidale	Armidale	49	6,315 2 0	631 11 0	39	4,504 0 0	450 8 0	4	190 0 0	38 0 0
	Special area									
	Glen Innes	15	2,158 1 0	215 16 6	18	2,729 0 0	272 18 0	1	80 0 0	16 0 0
	Special area				1	50 0 0	10 0 0			
	Inverell	20	2,225 0 0	222 10 0	15	1,827 2 0	182 15 0	3	620 0 0	124 0 0
	Special area				2	274 3 0	54 19 0			
	Tenterfield	22	2,113 1 0	211 6 6	19	1,253 1 0	125 6 6	1	300 0 0	60 0 0
Special area				1	160 0 0	48 0 0				
Walcha	Walcha	23	3,128 2 0	312 17 0	17	2,255 0 0	225 10 0	1	101 0 0	20 4 0
	Special area									
Bourke	Bourke				2	1,471 3 0	147 3 6			
	Special area	1	106 0 0	15 18 0						
	Brewarrina									
	Special area	7	4,480 0 0	448 0 0						
	Brewarrina, East									
Special area	3	1,580 0 0	158 0 0							
Cobar	Cobar									
	Special area									
Cobar, East	Cobar, East									
	Special area									
Wilcannia	Wilcannia									
	Special area									
Cooma	Bega	11	950 0 0	95 0 0	19	1,143 2 0	114 7 0	1	40 0 0	8 0 0
	Special area									
	Bombala	22	3,220 0 0	322 0 0	18	1,546 2 0	154 13 0	1	60 0 0	12 0 0
	Special area				2	200 0 0	42 0 0			
	Cooma	50	5,932 1 0	593 4 6	35	3,010 0 0	301 0 0			
	Special area				3	366 0 0	57 4 0			
Eden	Eden	36	3,892 1 0	389 4 6	39	2,512 1 0	251 4 6	1	80 0 0	16 0 0
	Special area									
Queanbeyan	Queanbeyan	68	6,357 2 0	635 15 0	92	7,387 1 31	738 15 0			
	Special area									
Dubbo	Coonamble	114	54,019 3 0	5,401 19 6	28	6,821 0 0	682 2 0	3	940 0 0	188 0 0
	Special area									
	Dubbo	89	32,333 3 0	3,233 7 6	35	5,158 3 0	515 17 6	5	720 0 0	144 0 0
Special area	2	237 0 0	47 8 0	2	656 0 0	106 4 0				
Forbes	Condobolin	40	19,207 2 0	1,920 15 0	24	5,587 1 0	558 14 6			
	Special area	4	640 0 0	96 0 0						
	Forbes	11	1,233 0 0	123 6 0	16	2,911 2 0	291 3 0			
	Special area	13	1,982 0 0	297 6 0	4	352 2 0	52 17 6	1	160 0 0	48 0 0
	Grenfell	45	13,191 3 0	1,319 3 6	34	7,637 2 0	763 15 0	1	200 0 0	40 0 0
	Special area	22	2,860 1 0	492 1 0	14	1,836 1 0	319 5 0	2	319 1 30	111 15 6
	Parkes	97	45,847 0 0	4,584 14 0	23	3,702 1 0	370 4 6	1	90 0 0	18 0 0
Special area	2	182 2 20	36 10 6	9	695 1 0	125 16 9	6	458 3 0	159 13 0	
Goulburn	Braidwood	24	2,070 0 0	207 0 0	54	3,759 3 0	375 19 6	2	140 0 0	28 0 0
	Special area									
	Burrowa	49	6,081 0 0	608 2 0	123	11,507 2 0	1,150 15 0	3	360 0 0	72 0 0
	Special area	5	573 1 0	179 18 0	9	646 1 0	131 13 0			
	Goulburn	117	8,333 3 0	833 7 6	208	13,597 3 0	1,359 15 6	5	229 2 0	45 18 0
	Special area									
	Gunning	44	3,604 0 0	360 8 0	115	6,989 3 0	698 19 6	1	50 0 0	10 0 0
	Special area				9	539 1 0	80 17 9			
Yass	25	2,459 0 0	245 18 0	42	4,851 0 0	485 2 0	2	100 0 0	20 0 0	
Special area										
Young	Young	3	330 0 0	33 0 0	19	2,886 3 0	288 13 6			
	Special area	11	1,253 1 0	231 13 0	6	463 0 0	85 12 9			
Grafton	Casino	28	6,811 0 0	681 2 0	22	2,176 2 0	217 13 0	3	434 3 0	86 19 0
	Special area	1	47 0 0	9 8 0						
	Grafton	58	9,335 2 0	933 11 0	53	6,007 2 0	600 15 0	8	563 3 0	172 15 0
	Special area	23	2,377 0 0	373 11 0	10	800 3 0	131 3 9	2	128 0 0	38 8 0
	Kempsey	77	8,460 2 0	846 1 0	51	3,402 1 35	340 5 0	6	409 1 0	81 17 0
	Special area				1	126 0 0	18 18 0			
	Lismore	39	4,372 0 0	437 4 0	35	3,548 0 0	354 16 0	4	436 0 0	87 4 0
	Special area	43	4,164 3 0	996 10 4	10	857 2 0	171 4 6			
	Murwillumbah	44	8,618 1 0	861 16 6	46	5,613 0 0	561 6 0	7	1,021 0 0	204 4 0
Special area	8	836 0 0	176 15 0	3	240 1 0	48 1 0	1	50 0 0	20 0 0	

## XIX.

Deposits received, and the action taken by the Local Land Boards in respect thereof, together with action taken applications received prior to that year.

Total Number, Area, and Deposit—Special Areas.			Gross Total—Number, Area, and Deposit.			Number of 1889 applications confirmed in year.	Area.	Number of previous years' applications confirmed.	Area.	Number of 1889 applications disallowed in year.	Number of previous years' applications disallowed in year.
No.	Area.	Deposit.	No.	Area.	Deposit.						
	a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		
...	.....	.....	92	11,009 2 0	1,119 19 0	19	2,242 0 0	39	4,975 2 39	17	1
...	.....	.....	35	5,017 1 0	514 14 6	7	563 2 0	8	728 0 0	5	4
1	50 0 0	10 0 0	40	4,947 1 0	584 4 0	8	729 1 0	16	2,521 3 0	6	5
2	274 3 0	54 19 0	43	3,826 2 0	444 13 0	6	641 1 0	18	1,741 0 0	3	1
1	160 0 0	48 0 0	41	5,484 2 0	558 11 0	16	2,561 3 0	14	2,229 3 0	6	6
...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
...	.....	.....	3	1,577 3 0	163 1 6	1	106 0 0	...	.....	...	.....
1	106 0 0	15 18 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
...	.....	.....	7	4,480 0 0	448 0 0	6	3,840 0 0	1	640 0 0	...	1
...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
...	.....	.....	3	1,580 0 0	158 0 0	1	640 0 0	4	2,093 1 0	...	.....
...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
...	.....	.....	31	2,133 2 0	217 7 0	18	1,311 0 0	16	924 3 0	5	1
...	.....	.....	43	5,026 2 0	530 13 0	25	2,326 0 0	2	144 1 0	4	3
2	200 0 0	42 0 0	88	9,308 1 0	951 8 6	40	4,062 2 0	18	2,097 1 0	11	4
3	366 0 0	57 4 0	76	6,484 2 0	656 9 0	47	3,905 2 0	34	1,975 2 0	9	3
...	.....	.....	160	13,744 3 31	1,374 10 0	62	5,455 3 30	41	4,948 0 0	28	3
...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
...	.....	.....	145	61,780 3 0	6,272 1 6	47	21,550 0 0	66	27,056 0 0	18	5
...	.....	.....	133	39,105 2 0	4,046 17 0	46	13,152 1 0	92	30,147 2 0	14	3
4	893 0 0	153 12 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
...	.....	.....	68	25,434 3 0	2,575 9 6	23	7,511 3 0	50	25,928 0 0	10	8
4	640 0 0	96 0 0	45	6,639 0 0	812 12 6	32	4,562 1 0	33	5,317 1 0	3	5
18	2,494 2 0	398 3 6	118	26,045 0 30	3,046 0 0	64	13,092 2 30	23	3,510 1 7	16	6
38	5,015 3 30	923 1 6	138	50,975 3 20	5,294 18 9	69	27,682 2 30	67	27,015 2 0	19	3
17	1,336 2 20	322 0 3	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
...	.....	.....	80	5,969 3 0	610 19 6	10	560 0 0	23	1,721 3 0	10	3
...	.....	.....	189	19,168 0 0	2,142 8 0	54	5,032 1 0	90	8,894 3 0	29	9
14	1,219 2 0	311 11 0	330	22,161 0 0	2,239 1 0	70	3,921 0 0	95	7,594 1 0	19	10
...	.....	.....	169	11,183 0 0	1,150 5 3	68	4,250 2 0	76	5,659 1 0	22	6
9	539 1 0	80 17 9	69	7,410 0 0	751 0 0	24	3,055 2 0	28	3,415 1 0	17	5
...	.....	.....	39	4,933 0 0	638 19 3	27	3,103 1 0	7	808 1 0	7	7
17	1,716 1 0	317 5 9	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
...	.....	.....	54	9,469 1 0	995 2 0	29	5,247 2 0	40	9,679 2 0	16	5
1	47 0 0	9 8 0	154	19,512 2 0	2,250 3 9	94	12,420 0 0	36	3,259 0 0	23	9
35	3,305 3 0	543 2 9	135	12,398 0 35	1,287 1 0	80	6,884 1 35	76	6,826 1 0	21	13
1	126 0 0	18 18 0	131	13,378 1 0	2,046 18 10	100	10,278 1 0	38	3,296 1 0	16	13
53	5,022 1 0	1,167 14 10	109	16,378 2 0	1,872 2 6	65	11,351 0 0	35	3,212 0 0	20	8
12	1,126 1 0	244 16 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....

Land Board District	Land District.	Section 26.			Section 42.			Section 47.		
		No.	Area.	Deposit.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	No.	Area.	Deposit.
			a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Hy . . . . .	Balranald	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balranald, South	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Denihqum	5	2,044 3 0	£64 9 6	7	1,357 3 0	135 15 6	2	440 0 0	88 0 0
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hay	55	30,293 3 0	3,029 7 6	7	1,299 0 0	129 18 0	8	1,035 1 0	207 1 0
	Special area	3	1,311 2 0	262 6 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hay, North	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hillston	14	4,420 2 0	442 1 0	2	170 0 0	17 0 0	...	...	...	
Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hillston, North	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wentworth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Maitland . . . . .	Cassils . . . . .	63	11,254 0 0	1,125 8 0	71	9,720 2 0	972 1 0	...	...	...
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Dungog	6	300 0 0	30 0 0	18	1,310 3 0	131 1 6	...	...	...
	Special area	4	285 1 0	42 15 9	2	203 2 0	30 10 6	3	406 0 0	121 16 0
	Maitland . . . . .	2	85 3 0	8 11 6	2	90 0 0	9 0 0	1	45 3 0	9 3 0
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	88 2 0	26 11 0
	Muswellbrook	14	1,307 0 0	130 14 0	39	2,435 1 0	243 10 6	1	40 0 0	8 0 0
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Newcastle . . . . .	1	40 0 0	4 0 0	1	40 0 0	4 0 0	...	...	...
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Paterson	14	1,564 3 0	156 9 6	20	1,485 0 0	148 10 0	4	740 0 0	148 0 0
	Special area	1	114 0 0	28 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Port Macquarie	51	6,130 0 0	613 0 0	24	2,263 2 0	226 7 0	3	139 0 0	27 16 0
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Raymond Terrace	17	2,490 0 0	249 0 0	10	1,055 0 0	105 10 0	5	639 3 0	127 19 0
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Scone . . . . .	36	9,071 1 0	907 2 6	67	6,993 0 0	699 6 0	...	...	...
Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Singleton	25	3,518 1 0	351 16 6	35	3,635 3 0	363 11 6	2	132 0 0	26 8 0	
Special area	4	475 2 20	116 18 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Stroud	14	2,202 0 0	220 4 0	15	1,508 2 0	150 17 0	1	82 1 0	16 9 0	
Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Taree	60	5,241 2 0	524 3 0	74	6,258 1 0	625 16 6	5	350 0 0	70 0 0	
Special area	2	125 0 0	26 11 6	1	185 0 0	23 0 6	1	73 3 0	26 11 0	
Wollombi	11	810 0 0	81 0 0	17	1,323 2 27	132 7 4	4	320 0 0	64 0 0	
Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Morce . . . . .	Bingara . . . . .	12	1,688 0 0	168 16 0	19	1,686 0 0	168 12 0	...	...	...
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Morce . . . . .	22	9,093 1 0	909 6 6	14	1,904 0 0	190 8 0	1	320 0 0	64 0 0
	Special area	6	888 0 0	133 4 0	3	420 0 0	67 0 0	...	...	...
	Walgett	15	9,600 0 0	960 0 0	1	240 0 0	24 0 0	1	320 0 0	64 0 0
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Walgett, North	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Warialda	36	6,119 0 0	611 18 0	25	4,799 2 0	479 19 0	...	...	...	
Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Orange . . . . .	Bathurst . . . . .	55	4,498 0 0	449 16 0	58	5,222 0 17	522 4 3	1	100 0 0	20 0 0
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Carcoar	110	13,583 3 0	1,358 7 6	81	6,755 0 0	675 10 0	2	200 0 0	40 0 0
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cowra . . . . .	22	4,023 0 20	402 7 0	34	4,575 0 0	457 10 0	6	1,234 0 0	246 16 0
	Special area	3	388 0 0	58 4 0	1	40 0 0	6 0 0	...	...	...
	Molong . . . . .	29	6,555 3 0	655 11 6	54	8,043 1 0	804 6 6	...	...	...
	Special area	3	480 0 0	88 0 0	4	560 0 0	92 0 0	2	120 0 0	40 0 0
	Mudgee	23	3,148 0 0	314 16 0	52	3,567 3 30	356 15 11	1	80 0 0	16 0 0
	Special area	3	282 2 0	42 7 6	3	387 2 0	58 2 6	...	...	...
	Orange	20	1,817 1 0	181 14 6	22	3,473 2 0	347 7 0	3	401 0 0	80 4 0
	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rylstone	37	2,665 0 0	266 10 0	39	2,992 1 0	299 4 6	2	120 0 0	24 0 0	
Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wellington	57	7,652 2 0	765 5 0	36	3,632 2 0	363 5 0	...	...	...	
Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sydney . . . . .	Berrima	45	3,680 0 0	368 0 0	41	3,024 0 0	302 8 0	8	985 3 0	197 3 0
	Special area	1	60 0 0	12 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Campbelltown	17	3,168 0 0	316 16 0	2	280 0 0	28 0 0	9	1,423 3 0	284 15 0
	Special area	10	888 1 0	171 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	...

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Total Number, Area, and Deposit—Special Areas.			Gross Total—Number, Area, and Deposit.			Number of 1889 applications confirmed in year.	Area	Number of previous years' applications confirmed	Area.	Number of 1889 applications disallowed in year.	Number of previous applications disallowed in year.
No.	Area.	Deposit.	No.	Area.	Deposit.						
	a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		
...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	1	640 0 0	...	.....
...	.....	.....	14	4,442 2 0	488 5 0	2	169 0 0	16	4,806 2 0	...	4
3	1,311 2 0	262 6 0	73	33,939 2 0	3,628 12 6	33	17,160 3 0	35	14,611 1 0	7	4
...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
...	.....	.....	16	4,590 2 0	459 1 0	11	3,642 2 0	16	4,349 0 0	3	4
...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
...	.....	.....	134	20,974 2 0	2,097 9 0	33	4,291 1 0	77	15,216 0 0	18	4
...	.....	.....	33	2,505 2 0	356 3 9	18	1,336 3 0	12	901 0 0	6	2
9	894 3 0	195 2 3	6	310 0 0	53 5 6	1	45 3 0	5	307 0 0	1	.....
1	88 2 0	26 11 0	54	3,782 1 0	382 4 6	10	622 0 0	18	1,005 1 0	11	3
...	.....	.....	2	80 0 0	8 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	154 0 0	...	1
...	.....	.....	39	3,903 3 0	481 9 6	9	829 0 0	24	1,795 3 0	5	4
1	114 0 0	28 10 0	78	8,532 2 0	867 3 0	11	2,084 2 0	38	3,429 2 0	13	8
...	.....	.....	32	4,184 3 0	482 9 0	14	1,238 2 0	37	5,923 1 0	9	6
...	.....	.....	103	16,064 1 0	1,606 8 6	21	3,244 2 0	61	9,041 0 0	8	7
4	475 2 20	116 18 2	66	7,761 2 20	858 14 2	8	805 3 0	19	2,194 0 0	18	3
...	.....	.....	30	3,792 3 0	387 10 0	17	1,599 2 0	25	3,083 0 0	5	9
4	383 3 0	76 3 0	143	12,233 2 0	1,296 2 6	57	4,546 3 0	93	7,545 1 0	12	5
...	.....	.....	32	2,453 2 27	277 7 4	8	542 3 27	28	1,723 2 0	6	4
...	.....	.....	31	3,374 0 0	337 8 0	4	388 0 0	6	1,580 0 0	11	1
9	1,308 0 0	200 4 0	46	12,625 1 0	1,363 18 6	29	8,473 1 0	26	10,773 0 0	8	8
...	.....	.....	17	10,160 0 0	1,048 0 0	1	640 0 0	11	5,196 0 0	3	2
...	.....	.....	61	10,918 2 0	1,091 17 0	15	2,321 2 0	16	3,328 0 0	13	5
...	.....	.....	114	9,820 0 17	992 0 3	48	4,270 0 0	53	4,772 3 0	12	5
...	.....	.....	193	20,538 3 0	2,073 17 6	64	5,795 3 0	29	2,727 0 0	30	1
4	428 0 0	64 4 0	66	10,260 0 20	1,170 17 0	24	3,419 2 20	28	3,403 1 0	9	3-
9	1,160 0 0	220 0 0	92	15,759 0 0	1,679 18 0	32	6,559 1 0	29	3,891 0 0	17	10
6	670 0 0	100 10 0	87	7,465 3 30	788 1 11	41	3,808 3 30	28	1,895 0 0	15	3
...	.....	.....	45	5,691 3 0	609 5 6	16	1,849 0 0	14	1,960 0 0	8	2
...	.....	.....	78	5,777 1 0	589 14 6	48	4,270 0 0	53	6,014 1 0	12	6
...	.....	.....	93	11,285 0 0	1,128 10 0	22	2,556 2 0	29	4,172 3 0	8	1
1	60 0 0	12 0 0	95	7,749 3 0	879 11 0	46	3,379 1 0	26	2,723 1 0	21	6
10	888 1 0	171 3 0	38	5,760 0 0	800 14 0	15	2,623 1 0	9	1,669 2 0	8	1

Land Board District	Land District	Section 26			Section 42			Section 47		
		No	Area	Deposit	No	Area	Deposit	No	Area	Deposit
			a i p	£ s d		a i p	£ s d		a r p	£ s d.
Sydney—contd	Gosford	9	1,516 3 0	151 13 6	3	125 0 0	12 10 0	12	1,143 3 0	228 15 0
	Special area	4	204 3 15	69 18 9	4	200 0 0	50 0 0	3	168 2 0	97 18 0
	Kiama	6	526 1 0	52 12 6	3	206 0 0	20 12 0			
	Special area									
	Lithgow	71	5,147 3 0	514 15 6	123	8,136 1 30	813 12 11	6	810 0 0	162 0 0
	Special area	3	240 0 0	48 0 0	1	40 0 0	8 0 0			
	Liverpool	1	40 0 0	4 0 0				2	230 0 0	46 0 0
	Special area	1	96 2 0	19 6 0						
	Milton	6	430 0 0	43 0 0	14	904 0 0	90 8 0			
	Special area	8	610 0 0	91 10 0	6	286 0 0	42 18 0			
	Moruya	42	4,718 0 0	471 16 0	42	3,503 0 0	350 6 0	1	40 0 0	8 0 0
	Special area									
	Nowra	22	2,216 1 0	221 12 6	16	1,414 0 0	141 8 0	3	140 0 0	28 0 0
	Special area									
	Parramatta	18	1,177 0 0	117 14 0	1	62 0 0	6 4 0	35	1,868 0 0	373 12 0
	Special area							1	40 0 0	24 0 0
	Penrith	3	1,040 0 0	104 0 0				1	40 0 0	8 0 0
	Special area									
	Picton	37	6,478 0 0	647 16 0	8	880 0 0	88 0 0	3	255 1 0	51 1 0
	Special area	1	40 0 0	12 0 0	1	115 0 0	23 0 0	3	205 1 0	77 2 0
Sydney							2	173 2 0	34 14 0	
Special area										
Windsor	32	5,988 1 0	598 16 6	24	1,400 0 0	140 0 0	43	2,500 3 0	500 3 0	
Special area	1	61 2 0	12 6 0							
Wollongong										
Special area										
Tamworth	Coonabarabran	30	4,425 3 0	442 11 6	35	3,739 2 0	373 19 0	4	270 0 0	54 0 0
	Special area				1	160 0 0	24 0 0			
	Gunnedah	10	3,672 0 0	367 4 0	11	2,171 0 0	217 2 0	1	320 0 0	64 0 0
	Special area	4	460 0 0	74 0 0	11	1,154 0 24	205 2 9			
	Murrumbidgee	14	2,560 0 0	256 0 0	16	2,932 3 0	293 5 6	1	40 0 0	8 0 0
	Special area	13	1,287 2 0	226 19 0	6	577 2 30	122 6 3	1	100 0 0	30 0 0
	Narrabri	73	24,637 1 0	2,463 14 6	24	5,280 2 0	528 1 0	6	533 0 0	117 11 0
	Special area	1	73 0 0	12 15 6						
	Tamworth	25	2,980 0 0	298 0 0	71	8,877 0 22	887 14 4	1	320 0 0	64 0 0
	Special area	2	126 1 0	37 17 6	5	471 2 0	125 9 0			...
Wagga Wagga	Albury	33	8,593 0 0	859 6 0	35	4,855 0 0	485 10 0	4	495 0 0	99 0 0
	Special area	13	1,737 0 0	446 9 6	4	367 0 0	68 12 0	3	360 0 0	332 0 0
	Cootamundra	21	6,046 2 0	604 13 0	27	4,865 1 0	486 10 6	3	130 2 0	26 2 0
	Special area	5	800 0 0	120 0 0	10	1,094 1 0	175 13 11			
	Corowa	2	80 0 0	8 0 0	6	1,209 2 0	120 19 0	1	320 0 0	64 0 0
	Special area	20	2,630 1 0	869 11 0	2	116 0 0	22 0 0			
	Gundagai	7	2,163 0 0	216 6 0	15	2,167 1 0	216 14 6			
	Special area	2	279 1 0	84 13 6	7	1,025 0 0	205 16 6	2	120 0 0	92 0 0
	Narrandera	28	9,975 0 0	997 10 0	13	3,670 2 0	367 1 0	3	728 0 0	145 12 0
	Special area	2	271 3 0	54 7 0						
	Tumut	15	2,355 3 0	235 11 6	12	971 1 0	97 2 6			
	Special area	2	176 3 10	26 10 6						
	Urana	9	991 2 0	99 3 0	10	1,376 2 0	137 13 0	3	444 0 0	88 16 0
	Special area	11	2,123 0 0	464 0 0	3	420 0 0	100 0 0	1	160 0 0	128 0 0
	Wagga Wagga	34	7,968 3 0	796 17 6	47	7,571 2 0	752 3 0	2	190 2 0	38 2 0
	Special area	54	7,919 3 0	1,431 1 4	11	1,230 3 0	272 16 0	2	206 3 0	80 7 3
	Totals	3,043	572,801 2 25	61,341 9 4	2,856	300,532 0 34	31,527 0 2	306	29,825 2 30	6,985 16 9

## XIX—continued.

Total Number, Area, and Deposit—Special Areas.			Gross Total—Number, Area, and Deposit.			Number of 1889 applications confirmed in year.	Area.	Number of previous years' applications confirmed.	Area.	Number of 1889 applications disallowed in year.	Number of previous years' applications disallowed in year.
No.	Area.	Deposit.	No.	Area.	Deposit.						
	a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		
11	573 1 15	217 16 9	35	3,358 3 15	610 15 3	5	245 1 20	9	739 0 0	5	2
			9	732 1 0	73 4 6	6	470 1 0	3	436 3 0	2	2
			204	14,374 0 30	1,546 8 5	54	3,616 0 0	43	3,331 3 0	49	6
4	280 0 0	56 0 0	4	366 2 0	69 6 0	1	96 2 0	1	60 0 0	3	2
1	96 2 0	19 6 0	34	2,230 0 0	267 16 0	4	314 0 0	14	906 3 0	16	8
14	896 0 0	134 8 0	85	8,261 0 0	830 2 0	17	902 3 0	22	1,807 0 0	10	6
			41	3,770 1 0	391 0 6	8	564 1 0	13	1,340 2 0	9	6
			55	3,147 0 0	521 10 0	21	1,194 0 0	20	1,504 2 0	10	3
1	40 0 0	24 0 0	4	1,080 0 0	112 0 0	1	640 0 0	1	200 0 0	2	2
			53	7,973 2 0	898 19 0	15	1,637 3 0	15	1,721 3 0	6	4
5	360 1 0	112 2 0	2	173 2 0	34 14 0					1	
			150	9,950 2 0	1,251 5 6	22	1,491 0 0	32	1,652 0 0	37	7
			70	8,595 1 0	894 10 6	28	5,043 0 0	43	5,352 1 0	17	3
1	160 0 0	24 0 0	37	7,777 0 24	927 8 9	22	3,969 1 0	15	4,480 2 0	3	3
15	1,614 0 24	279 2 9	51	7,497 3 30	936 10 9	27	4,302 0 0	32	5,731 3 0	9	2
20	1,965 0 30	379 5 3	104	30,523 3 0	3,122 2 0	38	11,593 2 0	35	11,023 3 0	12	12
1	73 0 0	12 15 6	104	12,774 3 22	1,413 0 10	49	5,166 0 0	29	3,714 2 0	11	7
7	597 3 0	163 6 6									
			92	16,407 0 0	2,290 17 6	27	4,595 1 0	23	2,779 3 25	17	12
20	2,464 0 0	847 1 6	66	12,936 2 0	1,412 19 5	17	3,683 2 0	17	1,505 2 0	13	3
15	1,894 1 0	295 13 11	31	4,355 3 0	1,084 10 0	15	1,794 2 0	65	9,901 1 0	5	17
22	2,746 1 0	891 11 0	33	5,754 2 0	815 10 6	16	2,528 0 0	7	1,077 3 0	6	2
11	1,424 1 0	382 10 0	46	14,645 1 0	1,564 10 0	23	6,460 2 0	24	7,271 1 17	9	8
2	271 3 0	54 7 0	29	3,503 3 10	359 4 6	8	951 1 0	23	3,133 3 0	7	7
2	176 3 10	26 10 6	35	5,515 0 0	1,017 12 0	9	1,350 2 0	7	1,558 1 0	10	8
15	2,703 0 0	692 0 0	150	25,088 0 0	3,371 7 1	61	9,970 1 0	24	6,561 1 0	17	4
67	9,357 1 0	1,784 4 7									
528	60,070 2 29	12,680 5 0	6,205	903,159 2 9	99,854 6 3	2,311	347,173 0 22	2,467	406,988 0 8	957	408

## SCHEDULE XX.

RETURN showing the number of applications to convert Conditional Purchases under the Crown Lands Act of 1861 (repealed) into Conditional Purchases under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, as regards payment of balance of purchase money.

Land Board District.	Land District	No. of applications received.	Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of applications received.
Armidale .....	Armidale . . . . .	8	Maitland ( <i>continued</i> ) .....	Paterson .....	18
	Glen Innes .....	24		Scone .....	27
	Inverell .....	23		Singleton .....	76
	Tenterfield .....	5		Stroud .....	56
	Walcha .....	12		Taree .....	20
Bourke .....	Bourke .....	1	Moree .....	Moree .....	2
Cooma .....	Bega .....	10	Orange .....	Warialda .....	4
	Bombala .....	1		Bathurst .....	18
	Cooma .....	34		Carcoar .....	14
	Eden .....	7		Cowra .....	17
	Queanbeyan .....	5		Molong .....	22
Dubbo .....	Coonamble .....	7	Mudgee .....	Mudgee .....	9
	Dubbo .....	22		Orange .....	7
Forbes .....	Condobolin .....	6	Sydney .....	Rylstone .....	6
	Forbes .....	13		Wellington .....	19
	Grenfell .....	13		Lithgow .....	2
Goulburn .....	Braidwood .....	4	Tamworth .....	Nowra .....	4
	Burrowa .....	192		Picton .....	1
	Goulburn .....	15		Windsor .....	1
	Gunning .....	49		Coonabarabran ..	9
	Yass .....	11		Gunnedah .....	6
Grafton .....	Young .....	198	Wagga Wagga ..	Murrurundi .....	11
	Casino .....	11		Narrabri .....	2
	Lismore .....	14		Tamworth .....	71
	Grafton .....	8		Albury .....	26
	Kempsey .....	7		Cootamundra .....	4
Hay .....	Murwillumbah ..	2	Wagga Wagga ..	Corowa .....	9
	Balranald .....	5		Gundagai .....	21
	Deniliquin .....	14		Narrandera .....	3
	Hay .....	46		Tumut .....	4
	Hillston .....	1		Urana .....	20
Maitland .....	Wentworth .....	1	Total .....	Wagga Wagga .....	34
	Cassilis .....	182		1,311	
	Muswellbrook ..	17			

## SCHEDULE XXI.

RETURN showing number of Instructions issued to, and Reports made by, Inspectors of Conditional Purchases during the year 1889.

Land Board District	No. issued in 1889.	No of Reports received.	Land Board District.	No. issued in 1889.	No of Reports received.
Armidale.....	1,095	1,120	Maitland . . . . .	755	762
Bourke.....	49	63	Moree. . . . .	430	410
Cooma . . . . .	575	752	Orange ....	920	878
Dubbo . . . . .	276	477	Sydney . . . . .	576	795
Forbes .....	781	760	Tamworth . . . . .	523	635
Goulburn .....	992	957	Wagga Wagga ..	1,266	1,260
Grafton .....	1,016	1,117	Total .....	9,455	10,161
Hay .....	201	175			

## SCHEDULE XXII.

RETURN showing the number of Cases referred to the Local Land Boards from 1st January to 31st December, 1889.

Land Districts.	Cases of Inspection.	Cases for Inquiry	Total.	Land Districts.	Cases for Inspection.	Cases for Inquiry.	Total.
Armidale.. . . . .	25	2	27	Maitland .....	17	5	22
Bourke .....	10	3	13	Moree .....	9	5	14
Cooma .....	47	12	59	Orange .....	68	6	74
Dubbo .....	6	3	9	Sydney .....	15	4	19
Forbes .....	8	1	9	Tamworth . . . . .	14	6	20
Goulburn .....	48	6	54	Wagga Wagga ..	41	7	48
Grafton .....	36	11	47	Total .....	347	75	422
Hay .....	3	4	7				





SCHEDULE XXIII—continued.

Local Board District	Land District	Cases investigated in open Court						Cases returned to Head Office after investigation in open Court		Cases returned by Chairman with report, no investigation in open Court being necessary.	
		A Cases in which conditions of residence or improvements found not to have been fulfilled		B Cases remitted for decision of Minister on special grounds		C Cases in which conditions were found to have been fulfilled					
		No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area
Tamworth	Coonabarabran	1	a 40 0 0			16	a 1,967 0 0	17	a 2,007 0 0	12	a 1,097 0 0
	Gunnedah			1	a 320 0 0	23	a 7,034 1 0	24	a 7,354 1 0	10	a 1,738 0 0
	Murrurundi	2	a 359 1 0			7	a 961 0 0	8	a 1,261 0 0	10	a 1,137 2 0
	Narrabri	4	a 1,280 0 0	6	a 2,136 1 0	12	a 5,601 3 0	22	a 9,018 0 0	12	a 4,738 1 0
Wagga Wagga	Tamworth	1	a 215 2 0	1	a 600 0 0	26	a 2,527 0 0	28	a 3,342 2 0	42	a 5,631 3 0
	Albury	1	a 60 0 0			3	a 594 0 0	2	a 274 0 0	35	a 7,419 1 0
	Cootamundra									57	a 17,166 1 0
	Corowa									18	a 6,120 1 0
	Gundagai	10	a 2,740 2 0	7	a 1,458 3 0	4	a 509 3 0	14	a 3,349 2 0	20	a 3,565 2 0
	Narrandera	2	a 1,280 0 0	3	a 1,280 0 0	3	a 840 0 0	8	a 3,400 0 0	46	a 22,658 2 0
	Tumut	2	a 93 0 0	5	a 240 0 0	5	a 240 0 0	7	a 333 0 0	28	a 7,863 2 0
	Urana	1	a 103 0 0	1	a 43 0 0	1	a 43 0 0	2	a 146 0 0	45	a 17,422 0 0
	Wagga Wagga	10	a 3,009 1 0	13	a 2,872 3 0	28	a 11,429 3 0	48	a 16,371 3 0	197	a 60,626 2 0
	Totals	180	a 36,724 2 8	71	a 16,781 3 0	606	a 136,235 0 0	852	a 188,382 3 8	2,365	a 442,691 2 28

SCHEDULE XXIV.

RETURN showing number of Certificates of Conformity issued to Conditional Purchasers during the year 1889, with the number of Amended Certificates issued on account of alterations in area, and the number of Declarations received as to residence and improvements.

No of Certificates issued ...	6,519
„ Amended Certificates issued	154
Total	6,673
No. of Declarations received .....	3,306

SCHEDULE XXV

RETURN showing the number of Transfers of Conditional Purchases received from 1st January to 31st December, 1889, and the number dealt with, inclusive of those on hand, during that period

No of Transfers received	9,971
„ „ intimated to Treasury	10,915
„ Conditional Purchases thereby transferred	22,138
„ „ „ actually transferred	14,395
„ Transfers upon which Stamp duty was paid	3,628
Amount of Stamp duty paid thereon	£6,483 8s
No of Transfers registered in Registrar General's Office	7,220
„ „ in Registrar-General's Office awaiting registration	3,705
„ Crown Solicitors' Certificates received	353
„ Notice despatched informing parties, Crown Lands Agents, and Chairmen of Local Land Boards of Registration	15,215

SCHEDULE XXVI.

RETURN showing the number of Transfers intimated to the Treasury, and the actual area of Land transferred, during the year ending 31st December, 1889

District	No of Transfers	Area	District	No of Transfers	Area	District	No. of Transfers	Area
Albury	369	a 55,226 1 27	Goulburn	170	a 29,055 0 20	Parramatta	2	a 140 0 0
Armidale .....	270	a 68,721 3 30	Grafton	195	a 24,069 2 33	Paterson	2	a 180 0 0
Balranald	22	a 5,595 1 0	Grenfell	161	a 43,909 3 0	Penrith	4	a 332 1 0
Bathurst	94	a 10,557 3 9	Gundagai	140	a 28,284 2 35	Pictou	12	a 1,366 2 0
Bega	167	a 20,368 1 38	Gunnedah	133	a 40,352 3 19	Port Macquarie	32	a 3,872 1 26
Berrima	98	a 7,667 3 25	Gunning	81	a 16,597 3 39	Queanbeyan	193	a 37,553 2 17
Bingera	41	a 8,272 1 36	Hay	160	a 61,483 1 0	Raymond Terrace	10	a 770 0 0
Bombala	193	a 46,332 0 26	Hillston	76	a 25,347 0 0	Rylstone	48	a 4,583 2 14
Bourke	23	a 10,244 1 0	Inverell	314	a 65,338 0 38	Scone	93	a 14,226 3 38
Braidwood	55	a 6,010 3 38	Kempsey	143	a 17,874 0 20	Singleton	94	a 16,225 0 28
Brewarrina	5	a 2,560 0 0	Kiama	7	a 435 3 0	Stroud	22	a 5,053 0 0
Burrumbidgee	194	a 38,141 2 15	Lismore	614	a 64,541 1 12	Tamworth	326	a 53,429 0 29
Campbelltown	2	a 395 1 35	Lithgow	62	a 6,494 1 0	Taree	175	a 10,726 0 30
Carcoar	132	a 20,612 1 38	Liverpool	6	a 673 0 0	Tenterfield	32	a 6,927 0 0
Casino	91	a 17,647 1 26	Matland	19	a 4,261 0 0	Tumut	108	a 15,129 1 12
Cassilis	90	a 17,344 3 23	Metropolitan	3	a 1,529 0 0	Urana	220	a 74,076 1 38
Cobar	23	a 4,954 2 0	Milton	18	a 1,654 2 33	Wagga Wagga	685	a 222,853 0 33
Concuboln	34	a 13,427 2 0	Moama			Walcha	92	a 22,943 3 28
Cooma	425	a 97,103 3 8	Molong	390	a 64,999 2 13	Walgett	24	a 11,265 1 0
Coonabarabran	42	a 7,006 1 0	Moree	39	a 63,532 0 0	Warialda	81	a 23,158 3 8
Coonamble	163	a 61,662 1 12	Moruya	80	a 13,915 1 0	Wellington	96	a 14,917 0 14
Cootamundra	365	a 73,109 2 15	Mudgee	96	a 10,812 1 18	Wentworth	17	a 5,824 0 0
Corowa	176	a 47,887 0 20	Murrurundi	99	a 20,794 2 37	Wilcannia	17	a 5,212 3 0
Cowra	218	a 40,582 3 8	Murwillumbah	116	a 22,459 1 8	Windsor	7	a 666 2 2
Deniliquin	244	a 81,498 0 0	Muswellbrook	37	a 5,786 0 0	Wollombi	14	a 921 2 0
Dubbo	155	a 45,094 3 5	Narrabri	138	a 46,286 1 0	Wollongong	3	a 150 0 0
Dungog	7	a 1,042 0 11	Narrandera	160	a 67,418 2 37	Yass	64	a 8,677 0 37
Eden ..	74	a 12,544 2 34	Newcastle ..	14	a 4,641 0 20	Young	477	a 82,385 0 37
Foibles	154	a 54,268 2 0	Nowra	89	a 5,513 3 13			
Glen Innes	100	a 20,362 0 3	Orange	105	a 12,488 2 19			
Gosford	66	a 5,846 1 10	Parkes	34	a 11,305 3 0			
							10,741	a 2,327,562 1 18

SCHEDULE XXVII.

RETURN showing Number and Area of Conditional Purchases declared forfeited during the year 1889 for non-fulfilment of the required conditions.

District.	Crown Lands Act of 1861.										Crown Lands Act of 1884.																		
	Section 13.		Section 14.		Section 19.		Section 21.		Section 22.		Total.		Section 26.		Section 42.		Section 47.		Sections 26, 24.		Sections 42, 24.		Sections 47, 24.		Total.				
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
Albury		a. r.		a. r.		a. r. p.		a. r.		a. r.		a. r. p.	8	a. r.		a. r.		a. r.		a.		a.		a.	8	a. r.	8	a. r.	
Armidale	1	50 0											1	50 0 0	24	4,278 1	1	80 0							25	4,358 1			
Balranald																													
Bathurst	2	81 3	1	200 0	10	536 1 0	1	120 0					14	938 0 0	4	230 0										4	230 0		
Bega	1	40 0					5	200 0					6	240 0 0	13	875 3									13	875 3			
Berrima														6	829 0											6	829 0		
Bingera														3	907 0	1	100 0									4	1,007 0		
Bombala			1	40 0									1	40 0 0	5	560 0	1	50 0								6	610 0		
Bourke	2	680 0											2	680 0 0															
Braidwood	3	120 0			1	40 0 0	1	40 0					5	200 0 0	7	430 0	2	140 0								9	570 0		
Brewarrina	1	160 0											1	160 0 0															
Burrowa	3	120 0			1	80 0 0	1	40 0					5	240 0 0	17	1,210 1										17	1,210 1		
Campbelltown														2	150 0											2	150 0		
Carcoar														10	753 2											10	753 2		
Casino	1	50 0											1	50 0 0	4	440 0										4	440 0		
Cassilis	2	408 0	1	40 0			4	391 0					7	839 0 0	11	744 2										11	744 2		
Cobar																													
Condobolin																													
Cooma	3	1,035 0					3	266 3					6	1,301 3 0	7	792 0	1	47 0								8	839 0		
Coonabarabran	5	1,707 3					2	473 2					7	2,181 1 0	3	230 0										3	230 0		
Coonamble														6	3,799 0											6	3,799 0		
Cootamundra	1	43 2											1	43 2 0	10	1,607 0	1	40 0								11	1,647 0		
Corowa																			1	160						1	160 0		
Cowra			1	100 0									1	100 0 0	3	164 2										3	164 2		
Deniliquin	3	1,400 0											3	1,400 0 0	2	222 0										2	222 0		
Dubbo														7	3,883 2											7	3,883 2		
Dungog														2	140 0											2	140 0		
Eden	1	40 0	1	60 0			3	316 2					5	416 2 0	15	1,104 2	1	40 0								16	1,144 2		
Forbes														2	120 0					1	160					3	280 0		
Glen Innes	1	40 0			1	40 0 0							2	80 0 0	7	400 0										7	400 0		
Gosford					2	255 0 0							2	255 0 0	3	456 3										3	456 3		
Goulburn	3	664 2	5	460 0			2	80 0	1	40 3			11	1,245 1 0	17	973 0	1	100 0	2	95 0						20	1,168 0		
Grafton			1	100 0									1	100 0 0	27	3,040 2	2	110 0	2	198 0	4	279				35	3,622 2		
Grenfell														5	440 0											5	440 0		
Gundagai	2	847 0											2	847 0 0	2	140 0										2	140 0		
Gunnedah	1	512 0			2	120 0 0							3	632 0 0	1	40 0	1	322 0								2	362 0		
Gunning			3	190 0			2	80 0					5	270 0 0	5	216 0			3	163 3						8	379 3		
Hay	3	1,378 0											3	1,378 0 0	1	250 0					1	153				2	403 0		
Hillston			1	80 0	4	160 0 0							5	240 0 0															
Inverell														7	623 0											7	623 0		
Kempsey	1	40 0	3	140 0					3	187 1			7	367 1 0	16	1,127 1	1	40 0	2	80 0	1	56				20	1,303 1		
Kiama																													
Lismore	11	573 3					3	120 0					14	693 3 0	7	556 0	3	467 2	1	40 0						11	1,063 2		
Lithgow	1	40 0			8	430 0 0							9	470 0 0	5	306 2	1	55 0								6	361 2		
Liverpool														1	96 2											1	96 2		
Maitland														1	50 0											1	50 0		

SCHEDULE XXVII—continued.

District	Crown Lands Act of 1861										Crown Lands Act of 1884																	
	Section 13		Section 14		Section 19		Section 21		Section 22		Total.		Section 26		Section 42.		Section 47.		Sections 26, 24		Sections 42, 24		Sections 47, 24		Total			
	No.	Area	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Milton	1	a. r. 40 0								1	a. r. p. 40 0 0	7	a. r. 569 2	5	a. r. 350 0											12	a. r. 919 2	
Moama																												
Molong												6	a. r. 430 0													6	a. r. 430 0	
Moree	2	1,198 3					1	a. r. p. 80 3		3	1,279 2 0	10	2,932 0	4	830 3											14	3,762 3	
Moruya	3	160 0					2	105 3		5	265 3 0	10	1,316 0			1	40 0									11	1,356 0	
Mudgee	1	40 0					1	41 0		2	81 0 0	3	230 0	1	80 0											4	310 0	
Murrurundi												4	610 0	1	51 1											5	661 1	
Murwillumbah	5	540 0					2	318 0		7	858 0 0	12	1,121 0	3	150 0	1	270 0									16	1,541 0	
Muswellbrook												3	120 0													3	120 0	
Narrabri	1	600 0								1	600 0 0	7	825 2													7	825 2	
Narrandera			1	640 0						1	640 0 0	5	2,206 0													5	2,206 0	
Newcastle																												
Nowra	2	107 0								2	107 0 0	5	596 2			1	68 0									6	664 2	
Orange					2	100 0 0				2	100 0 0	4	221 0													4	221 0	
Parkes												9	2,638 0	1	80 0												10	2,718 0
Parramatta					2	160 0 0				2	160 0 0	5	187 0			1	80 0									4	267 0	
Paterson												1	40 0													1	40 0	
Penrith					1	50 0 0				1	50 0 0																	
Picton									1	40	1	40 0 0	8	1,260 0												8	1,260 0	
Port Macquarie												11	797 2			1	40 0									12	837 2	
Queanbeyan												8	490 0	1	40 0											9	530 0	
Raymond Terrace												7	540 1			3	500 0									10	1,040 1	
Rylstone	1	40 0					3	120 0		4	160 0 0	4	240 0													4	240 0	
Scone												7	438 0													7	438 0	
Singleton	1	100 0					2	260 0		3	360 0 0	6	909 3													6	909 3	
Stroud												6	420 0														6	420 0
Sydney																												
Tamworth	2	150 0					1	40 0		3	190 0 0	12	1,740 2													12	1,740 2	
Tarce			2	160 0						2	160 0 0	34	2,293 3	1	50 0	1	40 0										36	2,383 3
Tenterheld	1	110 0			8	531 1 5				9	641 1 5	4	799 2													4	799 2	
Tumut												5	330 0			1	60 0									6	390 0	
Urania	1	540 0								1	540 0 0	1	206 3													3	526 3	
Wagga Wagga	5	2,149 1					4	392 2	1	69 2	10	2,611 1 0	9	2,307 1						2	320					11	2,543 1	
Walcha												5	640 0							2	236					5	640 0	
Walgett	2	960 0			4	160 0 0	1	148 1		7	1,268 1 0																	
Warralda	2	210 0					2	80 0		4	290 0 0	6	1,805 0													6	1,805 0	
Wellington					1	40 0 0			1	50 0	2	90 0 0	8	910 0												8	910 0	
Wentworth																												
Wilcannia			1	35 3	1	75 0 0				2	110 3 0																	
Windsor												5	260 0														5	260 0
Wollombi	1	40 0								1	40 0 0	1	60 0													1	60 0	
Wollongong																												
Yass	1	100 0					1	80 0		2	180 0 0	3	245 0														3	245 0
Young	2	238 1					4	270 2		6	508 3 0	1	40 0													1	40 0	
Total	86	17,354 2	22	2,245 3	48	2,777 2 5	51	4,064 2	7	387 2	214	26,829 3 5	516	63,838 3	34	3,223 2	20	1,669 3	12	1,364						582	70,096 0	

Grand Total, 796 conditional purchases, 96,925a. 3r. 5p.

## SCHEDULE XXVIII.

RETURN showing the Number and Area of Conditional Purchases forfeited each year to 31st December, 1889.

Year.	Number.	Area.	Year.	Number.	Area.
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.
1864.....	26	1,666 1 0	1878.....	1,075	136,308 0 0
1865.....	24	1,490 0 0	1879.....	141	15,510 0 0
1866.....	29	1,658 2 0	1880.....	492	66,658 0 0
1867.....	366	23,750 0 0	1881.....	557	71,924 3 3
1868.....	357	20,253 0 0	1882.....	523	78,551 2 5
1869.....	631	45,654 3 0	1883.....	822	104,534 2 17
1870.....	180	11,546 0 0	1884.....	1,163	190,936 2 0
1871.....	335	18,602 0 10	1885.....	1,227	225,610 2 31
1872.....	139	9,304 3 0	1886.....	383	48,556 0 20
1873.....	238	39,778 1 16	1887.....	702	138,479 0 21
1874.....	234	42,003 2 29	1888.....	2,022	288,399 3 31
1875.....	1,166	126,342 2 35	1889.....	796	96,925 3 5
1876.....	724	89,915 1 0			
1877.....	802	107,536 3 5	Total.....	15,297	2,001,897 0 28

\* NOTE.—See reference to Schedule XXIX.

## SCHEDULE XXIX.

RETURN showing the number and total Area of Conditional Purchases lapsed\* (under the Repealed Acts) in each year up to 31st December, 1888.

Year.	Number.	Area.	Year.	Number.	Area.
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.
1865.....	415	32,748 3 6	1878.....	1,811	210,014 3 18
1866.....	556	38,821 3 2	1879.....	1,241	135,524 0 33
1867.....	392	28,394 1 24	1880.....	1,308	185,255 0 31
1868.....	178	11,045 2 21	1881.....	990	119,880 2 34
1869.....	372	30,009 3 34	1882.....	451	43,830 2 10
1870.....	360	26,259 0 1	1883.....	341	35,568 1 6
1871.....	136	9,630 0 0	1884.....	958	125,274 2 0
1872.....	213	13,085 3 0	1885.....	998	124,827 2 10
1873.....	663	48,330 0 23	1886.....	753	126,283 0 39
1874.....	143	10,375 3 0	1887.....		
1875.....	503	33,043 0 10	1888.....		
1876.....	966	78,841 1 37			
1877.....	2,422	236,364 2 21	Total.....	16,176	1,703,409 2 8

\* NOTE.—The term "lapsed" having been discontinued by the operation of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 the cases which under the repealed Acts would have been so included in this Schedule are included in Schedule XXVIII.

## SCHEDULE XXX.

RETURN showing number of Conditional Purchases increased or reduced in area, or declared void, with general reasons for such voidance, and a synopsis of the areas and sums called for and refunded in connection therewith.

District.	Increased.		Reduced.		Void.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.
Albury.....	1	19 0 0	3	6 2 0	1	180 0 0
Armidale.....	1	60 0 0	3	9 1 5		
Balranald.....						
Bathurst.....			2	9 0 0	3	130 0 0
Bega.....	3	5 0 7	21	24 2 30		
Berrima.....	2	19 0 0	3	7 3 30	1	50 0 0
Bingera.....						
Bombala.....			3	9 0 0		
Bourke.....			1	11 1 0		
Braidwood.....			5	5 3 30	1	40 0 0
Brewarrina.....			1	8 0 0		
Burrowa.....	8	10 2 30	16	27 2 30	1	40 0 0
Campbelltown.....			3	580 2 25		
Carcoar.....	1	91 1 0	2	87 2 20		
Casino.....	1	1 0 0	2	1 2 0		
Cassilis.....	1	1 2 0	1	3 0 0		
Cobar.....						
Condobolin.....						
Cooma.....	3	5 3 0	65	168 0 32	1	320 0 0
Coonabarabran.....						
Coonamble.....			6	98 3 0		

## SCHEDULE XXX—continued.

District.	Increased.		Reduced.		Void.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Cootamundra .....	2	a. r. p. 80 1 0	9	a. r. p. 23 1 13	.....	.....
Corowa .....	1	29 1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cowra .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deniliquin .....	2	3 3 0	1	114 0 0	.....	.....
Dubbo .....	2	7 1 0	2	2 2 0	.....	.....
Dungog .....	3	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eden .....	1	5 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forbes .....	1	108 3 0	1	2 3 0	.....	.....
Glen Innes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gosford .....	.....	.....	3	1 0 30	.....	.....
Goulburn .....	1	3 0 0	7	12 1 10	2	80 0 0
Grafton .....	4	47 0 0	2	9 0 0	.....	.....
Grenfell .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gundagai .....	4	50 0 0	28	92 1 26	.....	.....
Gunnedah .....	.....	.....	1	1 0 0	.....	.....
Gunning .....	2	36 0 0	10	18 0 20	1	120 0 0
Hay .....	.....	.....	1	0 1 0	.....	.....
Hillston .....	.....	.....	1	2 0 0	.....	.....
Inverell .....	2	0 3 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kempsey .....	6	59 3 0	2	4 1 30	2	88 0 0
Kiama .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lismore .....	3	64 1 30	45	86 3 31	.....	.....
Lithgow .....	.....	.....	2	3 1 0	.....	.....
Liverpool .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maitland .....	.....	.....	1	0 3 25	.....	.....
Metropolitan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milton .....	.....	.....	2	2 0 20	.....	.....
Moama .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Molong .....	2	5 3 0	6	11 2 39	1	260 0 0
Moree .....	.....	.....	2	3 0 0	.....	.....
Moruya .....	3	4 2 10	18	42 2 30	.....	.....
Mudgee .....	.....	.....	2	61 0 0	.....	.....
Murrurundi .....	1	5 0 0	1	5 0 0	1	280 0 0
Murwillumbah .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Muswellbrook .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Narrabri .....	.....	.....	1	21 0 20	.....	.....
Narrandera .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newcastle .....	1	0 2 0	.....	.....	1	126 1 0
Nowra .....	.....	.....	1	0 0 10	.....	.....
Orange .....	.....	.....	2	3 2 8	.....	.....
Parkes .....	.....	.....	1	11 1 0	.....	.....
Parramatta .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paterson .....	1	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Penrith .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Picton .....	1	1 2 24	1	7 1 30	.....	.....
Port Macquarie .....	3	33 2 0	4	9 1 3	.....	.....
Queanbeyan .....	5	4 1 8	20	97 3 16	1	80 0 0
Raymond Terrace .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rylstone .....	1	0 0 2	2	5 0 5	1	40 0 0
Scone .....	1	2 2 0	1	2 0 0	.....	.....
Singleton .....	1	0 2 0	5	27 0 10	.....	.....
Stroud .....	.....	.....	3	12 3 10	1	80 0 0
Tamworth .....	.....	.....	1	9 2 0	.....	.....
Taree .....	2	69 2 0	3	5 3 30	.....	.....
Tenterfield .....	1	10 0 0	2	10 3 10	.....	.....
Tumut .....	1	13 0 0	1	2 0 0	.....	.....
Urana .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wagga Wagga .....	.....	.....	22	99 0 30	.....	.....
Walcha .....	.....	.....	3	9 1 12	.....	.....
Walgett .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warialda .....	.....	.....	3	22 2 0	.....	.....
Wellington .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wentworth .....	.....	.....	1	40 0 0	.....	.....
Wilcannia .....	.....	.....	4	35 0 0	1	40 0 0
Windsor .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wollombi .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wollongong .....	.....	.....	1	2 1 0	.....	.....
Yass .....	1	30 1 0	7	16 3 4	.....	.....
Young .....	.....	.....	4	141 0 30	2	384 3 0
Total .....	80	891 1 21	377	2,150 3 24	22	2,339 0 0

## Reasons of Voidance.

The Cabinet having decided that, under the hard and peculiar circumstances of the case, deposit should be refunded .....	1	Owing to a misapprehension, the condition of residence was not complied with .....	4
Having been applied for in virtue of an additional conditional purchase .....	4	The maximum area allowed by law having been exceeded .....	1
Withdrawn on account of non-survey within twelve months .....	2	Land applied for included in a prior C.P. ....	2
At applicant's request, having been made under the 13th instead of the 14th Section .....	1	Applicant having made a C.P. under the 13th Section within five years of date of application .....	1
Having been made by the applicants as executors .....	1	Applicant being the holder of a C.P. under the 26th Section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, the prior validation was revoked .....	1
Applicant was not resident upon freehold in virtue of which C. P. was made, at date of application ..	3	Applied for within a proclaimed gold field, which is not open to mineral conditional purchase .....	1

## SCHEDULE XXX—continued.

## SYNOPSIS.

	No.	Area.			Amount authorised for refund.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Conditional Purchases declared void .....	22	2,339	0	0	594	15	0
Conditional Purchases reduced in area .....	377	2,150	3	24	640	9	4
	399	4,489	3	24	1,235	4	4

	No.	Augmentation Area.			Amount of deposit called for.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Conditional Purchases increased in area .....	80	891	1	21	222	17	3
Conditional Purchases voidance revoked .....	11	1,949	2	0	646	1	3

	No.	Area.			Deposit.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Reversals of forfeiture, Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 .....	27	3,292	2	0	916	17	6
Reversals of forfeiture, Crown Lands Act of 1884.....	3	465	0	0	46	10	0
	30	3,757	2	0	963	7	6

## SCHEDULE XXXI.

RETURN of Miscellaneous Amounts authorised for refund during the year ending 31st December, 1889.

Investigation fee .....	£	s.	d.
Deed fee .....	10	0	0
Balance on reduced areas .....	1	0	0
Deposits for conversion to 19th section .....	478	3	3
Appraisement fee .....	41	11	3
Deposit under section 14 subsection 5 .....	6	6	0
	10	0	0
	£ 547	0	6

## SCHEDULE XXXII.

SUMMARY of Number and Area of Conditional Purchases applied for from the year 1862 to 1889 inclusive.

Years.	Applied for.			Years.	Applied for.		
	No.	Area.			No.	Area.	
1868 to 1869 .....	28,139	a.	r. p.	1880 .....	8,583	a.	r. p.
1870 .....	4,471	2,161,390	2 2	1881 .....	14,220	1,147,001	2 39
1871 .....	4,751	329,318	1 2	1882 .....	14,606	2,329,202	0 15
1872 .....	8,281	358,682	2 8	1883 .....	10,674	2,392,217	2 35
1873 .....	13,417	749,586	3 0	1884 .....	10,657	1,617,712	0 7
1874 .....	14,352	1,391,719	0 0	1885 .....	5,377	1,453,937	0 33
1875 .....	14,517	1,586,282	0 0	1886 .....	6,080	1,165,351	1 20
1876 .....	12,634	1,756,678	0 0	1887 .....	4,769	963,196	2 27
1877 .....	12,009	1,984,212	0 0	1888 .....	5,364	793,004	0 31
1878 .....	12,602	1,699,816	0 0	1889 .....	6,205	865,199	0 38
1879 .....	7,540	1,588,247	3 18			903,159	2 9
		924,136	1 0	Totals.....	219,268	28,160,051	0 4

## SCHEDULE XXXIII.

RETURN for the year 1889, showing the Number and Area of Conditional Purchases validated under the 138th clause, Crown Lands Act of 1884.

District.	No.	Area.	District.	No.	Area.
Bathurst .....	1	a. r.	Parkes .....	1	a. r.
Deniliquin .....	1	40 0	Queanbeyan .....	1	69 0
Goulburn .....	1	320 0	Tumut .....	1	49 0
Kempsey .....	1	66 0	Wagga Wagga .....	1	100 0
Molong .....	3	62 0	Wentworth .....	1	231 1
Mudgee .....	1	923 2			458 0
Murwillumbah .....	1	40 0			
Nowra .....	1	50 0	Total .....	15	2,488 3
	1	80 0			

## SCHEDULE XXXIV.

RETURN for the year 1889, showing the Number and Area of Mineral Conditional Purchases validated under 50 Vic. No. 21.

District.	Mineral Conditional Purchases validated under section 3 on account of exceeding maximum area		District.	Mineral Conditional Purchases validated under section 3 on account of being within a gold field, &c.	
	No. of C. P's.	Area		No. of C. P's.	Area.
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.
Berrima.....	9	770 0 0	Bathurst .....	1	60 0 0
Lithgow.....	16	3,193 2 34	Berrima .....	1	100 0 0
Kiama .....	6	908 0 0	Bombala .....	1	40 0 0
			Burrowa .....	1	118 1 0
			Carcoar .....	1	40 0 0
			Cobar .....	1	40 0 0
			Condobolin .....	2	80 0 0
			Dubbo .....	1	40 0 0
			Goulburn .....	1	80 0 0
			Hill-ton .....	1	40 0 0
			Orange .....	1	40 0 0
			Parkes .....	1	40 0 0
			Wilcannia .....	7	700 0 0
	31	4,871 2 34		20	1,418 1 0
Total number..... 51.			Total Area..... 6,289 3 34.		

## SCHEDULE XXXV.

RETURN for the year 1889 of the Number and Area of Conditional Purchases, the forfeiture of which have been reversed.

District.	No.	Area	District	No.	Area.
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.
Albury .....	1	180 0 0	Lithgow .....	1	40 0 0
Armidale .....	3	402 3 0	Liverpool .....	1	111 3 0
Bathurst .....	3	140 0 0	Molong .....	2	80 0 0
Bega .....	8	440 0 0	Moree .....	1	80 0 0
Berrima .....	2	150 0 0	Mudgee .....	3	120 0 0
Bingera .....	1	280 0 0	Murrumbidgee .....	1	152 2 0
Bombala .....	3	340 0 0	Murwillumbah .....	4	260 0 0
Bourke .....	2	840 0 0	Moruya .....	1	320 0 0
Braidwood .....	4	170 0 0	Narrandera .....	2	640 0 0
Burrowa .....	3	232 3 0	Nowra .....	2	90 0 0
Cobar .....	3	260 0 0	Orange .....	3	192 0 0
Cooma .....	5	594 3 0	Picton .....	1	40 0 0
Coonamble .....	5	1,520 0 0	Queanbeyan .....	9	641 3 0
Cowra .....	2	307 0 0	Sydney .....	1	53 2 0
Dubbo .....	2	978 0 0	Singleton .....	2	320 0 0
Eden .....	2	112 2 0	Stroud .....	1	80 0 0
Gosford .....	1	44 0 0	Tumut .....	1	60 0 0
Goulburn .....	7	320 0 0	Wagga Wagga .....	3	569 0 0
Grafton .....	1	100 0 0	Walgett .....	1	40 0 0
Gundagai .....	2	240 0 0	Wilcannia .....	4	200 0 0
Gunning .....	3	667 3 0	Windsor .....	1	40 0 0
Inverell .....	6	602 0 0			
Kempsey .....	4	277 2 0	Total .....	119	13,369 2 0
Lismore .....	1	40 0 0			

## SCHEDULE XXXVI.

SUMMARY of Number and Area of Conditional Purchases existing on the 31st December, 1889.

	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
No. and area of conditional purchases selected up to 31st December, 1888, after deducting area cancelled, forfeited, and lapsed	144,067	a. r. p. 18,109,102 0 0	.....	.....
No. and area of conditional purchases cancelled, forfeited, and lapsed during 1889	777	a. r. p. 93,557 3 5	143,290	18,015,544 0 35
Less reversals of forfeitures, lapsings, and voidances	41	5,707 0 0	4,778	754,161 0 30
No. and area of conditional purchases confirmed during 1889	.....	.....	406	76,537 2 0
No. and area of conditional purchases made during December, 1889	.....	.....	148,474	18,846,242 3 25



## SCHEDULE XXXVII.

RETURN showing the Number and Area of Conditional Leases applied for under section 48 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 during the year ending 31st December, 1889, and action taken thereon.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications.	Area applied for.	No. referred to District Surveyor in 1889.	No. confirmed.	Area allowed.	No. disallowed.	No. of cases outstanding 31st December, 1889.
			a. r. p.			a. r. p.		
Armidale	Armidale	64	22,116 0 0	64	9	2,944 1 0	8	47
	Glen Innes	17	3,142 0 0	17	1	162 0 0	1	15
	Inverell	24	6,275 0 0	24	2	525 0 0	4	18
	Tenterfield	26	4,026 1 0	26	2	340 0 0	2	22
	Walcha	31	9,649 2 0	31	8	2,302 1 0	2	21
Bourke	Bourke							
	Brewarrina							
	Brewarrina, East	7	13,440 0 0	7	5	9,600 0 0		2
	Cobar							
Cooma	Cobar, East	3	4,440 0 0	3	1	1,920 0 0		2
	Wilcannia							
	Bega	12	1,490 0 0	10	8	950 0 0	1	3
Dubbo	Bombala	32	10,113 2 0	26	13	3,959 3 0	4	15
	Cooma	52	12,522 1 0	36	22	4,790 1 0	7	23
	Eden	29	5,114 0 0	17	14	2,392 0 0	5	10
	Queanbeyan	121	29,633 3 0	79	41	9,081 2 0	18	62
	Coonamble	127	158,727 3 0	127	34	42,580 1 0	15	78
Forbes	Dubbo	116	100,969 2 0	116	38	30,175 2 0	11	67
	Condobolin	61	66,892 1 0	61	18	19,294 3 0	8	35
	Forbes	24	9,065 0 0	24	18	6,315 3 0	1	5
	Grenfell	56	38,777 1 0	56	26	18,952 1 0	9	21
	Parkes	115	147,622 2 0	115	55	75,133 1 0	16	44
Goulburn	Burrowa	138	37,221 3 0	138	19	3,633 1 0	28	91
	Braidwood	41	6,405 0 0	41	4	460 0 0	4	33
	Goulburn	198	33,741 0 0	198	26	3,192 1 0	14	158
	Gunning	113	24,374 2 0	113	45	9,038 1 0	10	58
	Yass	52	16,707 0 0	52	12	3,921 0 0	20	20
Grafton	Young	1	415 0 0	1	1	415 0 0		
	Casino	25	10,287 1 0	25	10	3,496 2 0	4	11
	Grafton	52	12,940 0 0	52	34	6,621 1 0	5	13
	Kempsey	44	7,810 0 0	44	21	3,199 0 0	6	17
	Lismore	13	2,348 0 0	13	6	1,589 2 0	5	2
Hay	Murwillumbah	41	11,801 0 0	41	20	5,912 2 0	8	13
	Balranald							
	Balranald, South							
	Deniliquin	6	7,403 2 0					6
	Hay	61	95,987 2 0	61	27	42,212 3 0	9	25
Maitland	Hay, North							
	Hillston	12	8,933 0 0	12	7	6,318 2 0	1	4
	Hillston, North							
	Wentworth							
	Cassilis	93	36,298 3 0	93	18	5,279 2 0	13	62
Moree	Dungog	20	2,168 0 0	20	6	495 0 0	9	5
	Maitland	3	307 0 0	3	2	187 0 0		1
	Muswellbrook	19	2,427 3 0	19	4	546 3 0	2	13
	Newcastle							
	Paterson	37	6,741 2 0	37	7	789 1 0	6	24
	Port Macquarie	34	6,141 0 0	34	3	271 0 0	8	23
	Raymond Terrace	7	940 0 0	7	3	378 1 0	3	1
	Scone	75	36,326 2 0	75	12	5,473 2 0	9	54
	Singleton	22	5,742 3 0	22	3	357 0 0	7	12
	Stroud	23	3,973 0 0	23	9	1,224 2 0	6	8
	Taree	47	8,446 3 0	47	11	1,131 3 0	5	31
	Wollombi	7	415 0 0	7			3	4
	Bingara	25	8,143 3 22	25	4	1,108 0 0	9	12
Orange	Moree	32	27,700 2 0	32	25	19,916 3 0	4	3
	Walgett	17	30,120 0 0	17	1	1,920 0 0	3	13
	Walgett, North							
	Warialda	46	19,276 0 0	46	11	3,307 0 0	12	23
	Bathurst	83	18,605 0 0	83	30	7,328 0 0	8	45
Sydney	Carcoar	147	46,005 1 0	146	43	9,505 2 0	23	81
	Cowra	24	5,522 3 0	24	16	4,294 0 0	4	4
	Molong	44	14,344 1 0	43	26	10,292 3 0	6	12
	Mudgee	51	11,217 0 0	51	21	4,354 0 0	16	14
	Orange	35	13,053 0 0	35	13	4,398 2 0	6	16
	Rylstone	72	14,976 0 0	71	22	3,596 0 0	22	28
	Wellington	84	29,009 2 0	84	30	9,789 3 0	9	45
	Berrima	49	8,536 1 0	49	22	3,478 3 0	15	12
	Campbelltown	22	10,344 0 0	22	7	3,420 0 0	7	8
	Gosford	1	100 0 0	1	1	100 0 0		
Wollongong	Kiama							
	Lithgow	154	30,533 0 0	154	21	3,587 2 0	47	86
	Liverpool							
	Metropolitan							
	Milton	7	978 0 0	7			6	1
	Moruya	11	1,592 0 0	11			5	6
	Nowra	4	600 0 0	4			2	2
	Parramatta	1	30 0 0	1			1	
	Penrith	1	640 0 0	1			1	
	Picton	41	21,230 0 0	41	8	2,573 0 0	6	27
Windsor	12	2,370 0 0	12	3	404 0 0	2	7	
	Wollongong							

## SCHEDULE XXXVII—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications.	Area applied for.			No. referred to District Surveyor in 1889.	No. confirmed.	Area allowed.			No. disallowed.	No. of cases outstanding 31st December, 1889.	
			a.	r.	p.			a.	r.	p.			
Tamworth .....	Coonabarabran.....	55	21,386	1	0	55	18	6,576	3	0	19	18	
	Gunnedah.....	19	14,165	3	8	19	8	4,154	1	8	2	9	
	Murrurundi .....	18	7,499	1	0	18	7	2,344	3	0	1	10	
	Narrabri .....	92	82,194	3	0	92	29	20,069	0	0	10	53	
	Tamworth.....	82	28,211	1	0	82	29	8,925	3	0	11	42	
Wagga Wagga ...	Albury .....	39	20,404	0	0	38	7	4,370	0	0	8	24	
	Corowa .....	1	60	3	0	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	
	Cootamundra .....	19	5,804	0	0	17	1	200	0	0	5	13	
	Gundagai .....	3	1,020	0	0	1	1	300	0	0	1	1	
	Narrandera .....	25	20,993	2	0	25	11	6,756	3	0	5	9	
	Tumut .....	13	3,860	0	0	12	3	731	0	0	4	6	
	Urana .....	3	380	0	0	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	
	Wagga Wagga.....	37	18,725	0	0	31	7	4,236	2	0	7	23	
			3,470	1,569,949	3	30	3,369	1,050	489,600	1	8	585	1,835

## SCHEDULE XXXVIII.

RETURN showing the Number and Area of Conditional Leases under section 48 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, whether applied for in 1885, 1886, 1887, or 1888, and action taken thereon during the year 1889.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Total number of applications, whether made in 1885, 1886, 1887, or 1888, outstanding 31st Dec., 1888.	Total number referred to District Surveyor in 1889, whether applied for in 1885, 1886, 1887, or 1888.	Total number confirmed in 1889, whether applied for in 1885, 1886, 1887 or 1888.	Total area allowed in 1889, whether applied for in 1885, 1886, 1887, or 1888.			Total number disallowed in 1889, whether applied for in 1885, 1886, 1887, or 1888.	Total number of applications, whether received in 1885, 1886, 1887, or 1888, outstanding 31st Dec., 1889.
					a.	r.	p.		
Armidale .....	Armidale .....	35	.....	32	10,000	2	0	1	2
	Glen Innes .....	11	.....	7	2,015	0	0	2	2
	Inverell .....	15	.....	9	2,116	1	0	4	2
	Tenterfield .....	10	.....	7	2,225	0	0	.....	3
	Walcha.....	15	.....	9	5,659	1	0	2	4
Bourke .....	Bourke .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Brewarrina .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Cobar .....	.....	.....	1	1,920	0	0	1	.....
	Cobar, East.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cooma .....	Cobar, East.....	3	.....	3	4,299	3	0	.....	.....
	Wilcannia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bega .....	3	.....	3	260	0	0	.....	.....
	Bombala .....	2	1	2	331	1	0	.....	.....
	Cooma .....	13	1	10	2,764	2	0	3	.....
Dubbo .....	Eden .....	18	.....	17	2,520	0	0	1	.....
	Queanbeyan.....	23	1	22	6,280	2	0	1	.....
	Coonamble .....	74	.....	64	71,583	1	0	6	4
	Dubbo .....	84	.....	77	79,941	2	0	4	3
Forbes .....	Condobolin .....	55	1	45	70,912	3	0	10	.....
	Forbes .....	11	.....	8	4,763	0	0	3	.....
	Grenfell .....	11	.....	8	2,893	0	0	3	.....
	Parkes .....	59	.....	55	68,542	3	0	4	.....
Goulburn .....	Burrowa .....	77	1	66	14,413	0	0	11	.....
	Braidwood .....	12	1	11	1,540	1	0	1	.....
	Goulburn .....	64	.....	59	11,068	0	0	5	.....
	Gunning .....	58	1	53	12,107	0	0	5	.....
	Yass .....	28	1	24	9,252	0	0	4	.....
	Young .....	6	1	5	676	0	0	1	.....
	Grafton.....	27	.....	24	13,176	2	0	3	.....
Grafton.....	Grafton.....	18	.....	12	2,233	0	0	6	.....
	Kempsey .....	33	3	29	3,677	2	0	3	1
	Lismore .....	3	.....	3	410	0	0	.....	.....
	Murwillumbah .....	6	.....	6	1,780	0	0	.....	.....
	Balranald .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Hay .....	Balranald, South.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Deniliquin .....	12	6	6	2,307	1	0	.....	6
	Hay .....	99	57	61	85,711	1	5	8	30
	Hay, North.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hillston .....	20	12	11	9,784	3	0	5	4
	Hillston, North .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maitland .....	Wentworth .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Cassilis .....	79	5	70	28,746	0	0	4	5
	Dungog .....	12	4	11	1,424	0	0	1	.....
	Maitland .....	1	.....	1	199	2	0	.....	.....
	Muswellbrook .....	7	1	6	726	0	0	1	.....
	Newcastle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Paterson .....	22	5	17	2,834	1	0	3	2
	Port Macquarie .....	13	5	8	1,966	2	0	5	.....
	Raymond Terrace .....	10	8	10	3,073	1	0	.....	.....
	Scone.....	53	4	45	21,082	3	0	5	3
	Singleton .....	6	.....	3	723	0	0	1	2
	Stroud .....	16	.....	10	1,135	0	0	5	1
	Taree.....	36	11	35	5,596	1	0	1	.....
	Wollombi.....	14	3	13	1,863	1	0	1	.....



SCHEDULE XL—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Total No of Applications made in 1885, outstanding 31st Dec, 1889	Total No referred to District Survey or in 1889, applied for in 1885.	Total No. confirmed in 1889, applied for in 1885	Total area allowed in 1889, applied for in 1885.	Total No. disallowed in 1889, applied for in 1885.	Total No. of Applications received in 1885, outstanding 31st Dec, 1889.
					a. r. p.		
Cooma .....	Bega .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Bombala .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Cooma .....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Dubbo .....	Eden .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Queanbeyan .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
Forbes .....	Coonamble .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Dubbo .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
Goulburn .....	Condobolin .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Forbes .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Grenfell .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
Grafton .....	Parkes .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Braidwood .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Burrowa .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Goulburn .....	1	.....	.....	120 0 0	1	.....
Hay .....	Gunning .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Yass .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Young .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
Maitland .....	Casilis .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Dungog .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Maitland .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
Moree .....	Muswellbrook .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Newcastle .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Paterson .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Port Macquarie .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Raymond Terrace .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Scone .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Singleton .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Stroud .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Taree .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Wollombi .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
Orange .....	Bingara .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Moree .....	2	.....	1	1,920 0 0	1	.....
Sydney .....	Walgett .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Warialda .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Bathurst .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Carcoar .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Cowra .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Molong .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Mudgee .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
Wagga Wagga .....	Orange .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Rylstone .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Wellington .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Berrima .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Campbelltown .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Gosford .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Kiama .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Lithgow .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Liverpool .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Metropolitan .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Milton .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Moruya .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Nowra .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
Tamworth .....	Parramatta .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Penrith .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Picton .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Windsor .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Wollongong .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Coonabarabran .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Gunnedah .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Murrurundi .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Narrabri .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Tamworth .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
Wagga Wagga .....	Albury .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Cootamundra .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Corowa .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Gundagai .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Narrandera .....	1	.....	1	912 0 0	.. .	.....
	Tumut .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
	Urana .....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....	.. .	.....
Wagga Wagga .....	2	.....	1	268 2 0	1	.....	
		12	.....	5	3,557 0 0	4	3

## SCHEDULE XLI.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rental of Conditional Leases notified forfeited during the year 1889.

District.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Rent.	District.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Rent.
		acres.	£ s. d.			acres.	£ s. d.
Albury .....	6	2,411	25 9 5	Metropolitan .....	.....	.....	.....
Armidale.....	33	17,143½	239 2 3	Milton .....	5	625	8 0 0
Balranald .....	1	1,070½	8 18 6	Molong .....	3	641	14 12 3
Bathurst.....	9	2,725	35 6 9	Moree .....	6	9,180	124 3 4
Bega .....	6	840	7 5 0	Moruya .....	7	1,507¾	25 17 4
Bellingen .....	.....	.....	.....	Mudgee.....	9	1,511½	20 19 11
Berrima .....	1	300	3 15 0	Murrurundi .....	5	1,869½	17 12 10
Bingera .....	5	3,137 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>32</sub>	26 17 9	Murwillumbah.....	1	120	3 0 0
Bombala .....	7	5,383½	45 15 7	Muswellbrook .....	3	281¾	3 19 0
Bourke .....	1	480	4 0 0	Narrabri .....	8	7,847¾	95 15 8
Braidwood .....	8	1,390	31 13 3	Narrandera .....	5	8,025¾	68 17 8
Brewarrina.....	.....	.....	.....	Newcastle .....	.....	.....	.....
Burrowa .....	11	2,509¾	30 8 2	Nowra .....	1	200	2 10 0
Campbelltown .....	.....	.....	.....	Orange .....	4	1,499	16 9 9
Carcoar .....	11	3,817	40 4 11	Parkes .....	6	4,054	40 17 1
Casino .....	3	347	6 17 5	Parramatta .....	.....	.....	.....
Cassilis .....	9	2,208	28 12 8	Paterson .....	1	120	1 5 0
Cobar .....	.....	.....	.....	Penrith .....	.....	.....	.....
Condobolin.....	.....	.....	.....	Picton .....	2	760	9 10 0
Cooma.....	36	19,679	192 1 9	Port Macquarie .....	.....	.....	.....
Coonabarabran .....	10	2,639¾	22 0 0	Queanbeyan .....	12	5,484½	49 0 10
Coonamble .....	6	5,035	69 18 11	Raymond Terrace .....	4	630	7 17 6
Cootamundra .....	2	1,040	8 13 4	Rylstone .....	3	360	4 10 0
Corowa .....	.....	.....	.....	Scone.....	6	979¾	15 6 4
Cowra .....	3	720½	8 12 8	Singleton .....	4	1,327½	22 13 1
Deniliquin .....	1	16¾	0 5 7	Stroud .....	.....	.....	.....
Dubbo .....	7	9,881	133 3 4	Tamworth.....	22	10,917¾	103 10 11
Dungog .....	.....	.....	.....	Taree .....	3	480	8 15 0
Eden .....	16	2,437¾	33 19 9	Tenterfield .....	5	2,893¾	39 5 10
Forbes .....	.....	.....	.....	Tumut .....	5	1,890	22 10 10
Glen Innes .....	4	392	7 6 6	Urana .....	1	155½	1 5 11
Gosford .....	.....	.....	.....	Wagga Wagga.....	6	4,250	113 10 4
Goulburn .....	46	11,852¼	131 2 0	Walcha .....	6	1,605	23 3 6
Grafton .....	12	3,545¼	48 18 11	Walgett.....	1	210	1 15 0
Grenfell .....	4	1,620	23 10 0	Warialda .....	5	6,724	56 0 8
Gundagai .....	2	386	5 16 2	Wellington .....	5	1,773	25 4 7
Gunnedah .....	1	960	8 0 0	Wentworth .....	2	600	5 0 0
Gunning .....	7	1,399	13 8 7	Wilcannia.....	.....	.....	.....
Hay .....	1	750	6 5 0	Willyama .....	.....	.....	.....
Hillston .....	6	7,634	64 10 0	Windsor .....	.....	.....	.....
Inverell .....	21	13,280½	124 3 9	Wollombi .....	.....	.....	.....
Kempsey.....	5	1,140	9 10 0	Wollongong .....	.....	.....	.....
Kiama .....	.....	.....	.....	Yass .....	3	557	5 16 11
Lismore .....	2	755	9 8 9	Young .....	.....	.....	.....
Lithgow .....	7	707½	9 10 4				
Liverpool .....	.....	.....	.....				
Maitland .....	.....	.....	.....		469	208,715 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>32</sub>	2,423 9 1

## SCHEDULE XLII.

RETURN showing Number and Area of Lots offered at auction, and Number, Area, and Rental of Leases purchased at or selected after auction, under section 85 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Land District.	No. of Lots offered.	Area of Lots offered.	No. of Leases purchased at or selected after auction.	Area Leased.	Rent.	Land District.	No. of Lots offered.	Area of Lots offered.	No. of Leases purchased at or selected after auction.	Area Leased.	Rent.
				acres.	£ s. d.					acres.	£ s. d.
Albury .....	1	500	...	...	...	Lithgow .....	38	22,650	7	4,400	14 0 0
Armidale .....	1	80	1	80	17 0 0	Milton .....	16	7,870	...	...	...
Balranald .....	2	1,043	...	...	...	Molong .....	2	1,610	1	1,420	6 14 0
Bathurst .....	27	16,812	8	4,885	42 3 0	Moree .....	6	4,514	6	4,514	107 0 0
Berrima .....	30	16,990	10	5,090	23 8 0	Moruya .....	...	...	4	1,580	10 0 0
Bombala .....	1	570	...	...	...	Mudgee .....	7	4,211	4	2,277	14 8 0
Braidwood .....	38	23,545	4	2,930	12 4 2	Orange .....	2	971½	1	21½	2 0 0
Burrowa .....	1	470	1	470	3 18 4	Parkes .....	...	...	4	3,390	28 18 6
Carcoar .....	7	4,280	7	4,280	29 17 0	Port Macquarie .....	2	484	1	254	2 0 0
Cassilis .....	2	677½	2	677½	6 0 0	Queanbeyan .....	3	1,290	...	...	...
Cooma .....	31	21,820	18	11,640	76 11 0	Rylestone .....	5	2,329	5	2,329	37 3 0
Coonabarabran .....	1	1,100	1	1,100	30 1 0	Tamworth .....	1	160	1	160	2 0 0
Corowa .....	1	307	...	...	...	Tamut .....	2	477	2	477	4 10 0
Cootamundra .....	20	5,803½	4	1,772	12 0 0	Urana .....	4	831½	4	831½	41 11 6
Deniliquin .....	26	10,357½	24	9,947	670 2 0	Wagga Wagga .....	4	6,190	4	6,190	36 0 0
Dubbo .....	12	12,090	9	10,180	82 8 0	Wellington .....	16	12,437	14	10,577	70 6 0
Forbes .....	4	2,510½	4	2,510½	28 0 0	Wentworth .....	1	40	...	...	...
Glen Innes .....	2	960	2	960	16 1 0	Windsor .....	26	13,580	...	...	...
Goulburn .....	3	950	13	7,170	39 11 3	Yass .....	2	1,420	1	460	2 17 6
Grafton .....	26	14,100	10	5,190	26 0 0	Young .....	2	990	2	990	14 0 0
Grenfell .....	3	1,936½	3	1,936½	72 10 0	Totals .....	405	228,755½	198	116,146½	1,805 19 1
Gundagai .....	13	3,443	8	2,903	185 10 0						
Gunning .....	2	1,300	2	1,300	8 2 6						
Hay .....	3	690	3	690	18 10 0						
Hillston .....	2	244	2	244	10 0 0						
Inverell .....	17	4,121	1	320	2 13 4						

## SCHEDULE XLIII.

RETURN showing Number and Area of Lots offered, and Number, Area, and Rental of Leases granted by Tender.

Land District.	No. of Lots offered.	Area of Lots offered.	No. of Leases granted.	Area of Leases granted.	Rent.	Land District.	No. of Lots offered.	Area of Lots offered.	No. of Leases granted.	Area of Leases granted.	Rent.
		acres.		acres.	£ s. d.			acres.		acres.	£ s. d.
Albury .....	...	...	20	14,740	113 16 0	Maitland .....	1	506	1	506	14 0 0
Armidale .....	1	370	...	...	...	Milton .....	98	365,920	1	640	6 3 0
Bathurst .....	173	91,240	75	39,548	371 17 0	Molong .....	14	4,077	10	3,821	60 19 6
Bega .....	1	319	1	40	6 0 0	Moruya .....	152	85,550	1	620	3 10 0
Berrima .....	85	45,330	2	1,270	8 6 0	Mudgee .....	148	81,102½	34	19,359	153 3 6
Bombala .....	3	1,920	...	...	...	Murrurundi .....	36	30,235½	1	190	14 0 0
Braidwood .....	117	69,935	14	8,080	63 8 0	Muswellbrook .....	2	1,175	...	...	...
Burrowa .....	20	10,241	5	2,286½	25 7 0	Nowra .....	159	88,510	...	...	...
Camden .....	8	3,900	5	2,520	17 17 0	Orange .....	52	25,212½	10	3,958	87 2 6
Carcoar .....	164	94,744	38	25,161	190 3 6	Paterson .....	5	2,806	4	2,234	17 11 2
Casino .....	1	185	...	...	...	Penrith .....	6	3,500	2	1,020	6 10 0
Cassilis .....	51	28,871½	18	11,829	59 3 10	Picton .....	105	59,950	2	1,120	6 0 0
Cooma .....	13	8,750	21	15,330	268 3 0	Port Macquarie .....	17	10,473	5	3,120	14 0 0
Coonamble .....	3	2,280	...	...	...	Queanbeyan .....	54	28,499	9	4,320	89 15 0
Cowra .....	25	9,702	8	2,389	60 3 0	Raymond Terrace .....	1	165	...	...	...
Deniliquin .....	1	258	...	...	...	Rylstone .....	87	55,676	16	11,124	91 12 6
Dubbo .....	2	2,830	...	...	...	Scone .....	6	3,191	2	1,210	5 0 10
Dungog .....	1	400	1	400	5 0 0	Stroud .....	16	10,305	6	3,740	21 0 0
Glen Innes .....	4	652½	3	1,360	12 17 6	Singleton .....	5	3,200	2	1,112	13 0 0
Goulburn .....	118	65,374	13	5,678	68 8 2	Taree .....	40	25,263	7	2,715	26 16 8
Grafton .....	76	44,920	33	20,700	83 15 6	Urana .....	1	500	1	500	56 5 0
Grenfell .....	4	838	...	...	...	Wellington .....	80	58,119	20	13,396	144 4 0
Gunning .....	16	6,639	3	705	21 11 0	Wollombi .....	12	6,948	3	1,760	6 0 0
Inverell .....	3	1,418	1	475	2 0 0	Totals .....	2,391	1,661,856½	440	252,869½	2,376 1 8
Kempsey .....	22	11,055½	4	1,871½	12 2 0						
Lismore .....	1	40	...	...	...						
Lithgow .....	324	182,010	34	19,970	109 9 6						
Liverpool .....	57	26,751	4	2,052	40 0 0						

## SCHEDULE XLIV.

RETURN showing Number, Area and Rental of Annual Leases current on 31st December, 1889.

District.	No.	Area.	Rent.	District.	No.	Area.	Rent.
EASTERN DIVISION.				EASTERN DIVISION—(contd.)			
		acres.	£ s. d.			acres.	£ s. d.
Albury	42	28,892	271 1 0	Taree	38	22,679	174 1 3
Armidale	11	5,140	56 8 2	Tenterfield	5	2,137	52 0 0
Bathurst	666	447,283½	2,738 10 6	Tumut	5	2,137	52 0 0
Bega	2	357	8 10 0	Walcha	417	308,380	1,669 15 5
Berrima	48	34,829	165 15 3	Wellington	1	510	2 16 3
Bombala	2	2,120	10 0 0	Wollombi	5	3,092	13 12 6
Braidwood	105	67,729	365 16 9	Wollongong	54	36,226	207 12 6
Burrowa	181	113,294½	814 16 8	Yass	6	1,355	27 5 0
Campbelltown	2	690	4 0 0	Totals	5,049	3,424,856¼	£20,526 1 10
Carcoar	507	350,974½	1,957 19 2	CENTRAL DIVISION.			
Casino	11	6,678	223 8 8	Balranald, South	.....	.....	.....
Cassilis	406	273,591½	1,367 19 4	Bingera	.....	.....	.....
Cooma	65	44,322¾	534 12 6	Brewarrina, East	.....	.....	.....
Cootamundra	4	1,772	12 0 0	Cobar, East	.....	.....	.....
Cowra	39	33,260¼	290 8 0	Condobolin	8	4,828	106 11 0
Dungog	3	2,240	12 10 0	Coonabarrabran	13	9,135	69 1 0
Eden	.....	.....	.....	Coonamble	4	1,580	20 1 8
Glen Innes	28	12,397½	105 1 7	Corowa	.....	.....	.....
Gosford	2	1,920	7 10 0	Deniliquin	44	24,392¼	1,128 7 7
Goulburn	214	132,231	813 14 4	Dubbo	35	31,770	409 2 3
Grafton	116	72,495	431 5 6	Forbes	9	5,481¾	43 10 0
Gundagai	9	3,833	193 15 0	Grenfell	11	7,026¾	123 1 8
Gunning	106	62,411¾	364 6 7	Gunnedah	1	750	5 0 0
Inverell	12	6,025	32 0 10	Hay	34	23,879	297 3 5
Kempsey	15	8,491¼	51 2 0	Hillston	23	6,991	298 0 0
Kiama	.....	.....	.....	Moree	6	4,514	107 0 0
Lismore	.....	.....	.....	Narrabri	.....	.....	.....
Lithgow	249	167,689¾	838 3 3	Narrandera	.....	.....	.....
Liverpool	4	2,052	40 0 0	Parke	7	5,330	45 2 0
Maitland	4	2,792	45 6 0	Urana	6	1,927½	113 15 11
Metropolitan	.....	.....	.....	Wagga Wagga	4	6,190	36 0 0
Milton	8	5,040	30 7 0	Walgett	3	1,635	44 0 0
Molong	25	17,795	153 12 3	Warialda	.....	.....	.....
Moruya	17	8,000	52 7 6	Totals	208	135,430¼	2,845 16 6
Mudgee	396	254,581	1,462 5 8	WESTERN DIVISION.			
Murrurundi	55	35,196	196 19 7	Balranald	.....	.....	.....
Murwillumbah	2	1,280	5 0 0	Bourke	.....	.....	.....
Muswellbrook	9	6,100	30 0 0	Brewarrina	4	3,590	46 7 6
Newcastle	.....	.....	.....	Cobar	.....	.....	.....
Nowra	50	30,096	204 1 3	Hillston, North	2	2,115	56 0 0
Orange	121	79,762	509 8 3	Walgett, North	.....	.....	.....
Parramatta	.....	.....	.....	Wentworth	.....	.....	.....
Paterson	35	21,848	118 3 8	Wilcannia	4	1,484	26 11 8
Penrith	12	6,700	36 10 0	Totals	10	7,189	128 19 2
Pictou	143	101,447	484 9 6	GRAND TOTALS.			
Port Macquarie	25	18,159	79 2 9	Eastern Division	5,049	3,424,856¼	20,526 1 10
Queanbeyan	123	84,241	495 14 7	Central "	208	135,430¼	2,845 16 6
Raymond Terrace	1	640	2 10 0	Western "	10	7,189	128 19 2
Rylstone	208	142,703	770 12 8	Totals	5,267	3,567,475½	23,500 17 6
Scone	278	229,736¼	1,301 0 0				
Singleton	27	18,728	130 9 11				
Stroud	129	99,736	532 11 7				
Tamworth	6	3,177	27 11 8				

## SCHEDULE XLV.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rental of Annual Leases notified forfeited during the year 1889.

Land District.	Number.	Area.	Rent.	Land District.	Number.	Area.	Rent.
		acres.	£ s. d.			acres.	£ s. d.
Albury	3	591½	43 4 5	Mudgee	23	10,460	73 4 3
Armidale	3	1,205	10 0 6	Murrurundi	10	6,030	33 2 6
Bathurst	31	19,991	133 5 0	Muswellbrook	2	1,110	14 5 0
Berrima	4	2,300	8 0 0	Nowra	6	3,250	31 3 6
Bombala	4	2,560	9 6 0	Orange	25	15,568	80 7 6
Braidwood	27	23,262	126 8 9	Paterson	15	10,520	56 5 0
Burrowa	49	29,029	181 14 4	Port Macquarie	3	1,888	7 10 8
Carcoar	66	47,461	254 17 9	Pictou	3	1,500	11 5 0
Casino	1	175	6 11 3	Queanbeyan	25	14,759	88 19 11
Cassilis	152	99,586¾	493 16 3	Raymond Terrace	1	640	2 10 0
Cooma	5	4,310	25 5 0	Rylstone	22	16,478	87 19 0
Coonabarrabran	2	1,600	7 10 0	Scone	31	21,861	113 11 3
Cowra	6	3,840	16 17 6	Singleton	13	8,895	44 7 9
Deniliquin	6	4,208¾	127 10 0	Stroud	15	10,997	63 7 6
Forbes	2	3,600	22 8 9	Taree	7	3,880	25 18 11
Glen Innes	2	1,044	5 12 6	Walgett, North	2	1,180	10 10 0
Goulburn	61	32,556	210 10 9	Wellington	32	22,235	122 8 0
Grafton	17	10,039	61 8 0	Wilcannia	3	1,556	45 0 0
Gunning	35	25,511	143 17 10	Yass	28	20,389	97 16 3
Kempsey	1	640	2 10 0	Young	3	1,390	18 12 6
Lithgow	24	15,296	75 18 3	Totals	780	508,988	3,023 7 4
Milton	2	1,280	6 10 0				
Moruya	6	4,316	22 0 0				







SCHEDULE

Purpose:—	Aborigines.		Access.		Camping.		Cemetery.		Con- ditional Purchases on Gold- fields.		Planta- tion.		Police Purposes		Pounds.		Preser- vation and Growth of Timber.		Public Build- ings.		Public Recrea- tion.		Public School Pur- poses.		Quarry.				
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
Land Board and Land District.																													
Sydney—		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.	
Berrima .....			1	75	1	13																							
Campbelltown .....													1	1															
Gosford .....																	1	700					1	5					
Kiama .....																1	1												
Lithgow .....			2	89																									
Metropolitan .....			1	1																									
Milton .....	1	5																											
Moruya .....			1	65												1	1	2800											
Nowra .....			1	168	1	4																							
Parramatta .....																													
Penrith .....																		1	730										
Pictou .....	1	100																											
Windsor .....	1	30	1	50	1	97											2	8560											
Wollongong .....																													
Tamworth—																													
Coonabarabran .....																													
Gunnedah .....					1	450					1	44	2	39	1	1					3	3			1	8			
Murrurundi .....													2	14															
Narrabri .....			1	680	3	950								2	6										1	35			
Tamworth .....			1	8	7	758					6	21	1	1	1	5	2	9700	5	13	5	58	1	8	1	12			
Wagga Wagga—																													
Cootamundra .....					1	120							1	2	2	2			1	1	1	1							
Gundagai .....			1	10									1	10												2	18		
Narrandera .....											1	1	2	87	1	2			1	1	1	180							
Urana .....			1	8							1	16	2	168	3	20			4	14	6	45	4	32					
Albury .....											2	3		1	1	1	1106	3	8	5	38	2	20	1	20				
Corowa .....											1	18	2	45					2	10	2	17	1	5	1	4			
Tumut .....	1	77						1	42	1	1	1	1				7000	1	1	2	24	3	14						
Wagga Wagga .....			3	117							1	9							1	1	1	160	3	24					
	15	1335	67	10393	62	11663	15	170	32	462999	45	315	40	637	28	108	57	151341	124	399	126	6776	71	530	14	5234			

SCHEDULE

RETURN of Reserves from

Purpose:—	Access.		Camping.		Con- struction of Canal.		Ceme- tery.		Driftway.		C.P.'s on Gold-fields.		Mining.		Pending Survey.		Police.		Preser- vation and Growth of Timber.		Public Build- ings.		Public Purposes.		Public Recreation.				
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
Land Board and Land District.																													
Armidale—		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.	
Armidale .....	1	42									3	536	2	40000					2	2670	2	2	3	52	1	600			
Glen Innes .....													2	40000	1	108			1	1920			1	300					
Inverell .....	2	16	1	2							1	592																	
Tenterfield .....											1	40												2	1250				
Walcha .....																													
Bourke—																													
Bourke .....			2	662					1	3870								2	291										
Brewarrina .....																													
Cobar .....			3	3842																									
Wilcannia .....	4	2365	3	3205			1	20										2	8	4	6					1	5		
Cooma—																													
Bega .....																													
Bombala .....	1	70															1	2	1	160	1	2	5	16					
Cooma .....																			2	2680			1	79					
Eden .....																	2	24	5	8638			6	45					
Queanbeyan .....			1	172							1	100						2	9440										
Dubbo—																													
Coonamble .....			3	3580					2	1970									3	11220	1	6							
Dubbo .....	5	2600	5	4770					9	9200											1	1							
Forbes—																													
Condoblin .....	2	1536	2	860							1	131							2	6400									
Forbes .....	3	734	1	650							10	69628	2	1144											1	275			
Grenfell .....			2	779							3	417				2	1600			4	18244								
Parkes .....	3	1132	4	1062							2	686						1	40	1	172			1	640				

XLVI—continued.

Railway.		Refuge in Flood.		Mining.		Road and Traffic.		Sale and Lease for Protection of Crown Lands.		Special Lease.		Temporary Common.		Travelling Stock.		Trigonometrical Purposes.		Village Purposes.		Wharves.		Water Supply.		Sundries.				Total.		
No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	Purposes.		No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
1	430			3	26710					1	300												4	192					13	31340
				2	8340																								3	8341
1	2			1	896									2	1820								3	130	Municipal	1	11	9	2668	
5	20340			1	272									4	1223								2	63			2	897		
																							2	37			3	24		
																							1	220	F. Nursery	1	220	5	3306	
1	30																					2	48	2	253			6	473	
2	18																									1	25	3	105	
5	43015			1	10700																							3	748	
																							1	14					8	53829
														5	5260								1	60					11	14057
																													2	1
								1	50					1	607														2	657
1	17							1	44				1	300								1	40	Drainage	1	14	13	910		
3	703							1	608				1	350								2	202					8	688	
													1	560								2	502					19	15378	
													2	1140								13	698	{ Crossing	3	18	}	51	12723	
																							2	3	{ Drainage					
1	21500					1	99							3	442							1	6	Military	1	40	13	22213		
								3	278					1	1350		1	130				3	278	{ Crossing	1	163	}	14	2297	
																							1	370	{ Trucking					
						1	122	4	436					5	13442							2	2561	{ Canal	16	8207	}	35	25409	
1	320					1	123	7	1042					11	3824								20	8006	{ Canal					
1	40			1	1045			1	154			1	1200	11	4138	2	73					7	314	Drainage	1	2	62	13620		
								2	214			1	435	12	6262			1	640			1	5					39	8160	
								1	120				2	390								4	306	Crossing	1	1	20	7977		
7	2745					1	38	7	526			1	338	10	3665			1	920			2	642	Canal	11	3085	60	47711		
176	262664	3	538	27	107326	13	2160	107	33589	5	606	35	124176	269	577866	17	329	9	9740	17	173	202	34975			130	205616	1706	2011658	

XLVII.  
Sale revoked during 1889.

Public School Purposes.		Quarry.		Railway.		Refuge in time of Flood.		Roads.		Sale and Lease to protect Crown Lands.		Special Lease.		Tank.		Temporary Common.		Towns, Villages, and Suburbs.		Travelling Stock.		Water Supply.		Sundries.				Total.			
No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	Purpose.		No.	Area.	No.	Area.		
1	3			1	6					2	200					2	3	1	400	2	245	15	5791					37	50544		
																1	4			3	1096	1	640				1	5	11	44075	
										1	47					2	222			8	599	12	5153					25	6366		
										2	320					4	265			2	3290	4	530					12	5379		
																				1	3	4	1180					11	1768		
										1	40					1	3083	1	450	6	7266	15	61403					29	77065		
										1	200	1	415							5	16632	7	6755					14	24002		
																10	2756	4	3556	13	35835	8	9043					26	110222		
																				14	145635	13	5914				2	5	58	163475	
1	9									1	80					2	18					2	88					5	112		
1	2									2	380					1	9					10	1145					22	4203		
																				1	1	11	3191					18	6333		
1	3			2	290															2	1375	2	845					17	10927		
																				3	164	1	1160	3	1448			14	12777		
				1	2											1	1100			6	2922	24	13574					41	34374		
				1	7					1	640					1	60	1	860	8	6549	41	39341					73	64088		
																						19	47888	17	14800			1	13	46	72168
1	10			2	115	1	140									3	560			17	15890	7	972					47	90108		
																				7	1478	8	2700					27	25248		
				1	50	2	62									2	5			29	47769	18	15340					64	66958		

Purpose:—	Access.		Camping		Con-struction of Canal.		Ceme-tery.		Driftway.		C P's on Gold-fields		Mining		Pending Survey.		Police.		Preserva-tion and Growth of Timber.		Public Build-ings.		Public Purposes		Public Recrea-tion.		
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
Land Board and Land District	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.	
Goulburn—																											
Burrowa .....	1	640																									
Braidwood .....																											
Goulburn .....																											
Gunning .....	1	590																									
Yass .....																											
Young .....																											
Grafton—																											
Casino .....			4	770			1	1			4	576			1	950			3	870	1	11	11	482	2	10	
Grafton .....	1	1000																			6	12	1	620	4	18	
Kempsey .....			3	503																							
Lismore .....			2	720			1	12							1	2715			2	302			3	55			
Murwillumbah .....	1	30	1	40																2	5363	3	3				
Hay—																											
Balranald .....																					1	1	1	4			
Deniliquin .....																					4	3809		6	574	1	125
Hay .....	3	920																		2	30						
Hillston .....																											
Wentworth .....																											
Maitland—																											
Cassilis .....																											
Dungog .....																											
Maitland .....																											
Musclebrook .....			1	280																							
Newcastle .....																											
Paterson .....																											
Port Macquarie .....	1	20																									
Raymond Terrace .....	1	100																									
Scone .....																											
Singleton .....																					1	6					
Stroud .....																											
Taree .....																											
Wollombi .....																											
Moree—																											
Bingara .....	1	220	1	810																							
Moree .....	6	2669																									
Walgett .....	1	640																									
Warialda .....	1	490																									
Orange—																											
Bathurst .....	1	1																									
Carcoar .....																											
Cowra .....			1	3																							
Molong .....																											
Mudgee .....			1	3																							
Orange .....																											
Rylstone .....			2	640																							
Wellington .....			1	108																							
Sydney—																											
Berrima .....																											
Campbelltown .....																											
Gosford .....																											
Kiama .....																											
Lithgow .....																											
Liverpool .....																											
Metropolitan .....																											
Milton .....																											
Moruya .....	2	67																									
Novra .....																											
Parramatta .....																											
Penrith .....																											
Windsor .....																											
Wollongong .....																											
Tamworth—																											
Coonabarabran .....			1	640																							
Gunnedah .....	2	1220	1	199																							
Murrurundi .....	1	3																									
Narrabri .....	1	960	1	640																							
Tamworth .....	5	239	1	40																							
Wagga Wagga —																											
Albury .....	2	150																									
Cootamundra .....																											
Corowa .....	1	70	1	48																							
Gundagai .....	1	230																									
Narrandera .....	1	450			2	534																					
Tumut .....	1	1280																									
Urana .....	1	520			7	4274																					
Wagga Wagga .....	1	156																									



SCHEDULE  
RETURN of Reserves from

Purpose:—	Aborigines.		Access.		Boring for Water		Camping		Cemetery		Crossing.		Clearing Scrub		Health		Irrigation		Plantation		Public Building		Police Purposes		Pound	
	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.
Armidale—		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.
Armidale .....									1	12																
Glen Innes .....																										
Inverell .....			1	24																	1	1			1	1
Tenterfield .....																										
Walcha .....																										
Bourke—																										
Bourke .....			1	80	4	27520														1	43					
Brewarrina .....																										
Cobar .....															1	10									1	2
Wilcannia .....								2	1280	2	30															
Cooma—																										
Cooma .....									1	1										1	5			2	11	
Bombala .....																										
Eden .....																										
Queanbeyan .....								1	172											1	3					
Dubbo—																										
Coonamble .....																										
Dubbo .....																								1	200	
Forbes—																										
Condobolin .....			1	50																						
Forbes .....	1	80																								
Grenfell .....																				1	14					
Parkes .....			1	130																						
Goulburn—																										
Burrowa .....																							1	40		
Gunning .....	1	80																								
Yass .....																										
Young .....																										
Grafton—																										
Casino .....							14	1813			1	26														
Grafton .....																										
Kempsey .....							1	60																		
Lismore .....							1	152	1	15										1	2					
Hay—																										
Balranald .....																							1	2		
Deniliquin .....	2	90					1	17					1	640												
Hay .....			1	2560					1	9																
Hillston .....			1	550																						
Maitland—																										
Cassilis .....																										
Paterson .....																										
Port Macquarie .....																										
Taree .....																										
Moree—																										
Bingara .....																										
Moree .....																										
Walget .....					1	10240																				
Warialda .....																										
Orange—																										
Bathurst .....							1	184																		
Carcoar .....																										
Cowra .....																										
Molong .....																										
Mudgee .....																										
Orange .....																										
Rylstone .....																										
Sydney—																										
Berrima .....																										
Gosford .....																										
Lithgow .....																										
Milton .....																										
Windsor .....																										
Tamworth—																										
Coonabarabran .....																										
Gunnedah .....			1	140																						
Murrurundi .....																										
Narrabri .....																1	320									
Tamworth .....																										
Wagga Wagga—																										
Albury .....																										
Corowa .....																										
Cootamundra .....																										
Gundagai .....			1	10																						
Narrandera .....																										
Tumut .....																										
Urana .....																										
Wagga Wagga .....			2	95																1	16					
	4	250	11	3665	5	37760	21	3678	6	67	1	26	1	640	1	10	1	320	6	83	1	1	5	253	2	3



SCHEDULE XLIX.  
RETURN of Reserves from Lease cancelled during 1889.

Public Purpose :—	Access.		Camping		Boring for Water		Eradication of Pucklypear.		Mining		Roads		Population.		Public Purposes.		To protect Crown Lands.		School		Special Lease.		Suburban Settlement		Temporary Common.		Travelling Stock.		Towns and Villages		Water Supply		Total.	
	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area		
Land Board and Land District	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area	No	Area		
Armidale—		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		
Armidale .....															2	720	2	200	1	10							2	1680			7	2610		
Inverell .....															3	962										1	530			4	1492			
Tenterfield .....															2	609	1	47												3	656			
Walcha .....																	2	320												2	320			
Bourke—																																		
Bourke .....			1	640	1	5760				1	30				1	2560	1	40					1	149					1	22	7	9201		
Brewarrina .....															1	700										1	645			2	1345			
Wilcannia .....			2	1000					1	25													4	30196				3	235	10	31456			
Cooma—																																		
Bombala .....															1	80															1	80		
Cooma .....															1	160	2	380								1	11	1	1350	1	220	6	2121	
Eden .....																										1	1000			1	1000			
Dubbo—																																		
Coonamble .....										1	25																				1	25		
Dubbo .....	1	420													1	640	1	640													3	1700		
Forbes—																																		
Condobolin .....			1	1256													2	840														3	2096	
Forbes .....															1	800													1	640	2	1440		
Grenfell .....															3	31670										1	20			4	31690			
Parkes .....	1	130																											1	640	2	770		
Goulburn—																																		
Burrowa .....															1	640										1	620	1	258	3	1518			
Yass .....			1	16																											1	16		
Young .....																										1	800			1	800			
Grafton—																																		
Casino .....															1	23680	1	50													2	23730		
Kempsey .....															1	48				1	2										2	50		
Lismore .....			1	10											1	7680														2	7690			
Hay—																																		
Balranald .....															1	1570				1	200										2	1770		
Deniliquin .....			1	1											2	239															3	240		
Hay .....															4	707	1	354								2	440	1	65	8	1566			
Hillston .....	1	550													2	1293	1	640			1	75					2	2373	2	292	9	5223		
Wentworth .....															1	4900														1	4900			



SCHEDULE XLIX—continued.

Public Purpose :—	Access.		Camping.		Boring for Water		Eradication of Prickly-pea.		Mimung		Roads		Population		Public Purposes		To protect Crown Lands		School		Special Lease		Suburban Settlement		Temporary Common.		Travelling Stock.		Towns and Villages.		Water Supply.		Total.	
	No.	Area	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area	No.	Area	No.	Area	No.	Area	No.	Area	No.	Area	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area	No.	Area	No.	Area		
Maitland—		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.		ac.
Muswellbrook .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 1280	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1280	
Metropolitan—																																		
Berrima .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	1	40
Windsor .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 48640	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	48640		
Moree—																																		
Bingara .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 320	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	320	
Moree .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 3840	1 640	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4480		
Walgett .....	1	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 3600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1440	3	5440	
Watialda .....	..	..	1	392	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 760	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1152		
Orange—																																		
Carcoar .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	50	
Molong .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2040		
Orange .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 31360	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	31360		
Tamworth—																																		
Coonabarabran .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 640	..	..	..	..	1	640		
Gunnedah .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 2240	1 640	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2880		
Murrumbidgee .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 5168	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5168		
Narrabri .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 550	1 960	..	..	..	2	1510			
Tamworth .....	1	440	2	476	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 6351	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 300	1 11520	2 365	11	19452						
Wagga Wagga—																																		
Albury .....	1	940	1	232	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 1762	4 461	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 641	1 950	1 60	17	5046					
Cootamundra .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 336	1 1280	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 417	3	2033					
Corowa .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 295	..	..	5	343					
Gundagai .....	1	230	1	813	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 418	1 120	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 320	10	1901						
Narrandera .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 152	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 1500	..	..	..	..	..	1 640	..	..	..	3	2292					
Tumut .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 490	2 165	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	655					
Urana .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 153	..	..	..	4 4832	1 278	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 2470	..	..	..	7	7733					
Wagga Wagga .....	1	5	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 320	4 1039	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 234	1 43	..	9	1651					
Totals .....	8	3115	13	4846	1	5760	1	1280	1	25	4	360	4	80336	61	110959	32	9022	1	10	4	1777	5	30345	5	3260	12	2546	15	22381	17	5589	184	281611

The following reserves from lease, on account of population, have also been revoked, viz., Gulgong, Newcastle, Mimmi, and Wellington.

SCHEDULE L.  
RETURN of Special Areas proclaimed during 1889.

Land Board and Land District.	No.	Area.	Land Board and Land District.	No.	Area.
Armidale—		acres.	Moree—		acres.
Armidale .....	2	1,050	Moree .....	16	7,709
Inverell .....	1	384	Orange—		
Tenterfield .....	2	375	Bathurst .....	1	300
Cooma—			Cowra .....	1	1,150
Bombala .....	3	394	Molong .....	5	5,595
Cooma .....	3	431	Mudgee .....	2	1,916
Queanbeyan .....	1	208	Sydney—		
Dubbo—			Campbelltown .....	2	5,610
Coonamble .....	2	1,318	Gosford .....	1	50
Dubbo .....	5	7,404	Liverpool .....	1	96
Forbes—			Metropolitan .....	1	53
Grenfell .....	4	788	Milton .....	1	2,210
Parkes .....	4	1,233	Nowra .....	2	99
Goulburn—			Parramatta .....	2	120
Booroowa .....	6	1,243	Picton .....	9	1,301
Gunning .....	2	2,523	Windsor .....	2	140
Yass .....	1	660	Tamworth—		
Young .....	1	1,736	Gunnedah .....	1	472
Grafton—			Murrurundi .....	3	190
Grafton .....	7	1,647	Narrabri .....	2	265
Kempsey .....	2	96	Tamworth .....	7	2,265
Lismore .....	10	2,252	Wagga Wagga—		
Murwillumbah .....	8	6,433	Albury .....	20	2,798
Hay—			Cootamundra .....	10	2,873
Deniliquin .....	3	4,354	Corowa .....	3	476
Maitland—			Gundagai .....	6	2,615
Dungog .....	2	2,087	Narrandera .....	3	2,882
Musclebrook .....	1	50	Tumut .....	2	309
Newcastle .....	2	340	Urana .....	8	2,663
Paterson .....	1	114	Wagga Wagga .....	27	7,439
Port Stephens .....	1	46			
Raymond Terrace .....	1	180	Grand Total .....	219	89,772
Singleton .....	1	581			
Taree .....	5	249			

SCHEDULE LI.  
RETURN of Dedications for Religious and Public Purposes during the year 1889.

Purpose of Dedication.	No. of Grants.	Areas Granted.	Religious Purposes.	No. of Grants.	Areas Granted.
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.
Public Recreation .....	27	783 0 3½	Nil.		
Racecourses .....	4	340 3 22			
General Cemeteries .....	25	277 1 37½			
Hospitals .....	11	186 1 12½			
Public School Sites .....	85	160 1 38½			
Show-grounds .....	6	66 3 32			
Gaol Sites .....	3	45 2 37			
Cricket and Show-ground .....	1	11 2 0			
Cricket and Recreation-ground .....	1	6 2 20			
Wharfage and Recreation .....	2	5 1 21			
Gasworks .....	2	5 1 6			
School of Arts Sites .....	10	4 1 10½			
Cattle Sale-yards .....	1	3 3 25			
Wharfage .....	3	1 2 34½			
Town Hall Sites .....	3	1 0 11			
Court-house and Police Purposes .....	1	1 0 0			
Baths and Boat-shed .....	1	0 0 24			
	186	1,901 3 14½			
			Total Area Granted .....		1,901 3 14½
			General totals .....	186	1,901 3 14½

SCHEDULE LII.

SCHEDULE showing Number, Area, and License Fee of Vacant Crown Lands offered as Occupation Licenses by Tender, and accepted in 1889, under section 81 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

No. of Lot.	Land District.	Area.	Upset License Fee.	Annual License Fee.	No. of License and Division.	Remarks.
10	Dubbo .....	acres. 18,700	£2 per section of 640 acres.	£ 60 0 0	737 Central ...	} Not tendered for.
12	Narrabri .....	19,000		79 3 4	738 do ...	
13	" .....	21,400		112 9 2	739 do ...	
14	Coonabarrabran .....	26,300		136 19 7	740 do ...	
15	Narrabri and Coonabarrabran .....	31,200		97 10 0	742 do ...	
21	Narrabri .....	30,200		94 7 6	741 do ...	
36	Dubbo and Coonabarrabran .....	23,400		80 0 0	743 do ...	
57	Tumut .....	64,300		.....	.....	
59	Tumut and Gundagai .....	4,300		.....	.....	
104	Tamworth .....	10,100		31 11 3	577 Eastern ...	
137	Walcha .....	3,800		12 9 5	578 do ...	

## SCHEDULE LVIII.

SCHEDULE showing Number, Area, and License Fees of Vacant Crown Lands offered and sold by Auction as Occupation Licenses during the year 1889, under section 81 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

No. of Lot.	Land District.	Area.	Upset License Fee.	Annual License Fee.	No. of License and Division.	Remarks.
40	Coonabarrabran .....	acres. 16,400	£2 per section of 640 acres..	£ s. d. 52 0 0	744 Central ...	Not sold.
41	Dubbo .....	14,700		do do ...	745 do ...	
42	do .....	18,800		do do ...	746 do ...	
43	Coonamble .....	12,600		do do ...	.....	
48	Bombala .....	27,700		do do ...	579 Eastern ...	

## SCHEDULE LIV.

SCHEDULE showing Number, Name, and Area of Occupation Licenses offered and sold by Auction during the year 1889 under section 81 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

No. and Name of Occupation License offered.	Division.	Land District.	Area.	Upset License Fee.	Annual License Fee.	Remarks.
Cumble, 137 .....	Central .....	Coonabarrabran and Narrabri.	acres. 7,800	£2 per section of 640 acres..	.....	Not sold.
Long Flat, 154 .....	do .....	Armidale .....	38,000	do do ...	118 15 0	
Wangaron, 142 .....	Western ...	Hillston, North	16,100	do do ...	52 0 0	

## SCHEDULE LV.

SHOWING Occupation Licenses current during 1889.

Number of Licenses.	Division.	Area.	Annual License Fee.
513	Eastern .....	6,951,261	£ s. d. 33,688 12 11
720	Central .....	14,844,213	85,662 0 4
265	Western .....	33,824,043	87,359 19 10

## SCHEDULE LVI.

RETURN showing the Number of Refunds granted during the year 1889 on account of land withdrawn from Pastoral Lease and Occupation License in the several Divisions of the Colony together with the area withdrawn and amount authorised to be refunded.

Pastoral Leases.				Occupation Licenses.			
Division.	Number of Pastoral Leases.	Area withdrawn.	Amount of refund granted.	Division.	Number of Pastoral Leases.	Area withdrawn.	Amount of refund granted.
		acres.	£ s. d.			acres.	£ s. d.
Eastern .....	153	111,884	3,305 1 2	Eastern .....	287	399,428	5,648 3 8
Western .....	154	95,296	1,312 8 11	Western .....	189	1,464,886	11,872 10 3
Central .....	253	233,463	9,704 19 11	Central .....	471	1,696,710	20,728 3 8
	560	440,643	14,722 10 0		947	3,561,024	38,248 17 7

## GRAND TOTALS.

Cases .....	1,507.
Area withdrawn .....	4,001,667 acres.
Amount refunded .....	£52,971 7s. 7d.

## SCHEDULE LVII.

RETURN showing the Numbers and Names of Occupation Licenses, the license fees of which have been reduced under the 100th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 during the year 1889.

No. of Resumed Area.	Name of Holding.	Division of Colony.
725 .....	Dundoo Hills .....	Central.
529 .....	Yalgogrin, South .....	..
657 .....	Lindsay .....	..

## SCHEDULE LVIII.

RETURN showing the Number of Applications for Preferential Occupation Licenses of Leasehold Areas in the Eastern Division, under the Crown Lands Act of 1889, received during the year 1889.

Number of Applications .....	50
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## SCHEDULE LXIX.

RETURN showing the Number of Applications for Reappraisal of Occupation Licenses in the Central and Western Divisions, under the Crown Lands Act of 1889, received during the year 1889.

Division.	Number of Applications.
Central . . . . .	19
Western . . . . .	14
Total . . . . .	33

## SCHEDULE LX.

RETURN showing Pastoral Leases current during 1889.

Number of Leases	Division	Area.	Annual Rent.
571	Eastern . . . . .	8,619,793	£ s. d. 61,749 18 11
734	Central . . . . .	18,663,794	181,994 3 6
317	Western . . . . .	39,649,034	167,282 3 0

## SCHEDULE LXI.

RETURN showing the number of Applications for Refunds of Rent, by way of compensation on account of lands withdrawn from Pastoral Leases current under the Repealed Acts, dealt with during the year 1889.

Old Pastoral District.	Number of Runs included in applications dealt with during 1889	Area upon which refund was authorised.	Amount of refund authorised.	Average rate per section.
Bligh . . . . .	1	1,860	£ s. d. 1 16 3	£ s. d. 3 0 4½
Gwydir . . . . .	1	3,429	8 8 5	1 4 1½
Murrumbidgee . . . . .	1	2,995	13 12 3	5 11 6
	3	8,284	23 16 11	3 5 3 916

## SCHEDULE LXII.

RETURN showing the Numbers and Names of Pastoral Leases, the Rents of which have been reduced, under the 100th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, during the year 1889.

No. of Leasehold Area	Name of Holding	Division of Colony.
408 . . . . .	Cowar . . . . .	Eastern.
485 . . . . .	Cunglebung . . . . .	do
529 . . . . .	Yalgogrin, South . . . . .	Central.
725 . . . . .	Dundoo Hills . . . . .	do
54 . . . . .	Tida . . . . .	Western.

## SCHEDULE LXIII.

RETURN showing the number of Applications to bring Pastoral Leases in the Central and Western Divisions under the Crown Lands Act of 1889 received during the year 1889.

Division	Number.
Central . . . . .	17
Western . . . . .	18
Total . . . . .	35

## SCHEDULE LXIV.

RETURN showing the number of Transfers completed from the 1st January, 1889, to the 31st December, 1889, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889.

Division.	Leasehold Area	Occupation License
Eastern . . . . .	46	38
Central . . . . .	81	71
Western . . . . .	32	21
	159	130

## SCHEDULE LXV.

RETURN showing Applications for Sub-division of Pastoral Leases received during the year ending December, 1889.

No.	Name of Holding	Division.	Action taken.
354	Ironbark Creek . . . . .	Eastern . . . . .	Lapsed.
558	Euroka . . . . .	Central . . . . .	Completed.
396	Wongagong . . . . .	do . . . . .	Refused.

## SCHEDULE LXVI.

RETURN of Applications to Surrender Land situate within a Resumed or Leasehold Area in Exchange for other Land within the Leasehold Area, Section 46, Regulation 233.

No. of Resumed Area.	Division.	Land District.	County.	Land proposed to be Surrendered.		Remarks
				No. of Portion (if measured).	Area.	
42	Eastern .....	Cootamundra .....	Bland .....	34, 35, 36, and 57	Acres. 160	Refused.
23	" .....	Casino .....	Rous .....	31, 32, 33, 34, 45, & 46	1,081½	Under action.
234	" .....	Moruya .....	Dampier .....	1, 2, 20, and 21	720	Under action.

## SCHEDULE LXVII.

RETURN showing the Number and Area of Applications for Homestead Leases made in 1889, and the action thereon.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications received and area embraced in such Applications.		Deposits lodged with Applications for Homestead Leases.	No. granted.	No. refused.	No. outstanding.
		No.	Area.				
Bourke .....	Bourke .....	107	Acres. 1,035,495	£ s. d. 4,312 11 3	21	3	83
	Brewarrina .....	40	362,955	1,512 6 3	8	2	30
	Cobar .....	27	228,720	953 0 0	2	3	22
	Wilcannia .....	12	92,445	385 3 9	2	2	8
Hay .....	Balranald .....	7	63,680	265 6 8	2	1	4
	Hay, North .....	4	18,068	75 5 8	...	1	3
	Hillston, North .....	13	105,194	438 6 2	...	1	12
	Wentworth .....	10	96,960	404 0 0	...	1	9
Moree .....	Walgett, North .....	18	184,320	768 0 0	...	...	18
	Totals .....	238	2,187,837	9,113 19 9	35	14	189

## SCHEDULE LXVIII.

RETURN showing the Number and Area of Applications for Homestead Leases granted during 1889, applied for during that and previous years.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of applications approved of and area embraced in such applications.	Annual Rent.
Bourke .....	Bourke .....	45	Acres. 447,062
	Brewarrina .....	14	132,690
	Cobar .....	2	20,480
	Wilcannia .....	5	51,142
Hay .....	Balranald .....	14	132,848
	Hay, North .....	1	10,240
	Hillston, North .....	4	38,815
	Wentworth .....	5	50,337
Moree .....	Walgett, North .....	4	34,527
	Totals .....	94	918,141
			£ s. d. 5,825 4 4

## SCHEDULE LXIX.

RETURN showing the Number of Applications for Homestead Leases refused and permitted to be withdrawn during the year 1889, in the several Land Districts, with those outstanding at the close of 1889.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications refused and permitted to be withdrawn.	No. of Applications outstanding at the end of 1889.
Bourke .....	Bourke .....	3	83
	Brewarrina .....	2	30
	Cobar .....	5	22
	Wilcannia .....	4	8
Hay .....	Balranald .....	3	6
	Hay, North .....	1	3
	Hillston, North .....	4	12
	Wentworth .....	3	9
Moree .....	Walgett, North .....	4	24
	Totals .....	29	197

SCHEDULE LXX.

RETURN showing the Number, Area, and Rent determined of Homestead Leases in existence at the end of 1889 in the several Land Districts.

Land Board District	Land District	No of Leases	Area embraced in such Leases.	Rent determined.	
			Acres.	£	s. d.
Bourke .....	Bourke .....	118	1,160,897	7,314	3 11
	Brewarrina .....	113	1,075,869	8,026	0 10
	Cobar .....	11	101,487	422	17 3
Hay .....	Wilcannia .....	24	224,187	1,124	4 1
	Balranald .....	47	451,017	3,300	5 0
	Hay, North .....	55	537,681	4,732	0 10
	Hillston, North .....	54	509,131	3,382	13 10
Moree .....	Wentworth .....	19	189,072	1,113	5 0
	Walgett, North .....	30	296,374	1,867	7 6
		471	4,545,715	31,282	18 3

SCHEDULE LXXI.

RETURN showing the Number of Applications received and dealt with during the year 1889 for Refund of Value of Improvements situated within Homestead Leases.

No. received in 1889 ....105. No. dealt with during 1889 .. ..160. No. outstanding at end of 1189 .....36.

SCHEDULE LXXII.

NUMBER of Applications received in 1889 from Homestead Leases to bring their Leases under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

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SCHEDULE LXXIII.

RETURN of Applications for Scrub Leases on Leasehold Areas under section 88 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications outstanding from 1888.	Area.	No disallowed and withdrawn	No not finally dealt with.
			Acres.		
Bourke .....	Bourke .....	1	10,240		1
	Cobar .....	12	122,660		12
Forbes .....	Condobolin .....	18	173,825	2	16
	Forbes .....	5	40,641		5
	Parkes .....	3	30,240	1	2
Hay .....	Deniliquin .....	2	10,880	1	1
	Hay .....	2	8,280		2
	Hillston .....	2	14,300	1	1
	Hillston, North .....	4	97,280	3	1
Moree .....	Bingera .....	1	8,000		1
	Moree .....	11	87,288	2	9
	Warialda .....	1	4,480		1
Wagga Wagga .....	Narrandera .....	10	67,158		10
	Urana .....	2	4,780	2	
	Urana and Wagga Wagga .....	3	9,191	3	
	Totals .....	77	689,243	15	62

NOTE—No applications were made under this section during the year.

SCHEDULE LXXIV.

RETURN of Applications for Scrub Leases on Resumed Areas, under 87th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications		Total to be dealt with during 1889.	Area of those outstanding from 1888.	Area of those made during 1889.	Total Area	Applications disallowed and withdrawn.		Total disallowed and withdrawn during the year.	No of Leases granted	Number not finally dealt with
		Outstanding from 1888.	Made during 1889.					Of those outstanding from 1888.	Of those made during 1889.			
Armidale .....	Armidale .....	1		1	Acres. 4,500	Acres. ...	Acres. 4,500					1
	Inverell .....	1		1	6,000	...	6,000	1		1		...
Bourke .....	Bourke .....	1		1	5,760	...	5,760					1
	Cobar .....	2		2	20,480	...	20,480	2		2		...
Dubbo .....	Coonamble .....		1	1		3,200	3,200					1
Forbes .....	Condobolin .....	8		8	73,000		73,000	2		2		6
	Forbes .....	1		1	1,500		1,500					1
Goulburn .....	Young .....		1	1		640	640					1
Hay .....	Deniliquin .....	3		3	2,880		2,880	2		2	1	...
	Hay .....	3		3	23,786		23,786	1		1		2
	Hillston .....	1		1	10,000		10,000					1
Moree .....	Moree .....	4		4	11,621		11,621					4
	Molong .....		1	1		640	640					1
Sydney .....	Nowra .....	1		1	2,520		2,520					1
Tamworth .....	Coonabarabran .....	2		2	1,280		1,280					2
	Narrabri .....	3		3	9,760		9,760	2		2		1
Wagga Wagga .....	Corowa .....	1		1	1,122		1,122					1
	Narrandera .....	5		5	39,910		39,910	2		2		3
	Urana .....	1		1	5,000		5,000	1		1		...
	Totals .....	38	3	41	219,129	4,480	223,609	13		13	1	27

## SCHEDULE LXXV.

RETURN showing number, area, and rental of Scrub Leases granted during the year.

Land District.	No. granted.	Area.	Rent.
Deniliquin .....	1	Acres. 640	£ s. d. 0 9 1

## SCHEDULE LXXVI.

RETURN showing number and area of Special Leases which expired on 31st December, 1889.

Land District.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Rent.	Land District.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Rent.
		a. r. p.	£ s. d.			a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Armidale .....	1	10 0 0	10 0 0	Kempsey .....	5	33 1 32	45 0 0
Albury .....	1	2 0 0	5 0 0	Lithgow .....	4	339 1 37	65 0 0
Bourke .....	1	5 0 0	10 0 0	Metropolitan .....	44	3 2 8½	728 17 0
Balranald, South .....	1	2 0 0	10 0 0	Moruya .....	4	40 1 28½	22 0 0
Cowra .....	1	1 1 5	5 0 0	Muswellbrook .....	1	.....	12 0 0
Corowa .....	2	3 3 35	20 0 0	Newcastle .....	1	3 0 0	10 0 0
Cobar .....	1	40 0 0	10 0 0	Narrabri .....	2	3 0 0	10 0 0
Cooma .....	2	12 0 0	6 0 0	Nowra .....	1	10 0 0	10 0 0
Deniliquin .....	3	338 0 0	46 0 0	Parramatta .....	9	7 1 4	40 0 0
Eden .....	1	.....	2 0 0	Taree .....	1	2 0 0	5 0 0
Forbes .....	1	40 0 0	11 10 0	Tenterfield .....	1	5 2 28	10 0 0
Gundagai .....	1	35 0 0	11 5 0	Urana .....	3	9 0 12½	25 0 0
Grafton .....	1	.....	3 0 0	Walgett, North .....	1	2 0 0	5 0 0
Gosford .....	1	.....	5 0 0	Wilcannia .....	1	2 0 0	5 0 0
Gunnedah .....	2	3 0 0	15 0 0	Wagga Wagga .....	1	2 0 0	5 0 0
Hay, North .....	1	5 0 0	5 0 0				
Hay .....	2	3 0 0	15 0 0	Totals .....	104	978 3 33½	1,220 12 0
Hillston, North .....	2	15 0 0	35 0 0				

## SCHEDULE LXXVII.

RETURN showing number and area of Special Leases forfeited for non-payment of Rent during 1889.

Land District.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Rent.	Land District.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Rent.
		a. r. p.	£ s. d.			a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Albury .....	1	30 0 0	11 0 0	Milton .....	1	71 2 28	13 10 0
Balranald .....	1	85 0 0	10 0 0	Parramatta .....	3	0 1 5	20 0 0
Bourke .....	2	321 3 0	42 0 0	Tamworth .....	1	60 0 0	20 0 0
Gundagai .....	1	5 0 0	10 0 0	Taree .....	1	4 0 0	15 0 0
Gunnedah .....	1	2 0 0	10 0 0	Urana .....	1	2 0 0	10 0 0
Gosford .....	2	3 1 6	20 0 0	Wagga Wagga .....	1	1 0 0	10 0 0
Hillston .....	1	2 2 16	10 0 0	Wellington .....	1	2 0 0	10 0 0
Lismore .....	1	.....	10 0 0	Wilcannia .....	5	83 0 0	75 0 0
Metropolitan .....	8	0 2 9¾	95 0 0	Totals .....	32	674 0 24¾	391 10 0

## SCHEDULE LXXVIII.

SUMMARY of Special Leases current on 31st December, 1889.

Purposes of Leases.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Rent.	Purposes of Leases.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Rent.
		a. r. p.	£ s. d.			a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Accommodation-houses .....	6	78 0 0	60 0 0	Protection of Water Supply	4	960 1 0	103 0 0
Approaches to Bridges .....	1	2 0 0	5 0 0	Quarrying .....	18	186 2 19	225 0 0
Baths, Landing-places, &c. ....	29	57 1 25	487 10 0	Railway Stations and Depôts	2	48 0 0	60 0 0
Brickmaking .....	27	135 2 31	313 0 0	Saw-mills .....	39	1,800 1 12	472 15 0
Business Premises .....	16	74 0 8½	182 0 0	Ship-building .....	7	26 1 3¼	99 0 0
Erection of Machinery .....	3	210 0 0	47 15 0	Slaughtering .....	9	990 0 0	129 0 0
Ferries .....	9	28 1 39	100 0 0	Smithies, Smelting-works, &c.	6	71 0 0	56 5 0
Fisheries .....	3	3 0 0	16 10 0	Skin-drying & Skin-packing	3	28 0 6	45 0 0
Irrigation .....	3	650 0 0	41 0 0	Tanneries .....	2	5 1 0	12 0 0
Inns .....	34	1,046 0 9½	359 10 0	Tramways .....	9	247 0 0	145 10 0
Jetties, Wharves, &c. ....	207	51 0 7½	5,939 0 0	Vegetable Gardens .....	10	24 3 24	134 0 0
Limekilns .....	3	10 0 36	42 10 0	Wool-scouring, &c. ....	7	294 3 0	90 0 0
Mail Stations and Stables .....	8	807 0 0	126 10 0	Working Mineral Springs...	2	7 2 0	45 0 0
Metal Works .....	2	0 0 39	15 0 0	Totals .....	473	7,872 0 7¼	9,466 15 0
Piles for Docks .....	2	0 2 27	100 0 0				
Procuring Gravel .....	2	28 1 0	15 0 0				

SCHEDULE LXXIX.

RETURN of Special Leases current on 31st December, 1889.

Land Districts.	No. of Leases.	Area.			Rent.			Land Districts.	No. of Leases.	Area.			Rent.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.			a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Albury .....	1	200	1	0	20	0	0	Lismore .....	9	16	0	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	90	0	0
Armidale .....	2	15	0	0	20	0	0	Lithgow .....	15	87	2	37	216	0	0
Balranald .....	3	7	0	0	40	0	0	Liverpool .....	2	0	0	7	11	0	0
Bega .....	2	0	3	36	15	0	0	Metropolitan .....	163	42	1	20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5,669	10	0
Bingera .....	1	10	0	0	10	0	0	Milton .....	8	12	0	24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	97	0	0
Bourke .....	24	2,118	2	36	370	0	0	Molong .....	3	146	2	21	34	15	0
Brewarrina .....	2	3	1	4	20	0	0	Moree .....	2	2	2	0	20	0	0
Campbelltown .....	5	229	0	39	77	15	0	Moruya .....	14	187	3	24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	165	0	0
Carcoar .....	1	20	0	0	10	0	0	Murwillumbah .....	1	11	0	32	15	0	0
Casino .....	2	1	2	39 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	15	0	0	Muswellbrook .....	2	1	2	0	27	0	0
Cobar .....	4	624	0	0	47	10	0	Narrabri .....	9	728	0	0	102	0	0
Cooma .....	2	15	0	0	21	0	0	Narrandera .....	6	26	2	18	60	0	0
Coonabarabran .....	1	50	0	0	12	0	0	Newcastle .....	12	9	3	13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	167	10	0
Coonamble .....	2	12	0	0	15	0	0	Nowra .....	2	14	0	6	20	0	0
Cootamundra .....	1	100	0	0	14	0	0	Orange .....	1	1	0	0	10	0	0
Corowa .....	4	5	2	1	50	0	0	Parkes .....	2	15	0	0	20	0	0
Cowra .....	2	5	0	0	20	0	0	Parramatta .....	12	31	0	18 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	117	0	0
Condobolin .....	1	2	0	0	10	0	0	Port Macquarie .....	1	.....	.....	.....	10	0	0
Deniliquin .....	19	979	1	0	270	0	0	Raymond Terrace .....	1	40	0	0	15	0	0
Dubbo .....	6	216	2	0	60	0	0	Rylstone .....	2	27	0	0	20	0	0
Dungog .....	1	0	0	14	10	0	0	Stroud .....	4	50	0	0	37	0	0
Eden .....	6	1	3	13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	67	0	0	Singleton .....	1	200	0	0	15	0	0
Forbes .....	3	336	0	0	50	0	0	Tamworth .....	3	30	2	0	30	0	0
Gosford .....	11	10	3	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	117	0	0	Taree .....	14	50	3	0	195	0	0
Goulburn .....	3	19	0	30	30	0	0	Tumut .....	2	2	3	38	10	0	0
Grafton .....	9	15	3	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	58	0	0	Urana .....	4	13	1	12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	35	0	0
Grenfell .....	1	2	0	0	5	0	0	Wagga Wagga .....	2	7	0	0	20	0	0
Gundagai .....	2	40	0	0	21	5	0	Walgett, North .....	2	11	0	0	20	0	0
Gunnedah .....	2	3	2	12	28	0	0	Wilcannia .....	18	416	1	24	255	10	0
Hay .....	7	380	0	0	75	0	0	Windsor .....	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Hay, North .....	1	5	0	0	10	0	0	Wollongong .....	3	0	3	37	170	0	0
Hillston, North .....	1	2	0	0	5	0	0	Walgett .....	1	2	0	0	10	0	0
Inverell .....	2	30	0	0	20	0	0	Young .....	3	161	2	20	33	0	0
Kempsey .....	9	62	1	24	92	0	0								
Kiama .....	5	0	1	27	42	0	0								
								Total .....	473	7,872	0	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	9,466	15	0

SCHEDULE LXXX.

RETURN of Applications for Special Leases under Crown Lands Act of 1884, and action taken thereon during the year 1889.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Number of Applications.			Applications granted.		Declined, withdrawn, and lapsed.		Pending.		Purposes for which such Leases were required.									
		Outstanding in 1888.	Made during 1889.	Total.	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.										
					a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.				
Armidale .....	Armidale .....	...	1	1	1	10	0	0	10	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	Wool-scouring.				
	Glen Innes .....	...	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	0	0	Vegetable garden.				
	Inverell .....	...	1	1	1	20	0	0	10	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sawmill.				
	Tenterfield .....	...	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	0	0	.....	.....	.....	Slaughtering.				
	Walcha .....	...	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	0	0	.....	.....	.....	Brickmaking.				
Bourke .....	Bourke .....	...	13	13	6	968	0	0	94	0	0	5	493	1	0	2	640	0	0	Ferry, 1 granted; tanks, 2 granted; stores, 1 granted, 2 declined; vegetable garden, 1 granted, 1 declined; inn, 1 granted; irrigation, 2 declined; slaughtering, 2 pending.
	Cobar .....	...	7	7	2	544	0	0	26	0	0	4	1,000	0	0	1	40	0	0	Inns, 1 granted, 1 declined, 1 pending; tramway, 1 granted; slaughtering, 1 declined; mail-station, 2 declined.
	Wilcannia .....	18	14	32	12	204	1	24	170	0	0	13	775	0	15	7	1,900	0	0	Slaughtering, 3 granted, 1 pending; tanks, 1 granted, 4 declined; inns, 2 granted, 1 pending; skin-drying, 3 granted; brick-making, 2 granted; erection of machinery, 1 granted; irrigation, 2 declined, 1 pending; vegetable garden, 2 declined; poultry farm, 1 declined; quarries, 2 declined; ferry, 1 declined; stables, 1 declined; mail-stations, 2 pending; tramways, 2 pending.



## SCHEDULE LXXX—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Number of Applications.			Applications granted.		Declined, withdrawn, and lapsed.		Pending.		Purposes for which such Leases were required.
		Outstanding in 1888.	Made during 1889.	Total Number.	Area.	Rent.	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	
					a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	a. r. p.		
Cooma .....	Bega .....	1	2	3	.....	.....	3	11 0 0	.....	Brickmaking, 1 declined; saw-mill, 1 declined; smithy, 1 declined.	
	Cooma .....	...	2	2	4 0 0	10 0 0	...	.....	1	2 0 0	Stores, 1 granted; brickmaking, 1 granted.
	Eden .....	...	1	1	0 1 0	10 0 0	...	.....	.....	Store.	
Dubbo .....	Dubbo .....	2	7	9	201 0 0	20 0 0	5	42 0 0	2	6 1 0	Sawmills, 1 granted; accommodation houses, 1 granted, 1 declined; brickmaking, 2 declined; slaughtering, 1 declined; smithy, 1 declined; vegetable gardens, 2 pending.
Forbes .....	Forbes .....	...	1	1	40 0 0	15 0 0	...	.....	.....	Mail-station.	
	Parkes .....	1	1	2	5 0 0	10 0 0	...	.....	1	10 0 0	Hotels, 1 granted, 1 pending.
Goulburn .....	Goulburn .....	...	1	1	7 0 0	10 0 0	...	.....	.....	Quarry.	
	Young .....	...	2	2	2 3 20	10 0 0	1	1 1 3	.....	Brickmaking, 1 granted, 1 declined.	
Grafton .....	Casino .....	...	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	Wharf.
	Grafton .....	...	4	4	0 0 6	10 0 0	1	1 0 0	2	0 0 20	Wharfs, 1 granted; jetties, 1 declined, 2 pending.
	Kempsey .....	1	6	7	25 3 4	40 0 0	1	20 0 0	2	10 0 0	Larding-place, 1 granted; sawmills, 3 granted, 1 pending; fishery, 1 declined; wharf, 1 pending.
	Lismore.....	2	3	5	0 0 16½	15 0 0	4	160 0 0	.....	.....	Slip, 1 granted; sawmill, 1 declined; wharf, 1 declined; cultivation, 1 declined; irrigation, 1 declined.
Hay .....	Murwillumbah .....	...	1	1	.....	.....	1	0 0 18	.....	Wharf.	
	Balranald .....	...	1	1	2 1 16	10 0 0	.....	.....	.....	Ferry.	
	Deniliquin.....	3	10	13	6 208 0 0	70 0 0	3	130 0 0	4	488 1 30	Sawmill, 1 granted; store, 1 granted; inns, 1 granted, 2 declined, 1 pending; mail-station, 1 granted, 1 pending; irrigation, 1 granted, 1 declined, 1 pending; ferry, 1 granted, 1 pending.
	Hay .....	...	7	7	3 323 0 0	35 0 0	2	340 0 0	2	14 0 0	Irrigation, 1 granted; store, 1 granted; ferry, 1 granted; vegetable gardens, 1 declined, 2 pending; slaughtering, 1 declined.
	Hillston.....	...	3	3	.....	.....	1	200 0 0	2	14 2 0	Bridge, 1 declined; inns, 2 pending.
Maitland .....	Wentworth .....	1	3	4	.....	.....	2	325 0 0	2	2 0 0	Ferry, 1 declined, 1 pending; mail-station, 1 declined; tramway, 1 pending.
	Dungog .....	...	1	1	0 0 14	10 0 0	.....	.....	.....	Wharf.	
	Maitland .....	...	1	1	.....	.....	1	4 0 0	.....	Brickmaking.	
	Musclebrook...	...	1	1	0 2 0	12 0 0	.....	.....	.....	Brickmaking.	
	Newcastle .....	1	5	6	2 0 0 33	22 10 0	2	1 0 0	2	3 1 20	Jetties, 1 granted, 1 pending; limekilns, 1 granted; brickmaking, 2 declined; sawmill, 1 pending.
	Singleton .....	1	1	2	1 200 0 0	15 0 0	.....	.....	1	20 0 0	Slaughtering, 1 granted; accommodation house, 1 pending.
	Taree.....	2	1	3	3 13 0 0	40 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	Landing-place, 1 granted; sawmill, 1 granted; wharf, 1 granted.
Moree .....	Moree .....	...	3	3	.....	.....	3	650 0 0	.....	.....	Irrigation, 1 declined; tanks, 2 declined.
	Walgett .....	3	...	3	1 2 0 0	10 0 0	1	5 0 0	1	25 0 0	Store, 1 granted; slaughtering, 1 declined; wool-scouring, 1 pending.
Orange .....	Cowra .....	...	3	3	1 4 0 0	10 0 0	2	196 0 0	.....	.....	Brickmaking, 1 granted, 1 declined; grazing, 1 declined.
	Molong .....	1	1	2	2 10 2 21	22 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	Brickmaking, 2 granted.
	Rylstone .....	...	1	1	1 7 0 0	10 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	Tramway.
	Wellington.....	...	2	2	.....	.....	1	40 0 0	1	5 0 0	Limekiln, 1 declined; smelting works, 1 pending.

## SCHEDULE LXXX—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Number of Applications.			Applications granted.			Declined, with-drawn, and lapsed.		Pending.		Purposes for which such leases were required.	
		Outstanding in 1888.	Made during 1889.	Total.	Area.	Rent.	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.			
Sydney .....	Berrima .....	1	1	2	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	a. r. p.	1	68 0 0	1	68 0 0	Tramway. Store, 1 declined; tramway, 1 pending; hotel, 1 pending. Jetty, 2 granted. Saw-mills, 1 granted; quarries, 2 granted, 1 declined; tramways, 3 declined; stables and paddock, 1 pending; procuring clay, 1 pending. Jetty. Wharfs, 12 granted, 5 declined, 12 pending; jetties, 15 granted, 7 declined, 15 pending; baths, 1 granted, 2 declined, 2 pending; boatsheds, 4 granted, 1 pending; brickmaking, 1 granted; docks and piles, 1 granted, 1 declined, 2 pending; quarry, 1 declined; recreation, 1 pending; landing stage, 1 granted; slip, 1 pending. Saw-mill, 1 granted; tramway, 1 granted; wharves, 2 granted; jetty, 1 granted. Bathing-places, 1 granted, 1 declined, 1 pending; jetties, 3 granted; boat-shed, 1 granted; accommodation houses, 2 declined; wharf, 1 declined. Jetties, 1 granted, 1 pending. Inn, 1 granted; irrigation, 1 declined. Saw-mill and irrigation, 1 granted; irrigation, 1 granted; wool-scouring, 1 granted; accommodation house, 1 granted. Mail-station. Slaughtering, 1 granted; saw-mill, 1 granted; store, 1 pending. Factory, 1 pending. Inn, 1 granted; ferries, 2 pending; procuring gravel, 1 pending; approach to bridge, 1 pending; irrigation, 1 pending. Smelting works, 1 granted; quarries, 1 declined, 1 pending. Inn and smithy, 1 granted; brick-making, 2 granted; irrigation, 1 declined. Inns, 2 granted; brickmaking, 1 granted, 1 declined; paddock, 1 declined; store, 1 pending. Saw-mill, 1 granted; smithy, 1 granted; inns, 2 declined.	
	Campbelltown .....	3	3	6	.....	.....	.....	2	115 0 0	2	115 0 0		
	Gosford .....	2	2	4	2 0 2	35 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
	Lithgow .....	3	6	9	19 1 37	50 0 0	4	965 0 0	2	69 0 0	2		69 0 0
	Liverpool .....	1	1	2	.....	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
	Metropolitan .....	31	54	85	16 2 21½	1,156 10 0	16	33 0 32	34	65 2 0	34		65 2 0
	Moruya .....	1	4	5	2 1 13	55 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
	Parramatta .....	1	9	10	0 1 15	37 0 0	4	0 2 13	1	0 0 38½	1		0 0 38½
	Wollongong .....	2	2	4	0 2 9	10 0 0	.....	.....	1	0 2 17	1		0 2 17
	Tamworth .....	Gunnedah .....	2	2	4	1 0 0	10 0 0	1	314 0 0	.....	.....		
Narrabri .....	4	4	8	665 0 0	52 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Wagga Wagga.	Tamworth .....	1	1	2	0 2 0	10 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....			
	Albury .....	2	1	3	202 0 0	30 0 0	.....	.....	1	0 2 0	1	0 2 0	
Cootamundra .....	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3 0 0	1	3 0 0		
Corowa .....	2	4	6	0 2 0	20 0 0	.....	.....	5	259 1 10	5	259 1 10		
Gundagai .....	3	3	6	35 0 0	11 5 0	1	2 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0		
Narrandera .....	4	4	8	8 1 9	30 0 0	1	160 0 0	.....	.....	.....			
Urana .....	2	4	6	8 1 12½	30 0 0	2	102 0 0	1	2 3 0	1	2 3 0		
Wagga Wagga.	1	3	4	7 0 0	20 0 0	2	12 0 0	.....	.....	.....			
Totals .....	84	220	304	3,772 0 33½	2,284 15 0	90	5,995 2 11	85	3,894 2 15½	85	3,894 2 15½		

NOTE.—£527 3s. 10d. was collected during the year towards expenses incurred in dealing with those of the above applications which have been finally dealt with in 1889.

## SCHEDULE LXXXI.

## RETURN of Applications for Special Leases made under repealed Acts, and dealt with during the year 1889.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications.	Leases granted.			Declined, with-drawn, or lapsed.		Pending.		Purposes for which such leases were required.
			No.	Area.	Rent.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
Bourke .....	Wilcannia .....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	a. r. p.	.....	.....	Wharf lapsed.
Sydney .....	Metropolitan .....	4	.....	.....	.....	4	7 3 11	.....	.....	Smithy, lapsed; wharf (2), lapsed; jetty, dealt with under Act of 1884.
Wagga Wagga .....	Cootamundra .....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2 0 0	.....	.....	Hotel, lapsed.
Wagga Wagga .....	Narrandera .....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	102 0 0	.....	.....	Fishery, lapsed.
	Total .....	7	.....	.....	.....	7	111 3 11	.....	.....	

## SCHEDULE LXXXII.

RETURN showing the number of Volunteer Land Order Applications received during 1889.

Land District.	Counties.	Number of applications received.	Area applied for.			Number of applications refused.	Area refused.		
			a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
Brewarrina .....	Clive .....	1	50	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Coonamble .....	Leichhardt .....	7	350	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Condoulin .....	Cunningham .....	4	200	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Coonabarabran .....	Napier .....	3	150	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Corowa .....	Denison .....	2	100	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Grenfell .....	Bland .....	2	100	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Goulburn .....	Argyle .....	1	50	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Inverell .....	Ararawatta .....	1	50	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Kempsey .....	Dudley .....	1	50	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Lithgow .....	Cook .....	1	50	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Mudgee .....	Wellington .....	1	50	0	0	1	50	0 0	
Moree .....	Benarba .....	3	150	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Murrurundi .....	Buckland .....	1	50	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Orange .....	Wellington .....	2	100	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Parramatta .....	Cumberland .....	1	50	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Sydney .....	do .....	1	50	0	0	1	50	0 0	
Urana .....	Urana .....	1	50	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Wagga Wagga .....	Clarendon .....	3	150	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
Do. ....	Wynyard .....	1	50	0	0	.....	.....	.....	
		37	1,850	0	0	2	100	0 0	

## SCHEDULE LXXXIII.

RETURN showing the number of Volunteer Land Order Applications refused in 1889, satisfied in 1889, and remaining undisposed of or unsatisfied on the 31st December, 1889.

Number of applications refused.	Area refused.	Number of applications satisfied in 1889, including those made in previous years.	Area.	Number of applications unsatisfied or undisposed of on 31st Dec., 1889, made in that and previous years.	Area.	Remarks.
2	Acres. 100	9	Acres. 450	31	1,550	Two refused applications were made in 1888.

## SCHEDULE LXXXIV.

RETURN showing the Reasons of Refusal of Volunteer Land Order Applications during the year 1889.

Number Refused.	Reason of Refusal.
1	Land held under Conditional Purchase.
1	Land already alienated
2	Total refused.

## SCHEDULE LXXXV.

RETURN showing the number and nature of Deeds of Grant prepared during the year 1889.

No. of Deeds of Grant.	Area.	Nature of Grant.
1	a. r. p. 75 2 0	Sales by Auction, 23rd clause Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
22	80 1 27	Do Special, Field of Mars Resumption Act of 1874, 38 Vic. No. 3.
2,337	96,243 1 21	Do 61st clause of Crown Lands Act of 1884.
6	700 3 25	After Auction Selections, 25th clause of Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act of 1880.
230	35,051 0 13½	Purchases in virtue of Improvements, 2nd and 31st clauses of Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875.
422	198 2 34½	Do do 46th clause of Crown Lands Act of 1884.
1,320	182,964 2 8	Conditional Purchases, 13th, 14th, 19th, 21st, and 22nd clauses of Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
63	229 0 37½	Purchases under 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
147	1,267 2 16¾	Do 63rd, 64th, 66th, 67th, and 69th clauses of Crown Lands Act of 1884.
14	783 0 0	Volunteer Land Order Grants.
20	21 0 9¼	Dedications under the 5th clause of Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, 32nd clause of Crown Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875, 104th clause of Crown Lands Act of 1884.
16	4,939 2 30	Grants by way of Exchange for Land surrendered under the 75th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
8	335 0 8½	Miscellaneous.
4,606	322,890 0 31	

## SCHEDULE LXXXVI.

RETURN showing number of Deeds issued each year since 1880, and number and area of Conditional Purchases embraced in such deeds.

Year.	No. of Deeds issued.	No. of C.Ps. embraced in those Deeds.	Area.		
1880 .....	774	775	a.	r.	p.
1881 .....	794	799	73,306	1	39
1882 .....	1,098	1,103	86,177	2	14
1883 .....	976	983	140,425	3	17
1884 .....	1,090	1,105	107,329	3	39
1885 .....	835	850	125,231	3	24
1886 .....	1,121	1,147	92,632	2	10
1887 .....	914	923	118,842	0	33
1888 .....	1,016	1,033	115,492	2	4
1889 .....	1,320	1,398	152,347	2	22
1889 .....	1,320	1,398	182,964	2	8
Total .....	9,938	10,121	1,194,751	1	10

## SCHEDULE LXXXVII.

RETURN of Applications to Ringbark made during 1889, and action taken thereon during 1889, together with action taken in 1889 on applications put forward during previous years.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications received in 1889.	Area of Applications received in 1889.	Amount of Fees paid on Applications received in 1889.	No. applied for in 1889 allowed in same year.	Area of Applications allowed in same year.	No. of 1889 Applications disallowed.	No. of Applications of previous years allowed in 1889.	Area of previous years' Applications allowed in 1889.	No. of previous years' Applications disallowed in 1889.
Armidale .....	Armidale .....	9	Acres. 7,564	£ 27	4	Acres. 2,125	2	3	.....	.....
	Glen Innes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Inverell .....	1	1,600	3	1	1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Tenterfield .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bourke .....	Walcha .....	4	13,240	20	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
	Bourke .....	2	13,440	16	2	13,440	.....	1	30,720	.....
	Brewarrina .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Brewarrina, East .....	1	1,920	3	1	1,920	.....	1	1,920	.....
Cooma.....	Cobar .....	8	326,948	352	4	45,440	2	.....	.....	.....
	Cobar, East .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bega .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bombala.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dubbo .....	Cooma.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Eden .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Queanbeyan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Coonamble .....	8	23,168	40	3	16,093	.....	3	4,120	.....
Forbes .....	Dubbo.....	8	97,564	116	6	59,394	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Condobolin .....	7	29,440	40	5	25,600	1	.....	.....	1
	Forbes .....	5	13,062	23	5	13,062	.....	2	6,530	.....
	Grenfell .....	4	12,170	18	3	10,290	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goulburn .....	Parke .....	7	157,214	188	3	116,554	2	4	12,916	.....
	Boorowa .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Braidwood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Goulburn .....	1	720	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Grafton .....	Gunning.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Yass .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Young.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Casino .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Hay .....	Grafton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Kempsey .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Lismore .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Murwillumbah .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maitland .....	Balranald .....	6	20,780	28	6	11,500	.....	4	18,560	.....
	Balranald, South .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Deniliquin .....	9	16,132	41	9	15,132	.....	5	9,290	.....
	Hay.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moree.....	Hay, North .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hillston .....	9	24,560	43	1	1,500	.....	2	7,607	.....
	Hillston, North .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Wentworth .....	2	5,760	8	2	3,840	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walggett .....	Cassilis .....	2	1,180	6	1	640	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dungog .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Maitland .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Muswellbrook .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walggett, North .....	Newcastle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Paterson.....	1	1,680	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Port Macquarie .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Raymond Terrace .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walggett .....	Scone .....	7	5,280	24	3	1,360	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Singleton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Stroud .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Taree .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walggett, North .....	Wollombi .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bingara .....	1	700	3	.....	.....	.....	1	1,920	.....
	Moree .....	2	7,600	10	.....	.....	.....	1	17,000	.....
	Walggett .....	11	44,610	63	11	44,610	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walggett, North .....	Walggett, North .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Warialda .....	2	3,223	6	2	3,223	.....	.....	.....	.....

## SCHEDULE LXXXVII—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications received in 1889.	Area of Applications received in 1889.	Amount of Fees paid on Applications received in 1889.	No. applied for in 1889 allowed in same year.	Area of 1889 Applications allowed in same year.	No. of 1889 Applications disallowed.	No. of Applications of previous years allowed in 1889.	Area of previous years' Applications allowed in 1889.	No. of previous years' Applications disallowed in 1889.	
			Acres.	£		Acres.			Acres.		
Orange .....	Bathurst .....	2	3,840	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Carcoar .....	3	1,615	6	3	1,615	...	...	...	...	
	Cowra .....	1	211	2	...	...	...	1	1,277	...	
	Molong .....	}	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Mudgee .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Orange .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Rylstone .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sydney .....	Wellington .....	}	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Berrima .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Camden .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Campbelltown .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Gosford .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Kiama .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Lithgow .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Liverpool .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Metropolitan .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Milton .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Moruya .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Nowra .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Parramatta .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Tamworth .....	Penrith .....	}	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Windsor .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Wollongong .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Coonabarabran .....		8	19,340	30	4	8,460	...	...	...	...
	Gunnedah .....		9	19,550	37	9	19,550	...	1	5,700	...
	Murrurundi .....		1	960	3	1	960	...	...	...	...
	Narrabri .....		4	11,460	18	1	600	...	1	1,920	...
Wagga Wagga .....	Tamworth .....	5	16,835	25	2	8,845	1	2	4,451	...	
	Albury .....	1	200	3	...	...	1	1	300	...	
	Corowa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	116	...	
	Cootamundra .....	1	3,500	5	...	...	...	1	360	...	
	Gundagai .....	1	540	3	1	540	...	...	...	...	
	Narrandera .....	3	3,535	9	2	2,255	...	6	16,521	...	
	Tumut .....	1	18,000	21	1	18,000	...	...	...	...	
	Urana .....	7	13,744	23	4	10,620	...	...	...	...	
	Wagga Wagga .....	4	2,954	12	4	2,954	...	...	...	...	
			168	950,839	1,287	104	461,722	10	45	141,228	9

## SCHEDULE LXXXVIII.

RETURN showing number of Trespasses on Crown Lands reported during 1889, and action taken thereon under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Number of cases not disposed of at end of 1888 .....	176
Number of cases of trespass reported by Crown Lands Bailiffs during 1889 .....	378
	554
Number of prosecutions in which convictions were obtained .....	22
Number of cases dismissed .....	1
Trespasses abated after notice, without legal proceedings by Department .....	214
Cases in which action was suspended by the Department, pending investigation of applications to be placed in legal occupation .....	18
Number of cases of reported trespass in which, after investigation, it was found that no proceedings were necessary .....	23
Number of cases referred to Works Department for action, land being dedicated to that Department .....	18
Number of cases on acknowledgment of which no further proceedings were taken .....	1
Cases not disposed of at end of year .....	257
	554

## SCHEDULE LXXXIX.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Manuscript Letters, Formal Documents, and Parcels despatched from Head Office during the years 1888 and 1889.

Year.	Manuscript Letters.	Formal Documents, including Printed Letters, Schedules, Ex. Co. Minutes, Gazette Notices, Books of Reference to Benches of Magistrates, and Plans of Roads to same.		Parcels.	Total.
		Printed Letters, Ex. Co. Minutes, &c.	Schedules.		
1888 .....	26,836	80,047	835	10,195	117,913
1889 .....	24,501	82,015	1,040	11,749	119,335
Decrease .....	2,335	...	...	...	...
Increase .....	...	1,998	205	1,554	Net Increase. 1,422

Number of telegrams sent during 1888 .....	2,670
Number of telegrams sent during 1889 .....	1,833
Decrease .....	837
Number of circulars sent during 1888 .....	138
Number of circulars sent during 1889 .....	121
Decrease .....	17

## SCHEDULE XC.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Letters Registered during the years 1888 and 1889 at Head Office.

Branch.	Documents Registered.		Increase}	Decrease.
	1888.	1889.		
Ministerial.....	11,271	10,310	.....	961
Miscellaneous .....	16,859	19,514	2,655	.....
Alienation .....	7,227	5,885	.....	1,342
Leases .....	8,689	8,462	.....	227
Conditional Sales .....	52,236	38,434	.....	13,802
Occupation .....	12,262	14,923	2,661	.....
	108,544	97,528	5,316	16,332

## SCHEDULE XCI.

RETURN showing Number of Letters and Documents received at and despatched from the Head Offices of the Local Land Boards during the year 1889.

Land Board District.	Received. No. of Letters and Circulars.	Despatched.			Total No. Despatched.
		Manuscript Letters.	Formal Documents (partly printed and partly manuscript).	Parcels (including Maps, &c.)	
Armidale .....	9,044	727	2,608	132	3,467
Bourke .....	5,605	547	2,114	393	3,054
Cooma .....	7,111	511	5,325	224	6,060
Dubbo .....	6,471	588	3,913	138	4,639
Forbes .....	6,713	682	4,419	517	5,618
Goulburn .....	5,813	1,682	5,651	257	7,590
Grafton .....	7,325	707	4,873	220	5,800
Hay .....	6,323	1,217	4,747	403	6,367
Maitland .....	9,551	951	7,607	408	8,966
Moree .....	5,752	700	1,500	88	2,288
Orange .....	11,231	1,270	7,609	74	8,953
Sydney .....	6,598	540	3,402	.....	3,942
Tamworth .....	7,037	948	6,365	172	7,485
Wagga Wagga .....	10,030	1,991	6,289	393	8,673
	104,604	13,061	66,422	3,419	82,902

## SCHEDULE XCII.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT of Area of Land Alienated and Unalienated in the Colony on the 31st December, 1889.

1. Area alienated in all forms prior to 1861 .....	acres.	7,338,539
2. Area alienated by Auction and After Auction Selection from 1861 to 31st December, 1889 .....	12,953,958	
3. Area alienated by Improvement Purchase during same period .....	2,759,675	
4. Area alienated by Conditional Purchase during same period, for which deeds have issued .....	1,750,716	
5. Area alienated by all other forms during same period, including lands dedicated .....	1,215,312	
Area alienated up to 31st December, 1889 .....	26,018,200	
6. Estimated area of unalienated land in the Colony on 31st December, 1889 .....	169,863,950	
Estimated area of Colony .....	195,882,150	
Area under incomplete Conditional Purchase up to 31st December, 1889, exclusive of forfeitures, lapsings, cancellations, and voidances .....	17,018,989	

## REPORT of the Acting Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 23 May, 1890.

I have the honor to submit the Annual Report of this office for the year 1889.

The staff of surveyors employed during the year was classified as follows:—Eleven district Survey Staff surveyors, two acting district surveyors, twelve first-class surveyors, twenty-seven second-class surveyors, twenty-one licensed surveyors, temporarily on salary, and one hundred and five licensed surveyors, paid by fees.

Mr. Arthur Dewhurst, who for many years held the position of district surveyor at Tamworth, died on the 27th May, 1889. Removed by  
decease.

Mr. Surveyor Fred Poate was appointed to be district surveyor at Tamworth, vice Dewhurst, Promotions.  
deceased.

Mr. Surveyor Enoch John Cobcroft, second-class surveyor, was promoted to the position of first-class surveyor from 29th June, 1889.

Four new appointments were made to the staff of temporary salaried surveyors, viz.:—A. W. Mullen, employed in the Bourke Land Board District; and Messrs. G. H. Legge, J. D. A. Riddle, and F. Watkins, employed on surveys required in connection with the Metropolitan Sewerage scheme; these officers had been severally employed as field assistants under this Department. New appoint-  
ments.

In furtherance of a request by the Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, that four competent surveyors be selected for employment in that Colony or its dependencies, Messrs. Licensed Surveyors F. W. Irby, G. M. Stafford, T. W. Raymond, and J. Wellford, who were suitable for the service required, accepted the employment and were severally accredited to the Government of the Straits Settlements, and are now employed in that Colony. Surveyors  
accredited for  
employment at  
Straits Settle-  
ments.

Six new licenses to practice under the Real Property Act were issued during the year. Special license.

Pending consideration of the report of the Board of Inquiry into the General Survey and Trigonometrical Branches, the survey depot at Richmond has been held, with agistment for the spare horses, under a monthly arrangement. Survey Depot.

Two meetings of the Board of Examiners of candidates for license to survey Crown lands were held. Board of Exam-  
iners for license  
to survey.

At the examination held in June, twenty-two candidates presented themselves, of whom eleven proved to be qualified and were accordingly recommended, viz.:— Board Meeting,  
June, 1889.

G. W. Townsend,	A. B. Howell,	E. B. Henderson,	
C. J. Sanders,	A. P. Campbell,	G. M. Nunn,	Licenses granted
A. Beetham,	C. W. King,	H. O. Bucknell.	
E. E. Rhodes,	A. W. Wood,		

The abovenamed were duly appointed, with the exception of Mr. King, the issue of whose license is delayed until he attains the age of twenty-one years.

The question of making a license issued in any one of the Australian colonies available for practice in any other was again brought under notice by the Board of Examiners in Victoria; due consideration was given to this important subject, and it was resolved that clause six of the regulations for procedure of this Board was sufficiently comprehensive and should meet requirements of surveyors. It was held that the suggested reciprocity of licenses amongst the colonies would be inadvisable until an uniform standard of examination could be adopted. Proposal for  
reciprocal  
licenses con-  
sidered.

At the examination held in December eighteen candidates presented themselves, of whom two retired; eleven were found to be qualified, and were recommended for appointments, viz.:— Board Meeting,  
December, 1889

C. Hanly,	G. F. Alcock,	E. J. Witts,	
H. G. Murray,	P. G. Chatfield,	J. Ewing,	Licenses granted.
R. W. Giblin,	P. W. Nelson,	T. E. Burrows.	
R. T. McKay,	A. H. Starling,		

The abovenamed were duly appointed with the exception of Mr. Alcock, in whose case (as in another previously mentioned) issue of the license was delayed until he shall attain his majority.

The Accountant has supplied particulars of survey in its various classifications and cost, by contract surveyors and salaried surveyors respectively, and also the aggregate quantities and average prices for survey per acre. The results are interesting and should be satisfactory, as showing the low prices at which survey may be effected under systematic management. Land measured  
and cost of  
survey by  
contract.

The price for measurement of land conditionally purchased ranges from 4½d. per acre in the pastoral country to 2s. 9½d. per acre in the metropolitan district, where the local conditions are difficult. For conditional leaseholds the prices range from 2d. per acre to 1s. 3d. per acre. Homestead leases range from ¼d. per acre to 1½d. Contract  
surveyors.

Of road survey there has been a total length of 238½ miles, the cost varying from £3 3s. 4d. to £13 6s. 8d., the average price being about £5 10s. 9d. per mile. Road survey.

On inspection of the appended abstract it will be observed with regard to the larger areas for settlement that there are but small differences in prices between this year and last year, which I think goes to show that the prices are fairly adjusted throughout the country. The

Salaried surveyors.

The average prices of salaried service exceed those for contract work ; this is due to the conditions of such service which is generally more or less of special character, and such as may not be satisfactorily done by contract or at ordinary contract prices. The item "miscellaneous" appears to be large in proportion to others, but this item covers much important duty, *e.g.*, alignment of streets in country towns under the 2nd Victoria No. 2, inspection of surveys effected under contract, investigations into and adjustment of disputed boundaries, and minor surveys to meet the multifarious demands of the Public Service.

Of volunteer land orders there has been one measured, and it is supposed that but very few of these remain outstanding.

Country lands, covering an area of 288,843 acres, have been measured for sale, the cost of survey varying from 3½d. to 3s. 4¼d. per acre.

Total areas measured and average cost. Total linear measurement and average cost.

The aggregate area of Crown land measured during the past year was 2,677,927 acres, at a cost of £75,325, which gives an average price for survey of 6¾d. per acre. The total number of roads defined was 221, presenting a total length of 905½ miles, at an average cost of £7 ls. 8d. The amount of geographical or feature survey was 1,010½ miles, at an average price of £5 Os. 10d.

Further particulars are set forth in the appended abstract.

ABSTRACT FROM DISTRICT SURVEYORS' RETURNS.  
AREA of Land measured, &c., during the year 1889.

Class of Survey.	Licensed Surveyors.				Salaried Surveyors.				Aggregate Nos.	Aggregate area and cost.		Average cost per acre.
	No.	Area—Acres.	Cost.	Average cost per acre.	No.	Area—Acres.	Cost.	Average cost per acre.		Aggregate area—acres.	Aggregate cost.	
Conditional purchases ...	3,169	513,062	28,778	£ s. d. 0 1 1½	189	19,894	2,172½	£ s. d. 0 2 2½	3,358	532,956	30,950½	£ s. d. 0 1 1½
Conditional lease .....	2,062	951,601	23,432	0 0 5½	72	29,918	932½	0 0 7½	2,134	981,519	24,364½	0 0 5½
Homestead lease .....	85	803,725	2,860	0 0 0½	4	38,868	177	0 0 1	89	842,593	3,037	0 0 0½
Special lease .....	14	1,301	77½	0 1 2¼	12	439	90	0 4 1½	26	1,740	167½	0 1 1½
Scrub lease .....	1	640	8½	0 0 3½	...	...	...	...	1	640	8½	0 0 3½
Auction—Country .....	1,138	279,026	9,769	0 0 8½	35	9,817	471	0 0 11½	1,173	288,843	10,240	0 0 8½
„ Suburban .....	714	6,958	1,584	0 4 6½	89	1,437	538	0 7 5½	803	8,395	2,122	0 5 0½
„ Town .....	886	436	656	1 7 0	190	348	593	1 14 1	1,076	834	1,249	1 9 11½
Improvement purchases	75	3,367	284	0 1 8	5	86	24	0 5 7	80	3,453	308	0 1 9½
Special purchases, including rescissions, reclamations, &c. ....	2	90½	16	0 3 6½	39	151½	424½	2 16 0	41	241½	440½	1 16 5¼
Volunteer land orders ...	...	...	...	...	1	50	15½	0 6 2¼	1	50	15½	0 6 2¼
Reserves .....	82	9,867	492	0 1 0	76	5,925	1,125	0 3 9½	158	15,792	1,617	0 2 0½
Public School sites .....	78	366	296	0 16 2	39	209	280	1 6 9½	117	575	576	1 0 0
Cemeteries .....	7	133	92	0 13 10	16	163	137	0 16 9½	23	296	229	0 15 5½
Totals .....	8,313	2,570,622½	68,345	0 0 6¾	767	107,305½	6,980	0 1 3½	9,080	2,677,927½	75,325	0 0 6¾
Miscellaneous .....	...	...	1,633	...	...	...	5,938	...	...	...	7,671	...
Roads (4 Wm. IV No. 11)	44	19,06½	1,328½	0 1 4¾	177	53,409	5,090	0 1 10½	221	72,473	6,418½	0 1 9¼
Boundaries of pastoral leases (under section 143) .....	33	31,825	1,155	0 0 8½	4	3,813	133	0 0 8¼	37	35,638	1,288	0 0 8½
Feature and geographical surveys .....	84	43,653	2,398	0 1 1¾	68	37,199	2,726	0 1 5½	152	80,852	5,124	0 1 3¾
Totals .....	161	94,542	4,881½	0 1 0¼	249	94,421	7,949	0 1 8½	410	188,963	12,830½	0 1 4¼

Trigonometrical Survey Branch.

During the year the triangulation has been in abeyance ; all that has been done in connection with the work consists in selection, clearing, and piling of trigonometrical stations in the county of Gloucester, several of which have been utilised by Mr. Surveyor Scrivener in the survey of the eastern boundary of the Australian Agricultural Company's grant (about 40 miles), a matter of considerable importance and which has been performed in a very satisfactory manner under many difficulties.

There has been progress in the determination astronomically of certain selected stations to be applied to geodetic survey, and which may be utilised immediately in construction of the new map of the Colony.

In previous reports I have briefly referred to the importance of this work as a national undertaking, the value of which will be more apparent from year to year.

With the co-operation of the Astronomer, seven stations have been thus determined by Mr. Brooks in respect of latitude and longitude, particulars of which are set forth in Appendix ; and it is proper for me here to state there was much delay caused occasionally on account of the weather being unfavourable for astronomical observations.



## ASTRONOMICAL Latitudes and Longitudes, New South Wales, 1889.

Station.	Date.	Number of Nights.	Number of Zenith Pairs.	Latitude.	Probable Error.	Longitude.	Probable Error.	Situations.
Cooma.....	13 February to 2 March.	6	164	° ' " 36 15 11.94	± .04	h. m. s. 9 56 19.34	± .010	On hill about 4 miles south-west of Cooma, locally known as "Cooma Hill."
Tumbarumba.....	1 to 26 April.....	10	177	35 47 4.69	± .05	9 52 10.78	± .008	On top of range about 1½ inches easterly of Tumbarumba, and in Trigonometrical Reserve No. 10,377.
Albury .....	30 May, to 27 June.	12	144	36 3 57.40	± .06	9 47 36.88	± .009	On Bungamba Hill, about 1½ inches north-west of Albury. Station bears 353½°, and distant about 21 chains from north-west corner of portion 61.
Narrandera .....	13 to 19 July. ...	6	187	34 44 21.05	± .04	9 46 12.90	± .007	On Narrandera common, about 10 chains north-west of railway station.
Moama .....	19 August to 7 September.	11	183	36 6 7.07	± .05	9 38 59.89	± .006	On the racecourse, close to its eastern boundary, and 973 links from its north-eastern corner.
Hay.....	13 to 31 October	5	140	34 29 1.46	± .06	9 39 23.93	± .006	On portion 129, about 100 chains north by east of railway station at Hay.
Ivanhoe .....	28 November to 7 December.	7	167	32 54 35.47	± .04	9 37 13.52	± 0.09	On the common, on south side of village of Ivanhoe. Station bears 146°58½ mag. and distant 2,418½ links from M.P. 21.

## GENERAL SURVEY.

For the construction of the map of the county of Cumberland only those surveys mentioned in my last report, as being in progress under the supervision of the Metropolitan District Surveyor, have been proceeded with. Plans of some of these have been received, but surveys of others, notably parts of Cowan Creek and Pittwater, have yet to be completed. County of Cumberland.

A map, illustrating the progress of the detail survey of the city and suburbs, required in connection with the sewerage and water supply works, in course of construction, is annexed. From this it will be seen that the principal operations during the year have been within the area to be drained by the proposed scheme of sewerage for the western suburbs. City and suburban surveys.

Of the detail survey, 184 plans have been received during the year, as against 104 during the previous year, in addition to which plans of skeleton surveys of Marrickville and Manly, and parts of North Shore, Five Dock, and Randwick, have been received and dealt with. There has also been revision of nineteen sheets, consequent upon extensive building operations effected since the dates of the original surveys. Surveys reported.

The plans thus received and examined show an area of 3,704 acres of the suburbs, so that with the area previously surveyed, an aggregate area of 1,993 acres of the city, and 7,535 acres of the suburbs, has been mapped up to the end of the year. Areas surveyed.

The publication of sheets of this survey having been much delayed during the previous year, owing to the urgency of other work, it was found necessary to apply temporarily the services of three contract draftsmen in the preparation of drawings to be lithographed. By this means 232 sheets were made ready, and 134 forwarded to be lithographed, of which sixty-six have been printed and published, making a total of 305 sheets now published. Extra draftsmen employed.

Of reclamations, water frontage reservations, and other surveys, 37 plans have been received and compared with the trigonometrical survey. Minor surveys compared.

The map of Sydney and the suburbs (on a scale of 8 chains to an inch), required by the Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage, and mentioned in the report of last year's proceedings, was compiled and drawn in outline, and photo-lithographed. Owing, however, to the pressure of more urgent work, the completion of this valuable map and publication has been delayed; advance copies have, however, been supplied to the Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage and to the Board of Water Supply, and the additional lithographing has been now put in hand, and will be proceeded with without further interruption. City and suburbs comprehensive map for sewerage.

Maps of several of the suburbs, on the scale of 2 chains to the inch, being required by the Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage, plans of Glebe and Balmain, which are most urgently wanted, were placed in hand. Owing, however, to delay in departmental correspondence touching this matter, the work was suspended for several weeks. Map for contractors.

The southern part of the map of the country between Broken Bay and George's River, for the use of the military authorities, which was begun last year, mentioned in my previous report, was published, as desired, in time for use by the Defence Forces at their Easter manoeuvres. It has been found of considerable use as a general guide map to the city and suburbs, and a second edition, with more detail topographical particulars, will be desirable in the course of a twelvemonth. The completion of the Northern sheet, which at time of last report was delayed, pending further surveys, has been advanced as far as possible. Approximate information afforded by the surveyors' rough plots has been lately received, and the requisite reconnaissance will be shortly effected, when it is hoped the further surveys required for completion of this map will be available. Military map.

Maps of the parishes of Southend, Eskersley, Wedderburn, and Heathcote, county of Cumberland, being required in consequence of inaccuracies in the maps in use, and for other reasons, recom- Parish maps.  
pulations have been commenced, and are in a forward state.

Sewerage

*Sewerage Survey and alignment of Streets in Environs of Sydney.*

**Survey Staff.** Fifteen salaried surveyors were employed during the past year up to July, when three additional assistant surveyors were appointed temporarily for carrying on surveys under the Sewerage Act, bringing the total number up to eighteen. The principal duties carried out by them were detail surveys for sewerage and water supply, reconnaissance surveys for same purposes, alignment of streets under the Towns Police Act, and topographical surveys for a map designed for military use.

**Sewerage survey.** The detail sewerage survey has been proceeding with satisfactory expedition, and although, in consequence of the completion of the more densely populated areas, the holdings are more scattered, the cost per tenement has not increased to a greater extent than might reasonably be expected, being for the past year 15s. 8d., as against 11s. 6d. in 1888, 17s. in 1887, and £1 3s. 8d. in 1886. Computing the cost of this survey on an area basis, it is found that the average cost per acre for 1889 was £1 13s. 11d., as against £3 1s. 6d. in 1888, £6 4s. 7d. in 1887, and £3 12s. 8d. in 1886. 111½ miles of streets, 7 miles of rights-of-way, 1½ miles of harbour frontage, 6½ miles of watercourses, 2¼ miles of tram-lines, and 3 miles of railway have been accurately fixed by this survey during 1889. Altogether, 178 plans have been received, showing 184 sheets or divisions, supplying detail of 8,464 separate tenements. In addition to these 15 sheets of the City of Sydney, containing 204 acres, and 4 sheets of Paddington, containing 52 acres, have been revised and brought up to date by the survey of alterations and additional detail since the time of the original,—with the result that 511 additional buildings erected since the first survey have been located.

**Survey localized.**

The distribution of detail survey is shown in the following tabular statement:—

Municipalities.	No. of Sheets.	Area. acres.
Burwood ... ..	7	183
Leichhardt ... ..	49	1,005
Petersham ... ..	40	776
Marrickville ... ..	19	484
Camperdown ... ..	7	133
Macdonaldtown ... ..	4	48
Newtown ... ..	8	137
St. Peters ... ..	5	92
Glebe ... ..	6	78
Paddington ... ..	4	68
Waverley ... ..	19	564
Randwick ... ..	9	207
North Shore ... ..	4	84
Manly ... ..	3	65
Total ... ..	184	3,924
Sydney (revised) ... ..	15	204
Paddington ,, ... ..	4	52
Total ... ..	19	256

**Standard traverse.**

The standard traverse, upon which the detail survey is based, for Marrickville, St. Peters, North Shore, Randwick, Manly, Ashfield, Canterbury, and parts of Enfield and Five Dock, was completed in 1889, being a total length of 68 miles 65 chains. The system of standard traverse that obtained in former years has been so far modified as to reduce the cost per chain from about 7s. to 1s. 9d. without affecting accuracy of the survey, or at all diminishing its usefulness.

**Cost reduced.**

**Reconnaissance for comprehensive map, 8 chains to an inch.**

The reconnaissance survey required for the completion of the 8-chain map of City and Suburbs, for the Water Supply and Sewerage Board, has been completed during 1889, involving 125 miles 30 chains of measurement, and the approximate fixation of about 6,200 buildings.

**Reconnaissance survey for military map.**

During last year additional topographical survey required for preparation of a map, for military use, of the country around Sydney, extending from George's River on the south to Narrabeen on the north, and westerly to Parramatta, has been carried out without much cost, the result being to indicate with sufficient accuracy for military purposes about 570 miles of roads and tracks, and the principal natural features, together with fencing, building, &c., over about 57,000 acres.

**Area.**

**Alignment of streets under 2 Victoria No. 2.**

Applications from Municipal Councils for alignment of streets under the Towns Police Act are decreasing, but there has been a larger quantity of that class of survey executed during 1889 than in 1888, which is chiefly due to completion of rather extensive surveys in Kogarah, St. Leonards, and part of Granville. Twenty-seven plans of alignment surveys have been received, showing final determination of 123 miles 61 chains of building lines of 250 streets in the Municipalities of Concord, Glebe, Burwood, Kogarah, Hurstville, Granville, St. Leonards, Victoria, Five Dock, North Willoughby, and Manly. The carriage and foot ways of the streets have been marked in as permanent a manner as possible by 2,920 posts or stone cubes erected by the respective Municipal Councils, under supervision of the surveyors. As comparatively few of these alignments are in thickly populated localities they have not been separated, as in past years, into two classes, town and country, but are embraced under one classification, viz., environs of Sydney, the average cost of which is thus found to be 5s. 2d. per chain of building line.

**Plans sent in.**  
**Aggregate length of building line.**  
**Marking of foot-ways.**

**Parish roads.**

Few roads under Act 4th William IV, No. 11, have been surveyed in 1889, and none of any particular public interest.

**Inspections of surveys.**

Two examinations of surveys for the purposes of the Real Property Act were made.

Herewith is an Appendix (A), being a tabular statement showing comparative quantity and cost of sewerage and alignment surveys, from 1886 to 1889, inclusive, and an Appendix (B), being a list of the surveyors employed in charge of parties under Mr. D. M. Maitland, together with their respective salaries, and a statement of the duties carried out by them during 1889.

APPENDIX

## APPENDIX A.

TABLE showing comparative amount and cost of Alignment and Detail Surveys in 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889.

Environs of Sydney—Alignment of Streets for Proclamation under 2 Victoria No. 2.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
Number of plans transmitted .....	56	97	37	27
Number of streets surveyed .....	194	411	206	250
Length of building-lines determined .....	107 m. 41 ch.	230 m. 3 ch.	86 m. 66 ch.	123 m. 61 ch.
Number of alignment-posts or cubes erected.....	2,340	5,277	2,204	2,920
Average cost per lineal chain of building-line (town)	19s. 3d.	14s. 6d.	9s. 10d.	5s. 2d.
Average cost per lineal chain of building-line (country).	7s. 3d.	5s. 2d.	5s. 10d.	

Sewerage and Water Supply detail surveys.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
Number of plans transmitted (ex revision surveys)	49	91	104	178
Number of original sheets revised and brought up to date.	.....	.....	.....	19
Total area surveyed (ex revision surveys).....	649 ac.	1,095 ac.	1,583 ac.	3,924 ac.
Area covered by revision surveys .....	.....	.....	.....	256 ac.
Length of streets fixed .....	28 m.	47 m.	57 m. 41 ch.	111 m. 30 ch.
Number of tenements fixed (ex revision surveys)...	5,094	8,309	8,125	8,464
Number of tenements fixed in revision surveys .....	.....	.....	.....	511
Length of rights-of-way fixed (not being streets)...	5 m. 34 c.	5 m. 60 ch.	6 m. 14 ch.	6 m. 75 ch.
Average cost per tenement, in the suburbs .....	£1 3 8	17s.	11s. 6d.	15s. 8d.
Average cost per tenement, in the city .....	1 10 10	14s. 5d.	*	.....
Average cost per acre throughout .....	8 12 8	£6 4 7	£3 1 6	£1 13s. 11d.
Cost per tenement of revision survey .....	.....	.....	.....	11s. 11d.

There were comparatively few town alignments made in 1889, so the above is the average of all.  
 \*The detail survey of the city was completed in 1887.

## APPENDIX B.

## SURVEYORS employed in charge of parties.

Surveyor.	Office or rank in Service.	Salary.	Duties on which engaged.	Remarks.
1. C. H. Wansbrough	First Class...	£ 425	Alignment surveys at Granville and Concord; remarking of Pennant Hills Road, and topographical survey, Pennant Hills.	
2. H. F. Madsen .....	Second Class	350	Remarking alignment in Camperdown; reconnaissance surveys in Camperdown, Redfern, Darlington, Macdonaldtown, Newtown, and Alexandria; detail surveys—7 sheets in Camperdown, 1 sheet Newtown, and 4 sheets Macdonaldtown.	Has a field assistant.
3. T. G. Wilson .....	„ ..	350	Alignment surveys in St. Leonards, Victoria, North Willoughby, and Five Dock; topographical surveys in North Willoughby and Gordon; deviation in Greenwich Road.	
4. S. Mills .....	„ ..	350	Skeleton survey of Ashfield, parts of Enfield and Five Dock; detail survey—2 sheets in Glebe, and 14 sheets Petersham.	Has a field assistant who is a licensed surveyor.
5. G. H. Knibbs .....	„ ..	340	Alignment surveys in St. Leonards, Burwood, Hurstville, Manly, Pyrmont; skeleton survey of Manly; topographical surveys in Willoughby, Gordon, Manly, and South Colah; report on Shoalhaven drainage union; investigation of boundaries in Holdsworthly and Field of Mars; survey of roads at Ryde and near George's River.	
6. R. J. A. Roberts...	„ ..	340	Skeleton surveys of North Shore and Randwick; survey of part of Tarban Creek; topographical surveys in Hunter's Hill and Field of Mars; alignment in Leichhardt, and 11 sheets of the detail survey of Leichhardt.	Has a field assistant, who is a licensed surveyor.
7. W. W. Mills .....	„ ..	340	Alignment of Kogarah; general survey at Dobroyd; topographical surveys in St. George; survey of vineyards for Phylloxera Board; detail surveys—2 sheets Newtown, 3 sheets Paddington, 4 sheets revision survey Paddington.	
8. W. M. Thomas ...	„ ..	340	Alignment surveys at the Glebe; detail surveys—2 sheets in the Glebe, 9 sheets Petersham, and 7 sheets Burwood.	Has a field assistant who is a licensed surveyor.
9. S. A. Steane .....	Temporary salaried.	300	Detail surveys—17 sheets in Leichhardt, and 3 sheets Manly.	
10. M. Lucas .....	„ ..	300	Reconnaissance survey at Liberty Plains; detail surveys—9 sheets in Leichhardt, 5 sheets St. Peters, and 1 sheet North Shore.	
11. H. Shute .....	„ ..	300	Detail surveys—2 sheets in Glebe, 6 sheets Petersham, and 2 sheets Marrickville; reconnaissance survey at Glebe.	

Surveyor.	Office or rank in Service.	Salary.	Duties on which engaged.	Remarks.
12. J. F. Truscott .....	Temporary	£ 300	11 sheets of detail survey in Petersham.	
13. T. B. U. Sloman ...	salaried.	300		
14. A. Peake .....	"	300	14 sheets of detail survey in Waverley; reconnaissance survey in Waverley.	
15. T. M. Stephen.....	"	300	Detail surveys—12 sheets in Leichhardt, 4 sheets Marrickville, and 3 sheets North Shore; reconnaissance surveys in Leichhardt.	
16. J. D. A. Riddle ...	"	250	Detail surveys—5 sheets in Waverley and 9 sheets in Randwick; reconnaissance survey at Randwick.	
17. F. Watkins .....	"	250	Detail surveys—5 sheets in Newtown, 7 sheets Marrickville; reconnaissance surveys in Marrickville, St. Peters, and Rockdale.	
18. G. H. Legge .....	"	250	5 sheets of detail survey in Marrickville.	
19. D. C. White .....	Temporary field assistant.	10/- per diem.	15 sheets revision survey, City of Sydney. Reconnaissance surveys in Leichhardt and Canterbury; topographical surveys near Clyde and Rookwood; detail survey—1 sheet in Marrickville.	In charge of Surveyor D. M. Maitland's field party.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORD BRANCH.

The staff of this Branch is the same as in 1888, viz., four persons.

A statement of the duties carried out during the year is given hereunder:—

Papers received from other Branches and recorded ... ..	9,076
Papers, plans, tracings, &c., received by post ... ..	35,803
Instructions entered in instructions books and sent to surveyors ... ..	1,961
Memoranda sent to surveyors ... ..	7,800
Letters written and despatched... ..	475
Lithos, tracings, and plans, sent to surveyors .. ..	3,828
Minutes written and submitted to the Under Secretary ... ..	710
Decisions by the Minister noted ... ..	620
Telegrams issued ... ..	208

All absences during the year by the field staff and the permanent and temporary officers in the Survey Branch of the head office have been duly recorded in this Branch.

#### DRAFTING BRANCHES.

The reports of the different Drafting Branches, showing the work performed during the year 1889, compare favourably with those of previous years, and it is satisfactory to note that the current work has generally been kept well up to date.

The returns of business transacted under certain headings will be found smaller than heretofore, but corresponding increases are exhibited under others; and advantage has been taken from time to time of the fluctuations in certain classes of work to utilize officers temporarily released from one class to assist in disposing of accumulations in others. In the Charting Branch, for example, the area of land requiring to be scheduled for auction sale was very considerably reduced owing to legislation then pending, and this has permitted of the adjustment and disposal of an unusually large amount of noting of confirmations, reserves, and sales, which had been held in abeyance through the pressure of more important duties; and in the Compiling Branch the larger number of parish maps dealt with is in a measure due to the assistance of two additional draftsmen taken from the Charting and Contract Tracing Branches.

The reduction in the number of town maps published is to be expected, and smaller numbers may be looked for in the future, because the compilation of the more important towns is now virtually completed, and some of the draftsmen thus set free will be employed on county map compilations, of which there is a considerable number in abeyance. More decided progress with the new Colony map may also be anticipated, the two draftsmen relieved by the completion of the city and environs map being engaged thereon.

The considerable reduction in the number of publications issued, as compared with last year, is attributable to the reduced number of official forms and circulars printed, the greater part of this work being now done by the Government Printer. The number of plans and maps published is really greater than during 1888, and the actual number of sheets printed is considerably in excess of that year's return.

In the Occupation Branch the bulk of the arrears of refund schedules have been dealt with, and a large number of the office maps have been charted with pastoral holdings, such charting involving in a number of instances the adjustment of the holding boundaries to agree with recent surveys.

The miscellaneous work performed during the year has been of a most varied character, and it is gratifying to observe that in the preparation of the different maps and statistics for the Railway Commissioners, Government Statistician, Parliamentary Committees, and in connection with the passing of the Land Act, the efforts of the Drafting Staff met with approval.

The subjoined Branch reports supply all necessary details.

#### MISCELLANEOUS CHARTING BRANCH.

The numerical strength of this Branch was reduced by the transfer of one officer to the Compiling Branch in June. The officer-in-charge also acted as chief draftsman at Tamworth for about six weeks.

The duties of this Branch are, generally speaking, the same as in previous years, but a quantity of special work has in addition been performed, including the preparation of maps for the Parliamentary Committee

Committee on Public Works, Returns for Parliament, Returns for the Board of Inquiry, particulars of country traversed by proposed rabbit-proof fencing, and other matters of a like character. Assistance has also been rendered to the Deeds Branch in noting arrears of sales under the deferred payments system, 104 schedules, comprising 1,158 allotments and 1,347 portions, having been dealt with. The arrears of confirmation noting have received special attention, and 14,981 cases have been disposed of by the contractor, at an expenditure of £249 13s. 8d., 3,122 cases being also noted in the Branch, making an aggregate number for the year of 18,103 cases.

A number of old reserve and gold-field cases, involving the noting of a large number of plans, have also been completed.

The work of charting plans and tracings by contract has been kept well up to date, 6,387 plans and tracings, comprising 8,864 portions, having been charted at a cost of £354 15s. 3d. Many other cases of a more intricate character were charted by the officers of the Branch. The decrease in the total number of plans dealt with as compared with last year is due to the fact that all arrears have now been overtaken.

A comparatively small amount of auction work has been dealt with, owing to large areas held back pending the passing of the Land Act.

At present there remain in the Branch 755 cases of all kinds, including 242 auction cases. The following comparison of work remaining in the Branch at the end of the years 1888 and 1889, and the amount disposed of during each is submitted in illustration of the state of work at the corresponding periods of 1888 and 1889:—

	1888.	1889.
(1) Miscellaneous papers in Branch on 31st December...	484	513
(2) Auction... ..	151	242
(3) Cases dealt with during year, inclusive of auction ...	10,184	9,600
(4) Cases dealt with during year, exclusive of auction ...	7,779	7,517
(5) Confirmations noted ... ..	4,881	18,103
(6) Plans and tracings charted ... ..	10,939	6,387
(7) Area gazetted for auction during the year ... ..	339,978 acres.	90,241 acres.

#### MISCELLANEOUS CHARTING BRANCH.

RETURN of Auction Work for year 1889, excluding Land within the Metropolitan Land Board District.

On hand, 1st of year.	Received during year.	Dealt with during year.	Cases on hand end of year.	Entered in Schedule during the year.				Cases under reference end of year.
				Cases.	Allotments.	Portions.	Area.	
157	1,413	1,328	242	719	2,618	1,964	acres. 90,241	7

RETURN of work done in Miscellaneous Charting Branch, from 1st January to 31st December, 1889.

Class of Work.	Received.	Dealt with.
Administrative Improvement Purchases .....	145	144
„ Conditional Purchases .....	101	106
„ Reserves .....	794	796
„ Towns and Villages .....	79	76
„ miscellaneous .....	2,368	2,253
Check surveys and investigations .....	47	49
Charting measurements .....	524	506
„ resumptions .....	31	29
„ Towns .....	61	61
„ Reserves .....	1,782	1,853
General noting .....	1,305	1,206
District office queries .....	171	163
Surveyors' accounts .....	9	26
Unregistered memoranda .....	154	154
Deeds Branch inquiries .....	2,925	2,925

#### COMPILING BRANCH.

1. *Miscellaneous Division.*—This division is charged with the compilation and drawing of town, county, Colony, and miscellaneous maps.

The staff remains the same as for last year, but the officer in charge was absent for two months owing to ill-health.

The number of town maps prepared for photo-lithography is the same as last year, viz., fifty-two, but of these only thirty-eight are new compilations, the remainder being lithographs charted up and prepared for photo-lithography.

There now remain only six town compilations of any importance to be taken in hand, so that this class of work can be kept up to date with ease. A considerable number (seventy-one), in addition, are on stone, and are either in course of revision in district offices or are undergoing alteration of design.

The compilations of two towns, Hartley and Kincumber, had to be abandoned in consequence of defective surveys.

The county maps, compiled during the year, are six in number, being an increase of two on the return for 1888. Included among the maps dealt with are the important counties of Cook and Westmoreland.

The compilation of the city and environs map has been completed, and tenders are being invited for its lithography.

The two draftsmen thus relieved are now engaged upon the Colony map, making four in all employed on that map.

The miscellaneous maps compiled and drawn, include eleven for the Railway Commissioners for guide-books and annual report, and a map of Australasia for the Government Statistician.

Ninety-one plans of feature surveys, comprising 859 miles of survey, have been charted.

A number of miscellaneous maps, which have been superseded by more recent maps, have been compared with new maps and withdrawn from office use, and several sketch maps were prepared for the Board of Inquiry to illustrate their reports.

2. *Parish Map Division*.—This division is engaged upon the compilation and preparation of new editions of parish maps.

The staff has been strengthened by the transfer of a draftsman from the Charting Branch for the latter half of the year, and by the services of a draftsman taken from the Contract Branch for the greater part of the year.

The parish maps compiled and prepared for new editions are considerably in excess of last year's return as shown by the following comparative statement:—

	1888.	1889.
Parish maps compiled ... ..	265	325
Parish maps prepared for new editions ... ..	106	80
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	371	405

It is also satisfactory to observe that the work is much closer to date than was the case at the close of last year, a result following the punctual return of the revised proofs by district surveyors.

Upwards of 200 of the maps dealt with are in the Eastern Division.

The number of standard maps has been increased by about 300, and now stands at 1,366.

A very large increase is shown in the number of heliographic prints prepared, as compared with 1888, which is due to the numbers printed for the Metropolitan and Orange District Survey Offices. The reduced cost per copy, 1s. 11½d., against 6s. 6d. for 1888, is on account of the small size of the average prints made for the two District Offices named.

The number of heliographs prepared in 1888 was 584, of which 394 were copies of parish maps; the number this year was 1,747 copies, of which only 287 were parishes.

#### LITHOGRAPHIC BRANCH.

The staff of this Branch consists of eighteen persons, viz., the draftsman in charge, three lithographic and zincographic draftsmen, two working overseers of printing, one clerk, eight printers, and three stone-polishers, and general assistants; these are supplemented by the employment of private persons or firms for drawing or printing by contract, which is either performed in this office or at their business premises outside the Department, as economy and efficiency may dictate.

The general business of the Branch shows an increase in the number of copies printed on that performed in 1888, and the following returns in tabular form really exhibit the result of map compilation in the Department, inasmuch as the maps are either sent to this Branch for lithography, or after photography at the Government Printing Office the transfers there prepared are utilised by application to stone or zinc and printing the copies.

##### 1. *Counties*.

County lithographs show measured areas, roads, reserves, features, and all other information which is capable of delineation on the scale of 2 miles to an inch—in addition to those printed on a scale of 8 miles to an inch for official purposes. The standard price is 5s.

Counties completed, 17, comprising 3,250 printed copies:

Barrona*	Cumberland	Lincoln*
Canbelego	Flinders	Murray
Canbelego*	Flinders*	Mootwingee*
Camden	Gunderbooka	Yancowinna
Caira	Gunderbooka*	Yancowinna*
Caira*	Landsborough	

\*Of these maps, those indicated by the asterisk are to the scale of 8 miles to the inch.

##### 2. *Towns*.

Town lithographs show the general design, measured lands and names of purchasers, reserves, and dedications within town and suburban limits; they are usually photo-lithographed from compilations made at this office, or from the surveyors' original plans, to a scale of 4 or 8 chains to an inch, and sold at 1s. per copy.

Towns completed, 54, comprising 10,375 printed copies:

Bimbi	Gilgandra	Mangoplah	Uralia
Brewarrina	Glenken	Moulamein	Welaregang
Byangum	Glenburn	Mongarlowe	Welaregang (new edition)
Blackheath	Hillgrove	Maryland	Wingello
Bogabri	Iluka	Narrandera	Wagga Wagga
Balranald	Jindera	Narrabri	Woomargama
Camden Haven	June	Quirindi	Willyama
Cathcart	Kooroowatha	Rockley	Wee Waa
Colinton	Kinchela	Savernake	Walgett
Denman	Lawrence	Tamworth	Wallabadah
Drake	Lue	Temora	Young
Euriowie	Lismore	Thirlmere	Yarrangobilly
Eden	Morrisset	Tabulam	
Gladstone	Morrisset (new edition)	Thirlmere (new edition)	3.

### 3. Parish Maps.

Parish maps in the Eastern Division are compiled to the scale of 20 chains to an inch for office use, and reduced by photo-lithography to 40 chains; maps in the Central Division are compiled to the scale of 40 chains to an inch, and are published to that scale.

Parish maps completed, 378, comprising 3,740 printed copies.

1 parish	in county	Auckland	1 parish	in county	Gordon
4 parishes	"	Ashburnham	2 parishes	"	Gregory
1 parish	"	Arrawatta	1 parish	"	Gipps
2 parishes	"	Argyle	1 "	"	Goulburn
1 parish	"	Buckland	6 parishes	"	Hume
5 parishes	"	Buccleuch	10 "	"	Harden
3 "	"	Brisbane	3 "	"	Hardinge
5 "	"	Benarba	5 "	"	Jamison
3 "	"	Buller	14 "	"	King
6 "	"	Bland	6 "	"	Kennedy
17 "	"	Bourke	10 "	"	Leichhardt
1 parish	"	Bligh	5 "	"	Lincoln
13 parishes	"	Caira	2 "	"	Mitchell
5 "	"	Clarence	4 "	"	Murray
5 "	"	Cumberland	3 "	"	Murchison
3 "	"	Clive	4 "	"	Monteagle
8 "	"	Camden	3 "	"	Macquarie
7 "	"	Courallie	7 "	"	Nicholson
10 "	"	Cook	1 parish	"	Nandewar
2 "	"	Cooper	24 parishes	"	Northumberland
6 "	"	Clark	1 parish	"	Oxley
7 "	"	Cunningham	1 "	"	Parry
2 "	"	Canbelego	4 parishes	"	Pottinger
3 "	"	Clarendon	3 "	"	Phillip
1 parish	"	Durham	1 parish	"	Raleigh
12 parishes	"	Darling	10 parishes	"	Rous
1 parish	"	Denison	1 parish	"	Roxburgh
2 parishes	"	Dowling	3 parishes	"	Sandon
1 parish	"	Dudley	2 "	"	Selwyn
2 parishes	"	Drake	1 parish	"	Stapylton
2 "	"	Dampier	3 parishes	"	St. Vincent
2 "	"	Ewenmar	2 "	"	Townsend
42 "	"	Flinders	6 "	"	Urana
12 "	"	Forbes	1 parish	"	Waljeers
4 "	"	Finch	2 parishes	"	Wynyard
4 "	"	Georgiana	3 "	"	Westmoreland
5 "	"	Gloucester	4 "	"	Wellington
6 "	"	Gough	1 parish	"	Wellesley
1 parish	"	Gowen			

### 4. Auction Sale Plans.

Lithographs of all lands measured for auction are printed for use at auction sales and sold at 1s. per copy.

Auction sale plans completed, 150, comprising 16,605 printed copies.

### 5. Miscellaneous.

In this class the principal maps printed during the year have been sheets of the detailed survey of the City and Suburbs, map of New South Wales for Crown Lands Act, diagrams for licensed surveyors' examination, map of Lord Howe Island, military map of Sydney and environs, municipal maps of Balmain and Enfield, map of town of Balranald, illustrating Report on Typhoid Fever, and map of the parish of Alexandria on enlarged scale.

Miscellaneous maps completed, 82, comprising 17,804 printed copies.

### 6. Other Departments.

Maps, plans, and diagrams have been printed for the Mines, Railway, Government Statistician, Roads and Bridges and Colonial Secretary's Department, chiefly comprising maps illustrating Railway Guide Books, Mineral Map, Map of New South Wales, diagrams of bridges, and tide-gauge diagrams.

Lithographs for other departments completed, 30, comprising 66,980 printed copies.

### 7. Official Forms.

These forms comprise circulars, forms, and memoranda required for use at head-quarters and at country offices.

Official forms completed, 122, comprising 65,374 printed copies.

## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY for 1888 and 1889.

Map, Plan, or Document.	1888.		1889.	
	Number of separate maps.	Number of copies printed.	Number of separate maps.	Number of copies printed.
Counties.....	15	2,265	17	3,250
Towns (comprising cities, towns, and suburban lands) .....	76	16,670	54	10,375
Parishes.....	321	32,600	378	37,400
Auction sale plans .....	146	17,576	150	16,605
Miscellaneous .....	116	30,100	82	17,804
Other Departments .....	13	20,860	30	66,980
Official forms .....	257	86,677	122	65,374
Totals.....	944	206,748	833	217,788

The lithographic contract work included drawing at a cost of £784 1s. 1d., and printing costing £53 15s., the total cost of such supplementary work being £837 16s. 1d., a reduction of £520 on the amount similarly spent during 1888.

## ROADS BRANCH.

The staff of this Branch remains the same as in 1888.

The total number of papers received during the year was 6,353, being an increase of 92 over the number received last year.

279 plans of road and street surveys, showing 1,265 miles of road and 456 streets, were sent in, an increase of 542 miles of road and of 88 streets over last year.

304 applications for surveys of roads, deviations, and street alignments, were received and dealt with, an increase of 47; also 77 applications for public gates, being 21 more than received last year.

571 reports from surveyors, irrespective of the 279 letters which accompanied the plans of surveys, have been sent in, being an increase of 28; and 256 objections and claims for compensation have been received and dealt with, only 4 more than last year.

## OCCUPATION DRAFTING BRANCH.

The numerical strength of this Branch remains the same as last year, and the general work has been similar in character to that performed in 1888.

The reduction of certain classes of miscellaneous work has permitted of the charting of a larger number of pastoral holdings on the office maps, the maps so dealt with being 1,500 for 1889, as compared with 1,300 for 1888.

At the end of the year only 40 refund Schedules remained on hand, notwithstanding the receipt of a large accumulation of these Schedules from the Wagga Office, representing arrears since the division of the holdings.

397 miles and 22 chains of pastoral holding boundaries were surveyed, at a total cost of £1,255 13s., of which the sum of £448 2s. 11d. was recovered from the lessees. A further sum of £76 15s. 1d. was recovered from pastoral lessees, being for the surveys of pastoral holding boundaries common to homestead leases, &c., and the survey of 40 miles 53 chains and 50 links of pastoral holding boundaries was effected by the Department, at a cost of £94 4s. 7d., the whole of the cost being by agreement defrayed by the lessees.

Cases under clause 143 of Act of 1884 .....	43
County maps charted with pastoral holdings .....	5
Parish maps charted with pastoral holdings .....	1,483
Road plan charted with pastoral holding .....	1
Amended plans of holdings prepared .....	3
Homestead leases charted on office maps .....	79
Homestead leases charted on Land Board district maps .....	90
Homestead leases noted and corrected .....	98
Surveys of pastoral holdings or dividing lines examined and charted .....	38
Boundaries corrected on holding plans .....	354
Tracings made... ..	504
Annual refund Schedules examined .....	1,561
Annual refund Schedules—refunds calculated .....	1,655
Annual refund calculations checked... ..	1,657
Appraisement areas revised—leasehold areas .....	144
Appraisement areas revised—resumed areas .....	186
Appraisement tracings revised—leasehold areas .....	3
Appraisement tracings revised—resumed areas .....	4
Questions as to leasehold or resumed areas... ..	1,070
Memoranda to the district surveyors .....	69
Questions from other Branches replied to .....	50

Also a large number of miscellaneous cases, which cannot be specified.

## MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACT BRANCH.

The work of this Branch has as usual been disposed of with commendable punctuality, only five unsatisfied applications remaining on hand at the end of the year, and none of these being more than three weeks old.

It may be seen that the total number of drawings executed is 476 in excess of those done last year. This is attributable to the large number of plans prepared in connection with the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve subdivision.

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The reduction of the ordinary work of the Branch has allowed of the employment of one of the examiners for the greater part of the year and another for a part of the year in the compilation of parish maps.

MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACT BRANCH.

	Plans.	Tracings.	Charted-up Lithographs.	Totals.
Tracings and charted-up lithographs supplied to District Offices, including 279 standard tracings prepared for heliography for the Orange Office .....		677	19	696
Tracings and charted-up lithographs supplied to surveyors in the field .....		422	5	427
Tracings of plans of alignments of streets supplied to municipalities .....		68	.....	68
Tracings of alignment and road plans prepared for exhibition at Police Offices ..		101	.....	101
Tracings prepared for auction sale purposes .....		395	.....	395
Tracings and charted-up lithographs prepared for the use of the Forest Branch while forming part of this Department .....		17	13	60
Tracings and charted-up lithographs prepared for Parliamentary Returns .....		81	6	87
Tracings of homestead leases .....		22	.....	22
Tracings of occupation licenses .....		28	.....	28
Tracings of parish maps .....		44	.....	44
Tracings showing special leases .....		98	.....	98
Tracings and charted-up lithographs prepared for other Departments .....		136	31	167
Tracings of plans of detailed survey of city and suburbs .....		166	.....	166
Plans of portions in the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve .....	1,411	.....	.....	1,411
Tracings and charted-up lithographs prepared for sundry purposes .....		285	350	635
Totals.....	1,411	2,570	424	4,405
Total number of applications .....				851

PLAN RECORD BRANCH.

The return of this Branch is marked by a general increase of business upon that for 1888, the most noticeable items being the large number of originals returned from district offices in response to circular instructions issued on this subject, and the increased number of original plans mounted :

Approximate number of plans entered in the books at end of year .....	229,000
Approximate number of plans issued and returned to and from officers in Head Office Metropolitan District Survey Office, and Mines Department .....	169,000
Cancelled maps in Branch .....	589
Issued to plan-mounter .....	15,500
Issued to Inquiry Branch .....	1,620
Exhibited at counter to surveyors, authorized draftsmen, &c....	2,400
Despatched to District Survey Offices .....	15,140
Returned from District Survey Offices .....	27,622
Applications received from District Survey Offices for originals .....	2,932
Registered memoranda returning originals from District Survey Offices .....	954
Memoranda sent to District Survey Offices for plans .....	962
Certified copies received .....	6,841
Surveyors' field-books in Branch .....	1,500
Auction sale lithographs in Branch, about .....	2,150

MAP SALES BRANCH.

Particulars of lithographs received and issued, and a comparison between the numbers for the years 1888 and 1889.

Lithographs received from the Lithographic Branch.

	Number.		Copies.		Value.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
County maps .....	15	17	2,245	3,200	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cities, towns, villages, and environs maps .....	76	54	16,366	10,051	673 10 0	960 0 0
Parish maps .....	321	378	26,822	30,596	1,022 17 6	628 3 9
Auction sale maps .....	146	150	16,992	1,570	1,341 2 0	1,529 16 0
Miscellaneous maps .....	116	77	29,868	13,805	849 12 0	78 10 0
Totals .....	674	676	92,293	59,222	4,480 4 0	1,725 12 6

COPIES issued, inclusive of those sent to Land Agent for sale, Local Offices, Railway, Roads, and other Departments.

	Copies.		Value.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Counties .....	1,028	1,316	£ 308 8 0	£ 394 16 0
Towns .....	2,622	838	163 17 6	52 7 6
Parishes .....	16,694	13,209	834 14 0	660 9 0
Auction .....	6,364	4,015	318 4 0	200 15 0
Detail surveys .....	4,981	794	747 3 0	119 2 0
Geographical divisions .....	44	31	5 10 0	3 17 6
Large Colony .....	106	109	79 10 0	81 15 0
Small Colony .....	73	58	4 11 3	3 12 6
Postal .....	9	.....	1 2 6	.....
Star-books .....	5	4	0 12 6	0 10 0
Surveyors' pocket-books .....	13	3	1 6 0	0 6 0
Calculation-books .....	55	70	5 0 10	6 8 4
Index maps .....	25	28	1 17 6	2 2 0
Land Board district maps .....	4	15	0 6 0	1 2 6
Miscellaneous .....	196	87	26 19 0	11 19 3
Totals .....	£ 32,219	20,577	2,499 2 1	1,539 2 7

Lithographs sold in 1888—4,153 copies; price realised, £307 7s. 5d.

Lithographs sold in 1889—5,419 copies; price realised, £301 13s.

Letters replied to in 1888—635.

Letters replied to in 1889—635.

#### PLAN-MOUNTING BRANCH.

COMPARATIVE statement of work performed during the years 1888 and 1889.

	1888.	1889.
Original plans mounted .....	9,630	15,367
Lithographs, references, &c., mounted .....	114	139
Lithographs of parishes mounted .....	2,148	1,898
Tracings of original plans, &c., mounted .....	23	52
Four-sheet Colony maps, mounted .....	32	23
Auction sale lithographs, mounted .....	141	143
Antiquarian drawing-paper, mounted .....	43	24
Double elephant drawing-paper, mounted .....	41	16½
Parish tracing (dilapidated), mounted .....	141	127
Old plans (dilapidated), mounted .....	121	331
Maps, book form, mounted .....	54	12
Tacking parish maps on rollers .....	2,149	2,096
Villages mounted for office use in portfolios .....	87	59
Counties mounted for office use in portfolios .....	14	6
Parcels, post, maps, plans, &c. ....	1,411	866
Heliographs, mounted .....	162	1,890
Supplying and affixing polished rollers on maps .....	86	88
Lists, &c., on card-board .....	67	16
Miscellaneous work .....	1,578	225
Cartridge-paper for parish lithographs mounted .....	423	342
Total .....	18,465	23,720½

It is gratifying to be able to report that the business of the office has proceeded satisfactorily through the year.

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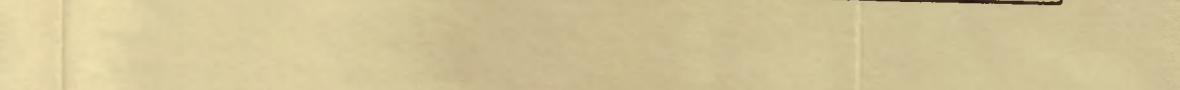
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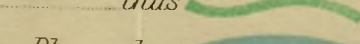
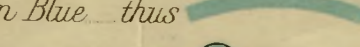
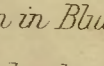


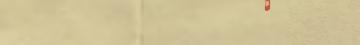


MAP  
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SHOWING ALL DIVISIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE  
CROWN LANDS ACTS.

Scale 32 Miles to 1 Inch

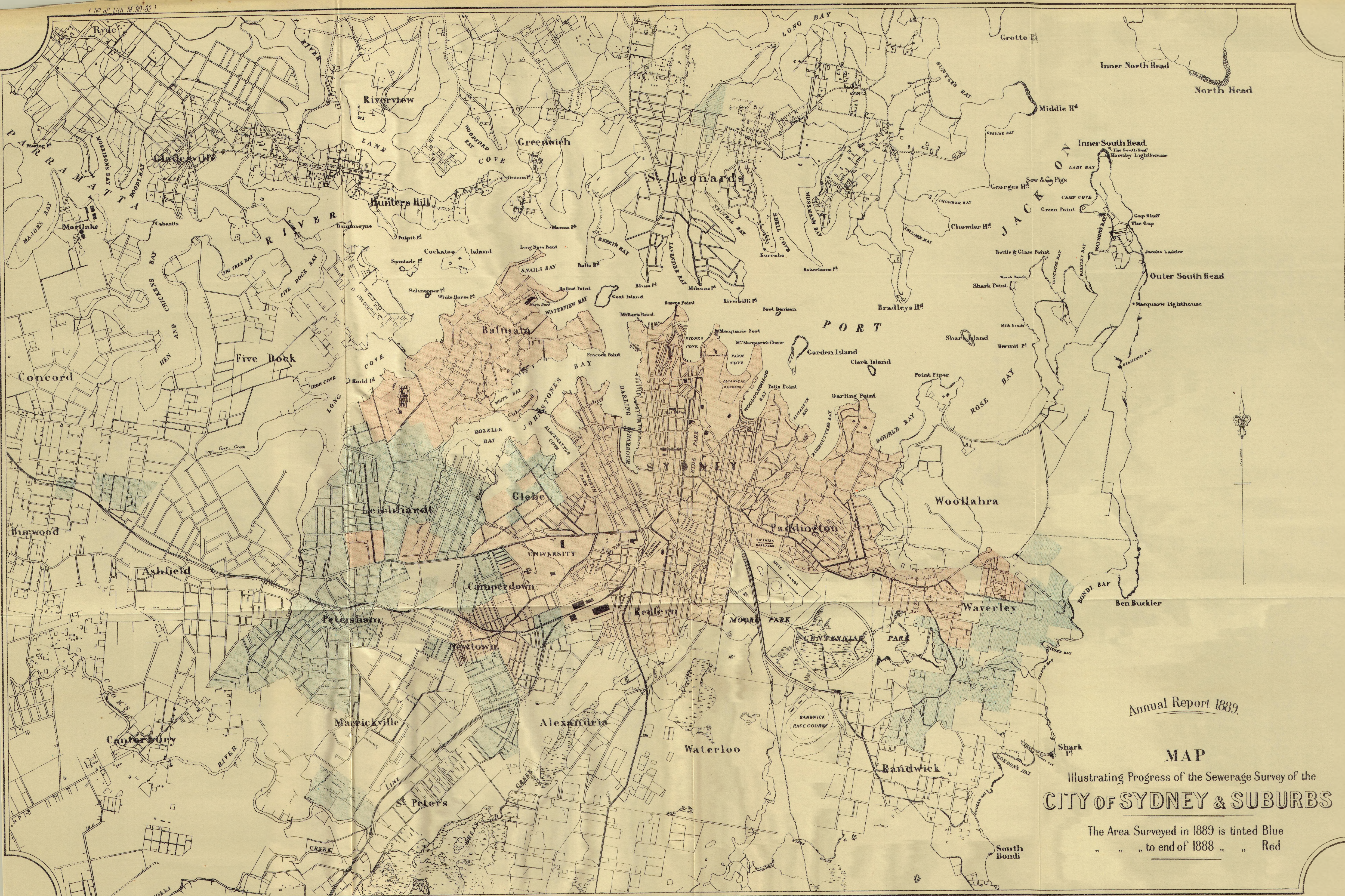


NOTE

Land District Boundaries shown in Green — this  this  
 Land Board District Boundaries shown in Blue — this  this  
 Head Offices of Local Land Boards shown in Blue thus  BOURKE  
 Territorial Divisions are shown in black thus  BLAND  
 County Names and Boundaries shown in red  BLAND  
 Railways shown thus 

LIST OF LAND DISTRICTS AND HEAD OFFICES OF LOCAL LAND BOARDS  
Within each Division of the Colony

Head Office of Land Board	Land Districts	Head Office of Land Board	Land Districts
1 Bourke	47 Kempsey 48 Macintyre 49 Paterson 50 Dennington 51 Berrima 52 Picton 53 Campbellton 54 Castlereagh 55 Murrumbidgee 56 Murrumbidgee 57 Murrumbidgee 58 Murrumbidgee 59 Murrumbidgee 60 Murrumbidgee 61 Murrumbidgee 62 Murrumbidgee 63 Murrumbidgee 64 Murrumbidgee 65 Murrumbidgee 66 Murrumbidgee 67 Murrumbidgee 68 Murrumbidgee 69 Murrumbidgee 70 Murrumbidgee 71 Murrumbidgee 72 Murrumbidgee 73 Murrumbidgee 74 Murrumbidgee 75 Murrumbidgee 76 Murrumbidgee 77 Murrumbidgee 78 Murrumbidgee 79 Murrumbidgee 80 Murrumbidgee 81 Murrumbidgee 82 Murrumbidgee 83 Murrumbidgee 84 Murrumbidgee 85 Murrumbidgee 86 Murrumbidgee 87 Murrumbidgee 88 Murrumbidgee 89 Murrumbidgee 90 Murrumbidgee	11 Orange 12 Sydney 13 Tamworth 14 Maitland 15 Newcastle 16 Newcastle 17 Newcastle 18 Newcastle 19 Newcastle 20 Newcastle 21 Newcastle 22 Newcastle 23 Newcastle 24 Newcastle 25 Newcastle 26 Newcastle 27 Newcastle 28 Newcastle 29 Newcastle 30 Newcastle 31 Newcastle 32 Newcastle 33 Newcastle 34 Newcastle 35 Newcastle 36 Newcastle 37 Newcastle 38 Newcastle 39 Newcastle 40 Newcastle 41 Newcastle 42 Newcastle 43 Newcastle 44 Newcastle 45 Newcastle 46 Newcastle	



Annual Report 1889.

MAP  
 Illustrating Progress of the Sewerage Survey of the  
**CITY OF SYDNEY & SUBURBS**

The Area Surveyed in 1889 is tinted Blue  
 " " " to end of 1888 " " Red

1890.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## LAND BOARDS AT HAY AND DENILIQWIN.

(REPORT OF BOARD APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO WORKING OF.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 19 August, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 20th August, 1889, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A copy of the Report of the Board (of which Dr. Sly was the Chairman)  
 “ appointed to inquire into the working of the Land Boards at Hay and  
 “ Deniliquin.”

*(Mr. Street.)*

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## LAND BOARDS AT HAY AND DENILIKUIN.

### No. 1.

The District Surveyor to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

District Survey Office, Hay, 5 January, 1885.

In reference to the Chairman's memorandum of the 4th instant, appointing Wednesday, the 6th instant, for the purpose of conferring with me in regard to the proposed alteration of boundaries of the Land District of Hillston, and naming his office as the place of meeting, his attention is directed to the concluding paragraph of my memorandum of the 31st ultimo. At the same time, I desire to inform the Chairman that I will be very glad to attend his office at any time, if by so doing the work of the Department would be facilitated, or the public interest served thereby. In the case under question there can be no doubt whatever that this office should be the place of meeting, as all the maps and other necessary information are in this office, and it is contrary to a rule which I have established to allow maps to be taken out of this office, except under very exceptional and pressing circumstances.

R. M'DONALD,  
District Surveyor.

### No. 2.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 10 June, 1885.

I have the honor to inform you that I have convened meetings of the Local Land Board, Hay, to be held at Balranald and Hillston, on the 30th instant and 6th proximo; and, in accordance with instructions contained in your printed circular of 19th February last, I enclose a duplicate of the notice sent for publication in the *Government Gazette*.

I have, &c.,

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Local Land Board.

[Enclosure.]

NOTICE is hereby given that meetings of the Local Land Boards, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held on the dates and at the places set forth hereunder:—

Balranald, Tuesday, 20th June, 1885, Court-house, Balranald.  
Hillston, Monday, 6th July, 1885, Court-house, Hillston.

Local Land Board Office, Hay, June, 1885.

ARCHD. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

The Registrar.—T.P.B., 13/6/85.      Entered.—J.P.M., 10/7/85.

### No. 3.

Mr. E. Selk to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Hillston, 29 September, 1885.

At the request of the Progress Committee of Hillston, I beg to inform you that, at a meeting of that body on the 20th instant, the following resolution was carried, viz.:—"That the attention of the Minister for Lands be called to the special inconvenience and loss of time incurred by settlers on Crown lands situate in the Hay Land District, adjoining the southern and south-western boundary of the Hillston District, by reason of such persons having to travel to Hay in order to transact business; and that in order to remedy this the Minister for Lands be requested to alter the boundaries of the two districts, so as to enable the parties interested to have their business attended to at Hillston, which is conveniently situated with respect to the Crown lands in question."

Trusting that, as your attention has now been drawn to this subject, you will, at your earliest possible convenience, remedy the grievance complained of by altering the boundaries.

I have, &c.,

ERNEST SELK,  
Secretary.

[Presented by R. B. Wilkinson, M.P.]

Acknowledge receipt; the matter will receive attention, and due inquiry made.—C.O., 6/10/85.  
Mr. Cohen.—T.P.B., 1/10/85.      R. B. Wilkinson informed, 12/10/85.—V.C.      Referred to the  
Chairman at Hay for report.—C.O., B.C., 26/10/85.

### No. 4.

Mr. E. Selk to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Hillston, 29 September, 1885.

I have been instructed by the Progress Committee of Hillston to inform you that the following motion was carried at a meeting of that body, on the 21st instant:—"That, in the interest of legitimate settlement in this district, it is advisable that the utmost promptitude should be exercised in dealing with applications for selections and homestead leases; that, in the opinion of the Committee, this cannot be done

done so long as one Land Board Chairman has control of the several Land Districts of Hay, Deniliquin, Hillston, Balranald, and Wentworth, and that in view of the large areas of land which are being taken up at Hillston, as compared with the other districts named, the want of a distinct Land Board District with Hillston as its head-quarters is urgently essential to the satisfactory administration of the Land Act."

The above motion being so very exhaustive, I need only inform you that a great many of the successful applicants being from a great distance they are anxiously waiting to be put in possession, as in some cases they have actually stock travelling in this district to place on the land.

Trusting, therefore, that you will speedily remedy this hindrance to settlement by creating Hillston District a separate Land Board District.

I am, &c.,  
ERNEST SELK,  
Secretary.

[Presented by R. B. Wilkinson, M.P.]

Acknowledge receipt, and state that matter will be inquired into.—C.O., 6/10/85. Mr. Cohen.—T.P.B., 8/10/85. R. B. Wilkinson informed, 12th December, 1885.—V.C. Referred to the Chairman at Hay for report.—C.O., B.C., 26/10/85. Report herewith.—A.J.P., 31/12/85.

### No. 5.

#### Office Memorandum.

28 October, 1885.

Is it a fact that the Land Board has not yet sat at Balranald? I should like to know why it has not done so.

J. P. ABBOTT.

A Land Board was advertised to be held on the 30th of June last (see papers herewith). No further notice of any subsequent Board to be held has since been received.—T.P.B., 28/10/85. Submitted.—C.O., 28/10/85. Ask the Chairman to hold a Court at Balranald as quickly as possible.—J. P. ABBOTT, 28/10/85. Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, asked accordingly, 29/10/85.

### No. 6.

#### Petition from Residents of Hay.

To the Honorable the Secretary for Lands, Sydney,—

WE, the undersigned residents of the Hay Land District, beg respectfully to request that you will give the following matter your earliest and favourable consideration, namely,—

That we are greatly inconvenienced in consequence of the Land Court being held at most inopportune times. The delay in dealing with the applications which have been sent in since the last Court held means a great loss of time and money to the selectors of this district.

Trusting you will kindly give this your earliest attention, and your petitioners, in duty bound, will ever pray.

Thomas R. Suttie, Hay, surveyor and land agent.  
James Chant, Hay, selector.  
J. A. M'Donald, Hay, selector.  
R. Cairns, Hay, selector.  
H. Smith, Hay, selector.  
G. C. Parker, Hay, selector.  
H. G. Selby, Hay, selector.  
W. J. Hills, Hay, auctioneer.  
— Paton, Lachlan-street, Hay, selector.  
William Martin, carrier, Booligal.  
James Parker, Hay, contractor.  
E. C. Parker, Hay, tankmaker.  
John Jacobs, Hay, selector.  
Peter Halbish, Hay, hotelkeeper.  
R. Mather, Hay, hotelkeeper.  
J. Gunning, Hay, gentleman.

John Dillon, Hay, hotelkeeper.  
Joseph Bunyan, Booligal, selector.  
Edsall Gunber, Hay, chemist, &c.  
John Miller, Hay, bailiff.  
G. F. Allman, Hay, publican.  
Richard W. Holmes, Deniliquin, selector.  
Donald Murray, Hay, merchant tailor.  
John Wrenn, Hay, contractor.  
James O'Brien, Hay, carrier.  
Thomas L. Daniel, Hay, carpenter.  
William Smith, Howlong, mills.  
William Edgar, Hay, selector.  
Edward Riley, Gre Gre, Hay, selector.  
G. F. Dalton, Toganmain Station, selector.  
Arthur Herriot, jun., Carrathool, selector.  
Charles Smith, Carrathool, selector.

Submitted.—T.A., 4/11/85. Perhaps the Chairman should report.—C.O., 10/11/85.

Approved. I am well aware that Mr. Park devotes all his energy to expedite the work of the Board. The probable rush of work at the initiation has probably caused delays, which may be remedied.—J.P.A., 14/11/85.

Applicants informed, 18th November, 1885. The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.—C.O., B.C., 18/11/85. Report herewith, 31/12/85.

### No. 7.

#### Mr. A. Jamieson to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Deniliquin, 17 November, 1885.

At the recent holding of the Local Land Board the Chairman intimated that in future all agents appearing on behalf of clients must produce a written authority, witnessed by a clergyman or Justice of the Peace.

This I contend is an unnecessary provision, especially the witnessing of the authority, for, in addition to the inconvenience occasioned to applicants (many of whom reside long distances from a Justice of the Peace or clergyman), it casts a reflection on the agent, and challenges his standing. Sub-section



3 of section 14 distinctly states "every party \* \* \* be heard by counsel, attorney, or agent"; therefore the Act in nowise provides for such a course. I presume that your Department desire that applicants should have as simple and economical a representation as possible, and that it may in many instances be more agreeable for applicants to be represented by their agent, who receives a small remuneration, than to be put to unnecessary legal charges by employing a solicitor.

I respectfully beg that you will not allow such an injustice to be done to any respectable Land Agent.

I have, &c.,

A. JAMIESON.

Submitted.—T.P.B., 19/11/85. C.O., 27/11/85.

I see great difficulties in dealing with this matter. The Board have taken a wise course; but, at the same time, one which may lead to some inconvenience. I think if the party appearing will produce the written authority of his principal that will be quite sufficient; if the agent should abuse his authority, the Board can refuse again to hear him. This decision may be communicated to all Boards.—J.P.A., 2/12/85.

Mr. Jamieson informed, 4/12/85. Circular to the various Chairmen, 12/12/85. Mr. Wilmot to note. Entered and examined, 18/12/85.

### No. 8.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 December, 1885.

I have the honor to inform you that the question having been raised as to what authority, and whether it should be witnessed, an agent must produce to show his right to represent clients in Land Courts, the Secretary for Lands has decided that if the Board deem it necessary that an authority should be produced, it will be sufficient for an agent to exhibit the written authority of his principals, and if he should abuse his permission the Board can refuse again to hear him.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

### No. 9.

Memorandum for the Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

In reference to the Chairman's memorandum of this morning, he is informed that it is not possible for me to spare time this afternoon to confer with him on the subject of the alteration of the boundaries of the Hillston Land District, but any day next week that may be convenient to the Chairman I will be very glad to go into the matter with him. I would point out, however, that if the Chairman wishes to confer with me on this or any other matter, he should at least consult my convenience by asking for an appointment at this office.

ROBERT M'DONALD,

District Surveyor.

Received, 31/12/85.—A. J. PARK. District-Surveyor M'Donald asked by letter to confer with the Chairman at Local Land Board Office on Wednesday, 6th instant.—4/1/86. Put away.

[Enclosure.]

Memorandum for the District Surveyor, Hay.

In reference to the minute of the District Surveyor to the Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, undated, but which was written on the 31st December, 1885, concerning a conference on the matter of proposed alteration of the line dividing the Hillston and Hay Land Districts, the Chairman begs to state that at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 5th of January, 1886, will be quite a convenient time to him for the purpose, if it will also suit the District Surveyor's engagements.

As to the last paragraph of the District Surveyor's memorandum referred to, it is not quite clear what is meant.

The convenience of the District Surveyor has always been most punctiliously studied. He has been asked to do nothing which might in any way have even the appearance of interfering with his work, in which he has been perfectly free and untrammelled.

The District Surveyor has never been asked to attend any of the Courts, not even in the metropolis of the district, and only once has he been invited to a meeting. On this, the first occasion of his being asked to attend a conference of perhaps ten minutes, on a technical subject, the District Surveyor objects that "his convenience is not studied by appointing his office as a place of meeting."

I can only add that the head office of the Local Land Board is the natural and proper place for the transaction of such business, and that I have no intention of departing from so obvious a rule, unless in exceptional cases, when good cause may be shown to necessitate a change of venue.

### No. 10.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 31 December, 1885.

I have the honor, in accordance with your B.C. dated 26th October, 1885, endorsement upon a petition—Ministerial 85-10,411, Land Board District 85-1,036p herewith—to report that there is no present necessity for creating a separate Land Board District with Hillston as a centre of operations, for the following reasons:—

That there is insufficient work for a separate Land Board and staff in Hillston Land District alone, and no other Land Districts can conveniently be combined therewith without injuriously reducing the area and the work of adjacent Land Board Districts.

Even at the date of the application by the Progress Committee there was not at Hillston alone sufficient business to justify the creation of a separate establishment, though there was an accumulation of work, caused partly by the great pressure incidental to working off arrears of the Acts repealed, and to the initiation of the Act of 1884, and partly by the delay in receiving reports on homestead leases, &c., from the District Survey Office.

That

That such accumulation has been completely disposed of, and can never occur again under any circumstances.

That the ordinary amount of business in Hillston District can for the future be easily despatched by three or four periodical sittings per annum of the present Land Board, if supported by prompt action in Survey Branch.

I have, &c.,

ARCHD. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Ministerial 85-10,411, Land Board District 85-1,036b herewith. Referred for the report of the District Surveyor as to delay alleged to have occurred in the District Survey Office.—C.O., B.C., 18/1/86. Returned with my report of this date, No. 86-5.—R. M'DONALD, District Surveyor, Hay, 29/1/86.

### No. 11.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 31 December, 1885.

I have the honor, in accordance with your B.C. dated 18th November, 1885, endorsal upon a petition—Ministerial 85-11,246, Land Board District 85-1,111b herewith—to report that this petition is from certain persons in and about Hay in reference to the local administration of the Land Act, and comprises two grounds of complaint—

1st. That the times at which Board meetings are held are inopportune.

2nd. That there has been delay in dealing with applications made since last Court.

As to the first-named, I cannot perceive how any of the dates on which Courts have been held can be said to have been inopportune, when all parties known to be concerned received due and proper notice thereof.

As to the second, the delay mentioned was due to the absence of reports from the District Surveyor before I started a long circuit of Courts throughout this district, which has occupied all my time since 25th October last.

I have advertised a Court for the 12th instant at Hay, by which date I hope the District Surveyor will have forwarded reports on all cases set down for hearing.

In order to place you in a position to appreciate the value of the petition, I may mention that out of the thirty-two petitioners only ten have their names recorded as holders or applicants for land in the registers of this district. The remainder are those of the Sheriff's bailiff, the inferior publicans and tradespeople in the town having no direct interest in land matters, so far as is known, and two persons whose business advertisements are clipped from local newspapers, and hereto attached, one of whom (Suttie) is said to have organized the movement and written the petition.

I have, &c.,

ARCHD. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Forwarded to the District Surveyor as to alleged delay in District Survey Office.—C.O., B.C., 18/1/86. Returned with my report of this date, No. 86-5.—ROBT. M'DONALD, District Surveyor, Hay, 29/1/86.

### [Enclosure.]

A.

T. SUTTIE,

Surveyor, Land Agent and Draftsman.

Ten years' experience in Surveyor-General's Department, both field and office. Designs and specifications for buildings. Plans, tracings, and maps of any part of the Colony furnished upon the shortest notice.

Surveying and levelling for irrigation purposes promptly executed.

Descriptions of conditional purchases, conditional leases, and homestead leases accurately written; tank sites laid out; excavations calculated.

Run, parish, and county maps charted up to date.

Land Agents may rely upon their cases being properly represented to the Local Land Board; charges strictly moderate. Office at Mr. W. T. Hills', auctioneer, Lachlan-street, next to Rapheal & Co.

B.

Land for the people; 40 up to 10,240 acres.

In view of early operation of the new Land Act, W. T. Hills begs to inform his constituents and those in search of high-class lands for *bona fide* settlement that he can place at their disposal the choicest areas in both the Central and Western Divisions, which, for soundness of country, quality of grasses, timber available, and natural facilities for catching and the conservation of water cannot be excelled.

Applications made out in proper form, and correct tracings, reducing identification to a certainty, supplied upon the shortest notice, thereby ensuring a client the land he actually wants.

Correctness of application and securing the area desired are guaranteed.

Those requiring first-class country should communicate at once with W. T. Hills, Land Agent, Hay, sole agent for J. A. Martin, late Farnell (Minister for Lands) and Martin, Lands Agency Office, Sydney.

### No. 12.

Mr. A. Jamieson to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Deniliquin, 23 January, 1886.

I enclose you a clipping from the *Deniliquin Chronicle* of 21st January, which expresses the general feeling of dissatisfaction which exists in the minds of selectors at the manner in which the Local Land Board is treating them.

The Board have only held one sitting (28th October and following days), and at that sitting several cases were taken (and many at that sitting not yet determined), whilst neighbours of theirs who applied at the same time are not yet dealt with.

Many of the applicants are residents in Victoria, and it is an injustice to them that their cases are kept in abeyance so long, as they are debarred from selecting in the interim, they not knowing whether they will get the land they have now applied for.

I have, &c.,

A. JAMIESON.  
Perhaps

Perhaps it may be deemed desirable to ask the Chairman for a report.—C.O., 30/1/86. Approved.—G.S., 2/2/86. Mr. Cohen.—T.P.B., 3/2/86. The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), B.C., 5/2/86. No blame can attach to the Deniliquin Board, for every case upon which a report had been received from the District Surveyor was dealt with as far as practicable.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, 12/3/86. The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney. Referred to the District Surveyor with a view to every possible despatch being given to the matters referred to.—C.O., B.C., 13/4/86. Would the Chairman be good enough to favour me with the dates of the last Court at Deniliquin.—R. M'DONALD, District Surveyor, 15/4/86. The Chairman, Local Land Board. February 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th.—A. B. CREW, 15/4/86. The District Surveyor, Hay.

A Land Court was held at Deniliquin on the 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th of February last (since the date of this letter), and probably the cases complained of were dealt with at that Court. Except in a few cases where the applications were dependent on the action taken on repealed cases, I think there has been little cause for complaint. Every possible effort has been made, and is still being made, to deal with the applications promptly. Perhaps the writer of the complaint should be asked to specify the cases where undue delay has occurred.—R. M'DONALD, District Surveyor, 15/4/86. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Inform that the Chairman and District Surveyor report that every effort is being made to dispense of all applications for land with despatch.—C.O., 19/4/86. In view of the date of the Mayor's letter, no reply need now be sent.—C.O.

[Enclosure.]

[From *Deniliquin Chronicle*, 21 January, 1886.]

SELECTION OF LAND.—Numerous complaints are heard respecting the delay which exists in dealing with applications for conditional purchases in this district. Some applied for at the first land day in August last, and recommended in October following by the Local Board, are yet undetermined, and that to the great annoyance and loss of the smaller intending settler, and particularly so, as it is noticed that apparently, we will not say more despatch, but a stricter attention to business, is shown in other districts. Whatever the cause, the delay noticed is very disheartening, and if it is intended to kill selection right out, we scarcely think a more likely process to effect that could have been adopted.

No. 13.

Mr. District-Surveyor M'Donald to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

District Survey Office, Hay, 25 January, 1886.

In reference to your B.C. memorandum on Ministerial 86-192 and 193, directing me to report with reference to alleged delays in furnishing reports to the Local Land Board, Hay, I do myself the honor to inform you, in explanation, that very shortly after my appointment I came to Hay. As the District Survey offices were unfurnished, and as no plans, papers, or furniture had been forwarded, I returned to Sydney, and was engaged for nearly a month obtaining the services of surveyors, arranging for the distribution of the large accumulation of work under the repealed Acts, and in gathering necessary information. I returned to Hay about the end of February, 1885, and immediately commenced my duties, with only a field assistant, with very little experience, in a building in which painters and carpenters were still at work. Cases and packages of furniture and maps were scattered about the building; and I worked night and day for a considerable time to get matters even a little straight.

The Minister's direction that all the work under the repealed Acts was to be completed before the end of 1885 received my best endeavours. In arranging with surveyors I had stipulated that all the surveys should be completed by the end of September. The result was that a very great number of plans and reports were received during that month, and all the surveyors in the field were working their hardest to clear off outstanding cases. I think the records of the Survey Department will prove that. All cases were thoroughly looked into in this office before being despatched to head-quarters. If any errors or omissions were discovered, or matters requiring explanation, the case was returned to the surveyor, thereby saving considerable delay. The necessity of dealing rapidly with surveyors' plans was further impressed upon me by a communication from the Surveyor-General directing immediate action, so that the revenue expected from the Department could be obtained. With such an amount of work on hand in the office, and with all surveyors fully employed in the field, some delay in forwarding reports on a number of conditional purchases and conditional leases was unavoidable.

A number of applications had, however, been reported on, and had been dealt with by the Board at two separate meetings. About the middle of October this office was again in a position to deal with applications under the present Act, and immediate attention was given thereto, and I think I can confidently state that there have been no undue delays since then; but the absence of the Chairman from Hay, while holding Courts at Deniliquin, Balranald, Wentworth, and Hillston, prevented my reports on the Hay cases being dealt with, and consequently many of these reports were three months in the Chairman's office awaiting action by the Board.

As an evidence of the amount of work performed in this office during the past year, I beg to inform you that 1,348 instructions for survey and report were received from the Surveyor-General, and transferred by the District Surveyors, who formerly had portions of this district under their supervision; 2,465 reports and communications from surveyors and the public were received; fully 1,000 reports were furnished to the Chairman; and about 300 reports, &c., were written to the Surveyor-General, surveyors, and the public. I would also inform you that at the end of the year there were not in the whole district fifty outstanding cases under the repealed Acts, and very nearly all these cases were of very recent issue.

I would be glad to have furnished with this report a statement of the cases received from the Chairman during the year, and the dates of action thereon by this office, but I hesitate employing an officer on such a lengthy undertaking.

I can state with confidence that my best energies have been devoted to my official duties. There has been scarcely a day that I have not worked for at least ten hours; very frequently I have had to work on Sundays, and I think that on every holiday during the year I was at work in my office for the whole day, and, as a rule, I have been ably assisted by my staff in field and office, many of the officers having worked exceedingly hard.

I cannot conclude this report without expressing my feeling that the Chairman does not hesitate to indulge in captious criticisms regarding this office. I think his remarks (on papers Miscellaneous 86-192), "If supported by prompt action by Survey Branch," quite uncalled for, and that the inference is unjustifiable. For the beneficial working of this Act it is quite as necessary that this office should be equally supported by the Chairman's office. As an instance, I would mention that for the last three months the Licensed Surveyor in charge of the Wentworth District has hardly had sufficient work to keep him employed, although the homestead lease applications were dealt with by the Board on the 22nd November. The delay has, I presume, been unavoidable, and I only mention the matter to show that delays do occur in the Chairman's Branch.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT M'DONALD,  
District Surveyor.

The explanation furnished by Mr. District-Surveyor M'Donald is satisfactory. I conclude from the report of the Chairman, and the remarks of Mr. M'Donald, that these officers are not working in that harmonious manner that is essential in the public interests, and if this be so, one or both must be in fault. Perhaps I am in error in my conclusion, but I deem it necessary to say that both these officers should be impressed with the necessity of perfect unity of action, and that the absence of it will not be endured.—C.O., 2/2/86.

Disposed of personally with Mr. Park and Mr. M'Donald.—C.O., 1/5/86. Put away.

#### No. 14.

#### The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 2 February, 1886.

I have the honor to report as hereunder, in accordance with your minute of 26th October, 1885, written on paper Ministerial 85-10,410, which requests me to alter a boundary between the Hay and Hillston Land Districts:—

1. The request is preferred by the Progress Committee of Hillston in the interests of residents in the Hay Land District.
2. It does not appear on the papers that those residents are desirous of the change suggested, though many of them certainly live nearer to Hillston than to Hay.
3. Inhabitants of other Land Districts are similarly inconvenienced, but to a greater degree; whence,
4. If any change is desirable, it should be thorough and systematic.
5. The map enclosed shows a design in green made by me for your consideration, should you contemplate making the alteration desired. The blue line is that immediately under notice.
6. In this design for remodelling Land Districts within the Hay Land Board District, each boundary-line possesses the mathematical property that any point therein is equidistant from adjacent Land Office towns.
7. These lines could be laid down on the maps as nearly in their mathematical positions as the parish boundaries (which should be adhered to) will allow.

Absence from head-quarters, and great pressure of work have prevented my forwarding this report earlier, though it has been drafted since the 6th of January.

I have, &c.,

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Papers Ministerial 85-10,410 herewith and map. Mr. Houston.—C.O., 9/2/86.

There does not appear to be any pressing necessity for the alteration desired, and at the present time the staff of the Department is taxed to the utmost with current work. To rearrange the Hillston District would require other adjoining districts to be similarly treated, which would involve an amount of labour that cannot at the present time be undertaken.—C.O., 19/4/86.

Approved.—H.C., 4/5/86. Mr. Cohen.—T.P.B., 5/5/86. Mr. Wilkinson informed, 6th May, 1886, and Chairman.—C.W.F.

#### No. 15.

#### J. Gormly, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Legislative Assembly, Sydney, 28 June, 1886.

The following facts have been brought under my notice by several residents of Hillston and the surrounding neighbourhood, viz. :—

That the present boundary-line of the Hay and Hillston Land, Police Licensing, and District Court Districts runs to within about 20 miles of the town of Hillston.

The consequence is that persons residing in the Hay District within an easy distance of Hillston are compelled, when they have land or Court business to transact, to travel to Hay, a distance of 70 or 80 miles, whereas the same business should be done at Hillston.

As an instance of this, I may mention that Mr. O'Brien, of Whealbah, 23 miles from Hillston, but within the Hay District, has to go to Hay to do his land business. To do this he must go to Hillston, take the coach to Carrathool, and then travel by rail to Hay. If he selects, he soon after has to go before the Land Board at Hay. This means heavy expense, absence from business, and loss of time. If he could do his business at Hillston, he could leave home in the morning and return before dark the same day.

The same may be said of a large number of selectors and others at a distance of from 40 miles from Hillston. If a selector at Gunbar, at say a distance of 27 miles from Hillston, and 70 miles from Hay, wants to go to Court he cannot go to the former place, but must go to the latter. If he has a debt to recover, or is summoned in the District Court, he must go to Hay, instead of to Hillston. If a publican living within 20 or 30 miles of Hillston wishes to apply to a Licensing Court, he must go 70 or 80 miles to Hay before he can do so. The injustice of this is so manifest that I feel sure you will at once take steps to have the boundary-line altered, so as to include all country at least 40 miles south of the town of Hillston.

I have, &c.,

JAMES GORMLY.

To

To the Chairman of Board, for comment and advice.—H.C., 2/7/86. Mr. Chairman Park.—  
C.O., B.C., 3/8/86. Inform Mr. Gormly, M.P. J. Gormly, M.P., 3/8/86. Submitted.—A.B.C.,  
10/8/86.

Let this remain in abeyance until I return to head quarters and have an opportunity of consulting  
the District Surveyor to whom the papers had better be sent for consideration meanwhile.—A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Land Board, Hillston, 1/9/86. The Clerk-in-Charge, Land Office, Hay.

Referred to the District Surveyor, as above directed.—A.B.C., 6/9/86. I have looked into this  
matter, and will be very glad to go into it with the Chairman any time at a day's notice.—R. M'DONALD,  
22/11/86. The Chairman, Local Land Board.

After the Land Court has concluded its daily sitting on Monday, 29th instant, I shall be glad to  
confer with the District Surveyor, if equally convenient to him.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, 24/11/86. The  
District Surveyor, Hay.

This matter was personally arranged yesterday afternoon.—R. M'DONALD, 26/11/86. The Chair-  
man, Hay.

The vacant and available land in the district of Hay North has been almost wholly taken up, and  
unless all the Land District boundaries are altered, I can see no reason why this particular boundary should  
be so treated. The Deniliquin and Balranald districts are much more disadvantageously bounded.—A. J.  
PARK, Chairman, Hay, 29/1/87.

The Under Secretary for Lands.—A.B. (*pro* Chairman), B.C., Hay, 15/2/87.

May perhaps be informed that, as nearly the whole of the available Crown land in the Land  
District of Hay North has been alienated, the proposed alteration of Land District boundaries is not now  
considered necessary.—S.F., 21/2/87.

C.O., 22/2/87. Approved.—T.G., 23/2/87. Mr. Gormly informed, 28/2/87.

#### No. 16.

#### Telegram from Mr. J. G. Carroll to The Secretary for Lands.

Hillston, 8 September, 1886.

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that 7,000 acres have been applied for when land first opened,  
and the Board has been sitting since 6th August, and not one single case has been finally dealt with.  
Several applicants have arrived here with their families and stock, and have been under great expense; and  
I am informed that the Chairman is going to Hay to-morrow, and will not be back until the 20th of the  
month, and is taking all the papers with him. Local members are ready to go on with the business. If  
people are not allowed to go on now, there will be no grass or water, as the squatters are over-stocking the  
resumed area, and when the people get land there will be no grass or water, so the applicants cannot go  
on with their stock, or even do their fencing. I ask you, in the interest of several *bona fide* people whom  
I represent, to wire Mr. Park, the Chairman, to go on with the business. Two public meetings were held  
here condemning the Board for the delay. I refer you to to-day's *Herald*. People camped with stock  
on sufferance waiting, and at rate the Board is going on they will not get on for six or twelve months.

J. G. CARROLL,

Agent for several Applicants.

Telegraph to Chairman at Hillston:—Mr. J. G. Carroll telegraphs that although Board has been  
sitting since 6th August not a single case has been disposed of; that several applicants have arrived with  
their families and stock; and that while the local members are prepared to go on you are about to leave  
for Hay. Please wire explanation.—C.O., 9/9/86.

Telegram sent, 9/9/86.

#### No. 17.

#### Telegram from Mr. L. G. Wright to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Hillston, 9 September, 1886.

MR. CARROLL's telegram shown me by Chairman. I, as one local member of Board, am not now prepared  
to proceed with the Land Board business, being engaged sitting upon an important case under the Rabbit  
Act, and consider that if the Chairman of Board goes to Hay and employs his officers it will expedite the  
Board work, and the applicants for land will be in possession sooner.

LINDON G. WRIGHT,

Member, Local Land Board.

#### No. 18.

#### Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Hillston, 9 September, 1886.

NEARLY 150 cases have been heard since 5th August, including about sixty or seventy homestead  
leases. Many have been finally disposed of, but no homestead leases, as they involve a tedious investiga-  
tion *in camera*. In respect of appraisal of improvements, such investigations were deferred till all  
the open Court work was disposed of, to suit public convenience. The open Court work is now practically  
over, and the members of the Board being seized of a lengthy case under the Rabbit Act, I take papers to  
Hay to have the necessary clerical work performed at my office, returning here in a few days to complete  
and announce decision, and hear some very important 20th section cases set down for, and postponed to,  
20th September. If you prefer that I should stay and send for Mr. Boot to help me, please reply before  
3 o'clock, when the coach starts.

A. J. PARK,

Chairman, Land Board.

Send for Mr. Boot if such course will facilitate public business.—C.O., 9/9/86. Telegram sent,  
9/9/86.

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No. 19.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Hillston, 9 September, 1886.

MR. BOOT cannot arrive before Sunday. Court was adjourned till 20th, by unanimous vote. As public business will be facilitated by my taking papers to head office, I am now starting for Hay—a course which, I am sure, you will approve of. Address to Hay till Tuesday.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Local Land Board.

Let me have the previous telegrams.—C.O., 9/9/86. Herewith.—C.W.T., 10/9/86. The Under Secretary.

No. 20.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

10 September, 1886.

TRAVELLED from Hillston during the night, and now the cases in connection with Land Court there are being completed by office staff, ready for final decisions by Board on my return to Hillston. Start next week.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Land Board.

Reply to Mr. Carroll that, from report received from Mr. Chairman Park, it appears that he has made the best arrangements that appeared to him possible under the special circumstances, and that he will be instructed to dispose of the outstanding cases with despatch. Inform Mr. Park that no effort must be spared in disposing of the whole of the cases with the utmost despatch. Wholesale adjournments are likely to cast suspicion upon the administration, and irritate the applicants for land.—C.O., 10/9/86.

Telegrams sent, 10/9/86.

No. 21.

Telegram from Mr. J. G. Carroll to G. R. Dibbs, Esq., M.P.

10 September, 1886.

PLEASE see my telegram to Minister for Lands, *re* public meeting and Land Board. Urge action. See last Wednesday's *Daily Telegraph* for particulars. Reply paid.

J. G. CARROLL.

Let me have telegrams received from Mr. Chairman Park.—C.O., 13/9/86. Herewith.—C.W.T., 14/9/86. Put away.—C.O., 15/9/86.

No. 22.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

13 September, 1886.

REFERRING to your telegram of 10th September, requesting every effort to be used, and alluding to likelihood of suspicion being cast on administration, &c., have to state that we have been and are working day and night and Sundays. Less delay would occur if the staff of clerks were adequate to the magnitude of the work in this Land Board District. Scarcely understand last part of your telegram; but, if Board administration be attacked, I owe a duty to the Department I serve and to my various colleagues to demand a full and public inquiry.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Local Land Board.

There appears to be no necessity for inquiry. The telegram simply pointed out what might be the result of the postponements, and urged expedition. I cannot understand what connection there is between the office staff and the adjournment of cases fully or partly heard.—C.O., 13/9/86.

Former papers herewith.—C.W.T., 13/9/86. Telegram sent.—13/9/86. Noted.

No. 23.

R. B. Wilkinson, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 17 September, 1886.

At the request of the inhabitants of Mossiel, I have the honour to enclose a letter to yourself from a meeting held at Mossiel on the 7th instant, embodying certain resolutions passed at that meeting condemning the action of the Hillston Land Board, and asking for the removal of Mr. Wright from the Board and for the establishment of a Land Board at Mossiel.

I have, &c.,  
ROBERT B. WILKINSON.

[Enclosure.]

To the Honorable The Minister for Lands,—

Sir,

Mossiel, 8 September, 1886.

At a large and influential meeting held here last night, for the purpose of condemning the action of the Land Board, Hillston, for the manner in which business generally is conducted there, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

- 1st. That this meeting expresses its entire disapproval of the procedure of the Hillston Land Board, and views with alarm the consequences which must follow when regulated by other than strict adherence to impartiality, the decisions given being quite contrary to sworn testimony.
- 2nd. This meeting is of opinion that Mr. L. Wright, being closely connected with squatting interests only, his removal from the Board would tend materially to strengthen public confidence in its administration.

3rd.

3rd. That, in the opinion of this meeting, Mossgiel being the centre of a large area of homestead conditional leases, the establishment of a Land Board here would materially help to the settlement of the land and conduce to the benefit of all concerned.

4th. That the foregoing resolutions be at once forwarded to the Minister for Lands.

F. H. THOMPSON,  
Chairman.

To be forwarded to the Board for any explanation or comment the Chairman or Mr. Wright may have to make.—H.C., 27/9/86. The Chairman, Hay.—C.O., B.C., 30/9/86. Forward to the Board\* at Hillston, in accordance with Ministerial minute hereon of 27/9/86 for any comment or explanation Mr. Wright may have to make.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, 5/10/86. To be returned with an explanation to the Minister to this office.—A.J.P., 5/10/86. Returned to Chairman of Board with letter to Minister.—L. G. WRIGHT, 7/10/86.

\* See copies of telegraphic correspondence attached to Mr. Wright's reply.—A.J.P., 16/10/86.

#### No. 24.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

25 September, 1886.

HILLSTON Land Court, which began on 5th August last, finished last night. The open Court sitting has been continuous, except nine days occupied, *in camera*, appraising improvements and completing clerical work on sixty-four homestead leases. You may expect those cases about Wednesday next.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Submitted.—S.F., 30/9/86. Seen.—C.O., 16/10/86.

#### No. 25.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Head Office, Land Board, Hay, 16 October, 1886.

I have the honor to return herewith the papers named in the margin, comprising a letter to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, embodying certain resolutions of a meeting at Mossgiel, "condemning the action of the Land Board at Hillston for the manner, &c.," in reference to which the comments or explanations of Mr. Member Wright and myself were invited by Ministerial minute, dated 27th September, 1886.

Mr. Member Wright's letter to the Honorable the Minister is enclosed, together with his subsequent letter addressed to me upon the same subject.

My explanations on the three Resolutions:—

*Resolution No. 3.*—No necessity whatever exists at present for the establishment of a Land Board at Mossgiel.

*Resolution No. 2.*—I believe the aspersions upon Mr. Member Wright to be unjust and uncalled for. I can conscientiously affirm that his counsels have been careful, honest, and devoid of partiality.

*Resolution No. 1.*—The Board has uniformly given impartial decisions, based on sworn testimony; and for myself—though unable to afford specific explanations to vague calumny—to any defined charge I shall be glad to make the most public defence in the most public place—the Bar of the House preferred.

I have, &c.,

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Land Board District of Hay.

Submitted.—C.O., 18/10/86. Seen.—H.C., 14/1/87.

#### [Enclosures.]

The Honorable The Minister for Lands, Sydney.

Sir,

Hillston, 7 October, 1886.

Referring to Mr. R. B. Wilkinson's letter, forwarding copy of resolutions passed at a meeting, held at Mossgiel, on the 7th September, I have the honor to state,—

1st. That the Hillston Local Land Board have shown no partiality in dealing with any case brought before them, and the decisions given have been strictly impartial.

2nd. That, as regards myself personally, my interests are not entirely with the squatting class, but equally with the homestead lessees and conditional purchasers, and the Hillston district generally.

If necessary, I feel confident that I can show that I have the confidence of a majority of all classes interested in the land in the districts of Hillston and Hillston North as a member of the Local Land Board.

And I confidently place myself in the hands of the Chairman of the Board to say if I have ever shown partiality as a member of the Board.

I have, &c.,

LINDON G. WRIGHT,  
Member, Local Land Board.

Ministerial attention is invited to a supplementary letter from Mr. Wright hereto attached, and numbered L.B.D. 86-5,161, addressed to me.—A. J. PARK, Chairman.

Telegram from L. G. Wright, Esq., to The Chairman, Local Land Board.

Hillston, 9 September, 1886.

Did not submit Mossgiel complaint for Mr. O'Neill's consideration, as the Ministerial minute referred to the Chairman and myself only. Letter by mail, Monday.

LINDON G. WRIGHT,  
Member, Local Land Board.

See my minute to Mr. Wright in L.B.D. 86-4,933. Enclosure herewith.—A. J. PARK, 16/10/86.

Telegram from Chairman, Local Land Board, to L. G. Wright, Esq.

Hillston, 8 October, 1886.

RECEIVED Mossgiel complaint this morning. Thanks. Reply by telegram whether you submitted it for Mr. O'Neill's consideration.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

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The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay,—  
Sir,

Hillston, 9 October, 1886.

Since writing to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, through yourself, on the 7th ultimo, *re* the matter of the complaint from Mossgiel against the Local Land Board, and myself particularly, I have been informed by a gentleman from that neighbourhood, in whom I place implicit reliance, that the meeting at which the resolutions referred to were passed condemning the Local Land Board was by no means a representative one, only a few people being present, and the chairman of the meeting a man of no influence, and bearing a most unenviable reputation in the district, and having no stake whatever at Mossgiel, or anywhere else.

Mr. H. A. Laird, whose conditional purchase you will remember we recommended for forfeiture, is the principal owner of township property in Mossgiel, and no doubt feels disappointed at the prospect of losing his improvements, and consequently has not the most kindly feeling for the Board.

And I must say that I do not consider it anything to the discredit of the Board if they are attacked by a few malcontents for having done their duty.

I have, &c.,

LINDEN G. WRIGHT,  
Member, Local Land Board, Hillston.

### No. 26.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

12 November, 1886.

PLEASE return papers eighty-eight six three four two (88-6,342) Ministerial, eighty-eight four two nought six (88-4,206) Local Land Board, *re* state of work, Hay Office; to you 24th July last.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary for Lands.

### No. 27.

Extract from the *Riverina Grazier*, 14th November, 1886.

WE are not alone in our opinion of the Hay Land Board. This Court (says the *Deniliquin Chronicle*) is dragging its slow way along with as little progress being made as possible. Although the Board has been sitting now eight days up to last night, the cases set down for hearing on the second day of the Court were not completed; and as some fifty or sixty cases have yet to be dealt with, it is more than likely that the sitting will last quite a fortnight longer. One case—that of Cobb's—lasted from last Friday until last night, when it was finished—at least as far as the Court is concerned. The work is very tedious, annoying, and aggravating to all concerned. Many of the applicants have been waiting a week for their cases to be called on, and several whose cases have been dealt with have been waiting patiently a similar time for the decisions in their respective cases, which is causing much inconvenience and trouble to applicants. Each and every applicant nearly is opposed in one form or another, either to invalidate the application, or in the matter of fighting as to the value of improvements, and whether they shall go to the squatter or to the Crown; and so the time of the Court is taken up day after day.

To partially remedy all this inconvenience in future, it would be better if the Local Land Board sat at Deniliquin oftener, and not have so many cases set down for hearing at each sitting, as that would prevent such a number of applicants suffering so much annoyance, and seem to be waiting about the precincts of the Court from day to day.

The Assistant Under Secretary. Submitted.—S.F., 19/11/86.

Mr. Park may be asked, in connection with this local paragraph, what time has elapsed between the various sittings at each of the Courts in his district, and whether it would not be possible to hold the Courts more frequently? I noticed complaints similar to those in this paragraph with reference to the Court recently held at Hillston.—H.C., 19/11/86.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.—S.F., B.C., 25/11/86. Replied to by my letter of this date to the Under Secretary for Lands.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Hay, 17/12/86.

### No. 28.

Extract from *The Chronicle and Riverina Gazette*, with Supplement, 2nd December, 1886.

THE LOCAL LAND COURT:—When the Land Act of 1884 was introduced, with the provision for the establishment of Local Land Boards, that provision was hailed with much satisfaction by all interested in settlement on the lands. It was then thought that the Local Land Courts sitting in the different centres of population would free the selectors from a great deal of the old worry and trouble that accompanied their efforts to acquire a few of the broad acres of the lands of this Colony. Under the old Acts there are few but will remember the loss of time, worry, and expenditure of money in selecting land in New South Wales, to say nothing of expensive lawsuits that many unfortunate selectors were subjected to.—(Passage No. 1); but under the new *regime* of the Local Land Boards, as far as this district is concerned, there seems to be very little improvement, if any. The selector is still made the object at which every possible obstacle is placed—every annoyance and worry thrown in his way, and his time and his money drawn from him in his endeavour to select land. Why the selector should continue to be so unfortunate and so harshly treated a subject of Her Majesty is more than we can say. The fact that he is so, however, remains to be answered by someone: perhaps the Minister for Lands can answer the question. One of our solicitors, during the last sitting of the Land Board, spoke of a riot or revolution amongst the selecting class, and said they were fools to stand the tyranny and oppression that they were subjected to. These remarks were straight and to the point, and we will not be surprised, if the present state of things continues, that something of the kind occurs to free the selector from the yoke of tyranny that surrounds him in every quarter.—(Passage No. 2.) Of the last sitting of the Local Land Board here, which occupied a month, and terminated its work last week, much can be said to illustrate what we mean respecting the hard treatment, worry, and annoyance extended to those who come before the Board to have their cases inquired into. In the first place, the sitting was extended over an unnecessary length of time, and compelled many interested to hang about the Court-house for a whole month at great inconvenience and loss of



of time and money. Long hours were occupied by solicitors in arguing points, *pro* and *con*, that could have been decided in a moment by the Chairman if he had exercised his power. But no; time was no object to the Board, and day after day was occupied in useless talk and equally useless evidence; and any one dropping in to see how the Court was progressing might go away with the opinion that the Board had no other object than to make it—(passage No. 3)—a “practice” Court for the solicitors “engaged,” and those acting the very charitable cause as “friends of the Court”—which, being interpreted in this instance, means the “friends of the squatters.” Another very serious fault occurred in the large number of cases—about thirty—postponed to the next Court, and the cause of this, in most instances, was apparent neglect of the Board.—(Passage No. 4). Notices are sent, or supposed to be sent, to the lessees on whose stations selectors were applying for land, but the Board neglected to bring its clerk from the Hay office to swear that notices had been posted. To this exception was taken by the solicitors engaged, and the Chairman allowed the objection as fatal; and so, many applicants, after waiting about for weeks at great expense and loss of time, had to return home, and have now to wait patiently till such time as the Board may think it necessary to sit in Deniliquin again, this being caused by the neglect of the head office at Hay. Many of the decisions given by the Board are open to the severest criticism, as they appear to be ridiculous and unfair to applicants. There is such a thing as administering an Act strictly, and there is also another by which a too stringent reading of an Act can make it unworkable by being interpreted in a way that is not intended by the Legislature. It may not be out of place to give a few cases, and the decisions given by this Board respecting them, to show how stringently the Board have thought fit to place their veto, as it were, on attempts to take up selections.—(Passage No. 5.) In C. L. Bootchier's case, the selector, in his application, described a certain fence, and gave the positions as he thought accurately; but the Surveyor's report showed that the exact position was not accurately stated, and for that reason alone the application was thrown out as informal, although the application had been previously recommended for confirmation by the same Board. Respecting this case, the Minister for Lands had telegraphed, we hear, to the Board that the informality described did not invalidate the selection. Before this information was received, however, the Board had finished its sitting, and so the applicant will have to wait another six months, making in all about two years, before he can go on to his land, and perhaps at the end of that time some other technical informality may be discovered.—(Passage No. 6.) In another case, that of Joseph Wellington, the application was thrown out, as he had not given the position of one or two of the improvements; and, in the face of the evidence of the applicant, the Surveyor, and another witness who was lost on this very land for three hours, being to the effect that it was utterly impossible to define the position of the improvements without an instrument, the Board threw out the application as informal. Again, in the case of C. Macauley, the applicant stated as near as possible the position and amount of improvements on the land in the application, and swore that from the nature of the country it was impossible to accurately state the position of all the improvements. In this case a most peculiar feature presented itself.—(Passage No. 7.) It was found, by the Surveyor's report, that the applicant had stated more improvements than were actually on the land, and then followed the arbitrary decision of the Board, who threw out the application on these grounds as informal. It is little use giving any further illustrations, but we may briefly state that Scott's, Coffee's, and Harvey's applications were thrown out on somewhat similar grounds. What the public will think of these decisions we do not know; but we think they may agree with us in saying they are simply absurd, and not in accord with the true and proper administration of the Act. If there was anything to be gained by the selector not stating the exact position of the many improvements on the lands in this district, we might reasonably understand the Board's action, but there is not, as all improvements are assessed and placed by the Surveyor in his report. Of course, there is a Court of Appeal, in which all parties feeling aggrieved at any decisions may have their cases reheard; but this is an expense that none but rarely should be put to. According to the decisions meted out by this Land Board, it seems to us an impossibility for any selector to take up land, no matter how intelligent he may be, unless he is a surveyor and lawyer as well, as the slightest technical objection is sufficient to bar him from getting his land. We would like to see the Land Board administer the laws in a fair and liberal spirit, and there would be then less cause for complaint; but the mode of administering the law by the Land Board, as far as Deniliquin is concerned, is the greatest bar to settlement that the unfortunate selector has ever had to contend against.

Submitted.—B.J.A., 6/12/86. Perhaps this matter may be remitted to the Chief Inspector for investigation when visiting the Board Office at Hay.—S.F., 16/12/86. It appears to me that the matter is one demanding immediate attention, and, as a preliminary step, the Chairman may be asked to state whether there are any grounds in the allegations made; and if so, the cause thereof.—C.O., 18/12/86

It is not always safe to place implicit reliance on newspaper paragraphs; but in this article, which is temperate and sensibly to the point, I think it necessary to call upon Mr. Park for an explanation with reference to the general charges as well as those of a specific nature; and I do this the more readily on account of several previous complaints, both in the Press and at public meetings, with reference to Mr. Park's administration of the Act.—H.C., 22/12/86.

The Chairman of the Local Land Board, Hay.—C.O., B.C., 22/12/86. Received.—29/12/86.

### No. 29.

J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Moama, 15 December, 1886.

[Extract.]

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The Land Board at Deniliquin want a decided alteration in their constitution, as their proceedings are most unsatisfactory, and settlement defeated thereby.

Yours, &c.,

J. M. CHANTER,  
Member of Parliament.

Submitted. Place with other papers relating to complaints as to the Hay Board.—S.F., 8/1/87.  
End of month.—B.A., 11/1/87.

No. 30.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Land Board Office, Hay, 21 December, 1886.

I have the honor to reply to the Ministerial minute of 25th November, 1886, on papers, Ministerial 86-9,957, herewith, as per margin.

While respectfully protesting against the submission for departmental action of anonymous newspaper paragraphs, written by persons obviously uninformed, I very gladly submit for Ministerial consideration the information called for, as follows:—

Since the 5th June, 1886, the continuity of sittings of my Board has been almost uninterrupted.

A table is appended hereto, showing dates of all sittings, ordinary and extraordinary, in "open Court" and *in camera* during the currency of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

To save the Honorable the Minister the trouble of a tedious perusal of abstract dates, I have prepared two sheet almanacs (no smaller size procurable), which show at a glance the whole thing diagrammatically.

It only remains to add that January, 1887, will be almost wholly occupied in disposing of the second division of cases of the present sittings at Hay. The following few months, say up to May or June, will be continuously occupied in open Court sittings at the remaining Land Board towns in this district, viz., Hillston (Cudgellico), Deniliquin, Balranald, and Wentworth, for the discharge of all current work, including appraisement of rents of those 136 pastoral holdings still undealt with, and of conditional leases.

I would remind the Honorable the Minister that nearly all the land in my district is the subject of current investigation, and that the area exceeds that of all England.

I have, &c.,

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

Marginal reference on above:—Papers—Ministerial 86-9,957 (L.B.D. 86-6,075); one tabulated statement; two sheet almanacs, prepared in illustration of proceedings.

Submitted.—S.F., 23/12/86. C.O., 27/12/86. Seen. May be resubmitted, with an explanation recently called for from Mr. Park on the same subject.—H.C., 28/12/86.

[Enclosures.]

RETURN showing Meetings of Hay Local Land Board in Open Court and *in camera*:—

District.	Year.	Open Court.	<i>In camera</i> .
Hay	1885	26 February	22 August.
"	"	19 June	29 August.
"	"	16 July	14 October.
"	"	24 August	24 October.
"	"	31 August to 8 September.	
"	1886	12 to 21 January	26 and 27 January.
"	"	15 to 18 February	17 and 18 February.
"	"	27 April to 1 May	5 to 9 March.
"	"	5 to 24 June	5 to 7 April.
"	"	25 November to 23 December	5 and 6 July.
"	"		14 September.
"	"		11 October.
"	"		10 December.
Booorooban	"	4 May.	
Hillston	1885	27 and 28 March	8 and 9 December.
"	"	6 and 7 July	15 December.
"	"	10 to 19 December.	
"	1886	5 August to 8 September	20 February.
"	"	20 to 24 September	26 February.
"	"		19 March.
"	"		16 to 19 September.
Euabalong	1885	10 July.	
Deniliquin	"	24 March.	
"	"	28 October to 5 November	8 October.
"	"		26 and 27 October.
"	1886	23 to 26 February	19 and 20 February.
"	"	26 to 29 May	16 March.
"	"	26 October to 22 November	31 May.
"	"		12, 13, and 14 October.
Balranald	1885	30 June	9 November.
"	"	10 November	1 December.
"	"	2 and 3 December.	
"	1886	18 to 22 May	16 March.
Wentworth	1885	19 to 25 November	16, 18, and 25 November.
"	1886	5 to 24 July	20 February.
"	"		16 March.

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February 26—Hay.	October 24—Hay, <i>in camera</i> .
March 24—Deniliquin.	" 26 and 27—Deniliquin, <i>in camera</i> .
" 27 and 28—Hillston.	" 28 to 31—Deniliquin.
June 30—Balranald.	November 1 to 5—Deniliquin.
" 19—Hay.	" 9—Balranald, <i>in camera</i> .
July 6 and 7—Hillston.	" 10—Balranald.
" 10—Euabalong.	" 16—Wentworth, <i>in camera</i> .
" 16—Hay.	" 18—Wentworth, <i>in camera</i> .
August 22 and 29—Hay, <i>in camera</i> .	" 19 to 25—Wentworth.
" 24 and 31—Hay.	December 1—Balranald, <i>in camera</i> .
September 1 to 8—Hay.	" 2 and 3—Balranald.
October 8—Deniliquin.	" 8 and 9—Hillston, <i>in camera</i> .
" 14—Hay, <i>in camera</i> .	" 10 to 19—Hillston.

It is hereby notified to all parties interested that the Local Land Board, Hay, will, on the 24th instant, hold an inquiry at the Local Land Board Office, at the Court-house, Deniliquin, as to whether the conditions imposed by law in respect to the undermentioned conditional purchases have been fulfilled or otherwise.

C.P. No.	Name of Applicant.	Date of Conditional Purchase.	Parish.
79-63	Peter Johnston, transferred to Elizabeth M'Laurin, to James M'Laurin, to John Ettershank.	18 September, 1879 .....	Tawarra.
82-72	Thomas Wragge .....	31 December, 1882 .....	Jimeringle.
81-69	Charles Brighton, deceased, now John G. Dougharty.	28 July, 1881 .....	Mia Mia.
82-10	Archibald Murdoch .....	9 February, 1882 .....	"
43	Hugh Boadle .....	8 June, 1882 .....	Toolon.
49	John Arthur M'Crae .....	22 " " .....	Tumudgery.
68	Thomas Robertson .....	23 November, 1882 .....	Jimeringle.
83- 1	John Childe .....	11 January, 1883 .....	Worobyan.
46	Olive Moore .....	30 August, 1883 .....	Darlot.
84-18	James Wm. M'Laurin .....	27 March, 1884 .....	Boorga.
81-12	John Leitch .....	19 May, 1881 .....	Toorangabby.
14	Alexander Garrick .....	2 June, 1881 .....	Thyra.
82-57	H. J. Rayment .....	6 July, 1882 .....	Nooroug.

ARCHD. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Local Land Board.

Hay, 10th March, 1885.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, Hay, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Board Room, Hay, at 10 a.m., on Monday, the 31st August, 1885, and following days, when the undermentioned applications, under the 52nd and 54th sections of that Act, will be dealt with.

COUNTY OF NICHOLSON.

Applications under the 52nd section.—Pre-leases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Parish.	No.	Name of Applicant.	Parish.
83- 3	James Hay .....	Eurella.	76-141	Thomas Colreavy .....	Moon Moon.
82-106	John Savage .....	do	83- 83	William Walker .....	Bolton.
84- 44	Thomas E. Lempriere .....	Coowerrawine.	92	Do .....	Livingston.
82- 97	George Barrow .....	Belaley.	96	James E. Armstrong .....	Mea Mia North.
95	Frank Lugsdin .....	do	82-194	Albert R. Warren .....	Synnot and Monckton.
98	David Patrick Gibson .....	do	83- 94	Mann, Thies, & M'Cauley	Chirnside & Monckton.
94	James William Lugsdin .....	do	173		
96	Jno. Highdale .....	Belaley and Amoilla.	79- 77	Union Bank of Australia...	Chirnside.
77- 22	John Gibson, jun. ....	Belaley.	83- 24	Charlotte Warren .....	Synnot and Monckton.
82-187	John Gibson .....	do	88		
84- 51	George A. Gibson .....	Amoilla.	89	George Warren .....	Monckton.
83- 49	Stephen Mills .....	Amoilla and Downey.	82-193	John Jones .....	Synnot.
76- 3	John Gibson, sen. ....	Amoilla.	196	Alfred Warren .....	Synnot and Monckton.
69	William G. Gibson .....	Berangerine.	195	John T. Warren .....	Russel.
76-137	Edward Pooock .....	do	84- 3	Jane Walker .....	Warrabalong.
83-178	Do .....	do	83- 90	Matilda Walker .....	Warrabalong & Elliott.
78- 28	Do .....	do	84- 4		
83- 55	Anthony Hurst .....	do	83-104	Do .....	Warrabalong.
77-109	London Chartered Bank ..	do	82-125	George Sides .....	do
82-191	Armstrong Brothers .....	Coowerrawine.	83-103	George Cook .....	do
83- 37	Annie Cameron, <i>nee</i> Ross...	Beaconsfield.	82-178	L. F. Broonshall .....	Gonowlia and Bowera- bine.
78- 86	Union Bank of Australia...	do	83- 5	Edward M. Howell .....	Gonowlia.
82- 99	V. S. Armstrong .....	Beaconsfield and Syn- not.	82-118	William Brooker .....	Bowerabine.
201	Edward Howell .....	Amoilla North.	112	Anna M. Brooker .....	do
81- 47	George Spry .....	Hounna.	139	Arthur Cant .....	do
77-108	Thomas Colreavy .....	Moon Moon.	140	Robert Gibson .....	Berangerine & Bowera- bine.

Applications under 54th section.—Conditional Leases.

85- 1	Amos Short .....	Russell.	85-28	Samuel Nixon .....	Lake Gunbar & Russell.
2	John O'Brien .....	Whealbah South.	30	Armstrong Brothers .....	Lake Gunbar.
3	Mary Costello .....	do	31	Walter Storer .....	Whealbah South.
4	Ellen Costello .....	do	41	Isabella Gibson, <i>nee</i> M'Leod	Bowerabine.
7	Henry Jones .....	Hounna.	42	Robert Gibson .....	Berangerine.
9	Denis Brogan .....	Gonowlia.	43	John Gibson, sen. ....	Belaley and Amoilla.
10	John Flanagan .....	do	44	John Gibson, jun. ....	Belaley.
15	Thomas Colreavy .....	Moon Moon and Yan- dumblin.	45	David Gibson .....	do
20	John Roach .....	Russell.	46	W. G. Gibson .....	Berangerine.
27	Richard Warren .....	Synnot.	47	W. A. Davis .....	Amoilla.
			48	J. E. Armstrong .....	Chirnside.

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

Applications under the 52nd section.—Pre-leases.

85- 11	F. Quinlan .....	Poli.	82-166	John Duncley .....	Tua and Saburra.
82-143	J. G. A. Vagg .....	Golgotherie.	88	Samuel Southwell .....	Saburra.
160	E. W. C. Bennett .....	Poli.	1	A. Finch .....	Molesworth.
83- 9	J. Walker, senior .....	do	2	Eliza C. Leslie .....	do
8	Sarah Walker .....	do	3	A. T. Finch .....	Vieta.
7	G. Walker .....	do	4	H. A. C. Finch .....	do
10	M. Walker .....	Poli and Audrey.	153	Patrick Martin .....	Saburra.
84- 1	E. W. C. Bennett .....	do	44	Albert Schoter .....	Saburra and Moles- worth.
60	Roderick Mackenzie .....	Tderaway.	204	Allen Stewart .....	Kirindi.
81- 8	George Eade .....	do	202	J. Bunyan .....	do
77- 89	Patrick Matthews or A. J. S. Bank.	do	203		
81-194	J. H. Lee .....	Clutha.	83- 30	Ann M. Vagg .....	Caaba and Whealbah.
82-130	Mary Matchett .....	do	31	Robert Vagg .....	Whealbah.
129	John Walker .....	Clutha and Saburra.	29	M. L. Vagg .....	do

## Applications under the 54th section.—Conditional Leases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Parish.	No.	Name of Applicant.	Parish.
85- 17	M. L. Vagg .....	Whealbah and Caaba.	19	Robert Vagg .....	Whealbah.
18	A. M. Vagg .....	Caaba.			

## COUNTY OF WARADGERY.

## Applications under the 52nd section.—Pre-leases.

82-121	James Carter .....	Jellalabad and Palmer.	81-220	London Chartered Bank ...	Waradgerly.
83-137	George Carter .....	do	77- 65	Henry Emery .....	Simson.
82-155	James Tyson .....	Oxley.	83- 32	William Harvey .....	Tua and Illiawa.
78- 14	Emma A. Tyson .....	do	35	Henry Harvey .....	do
82-165	Do .....	do	34	Sarah J. Harvey .....	Tua and Warrigal.
78- 24	Do .....	Oxley and Toopamtee.	83- 33	Thomas Harvey .....	Tua.
82- 64	William Hurle .....	Maude.	81- 40	J. M'Clelland and J.	Grant.
42	Walter Jackman .....	Darcoola.		Connors.	do
81- 50	Thomas Donahee .....	Darcoola and Wooloom-	12	James Connors .....	do
		bye.	11	John M'Clelland .....	do
82-134	Donald M'Cullam .....	Wooloombye.	83- 57	William M'Clelland .....	Warrigal.
82-133	Hugh Lyons .....	Darcoola and Waymea.	82-206	Mary Ayre .....	Leura.
128	Herbert Hudson .....	Waymea.	80	Patrick Prendergast .....	Yang Yang.
114	Isabella G. Ayre .....	Cluny.			

## Applications under the 54th section.—Conditional Leases.

85- 11	Abraham Neale .....	Brush and Wilgah.	85- 29	John Johns .....	Hay South.
13	Alice A. Stanmore .....	Tongul.	36	A. D. M'Innes .....	Beabula and Tully.
16	A. B. Morris .....	Pimpampa.	37	J. T. Alston .....	Beabula and Tom's
21	Thomas Woods .....	Tom's Point and Tully			Point (partly in
		(partly in county			county Sturt).
		Sturt).	38	B. M'Donald .....	Tully.

## COUNTY OF STURT.

## Applications under the 52nd section.—Pre-leases.

82-151	John F. Rose .....	Maiden and Livingston.	83- 95	W. A. Rippon .....	Mills.
150	James Rose .....	Maiden and Cockburn.	56	C. H. Shaw .....	do
149	F. Rose, junior .....	Maiden.	59	B. Tonetti .....	do
148	W. H. B. Rose .....	Livingston.	84- 21	J. Manly .....	do
147	Maria Rose .....	do	20	W. P. Manly .....	do
146	F. Rose, senior .....	do	25	John Harris .....	Carrego and Mills.
41	Jane P. Service .....	do	76-164	Frank Johns .....	Mills.
39	John Maghinny .....	Wycheproof and Liv-	81-210	Isaac Rudd .....	Carrego.
		ingston.	76-163	Do .....	do
40	George Brown .....	Wycheproof and War-	82- 62	Charles M'Farlane .....	do
		rabolong.	145	A. Haylock .....	do
76-106	Rudd Braners .....	Carrathool and Alleyne.	78- 83	Union Bank of Australia ...	do
80- 17	John Moore .....	Baalling.	84	Do .....	do
18	James Moore .....	do	85	Thomas Peard .....	do
82- 79	R. E. Horton .....	Lethington.	82-93	R. A. Peard .....	Wycheproof and Car-
81	E. J. Horton .....	do			rego.
205	W. M. Horton .....	do	76-105	Rudd Brothers .....	Yannaway.
5	M. Sedwidge .....	Buckley and Terrapee.	112	Union Bank of Australia ...	Howlong.
89	J. T. Alson .....	Tom's Point.	83- 82	Marion Walker .....	Bolton.
76-173	Evan Evans .....	Mills and Downey.	93	Do .....	Livingston.

## Applications under the 54th section.—Conditional Leases.

85- 5	A. Herriot .....	Carrathool.	85- 24	R. Hargreaves .....	Sturt and Carrego.
6	William Egan .....	Buckley and Lething-	25	T. C. Peard .....	Carrego.
		ton.	26	Martha Davis .....	Downey.
8	R. A. Peard .....	Wycheproof.	33	J. A. E. Horton .....	Lethington.
22	William Woods .....	Tom's Point and Be-	34	Mary M'Donald .....	Cockburn.
		abula.	35	Niell M'Innes .....	do
23	T. J. Campbell .....	Bringagee North.			

## COUNTY WALJEERS.

## Applicants under the 52nd section.—Pre-leases.

76- 63	A. Nicholson .....	Yaloo.	77-107	G. J. Turner .....	Merrimajeland Natue
62	A. J. Nicholson .....	do	72- 1	Albert Roset .....	Natue.
59	Louisa A. Lang .....	Natue.	79 1	Edward Roset .....	do
79-132	Do .....	do			

## COUNTY OF BOYD.

## Applicants under the 52nd section.—Pre-leases.

84- 30	P. J. Firth .....	Oolambeyan.			
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## Applicants under the 54th section.—Conditional Leases.

85- 12	James Chard .....	Fuchinery.	85- 39	A. Gibson .....	Boyd and Glengalla.
14	John Whalan .....	Toganmain.	40	J. Campbell .....	Boyd.
32	W. A. L. Campbell .....	Mulburragah.			

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 13th August, 1885.

ARCHIBALD J. PARK,  
Chairman.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, Hay, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Land Board room, Hay, on Wednesday, 2nd September (proximo), 1885, and following days, when the undermentioned applications, under the 52nd section of the Act, will be dealt with :—

## SECOND DIVISION.

## Leases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Parish.	No.	Name of Applicant.	Parish.
85-2966	James Nesbit .....	Kabarababejel.	85-4285	Herman Webster .....	Vieta.
2965	T. Beveridge .....	do	5934	John Brannock .....	Clutha.
4592	Alexander Macqueen .....	Penjmallee.	4524	George A. Sissons.....	Warradgery.
3812	William Vander Maal .....	Nardoo.	6383	Robert Mackenzie Ayre ...	Cluny.
277	James Nelson .....	Glengalla.	5967	do .....	do
2555	Donald M'Donald .....	Gonowlia.	2765	George James Turner .....	Murrumbegal.
2554	Henry Jones .....	Hoanna.	5312	Currie and M'Kinnon .....	Campbell.
2293	Matilda Nixon .....	Russell.	5311	Currie and M'Kinnon and Shaw.	do
2292	Samuel Nixon .....	do			
691	Robert S. Vagg .....	Poli and Golgothrie.			

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 19th August, 1885.

ARCHIBALD J. PARK,  
Chairman, Local Land Board.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held in the Court-house, Deniliquin, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 28th October, 1885, and following days, when the undermentioned applications will be considered, and, as far as possible, dealt with.

## COUNTY OF TOWNSEND.

## Applications under the 52nd section.—Pre-leases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Parish.	No.	Name of Applicant.	Parish.
82-62	Charles Walker .....	Conargo.	78-4	Christian Walker .....	Conargo.
74-3	Mary Saunders .....	Colimo.	77-47	do .....	do
81-29	Alexander A. E. Gunn .....	Wounul.	73-10	Joseph Field .....	do
84-25	Do .....	do	82-61	Mary Pearse.....	Willeroo.
81-7	Do .....	do	79-1	Bank of New South Wales	Warrawool.
68-1	John Burrows .....	Wandook.	83-25	Thomas O'Brien.....	Courrabungary.

## Applications under the 54th section.—Conditional Leases.

85-1	Robert Muirhead .....	Boorga.	85-16	Margaret Fallon .....	Boorga.
2	Do .....	do	17	Ellen Fallon .....	do
10	Do .....	do	26	Joseph H. Nixon .....	Banangalite.
5	Charles Howe.....	do	32	John O'Brien .....	Currabunganung.
6	James William M'Laurin...	do	33	John O'Brien, junior ...	do
12	Do .....	do	34	Mary Ann O'Brien.....	do
8	Patrick Smythe.....	Brassi.	35	Richard Haydon Cheriton	Mouimail and Wonox.
	{ Elizabeth M'Laurin .....	Bungooka.	36	Mary Christina Ann Cheri-	Mouimail.
11	{ J. W. M'Laurin .....	do	37	ton.	
	{ John Ettershank.....	do	43	Archibald Pearse .....	Willeroo.
13	Bank of New South Wales	Towarra.		Frederick William Parker	Quimong.
15	Thomas Fallon .....	Pungulgin.			

## COUNTY OF CADELL.

## Applications under the 52nd section.—Pre-leases.

80-1	Michael Weldon .....	Moirra.	83-3	Goare Balshaw .....	Porthole.
78-6	Archibald Leith.....	Toorangabby.	69-1	Robert Crump .....	Gulpa.
70-1	Harry Brown .....	Bama.			

## Applications under the 54th section.—Conditional Leases.

85-7	Roderick Bremner.....	Porthole.	85-22	John Santilla .....	Yarraman.
9	John Santilla .....	Yarraman.	14	Albert Edward Kinsey.....	Bama.

## COUNTY OF WAKOOL.

## Applications under the 52nd section.—Pre-leases.

77-20	Thomas Smith .....	Cockran.	84-29	John Charles Holmes .....	Yadabal.
79-31	William Faulks .....	Chowar.	81-6	John Hudson .....	Burrawang.
79-29	Do .....	do	84-22	John Halfey & J. W. Denis	Gunil and Monangatta.
28	Do .....	do	14	do .....	Gunil.
78-24	Robert Chapman .....	Liewa.	81-26	Australian Agency and	Mallen.
79-35	Do .....	do		Banking Corporation	
81-8	Do .....	do		(Limited.)	
14	R. Goldsbrough & Co.	do	84-24	Henry H. M'Culloch .....	Balpool.
	(Limited).		83-21	Margaret M. Holmes .....	do
75-14	John Hudson.....	Kyalite.	84-27	Richard Holmes.....	do
82-6	John George Dougharty ...	Mia Mia.	32	Thomas Wragge .....	Chowar.
81-12	Jane M'Connell .....	do	36	do .....	do
80-5	Thomas Smith .....	Corry.	31	do .....	do

## Application under the 54th section.—Conditional Leases.

85-3	James Stokes, junior .....	Yarrein.	85-28	Francis Smith .....	Poon Boon.
4	James John Watton .....	do	44	do .....	do
18	Adeline Emma Chapman...	Bungunyah.	29	Thomas Beresford, junior...	Warobyan.
19	Robert S. Smith .....	Nyang.	31	Kenneth Scobie Mackenzie	Yadchow.
20	Charles Plumridge .....	Yadchow.	38	Thomas Linton .....	Genol.
21	Mary Ann Cox .....	Darlot.	39	do .....	do
24	Neil Macauley .....	Towweruk.	40	Thomas Alexander Creswick	Yarren.
25	Alexander Macauley .....	do	41	do .....	do
27	William Faulks.....	Cochran.	42	Alfred Brickford .....	Niemur.
23	Murdock Macauley .....	Towweruk.	30	George Beresford .....	Warobyan.

Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Area.	Parish.	County.
		a. r. p.		
85- 1	John Thomas Jackson .....	640 0 0	Boyd .....	Wakool.
2	Henry Belbin .....	200 0 0	Yarran .....	Cadell.
3	Samuel Metcalf .....	640 0 0	Niemur .....	Wakool.
4	Easter Ann Metcalf .....	205 0 0	Brassi .....	Townsend.
6	William Ross .....	320 0 0	Brookit .....	Wakool.
7	Claud Nicholas Perrignon .....	640 0 0	Nyang .....	do
8	Annie Macauley .....	640 0 0	Boyd .....	do
9	Christina Macauley .....	640 0 0	do .....	do
10	David Jackson .....	640 0 0	do .....	do
11	John Tolan .....	400 0 0	Arrego .....	do
12	Maurice Woolfe .....	640 0 0	Boyd .....	do
13	Mary Woolfe .....	640 0 0	do .....	do
14	Patrick Woolfe .....	450 0 0	Nyang .....	do
18	James William M'Laurin .....	320 0 0	Boorga .....	Townsend.
19	James Edgar Faulks .....	250 0 0	Cockran .....	Wakool.
21	Catherine Allen .....	114 0 0	Bama .....	Cadell.
22	Peter Nolan .....	95 0 0	Caloola .....	do
20	George Thomas Preston .....	100 0 0	Bama .....	do
23	Archibald Stevenson .....	168 0 0	Yallacool .....	Townsend.
24	Meno Henry Bernard Flottman .....	128 0 0	Boyd .....	Wakool.
25	Carl Ludwig Bottcher .....	1,400 0 0	Wahmoul .....	do
28	Ernest Moser .....	80 0 0	Baorga .....	Townsend.
30	Caroline Smith .....	640 0 0	Poon Boon .....	Wakool.
Conditional Leases.				
85- 45	John Thomas Jackson .....	1,120 0 0	Boyd .....	Wakool.
46	Henry Belbin .....	200 0 0	Yarraman .....	Cadell.
47	Samuel Metcalf .....	1,920 0 0	Niemur .....	Wakool.
48	Claud Nicholas Perrignon .....	1,920 0 0	Nyang .....	do
49	Annie Macauley .....	1,920 0 0	Boyd .....	do
50	Christina Macauley .....	1,920 0 0	do .....	do
51	David Jackson .....	1,120 0 0	do .....	do
52	Maurice Woolfe .....	1,920 0 0	do .....	do
53	Mary Woolfe .....	1,920 0 0	do .....	do
54	Patrick Woolfe .....	1,350 0 0	Nyang .....	do
58	James Edgar Faulks .....	750 0 0	Cochran .....	do
59	George Thomas Preston .....	160 0 0	Bama .....	Cadell.
60	Archibald Stevenson .....	80 1 30	Yallakool .....	Townsend.
62	Caroline Smith .....	640 0 0	Poon Boon .....	Wakool.

Cases for inquiry under the repealed Acts.  
Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Date of Conditional Purchase.	Parish.
84- 61	Bank of New South Wales .....	18th December .....	Towarra.
79- 63	Peter Johnston .....	18th September .....	do
84- 27	Abijah Morris .....	8th May .....	Boorga.

Scrub Lands.

Local Land Board number, 85-231 G; name of applicant, ; application by A. Armstrong, on behalf of the Nesbit family, for reserve No. 1849, to be notified as scrub lands; parish, Conargo; county, Townsend.

Applications to Ringbark.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Parish.	County.
85- 1	Charles Campbell and Alfred Felton .....	Willakool .....	Wakool.
2	Do do do .....	do .....	do
3	Do do do .....	Merran .....	do
4	William Bell .....	Morago and Banangalite .....	Townsend.
5	Henry Ricketson .....	Towool .....	do
6	Do .....	Deorulaman .....	do

Stock Route.

Local Land Board number, 85-777 Dep.; petitioners for Stock Route from Moulamein to Kroondook, will be considered about 3rd November, 1885.

Head Office, Local Land Board, Hay, 12th October, 1885.

ARCHIBALD J. PARK,  
Chairman.

CALENDAR, 1886.

January 12 to 21—Hay  
 " 26 and 27—Hay, in camera.  
 February 15 to 18—Hay.  
 " 19 and 20—Hillston, in camera.  
 " 23 to 26—Deniliquin.  
 March 5 to 9—Hay, in camera.  
 " 16—Deniliquin "  
 " 12—Hillston, "  
 April 5 to 7—Hay, in camera.  
 " 27 to 30—Hay.  
 May 1—Hay.  
 " 4—Booorooban.  
 " 18 to 22—Balranald.  
 " 26 to 29—Deniliquin.  
 " 31—Deniliquin, in camera.

June 5 to 24—Hay.  
 July 5 and 6—Wentworth, in camera.  
 " 7 to 24—Wentworth.  
 August 5 to 31—Hillston.  
 September 1 to 8—Hillston.  
 " 14—Hay, in camera.  
 " 16 to 18—Hillston, in camera.  
 " 20 to 24—Hillston.  
 October 11 and 12—Hay, in camera.  
 " 13 and 14—Deniliquin, in camera.  
 " 26 to 31—Deniliquin.  
 November 1 to 22—Deniliquin.  
 " 25 to 30—Hay.  
 December 1 to 23—Hay.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, Hay, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Court-house, Hay, on Monday, 15th February, 1886, and the following days, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with in terms of notices issued to parties:—

## Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Area.	No.	Name of Applicant.	Area.
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.
1	Henry E. P. Thompson .....	100 0 0	49	John Gibson, senior .....	600 0 0
55	Albert W. Woodward .....	556 3 0	86-11	Do .....	40 0 0
24	William Walker, junior .....	320 0 0	85-36	William Davis, junior .....	163 0 0
56	Peter Bell .....	421 2 0	5	Edward Riley .....	208 1 0
35	Thomas Davies .....	640 0 0	6	James Gormly .....	480 0 0
80	John Nesbitt .....	640 0 0	7	Francis G. Gormly .....	480 0 0
68	Joseph Moore .....	574 0 0	16	Charles G. Stewart .....	320 0 0
34	John Dillon .....	320 0 0	41	Charles Simper .....	640 0 0
108	Richard Edwin Rivers .....	640 0 0	45	Henry Boyd .....	640 0 0
96	Allan B. Morris .....	320 0 0	2	Alfred P. Gormly .....	640 0 0
64	Patrick B. Curtain .....	315 2 0			

## Conditional Leases.

85-13	Alice Annie Stannore .....	531 1 0	85-134	James Renton .....	1,920 0 0
5	Arthur Herriott, junior .....	561 3 0	135	Richard Edwin Rivers .....	1,920 0 0
62	Morton Douglas .....	1,920 0 0	125	Allan B. Morris .....	960 0 0
22	William Woods .....	1,870 0 0	85	John Gibson, senior .....	247 0 0
63	William Walker, junior .....	960 0 0	73	William Davis, junior .....	486 0 0
91	Peter Bell .....	285 0 0	52	Francis G. Gormly .....	1,440 0 0
72	Thomas Davies .....	960 1 0	77	Charles Simper .....	1,920 0 0
14	John Whalen .....	40 1 0	81	Henry Boyd .....	1,920 0 0
98	John Thomas Hanlon .....	826 2 0	49	Alfred P. Gormly .....	1,280 0 0
32	William Alexander L. Campbell .....	84 3 0	38	Boswell Macdonald .....	1,677 0 0

## Special Leases.

85-3	Robertson, Wagner, & Co. ....	2 0 0	85-6	Harley Tarrent .....	1,210 0 0
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## Conditional Purchase under Repealed Acts.

82-140	John Corbett, now Owen Thomas Matthews .....	640 0 0
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Local Land Board, Hay, 1st February, 1886.

A. J. PARK;  
Chairman.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Court-house, Deniliquin, on Tuesday, 23rd February, 1886, and following days, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with in terms of notices issued to parties.

## Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Area.	No.	Name of Applicant.	Area.
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.
85-32	John McLeod .....	320 0 0	85-38	Robert Shaw Smith .....	180 0 0
34	Lawrence Fallon .....	1,540 0 0	27	Marcus Nicholas Storm .....	640 0 0
37	Do .....	1,540 0 0	35	Henry Cobb .....	640 0 0
31	John Dickson .....	214 2 0	39	Carl Ludwig Botcher .....	640 0 0
36	Robert Shaw Smith .....	180 0 0	30	Caroline Smith .....	640 0 0

## Conditional Leases.

85-64	John McLeod .....	350 0 0	85-4	James John Wotton .....	159 2 0
63	John Dickson .....	523 1 0	39	Thomas Linton .....	610 2 0
66	Robert Shaw Smith .....	540 0 0	7	Roderick Bremner .....	297 1 0
67	Do .....	540 0 0	62	Caroline Smith .....	640 0 0
65	Henry Cobb .....	970 0 0	43	Frederick William Parker .....	70 3 20
3	James Stokes, junior .....	320 0 0			

## Special Leases.

85-1	Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company (Limited).	27 2 0	85-3	Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company (Limited).	11 0 0
2	Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company (Limited).	20 0 0	4	Robertson and Wagner .....	164 0 0
			6	Harley Tarrant .....	1,210 0 0

## Conditional Purchases under Repealed Acts.

84-27	Abijah Morris .....	100 0 0	80-18	Francis Smith .....	640 0 0
61	Bank of New South Wales .....	320 0 0	13	Archibald Leitch .....	640 0 0
20	Margaret Jessie M'Laurin .....	88 3 0			

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 8 February, 1886.

ARCHD. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Court-house, at Hay, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th April, 1886, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with in terms of notices issued to parties.

*Tuesday, 27th April, 1886.*

Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
86- 7	Colin W. Simson .....	Waradgery .....	Twyman.
21	A. W. G. Thompson .....	do .....	Waradgery.
85- 3	William Edgar .....	do .....	Wilgah and Brush.
13	George Maple .....	do .....	Brush.
5	Edward Riley .....	do .....	do
86- 14	Edward English .....	Boyd .....	Kabarabarabejal.
23	Do .....	do .....	do
1	James Renton .....	Nicholson .....	Mea Mia North.
85-100	Frederick Johnston .....	do .....	Synnot.

Conditional Leases.—Clause 48.

86- 18	Edward English .....	Boyd .....	Kabarabarabejal.
16	Robert Beveridge .....	do .....	do
17	Do .....	do .....	do
1	James Renton .....	Nicholson .....	Mea Mia North.
85-129	Frederick Johnston .....	do .....	Synnot.

Repealed Act Case.—Jane Parker Service.—Inquiry as to value, ownership, date of commencement, and completion of improvements existing upon 640 acres, originally part of pre-lease, No. 82-41, applied for by J. Service as a conditional purchase at Hay, but since refused at date of application for said pre-lease.

*Wednesday, 28th April, 1886.*

Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 82	James P. Painting .....	Sturt .....	Ballingall.
22	Donald McInnes .....	do .....	Ballingall and Mirrool.
20	Charles M. Williams .....	Boyd .....	Boyd and Glengalla.

Conditional Leases.—Clause 54.

85-23	Thomas J. Campbell .....	Sturt .....	North Bringagecc.
34	Mary Macdonald .....	do .....	Cockburn.
39	Alexander Gibson .....	Boyd .....	Boyd and Glengalla.

Clause 48.

85-65	Donald M'Innes .....	Sturt .....	Mirrool and Ballingall.
111	James P. Painting .....	do .....	do do

Application for Scrub Lease.

...	George Baillie .....	Sturt .....	Mirrool and Ballingall.
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Repealed Act cases.

Improvement Purchases.

81-29	Thomas Baillie .....	Sturt .....	Mirrool.
(Inquiry as to value, ownership, date of erection, and completion of improvements.)			

Improvement Purchase.

83-219	Mills, Neilson, and Smith .....	Sturt .....	North Uardry.
(Inquiry as to date of erection and completion of improvements).			

Conditional Purchases.

81-10	James Waldren, senior (now deceased) .....	Boyd .....	Clifford.
(Inquiry as to fulfilment of condition of residence up to time of applicant's decease.)			

84-37	Alexander Gibson .....	Boyd .....	Boyd.
(Inquiry as to value of improvements existing at date of conditional purchase.)			

*Thursday, 29th April, 1886.*

Conditional Purchases.

85- 9	John Walker .....	Sturt .....	North Uardry.
8	Michael Rutledge .....	do .....	do
73	Henry Prendergast .....	Waradgery .....	Budgee.
52	Mary Ann Prendergast .....	do .....	Maude.
25	William Prendergast .....	do .....	Budgee.
71	Thomas Slatter .....	do .....	Toopuntal.

Conditional Leases.—Clause 48.

85-105	Henry Prendergast .....	Waradgery .....	Budgee.
88	Mary Ann Prendergast .....	do .....	Maude.
64	William Prendergast .....	do .....	Budgee.



Homestead Leases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
86- 3	John R. Bradford.....	Walgiers .....	Bulgarbugerygam and Oxley.
5	Melville Lilburne .....	do .....	Arrawatta.
6	Henry Campbell .....	do .....	do
7	Hannah W. Rathie .....	do .....	do
8	Isabella Rathie.....	do .....	Arrawatta and St. Andrew.
9	Adam James Rathie .....	do .....	St. Andrew.
10	James Rathie .....	do .....	do

Repealed Act Case.

80-102	William J. Steward.....	Waradgery .....	Yong Yong.
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(Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions of residence by Patrick Prendergast, original conditional purchaser.)

Friday, 30th April, 1886.

Conditional Purchases.

86- 6	Joseph Moore .....	Townsend.....	North Caroonboom.
85- 64	Patrick B. Curtain .....	do .....	Nyangy.
86- 30	Henry Watson .....	do .....	do
4	George Fry .....	do .....	do
85- 78	Leonard F. Parsons .....	Waradgery .....	Yong Yong.

Conditional Leases—Clause 48.

86- 6	Joseph Moore .....	Townsend.....	North Caroonboom.
21	Henry Watson .....	do .....	Nyangy.
4	George Fry .....	do .....	do.

Homestead Leases.

86- 1	John Bent .....	Franklin .....	Saburra Cooba and Whealbah.
2	John M'Intosh .....	do .....	Molesworth and Cooba.

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 10th April, 1886.

ARCHIBALD J. PARK,  
Chairman.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Court-house at Deniliquin, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th of May, 1886, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with, in terms of notices issued:—

Wednesday, 26th May, 1886.

Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 5	Gustave Moser .....	Townsend .....	Bungooka.
37	Lawrence Fallon .....	do .....	Tawarra and Boorga.
86- 30	Margaret Robertson.....	do .....	Wollamdi.
32	Andrew Black Mathewson .....	do .....	Willeroo.
28	Ellen Fallon .....	do .....	Boorga.
29	Annie Fallon.....	do .....	do
12	Thomas Clark M'Millan.....	do .....	Conargo.

Conditional Leases.

85- 1	Robert Muirhead .....	Townsend .....	Boorga.
10	Do .....	do .....	do
15	Thomas Fallon .....	do .....	Pungulgin.
37	Archibald Pearse .....	do .....	Willeroo.
86- 15	Ellen Fallon .....	do .....	Boorga.
16	Annie Fallon.....	do .....	do
8	Thomas Clark M'Millan.....	do .....	do

Repealed Act Cases.

Conditional Purchases.

80- 43	Union Bank of Australia .....	Townsend.....	Willeroo.
81- 4	Eliza Metcalfe .....	do .....	do

(Inquiry as to the fulfilment of the conditions of residence by Joshua William Metcalfe up to the time of his death.)

Improvement Purchase Application.

84-286	Isabella Harriet Walker.....	Townsend.....	Conargo.
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(Inquiry as to the value, date, and ownership of improvements).

Thursday, 27th May, 1886.

Conditional Purchases.

86- 6	Charles Benjamin Opitz .....	Townsend.....	Boyea.
85- 17	Charles Tollitt .....	Cadell .....	Boma.
2	Henry Belbin.....	do .....	Yarraman.
29	Joseph Wellington .....	Townsend.....	Yallakool.
86- 18	Do .....	do .....	do

Conditional Leases.

85- 57	Charles Tollitt .....	Cadell .....	Bama.
22	John Santilla.....	do .....	Yarraman.
46	Henry Belbin.....	do .....	do
61	Joseph Wellington .....	Townsend.....	Yallakool.
86- 10	Do .....	do .....	do

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish
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## Conditional Purchases.

- 81- 73 | Emma Elizabeth Bell .....| Townsend.....| Banangalite.  
(Inquiry as to the fulfilment of the condition of residence by George Bell up to the time of his death.)
- 81- 2 | William Bell .....| Townsend.....| Banangalite.  
(Inquiry as to the fulfilment of the condition of residence by Thomas Bell up to the time of his death.)
- 82- 23 | John Murch .....| Wakool.....| Corry.  
(Inquiry as to the fulfilment of the conditions of residence.)

## Application for Special Purchase for closing and purchase of an unnecessary Road.

- ... | John Murch .....| .....|  
(Inquiry as to the value of the land embraced in the road lying between portions 38 and 39, parish of Coree, County of Wakool.)

Friday, 28th May, 1886.

## Conditional Purchases.

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|--------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 85- 1  | John Thomas Jackson .....       | Wakool.....   | Boyd.            |
| 8      | Annie Macauley .....            | do .....      | do               |
| 15     | Alexander William Bremner ..... | do .....      | do               |
| 16     | Edward William Dillon .....     | do .....      | do               |
| 24     | Meno Henry B. Flottman .....    | do .....      | do               |
| 86- 16 | Carl Ludwig Bottcher .....      | do .....      | Whymoul.         |
| 22     | Do .....                        | do .....      | do               |
| 19     | Samuel Metcalf .....            | do .....      | Niemur.          |
| 21     | Archibald Murdoch .....         | do .....      | Mia Mia.         |
| 31     | Florence Porter .....           | Townsend..... | Carooboon North. |
| 85- 43 | John Thomas Vinecombe .....     | Wakool .....  | Boyd.            |

## Conditional Leases.

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|--------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 85- 45 | John Thomas Jackson .....       | Wakool .....  | Boyd.            |
| 86- 6  | Do .....                        | do .....      | do               |
| 49     | Annie Macauley .....            | do .....      | do               |
| 55     | Alexander William Bremner ..... | do .....      | do               |
| 56     | Edward William Dillon .....     | do .....      | do               |
| 11     | Samuel Metcalf .....            | do .....      | Niemur.          |
| 17     | Florence Porter .....           | Townsend..... | Carooboon North. |
| 5      | Marcus N. Storm .....           | Wakool.....   | Whymoul.         |
| 85- 21 | Mary Anne Cox .....             | do .....      | Darlot.          |

## Applications for permission to Ringbark.

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| 86- 2 | Neil C. Turner, David Jones, and Arthur R. Black-<br>wood. | Wakool..... | Deniliquin. |
| 3     | Do do do .....   | do .....    | Balpool.    |
| 4     | Do do do .....   | do .....    | Barrabri.   |

## Repealed Act Case.

- 81-102 | Richard Purcell.....| Wakool.....| Whymoul.  
(Inquiry as to the fulfilment of the conditions of residence.)

Saturday, 29th May, 1886.

## Conditional Purchases.

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| 85- 33 | John Lang .....              | Townsend..... | Yalgadoori. |
| 86- 3  | William Faulks.....          | Wakool.....   | Cochran.    |
| 4      | Robert Gunn.....             | do .....      | Chowar.     |
| 17     | Caroline Smith .....         | do .....      | Poon Boon.  |
| 20     | Kenneth M. S. M'Kenzie ..... | do .....      | Mallan      |
| 25     | Elizabeth M. Hart .....      | do .....      | do          |

## Conditional Leases.

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| 86- 4 | William Faulks.....          | Wakool..... | Chowar.    |
| 3     | Robert Gunn .....            | do .....    | do         |
| 9     | Caroline Smith .....         | do .....    | Poon Boon. |
| 12    | Kenneth M. S. M'Kenzie ..... | do .....    | Mallan.    |
| 14    | Elizabeth M. Hart .....      | do .....    | do         |

## Applications for permission to Ringbark.

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| 86- 5 | J. Halfey and J. W. Dennis ..... | Wakool..... | Moorangatha.           |
| 6     | Do .....                         | do .....    | Gunil.                 |
| 7     | Do .....                         | do .....    | Moorangatha and Gunil. |

## Repealed Act Cases.

## Conditional Purchases.

- 80- 27 | Ellen Dowling .....| Wakool.....| Coonamit.  
(Inquiry as to the fulfilment of the conditions of residence.)
- 80- 23 | Thomas Dowling .....| Wakool.....| Coonamit.  
(Inquiry as to the fulfilment of the conditions of residence.)
- 80- 18 | Caroline Smith .....| Wakool.....| Coonamit.  
(Inquiry as to the fulfilment of the conditions of residence of Francis Smith up to the time of his death.)
- 80- 85 | Henrietta Irving .....| .....|  
(Inquiry as to fulfilment of the conditions of residence.)

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Court-house at Hay, on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday, the 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 14th June, 1886, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with in terms of notices issued:—

*Saturday, 5th June, 1886.*

Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 84	Ellen Horton.....	Waradgery .....	Pevensey.
86- 25	Charles William Cheyne.....	Boyd .....	Kabarabarabegal.
15	George Frederick Walton .....	do .....	Toganmain.
85- 38	Do .....	do .....	do
86- 27	James Campbell .....	do .....	Boyd.
28	Do .....	do .....	do
85- 81	Gasper Reithauser .....	Waradgery .....	Maude.
74	John Thomas Willcox.....	do .....	Budgee.
89	Thomas Stoddart .....	Wakool.....	Miranda.

Conditional Leases.

85-113	Ellen Horton .....	Waradgery .....	Pevensey.
86- 13	George Frederick Walton .....	Boyd .....	Toganmain.
85- 40	James Campbell .....	do .....	Boyd.
110	Gasper Reithauser .....	Waradgery .....	Maude.
106	John Thomas Willcox .....	do .....	Budgee.
118	Thomas Stoddart .....	Wakool .....	Miranda.

*Monday, 7th June, 1886.*

Conditional Purchases.

86- 22	Matthew Pearce .....	Boyd .....	Kabarabarabegal.
44	William Edgar .....	Waradgery .....	Brush and Wilga.
24	Philip Reilly .....	Boyd .....	Kabarabarabegal.
85- 19	George Haines .....	Waradgery .....	East Waradgery.
10	Alexander Wilson .....	Sturt .....	North Waradgery.
86- 48	Donald M'Innes .....	do .....	Ballingall.
85- 18	William Rochford Elliott .....	Waradgery .....	Grant.
28	John Nelson .....	Sturt .....	Lethington.
29	Robert Nelson, junior.....	do .....	Yannaway.
31	William Nelson.....	do .....	do

Conditional Leases.

85-109	John Nesbit .....	Wakool .....	Miranda.
60	George Haines .....	Waradgery .....	East Waradgery.
55	Alexander Wilson .....	Sturt .....	North Uardry.
86- 32	Donald M'Innes .....	do .....	Ballingall and Mirrool.
85- 59	William Rochford Elliott .....	Waradgery .....	Grant.
21	Thomas Woods .....	Sturt and Waradgery ..	Tom's Point and Tully.
36	Angus Duncan M'Innes .....	Waradgery .....	Tully.

*Tuesday, 8th June, 1886.*

Conditional Purchases.

85- 39	John Jones.....	Waradgery .....	Toopunbal.
11	William Gemmell Gibson .....	Nicholson .....	Eurugabah.
86- 37	Florence Porter.....	Townsend.....	North Caroonboon.
85- 12	James Robertson Gibson.....	Nicholson .....	Eurugabah.

Conditional Leases.

85- 75	John Jones.....	Waradgery .....	Toopunbal.
56	William Gemmell Gibson .....	Nicholson .....	Eurugabah.
86- 26	Florence Porter.....	Townsend.....	North Caroonboon.
85- 57	James Robertson Gibson.....	Nicholson .....	Eurugabah.
51	James Gormly .....	Waradgery .....	Tillilawa.
37	John Thomas Alston .....	Sturt and Waradgery...	Tully and Beabula.
53	Michael Rutledge .....	Sturt .....	North Uardry.
54	John Walker.....	do .....	do
33	John Edgar Albert Horton.....	do .....	Lethington.
6	William Egan .....	do .....	do
35	Neil M'Innes.....	do .....	Cockburn.

Application for a Scrub Lease

86- 3	Lewis Kiddle.....	Townsend .....	Moultrassie and Dunkeld.
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Repealed Act Case.

Application for Special Purchase for Closing and Purchase of Unnecessary Roads.  
Learmouth, Brothers: Inquiry as to the value of the land embraced within the roads described in the said application.

*Wednesday, 9th June, 1886.*

Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 40	Fanny Harriet Warren .....	Nicholson.....	Synnot.
86- 8	Henry White.....	do .....	Chirnside.
31	Do .....	do .....	do
85-106	Alexander M'Callum .....	do .....	Russell.
86- 16	Angus Robertson .....	do .....	Beaconsfield.
85-105	Charles Nye .....	do .....	do
86- 2	Bridget Grace Reilly .....	Sturt.....	Mills.
85-103	Thomas Reilly .....	do .....	do

## Conditional Leases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 76	Fanny Harriet Warren .....	Nicholson .....	Beaconsfield.
86- 7	Henry White .....	do .....	Chirnside.
85-133	Alexander M'Callum .....	do .....	Russell.
86- 14	Angus Robertson .....	do .....	Beaconsfield.
85-132	Charles Nye .....	do .....	do
131	Thomas Reilly .....	Sturt .....	Mills.
24	Roger Hargreaves .....	do .....	Carrego.

Thursday, 10th June, 1886.

## Conditional Purchases.

86- 45	Colin William Simson .....	Waradgery .....	Twynam.
52	William Prendergast .....	do .....	Budgee.
51	Patrick Prendergast .....	do .....	do
49	George Fry .....	Townsend .....	Nyangay.
85-107	James Renton .....	Nicholson .....	Mea Mia North.
86- 42	George Bailie .....	Sturt .....	Bellingall.
43	George Smyth .....	do .....	do

## Conditional Leases.

86- 36	William Prendergast .....	Waradgery .....	Budgee.
35	Patrick Prendergast .....	do .....	do
33	George Fry .....	Townsend .....	Nyangay.
85- 48	James Edward Armstrong .....	Nicholson .....	Chirnside.
20	John Roach .....	do .....	Russell.
27	Richard Warren .....	do .....	Synnot.
47	William Alexander Davis .....	do .....	Anwilla

## Homestead Leases.

85- 2	Patrick Martin .....	Franklin .....	Saburra and Whealbar.
3	Francis Quinlan .....	do .....	Poti and Vieta.

Friday, 11th, June, 1886.

## Homestead Leases.

85- 4	John Dunkley .....	Franklin .....	Tua, Saburra, and Whealbar.
5	Henry Webster .....	do .....	Caaba.
6	Samuel Alfred Hutchinson .....	do .....	Golgothrie and Andrie.
7	Thomas William Bennett .....	do .....	Maringle, Golgothrie, & Andrie.
38	John O'Brien .....	do .....	Chitha, Vieta, Molesworth, and Caaba.
40	James Henry Vagg .....	do .....	Golgothrie and Andrie.
23	James O'Brien .....	Waljeers .....	Nyanda.

Saturday, 12th June, 1886.

## Homestead Leases.

85- 24	John Brannock .....	Waljeers .....	Nyanda.
25	John Drum .....	do .....	Moodarnong and Nyanda.
86- 13	Charles William Semlitzky .....	do .....	Natul and Yaloo.
85- 1	George James Turner .....	do .....	Merrimajal and Natul.
8	Edward Colston Parker .....	do .....	Goonawarra.
2	William Holmes .....	do .....	do
11	Louis Frederick Clayton .....	do .....	Goonawarra and Yaloo.
12	Arthur John Nicholson .....	do .....	Merrimajal, Yaloo, and Goonawarra.

Monday, 14th June, 1886.

## Homestead Leases.

85- 18	Henry James Parker .....	Waljeers .....	Goonawarra.
21	William Church .....	do .....	Merrimajal and Bullogal.
27	John Jacobs .....	do .....	Goonawarra, Dimboola, Bullogal, and Merrimajal.
28	William Henry Haslam .....	do .....	Natul.
86- 4	John Bent .....	do .....	Merrimajal, Yaloo, and Natul.

## Special Lease.

85- 5	David Hill (town of Oxley) .....	Waljeers .....	Touralbung.
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Proposed travelling stock reserves—Consideration of the proposal to cancel parts of water reserves Nos. 1,168 and 1,610, county of Boyd; and to proclaim, in lieu thereof, a travelling stock reserve. Consideration of the proposal to reserve water reserve 1,618, part of water reserve 696, water reserve 1,832, cattle reserve 2,204, part of water reserve 695, and water reserve 1,634, county of Townsend, from sale and lease, for the purpose of travelling stock.

A. B. CREW  
(Pro Chairman).

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 22nd May, 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Court-house at Wentworth, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, and 13th July, 1886, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with in terms of notices issued.

Monday, 5th July, 1886.

## Homestead Leases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 1	John Wilson .....	Tara .....	Foster and Moorna.
2	Armorer W. Foster .....	do .....	Foster.
4	William Cumming .....	do .....	Foster and Wilp'tara.
5	George Crozier .....	do .....	Moorna.
7	Robert Ross .....	do .....	Wilp'tara and Boolookena.
8	Donald J. Morrison .....	do .....	Eurilla.

Tuesday 6th July, 1886.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 13	Thomas Tunkin .....	Tara .....	Octoolwa and Wandamingle.
14	George Richards .....	do .....	do do
15	Benjamin H. Griffiths.....	do .....	Cal Cal.
16	Gregory B. Rigg .....	do .....	Eurilla.
18	Fergus M'Coull .....	do .....	Eurilla and Nialia.
20	William Thomas .....	do .....	Cal Cal.
86- 2	Alexander Denholm .....	do .....	Wannawanna and Walkminga.

Wednesday, 7th July, 1886.

85- 19	William Darchy .....	Wentworth .....	Conargee and Darling.
21	Garrett Byrnes.....	do .....	Torangar and Turno.
23	Daniel Byrnes .....	do .....	Turno.
6	Jonathan M. Halbert .....	do .....	Tapio, Eusu, and Palengawah.
3	John Henry Withers .....	Windeyer .....	Palinoa and Octoolwa.
10	Charles Henry Turner.....	do .....	Palinoa.

Thursday, 8th July, 1886.

85- 11	Daniel Frullen .....	Windeyer.....	Palinoa.
9	John Fitzsimmons .....	do .....	Popiltah.
22	Alexander M'Ginty.....	Taila .....	Nowong and Ki.

Conditional Leases under clause 54.

85- 1	Alfred J. Haynes.....	Tara .....	Walkminga.
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Application for permission to effect improvements.

...	Daniel H. Cudmore, Waller Run.....	Windeyer.....	Windeyer
...	Do Winda Run .....	Tara .....	
...	Do Popiltah Run .....	Windeyer .....	
...	Do Pernolingay Run.....	Wentworth .....	
...	Do Anabranh East Run.....	do .....	
...	Do Lower Pernolingay Run .....	do .....	

Friday, 9th July, 1886.

Repealed Act Cases.

Conditional Purchases.

82- 18	James Erskine Grant .....	Taila .....	Ki.
76- 10	John Bennett .....	do .....	Nowong.
81- 14	John White, now Frederick A. Grant.....	do .....	Matalong.
77- 17	Alister M'Vean, now Frederick A. Grant .....	do .....	Ki.
78- 17	J. J. H. M'Vean, now Frederick A. Grant .....	do .....	do
18	William Gay, now Frederick A. Grant .....	do .....	do

All conditional purchases under the above repealed Acts cases, are inquiries as to fulfilment of conditions of residence and improvements.

Conditional Leases under clause 52.

Pre-lease.

82- 32	James E. Grant .....	Taila .....	Ki.
83- 22	Frederick A. Grant.....	do .....	Nowong.
30	do .....	do .....	Ki.
33	do .....	do .....	do
31	do .....	do .....	do
32	John Whyte .....	do .....	Matalong.
82- 33	Charles F. Grant .....	do .....	Ki.
84- 7	Andrew D. Harris .....	Perry .....	Pooncaira.

Saturday, 10th July, 1886.

Repealed Act Cases.

Conditional Purchases.

78- 10	John Thomas Wilson .....	Wentworth .....	Neilper. (Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions of residence and improvements.)
79- 6	Luke Barraclough .....	Wentworth .....	Darling. (Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions of residence.)
83- 9	Henry Price .....	Wentworth .....	Merche. (Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions of residence and improvements.)
82- 36	Alfred J. Haynes.....	Tara .....	Walkminga. (Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions of residence.)
80- 14	Jane Wainwright (now R. Tully & Co.).....	Tara .....	Taranga. (Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions of residence and improvements.)
78- 19	Elizabeth Goldsworthy .....	Tara .....	Walkminga. (Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions of residence and improvements.)
84- 5	Dugald Smyth .....	Tara .....	Walkminga. (Inquiry as to value of improvements existing upon land at date of conditional purchase.)
81- 22	Richard Belsar .....	Tara .....	Bengalow. (Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions of residence and improvements.)
83- 1	The representatives of the late George Wicket.....		(Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions of residence up to time of death of George Wicket.)

Monday, 12th July, 1886.  
Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish
76- 20	Willhemina H. C. Berry (now Mrs. Nicholls)	Perry	Timpunga.
80- 21	Frederick Wood	do	do
82- 42	William Henry Lark	do	Pooncaira.
21	Arthur W. Morphett	do	do
77- 25	William Fry, (now Charles Barrett, and Charles Henry Wilford).	do	Glenstal.
78- 3	Charles William Porter	do	Pooncaira.
83- 3	William Lancaster	do	Timpunga.
75- 40	John Baker	Windeyer	Mallara.

The above cases are inquiries as to fulfilment of conditions of residence and improvements.

Tuesday, 13th July, 1886.

Applications for special purchase for closing and purchase of unnecessary roads.

...	Ormond and Brooke	Wentworth	Palingewah.
(Inquiry as to the value of land embraced within roads lying between portions 8 and 9.)			
...	Ormond and Brooke	Wentworth	Tiltao.
(Inquiry as to the value of land embraced in road lying between portions 14, 15, and 16.)			
...	Ormond and Brooke	Wentworth	Tiltao.
(Inquiry as to value of land embraced in road from north-west corner of portion 6 to main road.)			
...	Ormond and Brooke	Wentworth	Palingewah.
(Inquiry as to value of land embraced in road separating portions 18 and 19 from 17, 15, 16, and 20.)			

Travelling Stock Route.

Consideration of proposal to proclaim travelling stock reserve from Milpatara to Lake Victoria, county of Tara.

Proposed Camping Reserve.

Consideration of proposal to proclaim a camping reserve in the county of Tara, as shown on official tracing exhibited outside the Crown Lands Agent's office.

Travelling Stock Reserve.

Consideration of proposal to withdraw from travelling stock reserve No. 381, three portions of land situated in the parishes of Pulpa and Thoowtie, county of Wentworth, as shown on official tracing exhibited outside the Crown Lands Agent's office.

Consideration of proposal to revoke that part of travelling stock reserve No. 406 within portion 19 in the parish of Moorua, county of Tara, as shown on official tracing exhibited outside the Crown Lands Agent's office.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 17th June, 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Court-house, at Hillston, on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, the 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 23rd August, 1886, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with in terms of notices issued.

Thursday, 5th August, 1886.

Homestead Leases.

No.	Name.	County.	Parish.
85- 7	Denis Clancy	Franklin	Bellatherio.
8	John Butler	do	Beremaged.
9	John Carroll	do	Terry.
16	Donald M. Mackay	do	Florabel and Wogonga.
17	John Corbett	do	Roota.
18	Eli Crossley	do	Teendal and Baeda.

Friday, 6th August, 1886.

85- 20	Fanny Josephine Ryan	Franklin	Ungamyn, Baxter, and Moolbong.
23	Mary Ann Cronin	do	Ungamyn, Kenaal, and Poli.
29	Robert Vincent	do	Moolbong.
32	James G. Carroll	do	Merve and Baeda.
35	James M'Donald	do	Goolagunni and Narralin.
38	Patrick Smith	do	Urugaba and Tooloor.
82-109	Dale and Barton	do	Moolbong.

Saturday, 7th August, 1886.

82- 40	Henry John Carr	Franklin	Kenaal and Vilita.
64	Mary Ryan	do	Moolbong.
43	John Holmes, junr.	Waljeirs	Willandra.
47	James Butler	do	Abbotsford.
48	Mary Butler	do	Willandra.
49	William Butler	do	Willandra and Lowan.

Monday, 9th August, 1886.

82- 50	John M'Grath	Waljeirs	Lowan.
56	George Parkinson	do	Abbotsford and Willandra.
65	Henry A. Laird	do	Mossgeil, Annan, and Boondara.
86- 3	do	do	do do
85- 10	William J. Holmes	Blaxland	Boobroi.
11	George Irvine	do	Hyandra.
12	Alexander Cumming	do	Tarochill.

Tuesday, 10th August, 1886.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 45	Duncan M'Phail .....	Blaxland .....	Ulambong and North Hyandra.
53	Michael Mahon .....	do .....	Uranaway and Salamagundia.
1	Robert W. Stewart .....	Mossgiel .....	Plevna.
2	George A. Paynter .....	do .....	Scholefield and Booboorah.
3	George D. Cameron .....	do .....	Gunnabonna and Bellah.
4	Thomas H. Williamson .....	do .....	Murrurah.

Wednesday, 11th August, 1886.

85- 5	Frank Carr .....	Mossgiel .....	Murrurah.
13	Edward R. Brewer .....	do .....	Weejugalah.
14	Nathan J. Rain .....	do .....	Wee Ellwah and Haines.
15	William Driscoll .....	do .....	Gunnagia and Haines.
19	Thomas Holmes .....	do .....	Wee Ellwah.
20	Alexander Lee Cameron .....	do .....	Gunnabonna.

Thursday, 12th August, 1886.

85- 22	James Day .....	Mossgiel .....	Booboorah.
24	Frederick J. Caley .....	do .....	Whittingham.
25	William Green .....	do .....	Warranary.
26	John Coster .....	do .....	Warparoo, Conoble, and Cameron.
27	Henry Thompson .....	do .....	St. Moran and Tholoolaboy.
28	Charles Miller .....	do .....	Plevna, Eli, and St. Moran.

Friday, 13th August, 1886.

85- 30	Christina Annie Stewart .....	Mossgiel .....	Gunnabonna and Bellah.
31	Frank Clayton .....	do .....	Gunnabonna.
33	William Humphries .....	do .....	Weejugalah, Murrurah, and Scholefield.
34	William Ryan .....	do .....	Pettenween.
36	William Maynard .....	do .....	Trewalla.
38	Alfred Clayton .....	do .....	Ballah and Gunnabonna.

Saturday, 14th August, 1886.

85- 39	Frederick R. Dunn .....	Mossgiel .....	Warrenitchie.
41	John Clancy .....	do .....	Toorak.
42	Donald J. Cheriton .....	do .....	Trewalla and Pittenween.
44	Thomas Davies, junior .....	do .....	Toorak.
46	George Ross .....	do .....	Warrenitchie.
51	John Beaver .....	do .....	Whittingham and Malagadry.

Monday, 16th August, 1886.

85- 52	Richard H. Cheriton .....	Mossgiel .....	Pittenween and Trewalla.
55	Terence F. M'Gurren .....	do .....	Conoble.
59	Eliza Beven .....	do .....	Wee Ellwah.
60	Mary Beswick .....	do .....	Waybah, Marca, Waiko, and Manfred.
61	Thomas E. Haylock .....	do .....	Waika.

Tuesday, 17th August, 1886.

85- 62	John Lynch .....	Mossgiel .....	Nintie.
66	James H. Pearson .....	do .....	Tiarri.
67	William W. Stewart .....	do .....	Nintie and Tiarri.
86- 1	William Ayre .....	do .....	Willingerie.

Application for permission to Ringbark.

85- 8	Thomas F. Umphelby .....	Mossgiel .....	Combie.
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Repealed Act Case.

Improvement Purchase.

79-1034	Mackinnon, Dill, and Power .....	Mossgiel .....	Wyadra.
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Wednesday, 18th August, 1886.

Repealed Act Cases.

Conditional Purchases.

82- 59	Matthew Kennedy .....	Franklin .....	Moolbong.
58	Matthew P. Ryan .....	do .....	Moolbong.
84- 27	Claus Pump .....	do .....	Haydri and Wyadra.
78- 59	Anders L. Sorenson .....	Nicholson .....	Carilla.
83- 12	John Sheridan .....	Waljiers .....	Murina.
77-102	Henry Kruge .....	Blaxland .....	North Peak.
78-112	George N. Turner .....	do .....	Eribendery.
80- 7	George F. Cook .....	do .....	Mount Hope.

Thursday, 19th August, 1886.

84- 25	Edward W. Kennedy .....	Mossgiel .....	Ivanhoe.
81-129	Benjamin Prior .....	Dowling .....	Lachlan.
115	Edward Townsend .....	do .....	Gurangully.
9	George D. Whittingham .....	Mossgiel .....	Whittingham.
83- 68	J. M'Cauley (deceased) .....	Nicholson .....	Moulton.

Application for permission to Ringbark.

...	Murray and Strachan .....	Blaxland .....	Ulambong.
85- 4	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company .....	do .....	Rutland and Blairgowrie.
5	do do do .....	Dowling .....	do do
6	do do do .....	do .....	Blairgowrie.
7	do do do .....	do .....	Rutland.
	Loughnan and Son .....	Nicholson .....	Hunthawang, East Marowic, and Weeonga.

Friday, 20th August, 1886.

Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 2	William Tompson.....	Gipps .....	Youngareen.
3	William Spry .....	Nicholson.....	Goolgowie, South.
86- 4	Mary Alice Cooper .....	do .....	Bunda, East.
85- 8	John Edward Brewer .....	Dowling .....	Carilla.
14	John Brewer .....	do .....	do
20	Gordon Cumming .....	do .....	Uabba.
86- 3	Thomas Brooks .....	do .....	do
1	Sarah Anne Doyle .....	Nicholson.....	Bunda.
85- 17	Henry J. C. Terry .....	do .....	Molesworth.

Conditional Leases.

85- 14	William Thompson .....	Gipps .....	Youngareen.
3	William Spry .....	Nicholson.....	Goolgowi, South.
86- 4	Mary Alice Cooper .....	do .....	Bunda, East.
85- 18	Gordon Cumming.....	Dowling .....	Uabba, Ulambong, and Bimbalinga.
86- 3	Thomas Brooks.....	do .....	Uabba and Bimbalinga.
1	Sarah Alice Doyle .....	Nicholson.....	Bunda.
85- 9	John Edward Brewer .....	Dowling .....	Carilla.
15	Henry J. C. Terry .....	Nicholson.....	Molesworth.

Conditional Lease, Clause 52.

78- 8	William Thompson .....	Gipps .....	Youngareen.
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Saturday, 21st August, 1886.

Special Leases.

86- 1	Henry Cabot.....	Blaxland .....	Fuabalong.
2	Duncan E. M'Kellar .....	Dowling .....	Lachlan.
3	Do .....	do .....	do

Application for permission to Ringbark.

86- 1	Robert Orr.....	Dowling .....	Yarran.
2	John Brewer .....	Blaxland .....	West Uabba and Gundrie.
9	Do .....	Dowling .....	Townsend, Dowling, & Valencia.
85- 13	New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company...	do .....	Davis and Jimberoo.
14	Do do do .....	do .....	Murrolong.
12	Do do do .....	do .....	Davis.
86- 4	George L. Dickson .....	do .....	Brewer and Carisbrook.
5	Do .....	Blaxland .....	Uranaway, West Uabba, and Jaundrie.
6	Do .....	do .....	Uranaway.
8	Do .....	Dowling .....	Uabba.
85- 11	Bank of New South Wales .....	Blaxland .....	do
10	Do .....	do .....	do

Travelling Stock Reserve.

Consideration of proposal to include in travelling stock reserve. No. 614, portion 70, parish of Mossziel, county Waljeers.

Travelling Stock and Camping Reserve.

Proposal to revoke water reserve No. 3,113, parish of Mount Hope, county Blaxland, and to proclaim in lieu thereof a travelling stock and camping reserve.

Travelling Stock Reserve.

Consideration of the proposal to revoke that part of travelling stock reserve, No. 618 A, being portion 1 in the parish of West Uabba, county of Blaxland.

Monday, 23rd August, 1886.

Conditional Purchases.

85- 11	Robert Cooper .....	Nicholson.....	Golgowi, West and Golgowi.
15	Andrew Currie Irving.....	do .....	Ivanhoe and Golgowi, West.
16	Thomas Bell .....	do .....	Golgowi, West.
18	Cornelius Looney .....	do .....	Parker.

Conditional Leases.

85- 12	Robert Cooper .....	Nicholson.....	Golgowie, Bunda, East, and Golgowi, West.
16	Cornelius Looney.....	do .....	Parker.

Application for permission to Ringbark.

86- 12	Williamson and Carr .....	Blaxland .....	Marooba.
13	Do .....	do .....	do

Application for Scrub Lease.

Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
Alexander Thomas Haley .....	Blaxland .....	Guagong and Creamy Hills.
Elizabeth Thompson.....	Dowling .....	Geelooma and Blairgowrie.



Tuesday, 24th August, 1886.

## Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	No.	Name of Applicant.
85- 5 6	William H. Doyle. Alfred Doyle.	85- 9 10	William A. Cooper. M. A. Cooper.
Conditional Leases.			
85- 6 8	Alfred Doyle. W. H. Doyle.	85- 7 10	W. H. Doyle. W. A. Cooper.
Conditional Purchase.		Conditional Lease.	
86- 2	Thomas H. Wells.	86- 2	Thomas H. Wells.

Head Office, Local Land Board, Hay, 20th July, 1886.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Court-house, Hay, on Thursday, 25th November, and following days, when the undermentioned cases will be dealt with in terms of notices issued.

## 1ST DIVISION.

## Pastoral Leases and Occupation Licenses.

Gazette No.	Name of Holding.	Division.	Date of Court.
			1886.
171	Toganmain .....	Central .....	Thursday, 25 November.
231	Singoramba, Block A.....	do .....	" " " "
178	Yanko, Block A.....	do .....	Friday, 28 " "
43	Nyingay .....	do .....	" " " "
455	Willurah .....	do .....	" " " "
403	Moonbria .....	do .....	Saturday, 27 " "
90	Wargam .....	do .....	" " " "
13	Benerembah.....	do .....	Monday, 29 " "
82	Merool Creek .....	do .....	" " " "
315	Uardry .....	do .....	" " " "
659	Howlong .....	do .....	Tuesday, 30 " "
430	Groongal .....	do .....	" " " "
16	Coopataro.....	Western .....	" " " "
675	Gunbar .....	Central .....	Wednesday, 1 December.
217	Oxley .....	do .....	" " " "
561	Mungadal.....	do .....	" " " "
361	Geramy .....	do .....	Thursday, 2 " "
228	Gelam .....	do .....	" " " "
117	Toogimbie .....	do .....	" " " "
239	Boyong .....	do .....	Friday, 3 " "
23	Benduck .....	do .....	" " " "
46	Eli Elwah .....	do .....	" " " "
347	Burrabogie .....	do .....	Saturday, 4 " "
300	Wooloondool .....	do .....	" " " "
120	Illilliwa .....	do .....	Monday, 6 " "
284	Thellangering, East .....	do .....	" " " "
664	Ulonga .....	do .....	" " " "
424	South Thononga.....	do .....	Tuesday, 7 " "
256	Canoon Point .....	do .....	" " " "
72	Pevensey .....	do .....	" " " "
688	Warwillah .....	do .....	Wednesday, 8 " "
187	Merungle .....	Western .....	" " " "
109	Boonook .....	Central .....	" " " "
258	Corrong .....	Western .....	Thursday, 9 " "
119	Tupra .....	do .....	" " " "
231	Boondarra .....	do .....	Friday, 10 " "
112	Booligal .....	do .....	" " " "
138	Alma.....	do .....	Saturday, 11 " "
301	Yandembah .....	do .....	" " " "
270	Tom's Lake .....	do .....	Monday, 13 " "
68	Nap Nap .....	Central .....	" " " "
566	Tehelery .....	do .....	Tuesday, 14 " "
626	Woorooma .....	do .....	" " " "

Wednesday 15th December, 1886.

## Homestead Leases.

No.	Name.	County.	Parish.
85- 9	William Holmes .....	Waljeers .....	Goonawarra.
10	James R. Officer .....	do .....	Waverley.
17	Robert H. Wilson .....	do .....	Larnaca and Tartoo.
24	John Brannock.....	do .....	Nyanara.
28	William H. Haslam.....	do .....	Natue.
Thursday, 16th December, 1886.			
85- 43	Cornelius W. Wilson .....	Waljeers .....	Tartoo and Kingswell.
44	Edward Rees.....	do .....	Kingswell and Carugham.
46	Catherine Crossley .....	do .....	Tartoo, Carugham, and Waverley.
86- 3	John Reece Bradford.....	do .....	Bulgarbugerygam.
5	Melyville Silburne.....	do .....	Arrawatta.

Friday, 17th December, 1886.

Homestead Leases—continued.

No.	Name.	County.	Parish.
86- 6	Henry Campbell .....	Waljeers .....	Arrawatta.
7	Hannah W. Rathie .....	do .....	Arrawatta and St. Andrew.
8	Isabella Rathie .....	do .....	St. Andrew.
9	Adam James Rathie .....	do .....	do
10	James Rathie.....	do .....	do
<i>Saturday, 18th December, 1886.</i>			
86- 11	Robert James Walker.....	Franklin .....	Poli, Golgotherie, and Audrey.
12	Robert Vagg .....	do .....	Whealbah and Caaba.
14	Charles James M'Farland .....	Waljeers .....	Arrawatta.
15	Henry Campbell .....	do .....	do
16	John Walker.....	Franklin .....	Clutha, Saburra, and Golgotherie.
<i>Monday, 20th December, 1886.</i>			
86- 17	Phillip Pitt.....	Waljeers .....	Arrawatta.
18	John M'Phail Rose .....	do .....	Kitchie and Tarrawong.
19	Henry E. Holmes.....	do .....	Kitchie.
20	Frederick L. Tassall .....	do .....	Carugham.
21	Oswald Tugram .....	do .....	Kitchie.
85- 39	R. W. Holmes .....	do .....	Kitchie and Oxley.
<i>Tuesday, 21st December, 1886.</i>			
Conditional Purchases.			
85- 17	John M'Nally .....	Sturt.....	O'Brien.
30	John Service .....	do .....	Lethington.
86- 70	do .....	Sturt and Nicholson ..	Warrabalong.
85- 42	James Campbell .....	Sturt.....	Cockburn.
46	Charles Robertson .....	do .....	Gonowlia.
48	Frederick Perry .....	do .....	O'Brien.
50	Ida F. J. Horton .....	do .....	Mills.
51	William Stewart .....	Waradgery .....	Yang Yang.
Conditional Leases.			
85- 58	John M'Nally .....	Sturt.....	O'Brien.
86- 12	John Service .....	do .....	Livingston.
49	do .....	Sturt and Livingston...	Kingston and Warrabalong.
85- 82	Charles Robertson .....	Sturt.....	Gonowlia and Bowerline.
84	Frederick Perry .....	do .....	O'Brien.
86	Ida F. J. Horton.....	do .....	Mills.
39	Alexander Gibson.....	Boyd.....	Boyd and Glengalla.
24	R. Hargreaves .....	Sturt.....	Corrego and Sturt.
<i>Wednesday, 22nd December, 1886.</i>			
Conditional Purchases.			
85- 52	M. A. Prendergast .....	Waradgery .....	Maude.
58	John Mitchell .....	Nicholson.....	Eurella.
59	Mary A. Mitchell.....	do .....	do
61	John Hanlon.....	Townsend .....	Wargam and Palmer.
66	Alexander Mackay .....	Sturt.....	Howlong.
69	Donald McIntyre.....	do .....	O'Brien.
70	Frederick Johnstone .....	Nicholson.....	Synnot.
75	William H. White .....	Sturt.....	Cockburn.
Conditional Leases.			
85- 93	John Mitchell .....	Nicholson.....	Eurella.
94	Mary A. Mitchell.....	do .....	do
96	John Hanlon.....	Townsend .....	Wargam and Palmer.
101	Donald McIntyre.....	Sturt.....	O'Brien.
100	Joseph Moore .....	Townsend .....	North Caroonboon.
103	Thomas Slatter.....	Waradgery .....	Toopuntal.
86- 2	Bridgetta G. Reilly .....	Sturt.....	Downey.
20	Alexander Brown.....	Waradgery .....	Pimpampa.
<i>Thursday, 23rd December, 1886.</i>			
Conditional Purchases.			
85- 76	Mary Jane Field .....	Sturt.....	Cockburn.
77	John Field.....	do .....	do
87	Alexander Field .....	Waradgery .....	Benack, North.
89	Thomas Stoddart .....	Wakool .....	Miranda.
90	Elizabeth J. Dillon .....	Waradgery .....	Godfrey.
91	Ellen C. Dillon.....	do .....	do
92	Margaret Dillon .....	do .....	do
93	Mary A. Dillon.....	do .....	do
Conditional Leases.			
85-107	Mary Jane Field .....	Sturt.....	Cockburn and Bringagee.
108	John Field.....	do .....	Cockburn.
116	Alexander Field .....	Waradgery .....	Benack, North.
119	Elizabeth J. Dillon .....	do .....	Godfrey.
120	Ellen C. Dillon.....	do .....	do
121	Margaret Dillon .....	do .....	Godfrey and Waradgery.
122	Mary A. Dillon.....	do .....	do do
78	Joseph Campbell .....	Sturt.....	Cockburn.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Local Land Board, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be held at the Court-house at Hay, on Monday, 16th January, 1887, and following days, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with in terms of notices issued :—

SECOND DIVISION.  
Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 20	Charles Mark Williams .....	Boyd .....	Glengalla and Boyd.
94	Edwin Edmunds .....	Waradgery .....	Chambers.
95	John Skene .....	do .....	do
97	Margaret Dillon .....	do .....	Wandigong.
98	Mary Smith .....	do .....	Chambers.
86- 54	Charles Mark Williams .....	Boyd .....	Glengalla.
55	Do .....	do .....	do
56	Do .....	do .....	do

Conditional Leases.

85- 61	Charles Mark Williams .....	Boyd .....	Glengalla.
123	Edwin Edmunds .....	Waradgery .....	Chambers.
124	John Skene .....	do .....	do
126	Margaret Dillon .....	do .....	Wandigong.
127	Mary Smith .....	do .....	Chambers.
86- 38	Charles Mark Williams .....	Boyd .....	Boyd.

Conditional Purchases.

85- 37	Arthur Herriott, sen. ....	Sturt .....	Carrego.
99	Agnes E. Kilgour .....	Nicholson .....	Berangerine.
101	John Manly .....	Sturt .....	Mills.
108	Richard E. Rivers .....	Nicholson .....	Mea Mia, North.
109	William H. Honey .....	Sturt .....	Mirrool.
110	James Reilly .....	Nicholson and Sturt .....	Amoillo and Berangerine.
86- 50	Alice A. L. Haylock .....	Sturt .....	Carrego.

Conditional Leases.

85- 74	Arthur Herriott, sen. ....	Sturt .....	Carrego.
128	Agnes E. Kilgour .....	Nicholson .....	Berangerine.
130	John Manly .....	Sturt .....	Mills.
131	Thomas Reilly .....	do .....	do
135	Richard E. Rivers .....	Nicholson .....	Mea Mia, North.
136	William H. Heaney .....	Sturt .....	Merool.
137	James Reilly .....	Nicholson .....	Amoilla
86- 34	Alice A. L. Haylock .....	Sturt .....	Carrego.

Conditional Purchases.

86- 3	John Campbell .....	Sturt .....	Howlong.
5	James Evers .....	do .....	O'Brien.
9	Charles George Telford .....	do .....	Mirrool.
10	Frederick G. S. Johnston .....	do .....	do
12	Margaret Kernish .....	Waradgery .....	Toopuntal.
13	William Kernish .....	do .....	do

Conditional Leases.

86- 3	John Campbell .....	Sturt .....	Howlong.
5	James Evers .....	do .....	O'Brien.
8	Charles George Telford .....	do .....	Mirrool.
9	Frederick S. Johnston .....	do .....	do
10	Margaret Kernish .....	Waradgery .....	Toopuntal.
11	William Kernish .....	do .....	do

Conditional Purchases.

86- 19	George Morrison .....	Townsend .....	Wurup.
26	William Mills .....	Waradgery .....	Illiliwa.
27	James Campbell .....	Boyd .....	Boyd.
28	Do .....	do .....	do
84- 56	Do .....	do .....	do
86- 29	Alexander Brown .....	Waradgery .....	Pimpampa.
32	William Herriott .....	do .....	Warrigal.
33	John Gibson, sen. ....	Nicholson .....	Benangerine.

Conditional Leases.

85- 40	James Campbell .....	Boyd .....	Boyd.
86- 15	George Morrison .....	Townsend .....	Wurup.
19	William Mills .....	Waradgery .....	Illiliwa.
22	William Herriott .....	do .....	Warrigal.
23	John Gibson, senior. ....	Nicholson .....	Berangerine.

Conditional Purchases.

86- 34	William S. Smart .....	Sturt .....	O'Brien.
36	Charles Robertson .....	Nicholson .....	Gonowlia.
37	Florence Porter .....	Townsend .....	North Caroonboon.
39	Henry John Donabee .....	Waradgery .....	Jellalabad.
40	Dundas Hamilton .....	Nicholson .....	Yurdyilla.
41	James B. Hamilton .....	do .....	do

Conditional Leases.

86- 24	William Smart .....	Sturt .....	O'Brien.
26	Florence Porter .....	Townsend .....	North Caroonboon.
28	Henry J. Donabee .....	Waradgery .....	Jellalabad.
29	Dundas Hamilton .....	Nicholson .....	Yurdyilla.
30	James B. Hamilton .....	do .....	do

## Conditional Purchases.

No.	Name of Applicant.	County.	Parish.
85- 72	Alexander S. Cameron .....	Sturt and Nicholson ...	Beaconsfield, Wycherproof, and Warrabalong.
86- 46	John Allen.....	Sturt .....	Ballingall.
47	William Walker, junior .....	Nicholson.....	Warrabalong.
53	Hector M'Innes .....	Boyd .....	Oolambeyan.
59	James Reilly.....	Sturt .....	Downey.
68	Charles Lee .....	Townsend .....	Booroorban.
Conditional Leases.			
85-104	Alexander S. Cameron .....	Nicholson and Sturt ...	Beaconsfield, Warrabalong, and Wycherproof.
86- 31	William Walker, junior.....	Nicholson.....	Warrabalong.
48	Charles Lee .....	Townsend .....	Booroorban and North Caroonboon.
Conditional Purchases.			
86- 38	George W. Bowden .....	Waradgery .....	Chambers.
63	John H. H. Menz .....	Sturt .....	Munro.
85- 65	Robert Hamilton, junior .....	Nicholson.....	Yurdyilla.
66	Henry White .....	do .....	Chirnside.
Conditional Leases.			
86- 27	George W. Bowden.....	Waradgery .....	Chambers.
44	John H. H. Menz.....	Sturt .....	Munro.
85- 1	Amos Short .....	Nicholson.....	Russell.
4	Ellen Costello .....	do .....	Whealbah, South
9	Denis Brogan .....	do .....	Gonowlia.
10	John Flanagan .....	do .....	do
16	Allan B. Morris .....	Waradgery .....	Pimpampa.
86- 7	Henry White .....	Nicholson.....	Chirnside.
46	Robert Hamilton, junior.....	do .....	Yurdyilla.
Homestead Lease.			
85- 40	James Henry Vagg .....	Franklin .....	Golgotherie and Audrey.
Conditional Lease, clause 52.			
82-134	Donald M'Cullum .....	Waradgery .....	Darcoola.
Application for permission to effect improvements.			
86- 1	Lewis Kiddle .....	Townsend .....	Moultrassie.
2	John Lamb .....	do .....	Wureep.
3	Do .....	do .....	do
Applications for conversion of part of a Pastoral Holding into a Scrub Lease.			
86- 1	The City Bank .....	Merool Creek Pastoral Holding.	
2	Do .....	Merool Creek Pastoral Holding.	
4	Thomas Bailie .....	Benerembah.....	
Applications for Scrub Leases.			
	John James Jago .....	Sturt.....	North Bringagee
	William Spry .....	do .....	Denny.
	George Seaton .....	do .....	O'Brien.
	John Hanlon.....	Townsend.....	Palmer, Wargam, Mingay, and Ronald.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Local Land Board, Hay, 16th December, 1886.

Regret I have no more slips left of the remainder of the Courts.—A.J.P., 21/12/86.

Extract from the *Riverina Grazier*, Hay, 12th November, 1886.

Really something ought to be done to expedite the procedure of our Land Board. It moves like a wounded snake. The sittings at Hillston were protracted altogether beyond the limits, and must have cost all concerned money, time, and temper. No person is benefited by these prolonged sittings except the Land Agents and the members of the Board. We notice that at Wagga Wagga the Board managed to run through as many cases as were heard at Hillston in a few days. A small list was set down at Deniliquin, but there is such a chance of protraction that the Board which was to sit here on the 19th has to be postponed to the 25th, necessitating the work being done over again. No one doubts that the Lands Department here does its best to oblige the public, but it is questionable whether the Board studies the public. The fault lies in allowing a whole series of irrelevant matter to be introduced—matter having no earthly concern with the case in hand. The examination should be short, sharp, and decisive, and everything should be vigorously excluded that did not bear upon the case. It may be urged that Mr. Park's anxiety to do justice, to ascertain every fact, causes this tedious lengthening out of cases. There are some virtues which, if carried to extremes, become worse than vices. We hear 180 cases are set down for the next Board; enough to make anyone shudder. When will that unhappy Board come to an end? Heaven only knows. We hope some of the applicants will not be so rash as to purchase allotments in the cemetery, for we have some hope that the Board will endeavour to get through the work—even to hasten slowly.

### No. 31.

The Chairman Land Board Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Head Office, Land Board, Hay, 1 January, 1887.

I have the honor to reply briefly to the minute of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, dated 22nd December, 1886, on papers Ministerial, 86-10,585. A similar Ministerial minute was answered by my letter of 21st December, 1886. I beg that this communication may be read in connection with that letter, and that the same respectful protest—*re* anonymous charges—contained therein, may be considered to apply to this case also.

The

Enclosures.—  
Minute 86/10,585  
(S.B.D., 86/6,658)  
containing a cutting from the  
*Deniliquin Chronicle*, dat  
2/12/86

The whole matter of the subject newspaper article hinges upon one point, viz.:—Refusal of conditional purchase and conditional lease applications, which have been improperly prepared.

Generally in such cases one or more of the following are the defects:—

1. Questions in Schedule disregarded or improperly answered.
2. No mention of improvements.
3. Improvements mentioned, but no attempt made to describe their position. How easily with the commonest care could such defects be avoided.

Similar paragraphs and complaints from Deniliquin have previously been transmitted to you from a Mr. Jamieson, a land agent in that town. See papers Ministerial 86-760, and Ministerial 86-2,129.

Each and every case specified in the subject article was conducted by the same Mr. Jamieson, and a defective application was in each the cause of refusal. In each case, except Scott's, an appeal has been lodged, and the papers are with you. In the event of the appeal being upheld, no further evidence will be necessary, as the Board completed the action in all cases as far as possible, including the appraisements of improvements.

In some of the cases rival applications have since been lodged for same land (which appears to be valuable), and if the appeals are not sustained by the Honorable the Minister it is quite possible that the appellants may lose the land.

To those persons, and to their agents, such a prospect is naturally very irritating. The Board not being chargeable with the imperfections of their applications, it is anonymously censured in the subject article for not condoning those illegalities, in the face of clear enactments and strenuous legal opposition.

While strongly disposed to deal liberally with such applications (*see Appendix A*) the Board became convinced, from legal arguments, and upon further reflection, that to depart from the mandatory provisions of the Act and regulations would be the means of introducing such laxity of procedure that the success of the Act would be endangered, and the intentions of its framers frustrated. Consequently, having a plain duty to perform, the Board set its face to it, and did it.

I have, &c.,  
A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Submitted.—S.F., 18/1/87. This paper was seen by Mr. Secretary Copeland.—C.O., 25/2/87.  
Put away.

[Enclosures.]

Appendix A to my letter of 1/1/87.

EXTRACT from Deniliquin Minute-book, in camera.

"FEBRUARY 9th, 1886.—It formed a matter of discussion what should be done in cases of erroneous answers to questions in schedule attached to conditional purchase applications, or omissions, and subsequently,—

"Resolved,—That, in cases of conditional purchase applications, where answers to some of the questions have been omitted or answered erroneously, with the intention of misleading or deceiving, the application shall be ousted; but if the Board, by examining the applicant or others on oath, or by other means, convince themselves that no deceit was intended, the application may, other things being found satisfactory, be allowed to stand."

Appendix B to Chairman Park's letter to Under Secretary for Lands, 7/1/87.

REPORT upon the general charges of the newspaper article cut from the *Deniliquin Chronicle* of the 2nd December, 1886, confined to those passages marked in blue at Head Office, Sydney.

*Passage No. 1.*—As may be seen from my covering letter, the "obstacles," "worries," and "annoyances" are the creations of the selector or his agent, and the losses of time and of money to the former are the direct consequences of ignorance or carelessness in the lodgment of imperfect applications, for which the selector (or his agent) is alone responsible.

*Passage No. 2.*—The sitting was protracted far beyond the time arranged for it by incessant contentions between the opposing parties, their prolonged arguments, and the examination of their numerous witnesses. The land is more valuable, intrinsically and otherwise, than in any other land district, and no chance is ever neglected by either of the contending parties to secure its acquisition or its retention. Generally one side, and sometimes both sides, were represented by solicitors of the Supreme Court, who, while acting within their rights, must not be put down by an arbitrary ruling of the Board. When those gentlemen exceeded their rights they were stopped promptly, but politely. It is not true that time was no object to the Board. The Court at Hay had been fixed to commence on the 19th November, 1886. I had reluctantly to postpone it, for the Deniliquin Court extended to the 22nd November, 1886, in consequence of the incompetency of some, and the litigiousness of others, of the parties to the proceedings.

*Passage No. 3.*—Some solicitors had been allowed to watch some cases *amica curia*, in accordance with the necessities of the particular case and time-honoured custom. When the privilege was abused it was curtailed. The inuendo is too despicable for comment, and cannot be construed into a charge.

*Passage No. 4.*—The Board did not "neglect to bring its clerk from Hay." The clerk seized of the work was not permitted to go to Deniliquin by orders of the Under Secretary, who had more urgent duty for him. Except in one case, where the omission was at once rectified, and the case disposed of later on in the sitting, no case fell through as alleged. Several cases, principally inquiries under repeal Acts, were postponed from non-appearance of principals, and no proof of service, owing to the proper clerk not being in attendance. Some were postponed at request of District Surveyor and others. Perhaps the anonymous writer might be invited to specify the cases.

As to the "stringency" of administration said to characterize the Deniliquin Board, I must refer to my covering letter for the facts.

*Passages Nos. 5, 6, and 7.*—Are answered by covering letter and the papers themselves, which are in the hands of the Under Secretary.

No. 32.

R. Barbour, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 26 April, 1887.

I have had other letters besides the enclosed from Jamieson complaining that no Land Board sittings have been held at Deniliquin for about five months, and I have written to the Chairman of the Board, and I enclose his letter for your information.

I might remind you that at the last sittings of the Appeal Court several of the appeals were not dealt with, on account of the Local Land Board having neglected to state the grounds of their decision, and these were sent back to the Board to be corrected, but the penalty is suffered by the selectors, who are wasting their substance waiting to get on their land applied for by them a year or two ago.

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If

Cases specified—  
C. L. Bottcher,  
C.P. 86/16, &c.;  
J. Wellington,  
C.P. 86/16, &c.;  
C. Macaulay, C.P.  
86/35, &c.; W.  
Scott, C.P. 86/7  
&c.; J. E.  
Coffee, C.P.  
86/13, &c.; J.  
Harvey, C.P.,  
86/14, &c.

The Under Secretary never supposed for a moment that an officer of Mr. Boot's position had been told off to post letters. However, no representation was made to the effect that his attendance was required for the purpose of proving the posting of notices.—C.O.

If you can do anything to hasten the dealing with those cases, as well as the new applications which, according to all appearances, will, some of them, be six months old before the preliminary inquiry takes place, you will earn the gratitude of the selectors.

Yours truly,  
ROBERT BARBOUR.

Telegraph to the Chairman at Hay:—Complaints made that there has been no sitting of the Land Board at Deniliquin for five months, and that the sitting now to take place will be confined to appraisements. While the appraisal business must not be delayed, cannot other business be heard afterwards. In replying, give generally amount of other business now awaiting a Court at Deniliquin, and suggest any arrangement which may occur to you to meet alleged difficulty.—C.O., 28/4/87. Reply by wire, urgent. Telegram sent, 28/4/87. Noted, 8/9/87.

[Enclosures.]

Mr. R. Barbour, Member of Parliament, Sydney,—

D eniliquin, 21 April, 1887.

Dear Sir,

I should feel obliged if you could do something towards hastening the sitting of the Land Board at Deniliquin. It is now nearly five months since the last Board. Mr. Morrisett, one of the members, being ill, is unable to perform his duties. The selectors are loudly complaining at the length of time they have to wait.

Yours, &c.,  
A. JAMIESON.

I have just received information that Land Board sits on the 4th May, but merely for the appraisal of runs in this district.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 21 April, 1887.

With reference to your letter of 19th instant, I have the honor to inform you that no cases are proposed to be heard at Deniliquin at the forthcoming Court except the pastoral leases, &c., as the necessity for appraising all the rents and occupation license fees payable on pastoral holdings before the end of June is imperative.

I have to add that after this is done the subject case, Joseph Wellington's conditional lease, and others of a similar nature, will be dealt with as rapidly as possible.

I have, &c.,

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Robert Barbour, Esq., Member Legislative Assembly, Parliament House, Sydney.

### No. 33.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

29 April, 1887.

CONCERNING your telegram, respecting Deniliquin complaints last Court there, concluded in November; have been sitting somewhere ever since; besides thirty-six pastoral holdings, there are at least seventy-three general cases, exclusive of what may be in District Surveyor's Office, and appraisal of conditional lease rents; Court begins 4th May; hope to finish evidence pastoral holdings (say) 25th, appraise and announce rents by 27th, leaving four days to reach Hillston, 200 miles, where Court opens 1st June with the last forty-eight pastoral holdings in this Land Board District; while at Hillston propose to finish all outstanding general work there, then return to Deniliquin to do the general work named about middle of July. Have already suggested that Mr. Rowling should temporarily fill Mr. Morrisett's seat; hope you will appoint him, for I think he will consent to night sittings, as on previous occasion, in order that the more urgent general cases at least may be dealt with. This telegram written last night, but Telegraph Office had closed.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Apparently the Chairman is making an effort to meet the requirements of the applicants for land in the Deniliquin District, and he may be asked to report whether it could not be arranged to hold an emergency meeting at Deniliquin while he is sitting at Hillston. Mr. District-Surveyor M'Donald has been placed on the Deniliquin Board, and if Mr. Morrisett is unable to soon resume duty another appointment could be made.—C.O., 29/4/87.

Approved.—T.G., 29/4/87. Telegram sent, 29/4/87.

### No. 34.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

29 April, 1887.

CONCERNING your telegram of to-day, respecting emergency Court at Deniliquin, there will be no necessity, as I can arrange to take the urgent work before leaving there.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Telegraph to the Chairman at Hay, and state that Mr. District-Surveyor M'Donald has been appointed a member of the Local Land Board at Deniliquin, and that his appointment will be gazetted to-morrow. Wire also Mr. M'Donald, and state that the Chairman has been informed.—C.O., 2/5/87.

Telegrams, Chairman and District Surveyor, Hay, 2nd May, 1887.

### No. 35.

Mr. O. Ingram to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Tarwong, Hay, 28 May, 1887.

Allow me to draw your attention to the loss and inconvenience myself and others in this district are put to through there being no Land Court held in Hay for such a long period. I applied for a homestead lease last October; it was surveyed four months ago; the plan is approved, and only awaiting the sitting of the Court to be finally dealt with, which would take about ten minutes. I have put a good many improvements on this lease (with the sanction of the leaseholder), being sure that it would

would be gazetted ere this. I also bought some sheep, which I have to rent grass for, and unless my lease is gazetted within a very few months I will not be able to purchase sheep off the sheafs, which will be another loss. Now, as there seems no chance of there being a Court held here for some months, might I suggest that an emergency Court be held, presided over by Mr. M'Donald, if the Chairman has not time. By so doing you would confer a favour on a good many others as well as myself.

I am, &c.,

OSWALD INGRAM.

Submitted.—S.F., 1/6/87. It has been decided to place Mr. M'Donald on the Board, and arrange for a Court at Hay upon an early date.—C.O., 3/6/87. Writer informed.—H.L.T., 4/6/87.

### No. 36.

A. Lakeman, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 3 June, 1887.

I beg to point out the great inconvenience to the public at Hay through not having a Land Court at that town, for so long a period, at the present time. I understand there are more than fifty cases ready to be finally dealt with, but the Chairman is engaged at Hillston, and cannot possibly be at Hay for at least another month. I would therefore suggest the appointment of Mr. District-Surveyor M'Donald as a member of the Hay Land Board, which now only consists of the Police Magistrate and Chairman, and instruct the Chairman of the Board to hold a Court at which Mr. M'Donald and the Police Magistrate could act.

Yours, &c.,

ALLAN LAKEMAN.

Submitted.—C.O., 3/6/87. This suggestion may be acted upon if there be no legal obstacle, and if it will get over the difficulty.—T.G., 3/6/87. There is no legal difficulty. Prepare Executive Council minute, and communicate with the Chairman and Mr. District-Surveyor M'Donald, and inform Mr. Lakeman.—C.O., 3/6/87. Chairman, Mr. M'Donald, and Mr. Lakeman informed, 4/6/87.—H.L.T. Mr. Atterbury. Executive minute prepared, 6th June, 1887.

### No. 37.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 June, 1887.

It having been represented that there are a large number of cases waiting to be dealt with by the Hay Local Land Board, and in consequence of your absence on duty in other districts there is little prospect of your being able to preside at sittings of the Board for a month or more, and that the delay is productive of great inconvenience to the public, I have the honor to inform you that, with a view to obviating this, the Secretary for Lands has approved of Mr. District-Surveyor M'Donald being appointed a member of the Hay Local Land Board.

The appointment will be gazetted next week, and I have to ask you to be good enough to place yourself in communication with Mr. M'Donald, and arrange for him and Mr. Pearce to hold a Court in your absence at the earliest date possible.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

### No. 38.

Executive Council Minute.

*Subject*:—Temporary appointment of R. M'Donald, Esq., District Surveyor, Hay, as a member of the Local Land Board for the Land District of Hay.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 June, 1887.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that Robert M'Donald, Esq., District Surveyor at Hay, be appointed temporarily a member of the Local Land Board for the Land District of Hay, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

THOS. GARRETT.

His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.

The Executive Council approve of the appointment herein recommended.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Approved.—CARRINGTON, 14/6/87. Minute 87-37, 14/6/87. Confirmed, 24/6/87. Notified 26th July, 1887.

### No. 39.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Court-house, Hillston, 11 June, 1887.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 4th instant, and numbered Ministerial 87-5,706, in which you inform me that,—

1st. The Honorable the Minister will appoint the District Surveyor, Hay, a member of the Local Land Board at that place; and

2nd. That it is your desire that I should arrange for a Court to be held at Hay in my absence, in consequence of certain representations which have been made.

The particulars of these representations, so closely affecting my administration, or the name of their author have not, however, been made known to me, and I have therefore no opportunity of refuting their inaccuracy or of corroborating their truth.

Before

Before receiving your letter on the 9th instant I had been made acquainted with the essence of its subject by a telegram from the District Surveyor, on receipt of which I took steps to ascertain the state of the Hay cases, and found from the Clerk-in-charge that only forty-nine cases existed, of which three seemed urgent.

The cases concerned with settlements on land I expect by Monday's mail; the remainder will come later. Some time will be occupied in completing their preparation, and in affording a proper interval for notices to mature, whence the Court originally intended to be held in middle of July can only be anticipated by some days at most.

I would submit to your notice the fact that it is most undesirable that Courts should be held in my absence, unless for the transaction of purely formal business. Uniformity of procedure, and also of action, on various points throughout the Land Board Districts is essential to the proper conduct of the various Local Land Courts, and the numberless precedents which have been set up in the different Land Districts under my charge are not within the knowledge or within the reach of the members of any single Land Board.

To avoid such a contingency as a Court in my absence, I have worked very hard, and have persistently refrained from claiming any leave of absence, which my health has so much demanded during the severe strain of the past two and a half years.

I therefore claim some consideration from the Government in the performance of my duties, for it is not to the interest of the general public that my future work should be complicated by the establishment of new precedents, or the reversion of those already established, which would inevitably result from the holding of Courts in my absence.

I am only too glad to accelerate business in any way, as you are fully aware, and also to meet the wishes of the Honorable the Minister at any personal sacrifice. Pardon me for quoting the most recent instance, viz., the late Deniliquin Court, wherein, to satisfy your desires, I heard, I think, seventy-seven extra cases to those set down for hearing, and by close application and night-work the Board disposed of all without my having to delay this Hillston sitting except by one day.

Under these circumstances I have now to ask if you still desire a Court to be held at Hay in my absence, so short a time in advance of that arranged.

If you do, please reply by telegram, in order to accelerate matters.

I need not add to the length of this letter by adducing the several other reasons against Courts of the kind, but will furnish them if you so desire.

I have, &c.,  
A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

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No. 40.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

17 June, 1887.

UNDER Secretary away unwell. Unable to see Minister on subject. Your communication respecting appointment of District-Surveyor M'Donald to Land Board, Hay. You should act upon instruction already given.

STEPHEN FREEMAN  
(For Under Secretary Lands).

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No. 41.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Assistant Under Secretary for Lands.

Hillston, 18 June, 1887.

CONCERNING your telegram of 17th instant, I have made no communication whatever regarding Mr. District-Surveyor M'Donald or his appointment to Hay Land Board. If you refer to my letter of 11th instant respecting an earlier Court at Hay than that arranged then, the Under Secretary not being accessible through illness, why delay the matter until you can see the Minister. The letter is purely for the Honorable the Minister's consideration, and urgent. Please send it in to him.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Local Land Board.

My telegram, copy herewith, was sent by direction of the Under Secretary, given at the moment of his departure from the office when convalescent. I had no feeling in the matter, but Mr. Park has gone out of his way to make it a personal affair, and has thought fit to write a most impertinent telegram.—S.F., 18/6/87.

No further delay must be allowed in carrying out the arrangements already decided. Express to Mr. Park my surprise at his evident wish to prevent it.—T.G., 18/6/87. Telegrams to Mr. Park, addressed to Hay and Hillston.—18/6/87. 12-14 and 15.

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No. 42:

*Gazette Notice.*

Department of Lands, Sydney, 26 July, 1887.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint, temporarily,

ROBERT M'DONALD, Esq., District Surveyor at Hay,

to be a Member of the Local Land Board for the Land District of Hay, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

THOMAS GARRETT.

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No. 43.



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No. 43.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Clerk-in-charge, Hay.  
29 November, 1887.

Mr. Boot will reach Hay to-morrow night.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

No. 44.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

30 November, 1887.

EFFICIENT assistance could not be sent at an earlier date than now arranged. Am quite sure that if you apply yourself to office-work no serious delay or inconvenience will arise.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

No. 45.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

2 December, 1887.

UNDER existing circumstances of your office it would be necessary for Mr. Volekman to defer his leave to more convenient period. As to further assistance, can you nominate local resident, as an efficient junior, at from £50 to £100 per annum.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

No. 46.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

5 December, 1887.

RETURN for 1887 may be furnished in yearly form. In future, however, half-yearly.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

No. 47.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

6 December, 1887.

Is Mr. Rowling a resident of Hay? If not, he is not considered eligible, as an officer might just as well be sent from Sydney. Overtime, as requested, allowed, but not to extend to Mr. Boot, who is expected, and I am sure prepared, to meet any emergency which may arise.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

No. 48.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

8 December, 1887.

NOMINATION of Mr. Rowling cannot be accepted. Report at once whether a junior can be obtained in Hay. As to further assistance, the question will be dealt with when report of Board of Inquiry is under consideration. Letter by post.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

No. 48A.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

9 December, 1887.

PLEASE furnish by first post particulars of conditional purchases requiring immediate inspection, as stated in your telegram to-day.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

No. 48B.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

9 December, 1887.

MR. EMERGENCY Land-Agent Gibson appointed temporarily, your office, Hay. Leaves here to-morrow night.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

No. 49.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

15 December, 1887.

As intimated in my telegram of the 6th instant, Mr. Scott is appointed member of Deniliquin Land Board. You should have informed Mr. Scott, and thus saved delay in work of Board.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

No. 49A.

## No. 49A.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

19 December, 1887.

If there are any conditional purchase cases in your office in connection with which fulfilment of conditions has been reported, and five-year period has or is about to expire, please transmit them at once.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 50.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

19 December, 1887.

PLEASE furnish by wire areas recommended by Board for homestead leases referred to in my letter of 13th instant. Information required early to-morrow.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 51.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

22 December, 1887.

PLEASE refer to form 102 caveats, and wire particulars for 1886. Return not received with others. Very urgent; report waiting.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 52.

## Petition.

[Presented by Allan Lakeman.]

Gunbar, 1 February, 1885.

WE, the undersigned selectors living within the jurisdiction of the Hay Land Board, having lost all confidence in the impartiality of the Chairman of such Board (Mr. A. J. Park), respectfully request that he be removed.

ALFRED WARREN, Selector, Gunbar  
(President of Gunbar Settlers' Association).

JOHN FLANAGAN, Selector, Gunbar  
(Vice-President, Gunbar Settlers' Association).

SAMUEL NIXON, Selector, Gunbar  
(Honorary Treasurer, Gunbar Settlers' Association).

ROBERT GIBSON, Selector, Gunbar  
(Honorary Secretary, Gunbar Settlers' Association).

[Here follow 216 signatures.]

Acknowledge receipt, and state that if any specific charges of incapacity, arbitrary action, partiality, or misconduct of any character, in his office, is alleged against the Chairman of the Hay Board, it will be fully inquired into and promptly and properly dealt with; but I am of opinion that it would be not only improper on my part, but unfair to the Chairman, to take any action on the very vague allegations of this petition.—T.G., 18/4/88.

A. Lakeman, M.P., informed.—H.A.T., 19/4/88.

## No. 53.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 10 February, 1888.

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, inquiring in what position Mr. O'Hanlan is appointed in your office, I have the honor to inform you that it should be obvious that Mr. O'Hanlan was not attached to the Hay office in the capacity of Chairman thereof or Clerk-in-charge, and it should not be difficult for you to determine the clerical duties which he should undertake.

Mr. O'Hanlan has been employed as a junior clerk in the Armidale office, and leaves that office with an excellent character, and should be capable of undertaking some of the duties in connection with which clerical assistance has been applied for by you.

I have, &c.,  
CHARLES OLIVER.

## No. 54.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

29 February, 1888.

MR. LAKEMAN, M.P., stated in Assembly yesterday that he knew of several, if not many, applications for forfeited conditional purchases in leasehold areas having been rejected by Hay Board. Minister requires statement to be rigidly inquired into. Please furnish report as to fact at once.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

No. 55.

## No. 55.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 June, 1888.

With reference to your memo. of the 1st instant, relative to further clerical assistance in your office, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that the present staff in your office is considered sufficient, and to impress upon you that the work must be performed without further assistance.

I am to point out to you that it will be your duty to see that the business is not permitted to fall again into arrear.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

## No. 56.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Minl. 88/6,342; L.B.D. 88/4,206, Hay.

THE Under Secretary for Lands in his minute of 23/7/88, B.C., has propounded three questions, to which I furnish the three subjoined replies.

I premise by stating that on the 7th July, 1888, I had to leave my head office on Board duty for an extended period, and the whole staff left in that office to carry out the provisions of the law consisted of two temporary junior clerks at 10s. and 9s. per day each respectively, an average attendance of the Land Agent for twenty-four minutes per diem, and no Clerk-in-charge or responsible officer whatever.

Hence the necessity for the immediate precautionary measure which I took to protect the administration, for which, it would appear, I am called in question.

*Replies to Questions.*

(No. 1.)—The direction referred to is in writing (*vide* lines Nos. 14 to 20, Appendix E). It was made in order that the general practice in signing name and rank should be strictly followed, and so secure for the matter signed its due weight. It is the practice that no clerk having less responsibility than the Clerk-in-charge should sign *Pro* Chairman.

(No. 2.)—I did not issue any such unqualified instruction as that indicated by this question, nor does Mr. Temporary-Clerk Davies in his report state that I did. The object of the instruction issued was to enable me to communicate with the Under Secretary before sending away papers which I might know were locally required.

(No. 3.)—Mr. Temporary-Clerk Davies, late on Saturday night, the eve of my departure, informed me that a few cases of "*Directions for Survey*" were required, and could be got ready for issue in the following week. I ordered him to prepare them, and submit them to me for examination and signature. I left no instructions which could have debarred the Acting District Surveyor from the same access to papers as he usually possessed. I would politely point out that none of my instructions were to "the detriment of despatch of business," but were simply for the proper conduct of the business of the Head Office of the Local Land Board, Hay, while deprived of any responsible or authorized supervision. The Under Secretary was reminded of the condition of this office by telegram, as follows:—

\* "In reference to your recent letter directing me to prevent the work of this office falling into arrears, the Clerk-in-charge is absent on leave of undefined duration. I have attended to the correspondence, &c., to date, and leave for Balranald to-morrow (Sunday) on Board duty, and have directed all urgent cases to be sent on to me. The office is now in charge of Mr. Davies, temporary clerk, assisted by Mr. O'Hanlon, temporary clerk, and also to some extent by the Local Crown Lands Agent. Pending your further instruction or action."

Hay, 7th July, 1888.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Local Land Board.

A. J. Park, Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay,—B.C., 23rd October, 1888. The papers 88/6,342 were forwarded to the Chairman of Land Board, Hay, on 24th July last, and have not yet been returned.—M.L., 26/10/88. The Under Secretary. Ask for them (telegraph)—S.F., 10/11/88. Correspondence Branch. The paper has not been returned, according to notation in Ministerial books.—M.L., 12/11/88. Wire, 12/11/88.

\* In response to this telegram, Mr. Boot was directed on 9th July to proceed to Hay, and he arrived there on the following day, apparently remaining until Mr. Lackey, the then Clerk-in-charge, resumed duty on the 26th July.—S.F. 3/12/88.

## No. 57.

The Acting Clerk-in-charge, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 13 July, 1888.

Adverting to your letter of the 9th instant, reappointing me to the position of Acting Clerk-in-charge at Hay, and asking me to report on my arrival as to the state of the work, and to forward copies of all instructions left by the Chairman prior to his departure for Balranald,—as regards the first request, I have the honor to state when I left Hay on the 1st instant the work was, as far as practicable, up to date (*vide* Enclosure A), and on my return, on the 10th instant, I found, after a careful investigation, that during my absence only a moderate amount of work had been performed, and the office-work was again in arrear (*vide* Enclosure B). "The arrears consist principally of cases ripe for Survey Office action—Court action—Transmission to you—Vouchers for Chairman's signature (some of these were on his table prior to my departure on the 1st instant), a number of cases requiring notations and entries in office-books, same for correspondence; and lastly, ninety-four cases for registration, being Land Court decisions and outside correspondence." I may state twenty-nine of these cases comprised the Lake Cudgellico Court, held on the 18th and 19th ultimo, the decisions being apparently signed by Mr. Wright (member of the Board) at the latter end of June, at Hillston, and received here on the 2nd instant, and then completed by the Chairman signing at Hay on the 7th instant (*vide* Enclosure C), yet the decisions  
state,

state, "Given under our hands, at the Court-house, at Lake Cudgellico, this 18th or 19th (as the case may be) June, 1888 (*vide* Enclosure D). As the last few lines perhaps overstep the duties you asked me to report on, I must, in explanation, say the detention of these papers in hands of other than an officer of the Local Land Board, Hay, causes part of the arrear alluded to.

As regards your second request, I herewith attach copies of instructions marked E and F. In conclusion, I may state every effort is now being made with a view to speedily reducing the arrears.

I have, &c.,

A. BOOT,

Acting Clerk-in-charge.

1. I should be glad if the Chairman would favour me by explaining why he directed Mr. Davies to sign his name, as stated by him? 2. Also, why an instruction was given that papers were not to be forwarded to me if asked for? And 3. Why the transmission of papers to District Survey Office, to the detriment of the dispatch of business, was suspended, as stated by Mr. Davies?—C.O., B.C., 23/7/88.

After registration, please forward to the Chairman, now *en route* to Wentworth.—M.L., Clerk-in-charge, 27/7/88.

Replied to by my B.C. minute of this date.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, 23/10/88.

The Under Secretary for Lands, to be placed with reply.—B. J. ATTERBURY (*pro* Chairman), B.C., 26/10/88.

[Enclosures.]

(A.)

MESSRS. DAVIES and O'HANLAN.—Kindly inform me if your work was up to date on the 1st instant, the day of my departure from Hay.

A. BOOT,

Acting Clerk-in-charge,

Hay, 13/7/88.

My work was not quite up to date when you left Hay, though I think only two or three days in arrears. The reason is that Mr. O'Hanlan was away ill for a week, and I was the only clerk left in the office. I succeeded in keeping Mr. O'Hanlan's work up, and made the best effort possible to keep my own.—C.H.D., 13/7/88. Mr. O'Hanlan.

My work was quite up to date when you left Hay.—W.O'H., 13/7/88. Mr. Boot. Mr. Volckman's work was up to date on 1st instant.—A.B., 13/7/88.

(B.)

MESSRS. DAVIES and O'HANLAN.—Kindly inform me if your work was up to date on my arrival here on the 10th instant.

A. BOOT,

Acting Clerk-in-charge,

Hay, 13/7/88.

My work was not up to date on your return; about a week in arrears.—C.H.D., 13/7/88. Mr. O'Hanlan. My work was not up to date on your return; about a week in arrears.—W.O'H., 13/7/88. Mr. Boot. Mr. Volckman's work was up to date on 10th instant.—A.B., 13/7/88.

(C.)

CASES from last Cudgellico Court for Chairman's signature, please.—M.L., 3/7/88.

Clerk-in-charge, Hay, will please examine the cases, and see that no clerical or other cognate errors have accrued, before taking the necessary action subsequent to signatures of members.—A.J.P., 7/7/88.

(D.)

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, section 14, sub-section 4.)  
Decision of Local Land Board.

New South Wales, Lake Cudgellico, }  
to wit.

WHEREAS on the 19th day of June, 1888, it became a matter for investigation before us whether the application for permission to ringbark made by George Logue Dickson should be granted or otherwise, and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, we grant the application in terms of the Forest Ranger's report.

Given under our hands, at the Court-house, Lake Cudgellico, in the Colony of New South Wales, this 19th day of June, 1888.

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

LINDON G. WRIGHT, Member.

(E.)

To be registered and kept as a record.—A.J.P., 7/7/88.

Memo. for Mr. Davies, Temporary Clerk, Local Land Board Office, Hay.

7 July, 1888.

(1.) UNTIL the return of the Clerk-in-charge, you will be good enough to forward to me for action any cases which require immediate attention, and direct telegrams to be repeated to me at Balranald.

(5) Should the Clerk-in-charge not return before I leave for Wentworth, then follow the same course until that officer returns or some officer be sent to take up his duties, of which fact I shall no doubt be in a position to inform you.

(10.) (13.) You must not sign anything *pro* Chairman, but you may use the telegraph in communication with me to any legitimate extent. Should you formally acknowledge receipt of a letter, &c., be careful to sign your name and official designation.

(14.) (15.) (20.) The public can have no access to papers or authoritative information while you are in temporary charge of the office.

(23)

A. J. PARK,

Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

(F.)

MR. DAVIES.—I am directed by the Under Secretary for Lands to ascertain if the Chairman gave you any verbal or written instructions before leaving for Balranald as regards the work in this office. Be good enough to state full particulars of same on this paper.—A. BOOT, Acting Clerk-in-charge, Hay, 13 July, 1888.

In compliance with the above request, I beg to submit the following statement of particulars, verbal and otherwise, given me by the Chairman prior to his departure from Hay for Balranald on the 8th instant. The appointed Clerk-in-charge, Mr. Lackey, left Hay on the 4th (Wednesday), and the Chairman performed his (Mr. Lackey's) duties until the following Saturday, the 7th. The Chairman, at midday on Saturday, requested to see me at the office that evening, if convenient, for what reason I did not ascertain then. I saw the Chairman, as requested, who informed me of his departure for Balranald on the next day. He also referred to the importance of my duties during his and the absence of the Clerk-in-charge, and handed me the within document, giving me distinctly to understand that I was not, on any consideration

tion, to depart from the instructions contained therein. My verbal instructions also were particular in regard to the procedure to be adopted during the currency of my temporary chieftanship of the office, and a brief description of cases which might be considered urgent or otherwise. For instance, if any one wrote for refunds, &c., a reply was necessary at once, stating the circumstances of the case, &c., that being considered urgent, and to be attended to, but cases of ordinary routine to stand over for the present. In matters where it was necessary to sign, my official designation, and no other, was to be used, viz., "Charles H. Davies, Temporary Clerk in Local Land Board Office, Hay."

The use of the telegraph in communication with the Chairman was sanctioned me to any legitimate extent, and no papers were to be sent out of the office without his sanction, which, if found to be necessary, I was to obtain from him by telegram. If the Under Secretary for Lands asked for papers, I was not to send them without first referring the papers to him or communicating the facts by wire. A like course to be adopted with all cases requiring immediate attention. With reference to those cases requiring survey action, the Acting District Surveyor, on Saturday (the 7th), informed me that he had men in the field awaiting instructions. A number of cases would be in readiness on Monday; but the Chairman would not allow me to sign the printed letters directing survey in accordance with the Board's decision, but I was instructed to forward them all for signature to the Chairman at Balranald; the same to apply to all cases submitted to the Acting District Surveyor for action. I would also state that all the instructions given me by the Chairman were such as to promote the welfare of the office, and to avoid the possibility of complications arising through my inefficiency to cope with the duties of clerk-in-charge of this office. For the two days I occupied the position given me by the Chairman, I have endeavoured to comply with his instructions to the fullest extent, and trust that my efforts to uphold the confidence bestowed on me have been fraught with success. In conclusion, I would respectfully add that I have been in this office for nearly three years and a half on the temporary staff, and have at all times endeavoured to afford satisfaction, by diligence and attention to my duties, to those my senior officers.

Mr. Boot.

C.H.D., 13/7/88.

### No. 58.

Mr. R. S. Love to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

(M.S. 88-6,647; L.B.D. 88-4,098, Hay.)

Sir,

Hearing that there is a vacancy for a junior clerk at the Lands Office, Hay, I beg to offer myself in that capacity. I have been employed for the past six months as Assistant Town Clerk for the Municipal District of Hay, and beg to assure you that if appointed will do my best to fill it to your satisfaction.

Yours, &c.,

R. S. LOVE.

The Chairman.—A. Boot, Acting Clerk-in-Charge, Hay, 21/2/88. This application and enclosure is forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands for such action as he may deem necessary.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Court-house, Deniliquin, 25th July, 1888. The Chairman will please say whether he considers that the services of a junior are now required, and if an applicant is eligible for the appointment.—C.O., B.C., 6/8/88.\* The Chairman, on his return.—M.L., 10/8/88.

The recently appointed Clerk-in-Charge will be good enough—if he can—to show hereon the present condition of the staff of this office, and state if with such staff he can undertake to keep the whole of the work done from day to day. If not, he will please state what assistance and of what nature he requires.—A.J.P., Hay, 16/8/88.

I should be very glad if the Chairman will allow a month to elapse before I answer this memo., as I am new to the work of this office.—M.L., 16/8/88. Yes.—A.J.P., 16/8/88.

[Enclosure to No. 58.]

Sir,

I beg to recommend to you Mr. R. S. Love for the position of junior clerk at your office, and feel sure if you appoint him he will give you satisfaction.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Yours, &c.,

ALLEN LAKEMAN.

### No. 59.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. S. Fennell.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 August, 1888.

I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 10th instant, intimating that at a meeting of homestead lessees, held at Brewarrina, a resolution to the effect that the action of the Chairman of the Local Land Board in recommending the forfeiture of fourteen out of seventeen homestead lease cases is arbitrary, and to inform you that your representations will receive due consideration when the reports of the Board referred to are received.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,

(For the Under Secretary).

### No. 60.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

16 August, 1888.

Will you please state definitely if I am to issue instructions to inspect homestead leases; and, if so, who are the Inspectors.

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

As it was considered that some means should be adopted by which it could be ascertained whether the conditions of the 82nd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 were being fulfilled by the homestead lessees, it was decided that the leases should be inspected by the Rabbit Inspectors in the ordinary course of their duties, and to furnish their reports to the Chairman. The Inspectors were furnished with schedules of the homestead leases to be inspected, and also tracings, these tracings to be returned with reports when furnished. The Chairmen at Bourke, Hay, and Moree were informed that the inspection of these leases were to be made by the Rabbit Inspectors, and were supplied with a duplicate schedule of the leases to be inspected, and the names of the Rabbit Inspectors. Whether the reports have all been furnished I cannot say, but I gave Mr. Taylor a list of the Inspectors who were instructed to report, with a view of ascertaining if any cases were in the hands of the Inspectors not reported on. As the Rabbit Inspectors are now dispensed with, it will be necessary to make arrangements for the continuing the inspection. Copy of letter to Chairman, with instructions and form of report enclosed.—E.L., 17/8/88.

\* Please see my reply on L.B.D. 88-5,707.—A.J.P., Chairman, 5/10/88.

Inform that the sudden termination of the employment of the Rabbit Inspectors, who were entrusted with the inspection of homestead leases, has rendered it necessary to reconsider the whole matter, and that it is now receiving attention. It would facilitate matters if the Chairman would state what reports have been received by him from Rabbit Inspectors, and those now required. The use of the word "definitely" in his telegram imparts a peremptory tone to his request, which is neither becoming nor courteous.—C.O., 17/8/88.

Chairman, accordingly, 17/8/88. After letter, return to me.—C.O.

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No. 61.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 August, 1888.

Referring to your telegraphic communication of yesterday's date, inquiring whether you are to issue instructions to inspect homestead leases, and, if so, who are the Inspectors, I have the honor to inform you that the sudden termination of the employment of the Rabbit Inspectors, who were entrusted with the inspection of such leases, has rendered it necessary to reconsider the whole question, and it is now receiving attention. It would facilitate matters if you will state what reports have been received in your office from Rabbit Inspectors and those now required.

I have to add that the use of the word "definitely" in your telegram alluded to, imparts a peremptory tone to your request which is neither becoming nor courteous.

I have, &c.,  
CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

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No. 62.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. Gale, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 August, 1888.

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, asking that a deputation be received from several gentlemen from Balranald and Hay to represent certain grievances which they allege conditional purchasers and lessees of those districts suffer in regard to the proceedings of the Local Land Courts, I am directed to inform you that Sir Henry Parkes will receive the deputation at noon on Friday next, the 31st idem.

I have, &c.  
CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

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No. 63.

Office Memorandum.

(M.L. 88-7,765 ; L.L.B. 88-5;154, Hay.)

The Hay Local Land Board.

THE papers in connection with grievances of the deputation from Hay and Balranald, which waited upon the Honorable the Premier on Friday last are herewith.

The general representations of the deputation appear in the memoranda read by Messrs. Thompson and Berry to the Premier. Special representations and suggestions were made by Mr. Sydes, of Hay, and appear in the enclosed extract from the *Daily Telegraph*.

B.J.A., 3/9/88.

The Under Secretary. Submitted.—C.O., 3/9/88.

The newspaper reports of what was said when the deputation waited upon me, together with such written statements as were submitted, should be sent to Mr. Park with a request that he offer any explanation he may desire to make.—H.P., 5/9/88.

The Chairman, Hay.—F.H.W. (for the Under-Secretary), 6/9/88. Department of Lands, B.C. Forwarded to the Chairman at Deniliquin.—M.L., Clerk-in-Charge, 10/9/88, Board Office, Hay. The Under Secretary for Lands with my letter and sixteen appendices this day.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Hay, 2 November, 1888.

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[Enclosures.]

Charge No. 16—Appendix No. 16—Page 59.

To the Honorable the Minister for Lands, Sydney,—  
THAT this meeting most respectfully begs to call the attention of the Minister for Lands to the manner in which the powers under the Land Act are being used to harass and annoy *bona-fide* settlement.

Balranald, July, 1888.

John Grinham, Mayor.  
C. W. O. Close, Alderman.  
W. J. Dunne, Balranald.  
E. Cameron, "  
E. Pollett, "  
James Williams, Mallee Farm.  
Tom Kidd, Balranald.  
Stephen M. Newman, Balranald.  
Samuel King, "  
James W. Wilkie, "  
John Hentage, "  
R. Gall, merchant.  
Thos. Turner, farmer.  
E. G. Henderson, grazier.  
C. H. Overy, carter.  
D. M'Mahon, Balranald.  
L. H. Dean.  
A. Pedrana.  
Alex. Hardie.  
Douglas Cameron.

Thomas Parsons.  
John G. Menon, Balranald.  
W. Mackenzie.  
R. B. Southie.  
Jno. Leserve.  
Richard Beaty.  
G. C. Marsden.  
John Kelly.  
Archy. Faulkner.  
F. H. Boynton.  
J. H. Richardson.  
Andrew Malcolm.  
D. C. Campbell.  
A. L. Anderson.  
J. Campbell.  
W. Hinde.  
A. J. Broadbent, tailor, Balranald.  
H. Podendorf.  
F. M. H. Parkes.

Ewen Cameron, junior.  
W. Hoult, selector.  
Alfred Meltor.  
J. Simmons.  
M. Jane Murphy, hotelkeeper.  
A. E. Collins, harnessmaker.  
F. E. S. Green, saddler.  
John Sheand, dairyman.  
Edward George Henderson.  
A. G. H. Hellermann, selector.  
J. F. Kibble, bootmaker.  
J. Atkinson, carpenter.  
Michael Harper, baker.  
B. Clifford.  
David Flynn, storeman.  
Alfred Greenham, blacksmith.  
C. A. Daniel, storeman.  
Edward Doherty, freeholder.  
James O'Donnell, contractor.

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Municipal

Municipal Chambers, Balranald, 1 August, 1888.

At the ordinary meeting of the Council, held on Monday, July 30th, 1888, the following motion was unanimously carried:—

“That this Council approves of the action of the homestead lessees in selecting Alderman Menon as one of the delegates to proceed to Sydney for the purpose of waiting upon the Minister for Lands *re* the injury being done to *bond-fide* settlement under the present administration of the Land Act, and will support him by all means in their power, believing that a continuance of the present system of administration will cause a complete stoppage of settlement throughout this district.”

RICHARD BEATY,  
Council Clerk.

JOHN GRINHAM,  
Mayor.

Presented by Alderman Menon, who supported the representations of the previous speakers.—B.J.A., 3/9/88. Does not appear to require any comment from me.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Hay, 1/11/88.

Telegram from Mr. S. Fennell to The Colonial Secretary or Acting Minister for Lands.

Balranald, 10 August, 1888.

At a meeting held here to-day the following resolution was passed:—“That this meeting is of opinion that the action of the Chairman of the Balranald Land Board appears to us to be arbitrary, and his action in recommending the forfeiture of fourteen out of seventeen cases of homestead leases should be thoroughly investigated before confirmation by the Minister for Lands.”

STEPHEN FENNELL,  
Chairman, Homestead Lease Meeting.

Inform that the representation will receive due consideration when the reports of Board referred to are received.—C.O., 13/8/88. Mr. Fennell—H.L.T., 13/8/88. Resubmit with papers when received. Submitted in connection with homestead lease cases herewith.—E.L., 29/8/88.

Dear Sir Henry Parkes,

Parliament House, New South Wales, 23 August, 1888.

Several gentlemen from Balranald and Hay will be in town on Friday, 31st instant, and will wait on you (as administering the Department of Lands) as a deputation charged to represent certain grievances which they allege the conditional purchasers and lessees of those districts suffer in regard to the proceedings of the Local Land Courts.

If you will kindly name the hour when it shall be convenient to you for me to introduce them you will much oblige—

Yours sincerely,  
JOHN GALE.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

Sir Henry Parkes will receive the deputation at noon on the 31st.—C.O., 27/8/88. Inform J. Gale, 28/8/88.

Dear Oliver,

12 Spring-street, Sydney, 29 August, 1888.

I called twice to-day, but could not find you in. The Hay and Balranald deputation will meet the Minister, as you have already arranged with Mr. Gale, at 11 o'clock on Friday.

I have asked them to formulate the business they wish to bring before the Minister, and the Hay portion of the deputation state that, with regard to the Chairman of the Hay Land Board, they wish to call attention to,—

1. His incivility.
2. His injustice.
3. The unjust and illegal manner in which he acts in dealing with applicants, &c., by examining and cross-examining them before he examines his own witnesses.

Also other matters connected with the working of the Land Act.

The Balranald portion wish to speak generally with regard to the working of the Act, particularly with regard to the manner in which the residence conditions are enforced on homestead leases near Balranald, two members of the deputation—Messrs. J. W. Berry and C. D. Anderson—having, with some fourteen out of seventeen cases, had their leases recommended for forfeiture.

The deputation also wish to call attention to the injustice of forfeiting the selection of a woman when she marries.

From what I have been able to gather, these are the principal matters to be brought before the Minister.

Yours, &c.,  
ROBT. B. WILKINSON.

THE manner in which the powers under the Land Act are being used to harass and annoy *bond-fide* settlement, are—

1st.—Settlers are brought up before the Land Boards on very slight pretexts.

(a) The first Land Board sat in Balranald in December, 1885, to deal with and recommend or refuse applications. The Board then sat again in May, 1886, to settle the question of improvements, and also to fix the rent. Query: Why could not these matters have been settled at the one Board? Charge No. 14,  
Appendix No. 14,  
pages 48-51.

(b) In a few weeks time the Board will require to sit again *re* fulfilment of conditions as regards occupation and residence. The Board then sat again in July, 1888, to inquire into fulfilment of conditions as regards occupation and residence. Query: Why could not these two questions have been considered at the same sitting?

(c) As the attendance on these Boards entail upon us loss of time and considerable expense, we ask in all fairness that these Courts be not held without there is strong proof that the lessee or lessees are non-*bona-fide* men.

2nd. The manner in which the Courts are conducted.

The Act distinctly states that the procedure shall be the same as before a Court of Petty Sessions, whereas the procedure in these Courts is totally opposed to that. Charge No. 15,  
Appendix No. 15,  
pages 52-58.

When the lessee's case is called on, he is immediately ordered into the box, and a number of questions are put to him, with a view of making him criminate himself.

The only evidence against the lessee is in many cases given by himself.

The evidence given by the Inspector of Leases carries undue weight, inasmuch as, if the Inspector calls at the lessee's place and does not happen to see him, the conclusion come to by the Board is that the lessee is non-resident—a most unjust conclusion.

Speaking generally on the objects of this deputation, we find that the result of the Land Board, held at Balranald in July last, that fourteen out of a total of seventeen leases dealt with were virtually recommended to be forfeited.

A number of the lessees acknowledged that they had not carried out the strict letter of the law as regards residence, and gave as their reason the impossibility of so doing, on account of there being no water on the land. Tanks have been made that have as yet received *no water*; others were six and seven months before receiving any, and then failed when most needed.

The present season is one of the worst known for a period of thirty years; and if rain does not fall soon, both stock and men will have to travel. As a matter of fact, at the present moment the water on some of the holdings is already exhausted, and the stock has been removed.

The rainfall, up to August of this year, registers about 3 inches.

A point was raised by the Board about there being no fixed habitations on some of the holdings.

I would like to call the attention of the Honorable the Minister for Lands to the fact, that had we been millionaires we should not have been here to day, for the simple reason that we would never have tackled a block of land in the Western Division of New South Wales. Not being millionaires, but men used to bush life, open air, hard work, and harder fare, our first thoughts were, not of fixed habitations (we were content with tents), but how to make the ground keep us, and we acted accordingly.

Houses have been built, are being built, and will continue to be built as the work of settlement progresses.

Money spent on improvements.

The amount of money spent by the lessees on their holdings in improvements vary from £500 to £800 per block; and we reckon that, before the expiration of five years, fully £1,000 will require to be laid out on each lease, and this upon land which, before settlement took place, was comparatively in a state of nature.

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It is acknowledged by all thinking men that the man who opens up new country—who makes two blades of grass grow where one only grew before—that that man is a benefactor to his country.

We claim to occupy that position.

We are willing to go into this country ; we are willing to spend the best part of our lives in trying to subdue this country, and to make it fit for human occupation ; and all we ask for is fair and reasonable treatment, as between man and man.

It has been thrown in our teeth that we are Victorians, and as such our right to occupy this land has almost been questioned. We claim the glorious privilege of calling ourselves Australians (most of us native-born), and subjects of Her Imperial Majesty the Queen. As such, we possess the right to settle where we choose.

New South Wales at the present moment offers greater inducements than any other Colony ; and it only requires that the advantages offered by this country shall become better known, and that a thorough confidence shall be felt in the administration of its land laws, to bring in hundreds of the best men of the other Colonies.

In conclusion, we most respectfully beg that the Minister for Lands will give every consideration to the cases now sent down by the Land Board from Balranald ; that every allowance will be made us on account of the hardships to be undergone in pioneer settlement, and on account of the money spent by us on the land.

We are in this position : that, if an adverse decision is given us, we are practically ruined men, and that without any commensurate gain to the State.

Certain work has also to be carried on—fencing has to be completed within a given time ; water has to be provided for ; and we do not know whether to go on with these works or not.

We, therefore, humbly beg that your decision will be favourable to us, and that you will make it known to us as soon as possible.

#### COMPLAINTS against the Chairman of the Hay Land Board, Mr. A. J. Park.

1. Great incivility.

2. Injustice.

3. The unjust and illegal manner in which he acts in dealing with applicants, by examining them before he examines his own witnesses, contrary to section 14, subsection 1, of the Land Act.

Please see reply in explanation in Appendix No. 15, page 57, which will apply to this statement.—A. J. PARK.

Conditional purchase 82-130 ; conditional lease 6,789.

Charge No. 2,  
Appendix No. 2,  
pages 4 to 5.

S. Nixon applied, in September, 1885, for the conversion of his pre-lease into a conditional lease, and for the purpose of proving his case his agents in Sydney obtained for him a plan of his pre-lease, showing the connection between that and his conditional purchase. This plan the Chairman told him was *made to order*, because it did not agree with the one before the Board which did not show the connection.

The application was refused, but the Minister upset the decision and *granted* the lease.

Conditional purchase 85-1, H. E. P. Thompson.

Charge No. 3,  
Appendix No. 3,  
pages 6 to 7.  
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In this case there was an inquiry as to the improvements, &c., on the land applied for. The applicant, previous to the meeting, asked the Chairman if he would be satisfied with a certificate from the Crown Lands Agent of certain facts he considered essential to establish his claim. He, the Chairman, replied in a most offensive and boorish manner, "*You know the law of evidence as well as I do.*"

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He also, during the same inquiry, endeavoured to *prevent the applicant cross-examining a witness* ; but Mr. Lockhart (then a member of the Board) checked him, and told him he was wrong.

Homestead lease 85-11 ; *Gazette* 190.

Charge No. 4,  
Appendix No. 4,  
pages 8 to 9.

F. L. Clayton applied for a homestead lease of the full area. On the applicant's objecting to the area being reduced to 7,000 acres, the Chairman told him, in an uncouth and ungentlemanly manner, that he was "*only a speculator, and was lucky to get any land at all.*"

As to the applicant being only a speculator, the successful manner in which he carried on his lease is a direct contradiction.

Mr. R. W. Stewart, J.P., is a Land Agent at Hillston. In one case, when Mr. Stewart appeared at Hillston for the lessees of Mossiel as to the valuation of improvements on homestead leases, the authority produced by Mr. Stewart was signed by a bank manager, and although he must have known the signature he refused to allow Mr. Stewart to appear as the authority was not attested.

Charge No. 5,  
Appendix No. 5,  
pages 10 to 11.

The same thing occurred in the application of A. W. G. Thompson, where, although the Chairman knew Mr. H. E. P. Thompson was the father of the applicant, objected to the authority as it was not attested, but admitted it on one of the members of the Board saying he knew the applicant's signature.

The following three cases are a monstrous perversion of the laws :—

Conditional purchase 85-52, M. A. Prendergast ; conditional purchase 85-25, W. Prendergast ; conditional purchase 85-73, H. Prendergast.

Charge No. 6,  
Appendix No. 6,  
pages 12 to 15.

These applications were refused for the following reasons :—Their father, Patrick Prendergast (who is since dead), wrote to Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, M.P., complaining of the delay in granting the land to his family, and in the letter said "*we have not yet got possession.*" This the Chairman (although each applicant had made the usual declaration) interpreted to mean they were dummies for the father, thus branding them as perjurers.

Conditional purchase 82-201, 7a, J. F. Warren ; conditional purchase 81-101, 7b, A. Lang ; conditional purchase 81-102, 7c, Thomas Lang.

Charge No. 7,  
Appendix No. 7,  
pages 16 to 22.

These cases were investigated at one Land Court ; they are all *bona-fide* settlers ; the last two are relations. The Chairman (although the evidence was in their favour) decided that residence had not been fulfilled, and recommended them for forfeiture. The Minister upset the decisions and granted the certificates. The Inspector of Conditional Purchases did not visit the last two selections till some months after the five years *had* been fulfilled.

Conditional purchase 82-147, 8a, John Savage ; conditional purchase 82-151, 8b, John Jones ; conditional purchase 82-152, 8c, Arthur Cant.

Charge No. 8,  
Appendix No. 8,  
pages 23 to 34.

These three cases were heard at the same Court, when the Board decided all conditions had been fulfilled and granted the certificates.

Savage was a boundary-rider on Gunbar Station for years. The last three conditional purchases have been sold to the station.

Conditional purchase 86-46, John Allen.

Charge No. 9,  
Appendix No. 9,  
pages 35 to 36.

In evidence it was shown that the young man, for the first six months after he had taken possession, had his breakfast and tea at his brother-in-law's about a mile away, but was working on his land all day, and had his dinner and slept there. The decision was : residence was not fulfilled during that period.

The following two cases plainly shows the injustice of the Chairman :—

Additional conditional purchase 86-21, A. W. G. Thompson.

Charge No. 10,  
Appendix No. 10,  
pages 37 to 40.

This is an additional conditional purchase. Before selection it had been fenced for some years on two sides by substantial sheep and cattle proof fences, though *not* according to *standard* ; the other side is put up to standard. The Inspector reported the fences to be *thoroughly good and substantial fences*, but the Chairman decided the fencing was not up to the standard and forfeited the selection.

The agent, who appeared for applicant, then asked for further time to complete the fencing, as he showed the two fences were left as they were under misapprehension.

The Chairman refused to entertain the application.

Compare the above result with the following :—

Conditional



## Conditional purchase S6-42, George Baillie.

A non-residence selection. There was no appearance of or for the applicant (who is a relation of the owner of the station—Benerembah). *He wrote a letter from Melbourne to the Board, stating he could not attend, but that the necessary improvements were on the land, although the report of the Inspector, if he had been examined, would have proved the contrary.* The Chairman, without any application, postponed the consideration of *case for further report.* Charge No. 11, Appendix No. 11, pages 41 to 43.

As an evidence of obstacles being thrown in the way of selectors, take F. Haberman's special lease, 320 acres, for irrigation works.

The first application was thrown out.

The second application was granted, but the rental put upon it was in reality a refusal after the evidence of Haberman, which is very lengthy, will show his *bona fides*. Among other things he swears he spent £3,000 in works for the purpose of irrigation, and offered to either purchase the land he applied for or select it if he were allowed. Charge No. 12, Appendix No. 12, pages 44 to 45.

J. T. Alston, of Carrathool.

In this case the applicant was summoned in May last to appear before the Land Board at Carrathool, and although Mr. Russom, the Inspector of Conditional Purchases, had reported favourably with regard to both improvements and residence, the applicant was subjected to an examination by the Chairman of more than an hour, evidently for the purpose of confusing the applicant, and then, adding insult to injury, he was asked "*if he had ever been drunk.*" Charge No. 13, Appendix No. 13, pages 46, 47, and Mr. Member Pearce's attached letter.

EXTRACT from the *Evening News*, Saturday, 1st September, 1888.

## BALRANALD AND HAY.

At 11 o'clock the Premier received a deputation introduced by Messrs. Lakeman, Gale, Gormly, Wilkinson, M's.L.A., and consisting of Messrs. Thompson and Sydes, from Hay, and Berry, Henderson, and Menon, from Balranald.

The object of the deputation was to bring before the Premier the disadvantages under which the conditional purchasers and pastoral leaseholders laboured under the present land laws.

Mr. Thompson said he had been authorized to make complaints against a certain official in the Lands Department. He also said the deputations from both Balranald and Hay were there to bring before the notice of the Minister for Lands a resolution passed in both places to the effect "that, in consequence of universal dissatisfaction in the Hay Land District, we are of opinion that the removal of the official is essential to the welfare of the district."

Sir Henry Parkes pointed out the difference in the method of procedure in Land Courts, as contrasted with that of Police Courts. He asked if the deputation had considered that the land did not stand in the position of a prosecutor in any way. The law prescribed certain conditions by which lands were acquired from the Crown. If a conditional purchaser was guilty of any omissions in carrying out his agreement, it became incumbent on him, when summoned, to show that the terms had been complied with. The Crown did not institute a prosecution against him. He received a notice that he had not complied with the necessary conditions, and it would be for him to show that he had. This, therefore, reversed the ordinary course of taking evidence. It was, however, the duty of any servant of the public to be on all occasions scrupulously civil and obliging, and if he does use unnecessary rude language he is in fault, and if he used any language which was offensive he was still more in fault. If he failed to be courteous, obliging, and attentive in all relations between these persons and the Government he was to blame. But they must make some allowance for the different organizations of different men. Some men, when they did not intend discourtesy, spoke in curt language. Even members of Parliament had been known to indulge in very coarse epithets, forgetting the obligations thrown on them. They must make allowances for the constitution of people. As far as he had power he would enforce it to the utmost, that every servant of the public should be attentive, obliging, and courteous, and give every information in his power. If the officer could not satisfactorily clear up these charges, he would deserve very serious treatment at the hands of the Government. He would see that every inquiry was made, and if the official could not satisfactorily explain his conduct, the deputation might depend upon it that the Government would treat him as he deserved to be treated.

Mr. Sydes brought before the notice of the Premier the necessity of embodying in the Lands Act a clause continuing the possession of lands taken up by single females when they married.

Mr. J. W. Berry, a representative from Balranald, spoke in support of a resolution passed at a public meeting there to the effect that they begged to call the attention of the Government to the manner in which the powers of the Lands Act were being used to retard settlement.

Sir Henry Parkes, in reply, said as to employing a local surveyor, there was a great deal of common sense in it, and if the provisions of the law stood in the way of such an arrangement the Act ought to be amended. In regard to young women obtaining selections and losing them by marriage, he thought that was very wrong indeed. No provision should exist which would debar such a selection going with the woman on her marriage. As to changing the Chairman of the Land Boards at stated intervals, there would be some difficulty in arranging that matter; but he would bear carefully in mind both this and the other suggestions made by the deputation.

EXTRACT from *The Sydney Morning Herald*, Saturday, 1st September, 1888.

## HAY AND BALRANALD LAND BOARD.

A DEPUTATION waited upon Sir Henry Parkes yesterday morning from Hay and Balranald for the purpose of making certain representations concerning the administration of the Land Act in their district. There were present Messrs. Lakeman, Gale, and Gormly, M's.L.A.; Messrs. Thompson and Sydes, of Hay; and Messrs. Berry, Anderson, and Menon, from Balranald. The deputation alleged that the Chairman of the Land Board acted in an unjust and illegal manner in dealing with applicants by examining them before he examined the Crown witnesses, contrary to section 14, subsection 1, of the Act; and secondly, the deputation complained of incivility and injustice. Several other matters connected with the administration of the Land Act were also brought forward.

In reply to the deputation Sir Henry Parkes said that they must distinguish between the course of procedure in a Court of law and that of a Land Board. The law prescribed certain conditions, and intimation was given, as in the case of a free selector, that the conditions had not been complied with. Therefore it was incumbent upon the conditional purchaser to show that the law had been complied with; he had some notice of an intended forfeiture, and it was for him to show that he had complied with the law. The Chairman of the Board did not proceed against him. The individual was called upon to defend himself. Let them suppose, for instance, that a person selects a piece of land, and complies in every respect with the provisions of the law, and enters upon residence and commences improvements, and takes the proper course towards completing those improvements. In such a case the law would let him alone. It was only when he did not want to do these things that the law came in. Then he goes to the Court to show what he has done. What he (Sir Henry) wanted to show was the difference between the Land Board and a Court of Justice. Before the Land Board simply inquiries were made. However, he would say at once that it was the duty of the Chairman in question, or of any other servant of the public, to be on all occasions civil and obliging to all persons alike, and if he did use unnecessary rude language he was in fault, and if he said anything which was offensive he was still more in fault; or if he failed to be courteous, obliging, and attentive he was to be blamed. But one must make some trifling allowance for different kinds of people. Some people did not intend discourtesy, even although they might use curt language. Even Members of Parliament had been known occasionally to make use of very improper epithets. (Laughter.) Making allowance, however, for the different constitutions of men, and that one man could not be as courteous as another, still he laid down the rule, and as far as he could he would enforce it, that every Civil servant should be courteous, attentive, and obliging in all that he did, and that included giving people every kind of information when properly asked for. Concerning the complaint of injustice brought before him, that was more serious. If the Chairman in question could not satisfactorily clear up these serious charges, then he would receive very serious treatment at the hands of the Government. He would make very careful inquiry, and unless the Chairman in question gave satisfactory information, they might depend upon it that he would be treated as he ought to be treated. With regard to the desirability of employing the local surveyor, he thought there was a very great deal of common sense in that suggestion, and if the provisions of the law stood in the way of that course, he thought the law should be amended. But he was under the impression that satisfactory arrangements might be made.

made. In regard to young women taking selections and then marrying, and losing their selections in consequence, he thought that was very wrong indeed. He was altogether in favour of their being no provision of the law to stand in the way of the land going with the women on their going into matrimony. He would bear in mind the various matters which had been brought before him.

EXTRACT from *The Daily Telegraph*, Saturday, 1st September, 1888.

DEPUTATION—THE HAY LAND BOARD.

A DEPUTATION from residents of the Hay, Deniliquin, and Balranald districts waited upon the Colonial Secretary, acting for the Minister for Lands, yesterday, for the purpose of bringing before him several complaints from homestead lessees and conditional purchasers with reference to the manner in which the Local Land Courts were conducted. The deputation consisted of Messrs. Thompson and Sydes, of Hay, and Berry, Anderson, and Menon of Balranald, and was introduced by Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, M.P., and accompanied by Messrs. Gormly and Gale, M's.P.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that the deputation was the outcome of two public meetings of homestead lessees and conditional purchasers, in Hay and Balranald districts, who wished to bring before the Minister for Lands a number of grievances with relation to the working of the Land Act in that part of the Colony, and the manner in which its provisions were administered at the Hay Land Court.

Mr. Thompson, representing the conditional purchasers of Hay, presented an elaborate statement, in which were formulated a number of charges against Mr. A. J. Park, Chairman of the Local Land Court. The charges were: 1, Great incivility; 2, great injustice; and 3, the unjust and illegal manner in which applicants and defendants had been dealt with when brought before the Court. A number of instances were cited, and it was urged that, in the interests of justice, Mr. Park should be removed from his position, a step which the deputation deemed was essential to the welfare of the district, as Mr. Park had entirely forfeited the good will of all those who had taken up land, had driven many settlers from Victoria away through his arbitrary conduct, and had rendered himself generally obnoxious. Mr. Park would not give a witness fair play, as he would get in a Police Court, but intimidated and bullied him, and did not act justly.

Mr. Sydes drew attention to a number of grievances under which homestead lessees and conditional purchasers laboured. Often twelve months elapsed between the time of application for the land and the survey, which was an injustice, and he thought the order for survey should come from the surveyor, and not from the Chairman of the Board. Again, the Act allowed three months' grace for the fulfilment of the conditions, after which the land was supposedly visited by the Inspector, whose duty it was to see that the conditions prescribed by law had been complied with. When the Inspector visited the lease or selection without notice it often occurred that the lessee was away looking after his stock, or on some business connected with his holding, and he was at once put down as non-resident, and called upon to show cause why his selection should not be forfeited. This was a hardship to a man who was a *bona-fide* selector. Another grievance was in the case of young women, who had selected land in all good faith, and yet if, prior to having fulfilled the improvement and residential clauses, they married, they lost their land.

Mr. J. W. Berry, of Balranald, as representing the homestead lessees, in a lengthy speech, drew attention to the vexatious delay in the holding of the Courts and the trouble and expense selectors were put to through Courts being held unnecessarily. He spoke strongly as to the conduct of the Chairman of the Local Land Court.

Mr. Menon, ex-Mayor of Balranald, contended that the Government acted hardly with men who wished to settle on the land and improve it, and did not give them fair play. It was, he urged, a wrong that a man could only hold a lease for fifteen years, and after spending the best part of his life time in improving it, was compelled to give it up. He would suggest that such a man should either receive full compensation for improvements, either from the Government or from the incoming tenants. The present law, as administered, was strangling settlement, and the Government were not carrying out their principle of free-trade so far as the lands of the Colony were concerned. In the district in which he lived he knew that nine-tenths of the settlers were *bona-fide*, and yet, out of seventeen homestead leases in the Balranald District, fourteen were recommended for forfeiture. Some of these men admitted that, owing to the drought and bad seasons, they had not been able to comply with the conditions, but they had done the best they could, and forfeiture to them, *bona-fide* though they were, meant ruin. The speaker dealt with a number of other grievances.

Sir Henry Parkes, in reply, expressed the pleasure he felt at being able to hear the views of practical men, who had come so far to represent their grievances. Land Courts were merely Courts of inquiry, where the selector of land was required, if summoned, to appear to satisfy the Board that he had complied with the law as to improvements and residence. With regard to the complaints made against Mr. Park, he could tell the deputation that it was the duty of any and every servant of the Crown to be always scrupulously civil and obliging to one and all, and if he were rude he was in fault; if offensive, still more in fault; but they must consider that all men were not similarly constituted, and some might seem to be discourteous, through an unhappy brusqueness of manner, without intending to be so. Even Members of Parliament, he had heard, sometimes said rude things. He would cause a most searching inquiry to be made into the charges preferred against the Chairman of the Land Board, Hay, and would insist upon a satisfactory answer being given. With reference to other matters which the deputation had ventilated, he (Sir Henry) was in favour of employing a local surveyor instead of referring the matter of selections to Sydney, which did not commend itself to the common sense of any man. He also disapproved of women being deprived of their holdings on getting married. With regard to removing their Chairman, he could say nothing until he had been furnished with a full report of the matter. The other improvements in the administration of the Land Law he would bear in mind, and could assure the deputation that what they had advanced would receive the fullest and most careful consideration.

THE Hay deputation beg respectfully to suggest to the Honorable the Minister for Lands the following alterations in Land Act of 1884:—

1. That a single woman, who has selected, may, if she marries, retain possession of her selection; and that residence on either her husband's or her own selection will be sufficient.
2. That, in the case of members of the same family selecting adjoining portions of land, that residence on one selection be sufficient, but that the other conditions must be fulfilled.

As, under the present condition of things at the Land Board Office, no person can obtain a sight or copy of any document, the deputation respectfully suggest the making a Regulation, empowering any person to see the proceedings in any case, and take extracts (not copies) therefrom, on the payment of a fee of 1s.; but that copies must be paid for at a fixed rate per folio.

This would be following the practice of the Supreme Court, and be some addition to the revenue.

Memorandum read by Mr. Thompson, of Hay.

Charge No. 1, pages 1 to 3, Appendix No. 1.

UNDER the circumstances disclosed in the annexed memoranda, we, the deputations from Hay and Balranald, beg respectfully to submit to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, that, in consequence of the universal dissatisfaction in the Hay Land District, on the part of conditional purchasers and homestead lessees, the removal of Mr. Park as a member of the Hay Land Board, is essential to the welfare of the district.

No. 64.

The Clerk in Charge, Hay, to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

(Ms. 88-8,674.)

Sir,

15 September, 1888.

With reference to your memorandum on within papers, I have the honor to report that the work of this office is very heavy. With regard to the work in detail, I have the honor to state that the indexing is falling into arrears, and that the quarterly returns, ending June, require to be checked, and same for September quarter require preparation. The staff of the office are very willing and attentive, and to cope with the current work frequently have to remain after hours. I would, therefore, suggest that

that the services of a smart junior should be obtained, with a view of relieving the Record Clerk of the press copying and despatch work, also the indexing. The new clerk could also be employed in due course to assist in preparation of returns and general notations. If my recommendation is approved, the staff of this office would not be numerically stronger than when Mr. Fowler was employed.

I have, &c.,

M. LACKEY,

Clerk-in-Charge.

Received, 26/9/88, at 8:55 p.m.—A.J.P., Hay, 26/9/88. Saw Mr. Lakeman at same time, and inquired if this applicant is still desirous of serving in this office. Mr. Lakeman will inform me to-morrow or as early as he can.—A.J.P., 26/9/88.

Mr. Love called this office, and desires to be employed. Will the Clerk-in-Charge be kind enough to interrogate this gentleman, and ascertain if he be qualified for the duties he would be charged with, and if he be generally suitable for the position.—A.J.P., Hay, 3/10/88.

The above instruction has been obeyed. Mr. Love appears to be far beyond the age at which young gentlemen, as a rule, enter the Service, and it is a question how far this, combined with the fact that he appears to have led a life of comparative independence of action, will interfere with the discipline which is so necessary in an office. Mr. Love writes a legible hand, and although he has not passed the Civil Service or any equal examination, I think he is fully qualified to undertake the duties, which, as a junior clerk, he would be called upon to perform. Should it be decided to employ Mr. Love, it is respectfully suggested that he be placed on probation for one month.—B. J. ATTEBURY, Clerk-in-Charge, 4/10/88.

The services of a junior are required in this office, and as to the eligibility of the applicant, I would refer the Under Secretary for Lands to the minute of the Clerk-in-Charge of 4/10/88. I believe the gentleman applying for the position is about 23 to 25 years of age. This minute is in reply to that of the Under Secretary for Lands on L.B.D. 88-4,098, of 6/8/88.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Hay, 5/10/88. The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

The junior required at Hay should be found in a lad about sixteen, not more. The salary which could be paid would be altogether out of proportion to the remuneration which a gentleman of Mr. Love's age should be in receipt of; moreover, the duties attached to the position would, I feel sure, be altogether incompatible to his age and previous independent habits. For these reasons, I regret to have to recommend that he should not be employed.—C.O., 11/10/88.

Inform Mr. Lakeman that it is not desirable to offer the position of junior clerk to Mr. Love.—J.N.B., 11/10/88. Mr. Lakeman, M.P., informed, 12/10/88. Correspondence Branch please inform Chairman of Land Board.—M.L., 13/10/88. The Chairman, Hay, informed, 16/10/88.

## No. 65.

### Extract.

#### EXTRACT from Board of Inquiry's Report on Hay Land Board Office.

BOARD are of opinion that effectiveness of the administration has been impaired by contracted interpretation of the law, and instances are given in illustration of this (see pages 110, 111, 112, and 113. Out of 756 conditional purchase applications received during 1885, 1886, and 1887, 140 were outstanding.

The work under the repealed Acts they regard as unsatisfactory, owing to delays in sending instructions to Inspectors, want of systematic arrangement of papers, neglect in regard to reminding of Inspectors, delay in dealing with reports when received, and transmitting papers to Head Office, by unnecessary inspections and dealings in Court.

Illustrations are given on pages 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, and 124.

The strength of the staff in the office is misapplied, and there is no proper system of routine work. In connection with applications confirmed or disallowed in May, certificates or refund vouchers did not issue till August (see page 126).

Extracts from applications, instead of being signed by the Clerk-in-Charge, and forwarded to District Surveyor, are detained for signature of Chairman himself, and cases ripe for consideration in Court are not brought forward, although Boards sit.

Unnecessary clerical labour is created by the Chairman forwarding to District Surveyor copies of papers, and forwarding only such as he considers essential, &c. (see page 127).

Unnecessary advertisements of cases to be investigated are published in the papers (page 128).

Separate conditional purchase registers for each district are not kept, but one only; and entries are not neat, are overcrowded, sometimes unintelligible, and important dates frequently omitted, &c., &c. (see pages 129 and 130).

Similar complaints are made respecting the conditional and annual lease registers, which were not entered up.

Pastoral lease registers should, in the opinion of the Board, not be used.

Press copy-books are conducted on a system altogether too elaborate, and a simpler system suggested (pages 133 and 134).

Two classes of minute-books are kept—one for *in camera* sittings, which, being unwarranted by law, the Board consider this minute-book should be abolished (pages 134 and 135).

Papers in regard to repealed Act work are not, when received from Head Office, methodically arranged, and no proper system is adopted to ensure their being brought forward when ripe for action.

Proper receptacles, to contain papers and registers, are required.

[Enclosure.]

LOCAL LAND BOARD OFFICE, HAY.

It is perhaps proper to mention that the inquiry into the working of the Local Offices at Hay was conducted by only two members of the Board, the third—being the District Surveyor of the District—preferring not to take any part in the investigation.

While there are many features of the local administration to which exception must be taken, the Board have not failed to recognize the fact of there being unavoidable hindrances to the progress of work, both administrative and executive, due to the immense extent of the district, the rigour of its physical conditions at times, and the difficulties of intercommunication.

It is more difficult to assure expedition in survey (although the result in this respect, so far as the Board have seen, have not been unsatisfactory) than in less remote and more compact districts, and it is obviously impossible to provide for such frequent Board meetings as in close settled districts intersected in their length or breadth by railway lines.

Nevertheless, the Board are of opinion that the effectiveness of the administration has been sensibly impaired by unnecessarily contracted interpretations of the law on some points, and questionable laxity on others.

The Board are further of opinion that the small office staff has not been utilized to the best advantage, the more important business having been retarded by a redundancy of useless detail in matters of minor importance.

Of 756 applications for conditional purchase and conditional lease (48 section) received at the Local Land Board Office, from the 5th August, 1885, to the 26th August, 1887, there are outstanding about 140, inclusive of seven referred to Head Office.

Of this number, fifty-four were of the years 1885 and 1886.

The summary below gives, in a concise form, the total number received for each Land District during the period mentioned, and the numbers not finally dealt with at the date of inspection of the office.

Land District.	Applications received in 1885.	Applications received in 1886.	Applications received to 26th August, 1887.	Totals.
Balranald .....	1	2	Nil	3
Denihquin .....	111	79	24	214
Hay .....	247	147	77	471
Hillston .....	38	19	10	67
Wentworth .....	1	Nil	Nil	1
—	398	247	111	756
Not finally dealt with on 26th August, 1887. }	15	46	79	140

	Year	In District Survey Office.	In Local Land Board Office.	In Head Office.
Number of cases not finally dealt with on the 26th August, 1887. }	1885	Nil	9	Nil
	1886	11	34	7
	1887	40	39	Nil
		51	82	7 = 140

The remnant of applications received in 1885, still outstanding, are awaiting action in the Local Land Board Office. Those in the Denihquin District were, in fact, before the Local Land Board at the time of the inspection of the office, and consequently the papers were not available for examination.

In the remaining cases action has been retarded by delay in the field, although there is evidence of active measures having been taken to expedite the surveys.

Prolonged delays occur in the Local Land Board Office, which are not so easily accounted for. Although the causes of detention in a large number of cases given at length in the accompanying schedule (*vide* Appendix R), it is considered desirable to invite attention to the following instances which illustrate some of the phases of the administration already referred to in this branch of the report and in the introductory remarks.

In the case of conditional purchase S5-2 (Hillston), and the associated conditional lease, after considerable delay, caused by inspection of the site, apparently with a view to testing the applicant's statement in respect of improvements, the case came before the Hillston Court in September, 1886, and was postponed to be heard at Cudgellico.

No Board meeting has, however, since been held at that place, although several meetings have been held at Hillston in the meantime.

Conditional purchase S5-51, Hay.—In this case the Minister directed (S6-37,747, Conditional Sales) that a refund was to be given in consequence of the prolonged delay in effecting survey, &c.

The Local Board have, however, decided *in camera* that, although of opinion that no provision of the law justified the refund, yet effect can only be given to the Minister's decision in a legal manner, *i.e.*, in open Court, and have since summoned the applicant, who did not appear, when the case was further postponed.

The delay in carrying out the Ministerial decision in this case is entirely uncalled for and the proposed Court action absurd.

Conditional purchase S5-4, Hillston, and associated conditional lease, show considerable delay in the District Surveyor's office not accounted for. The case came before the Local Land Board on the 1st July, 1887, when it appeared that the owner of some improvements on this land had arranged with the applicant as to their value, and both parties notified the Board to this effect; but the sum agreed to between them differed from the estimate given in the surveyor's report, consequently the Board postponed the case "so that an amended report on the improvements may be obtained from the District Surveyor." For what purpose this delay, and the expense of further inspection and report should be incurred by the Department it is difficult to imagine. The papers in this case were not transmitted to the District Surveyor's office for the required report until the 28th August, 1887.

The detention of the outstanding cases for 1886 is in the main attributable to delayed action in the Board Office.

Delays also occur in the District Surveyor's office, some of which are accounted for by required amendments of survey, due to the *laches* of surveyors or to complications discovered in charting; but in one or two cases the papers do not contain any explanation of the delay.

The delays in the Board Office are more unsatisfactory, and the action taken in many of these cases appears to the Board unwarrantable by any provision of the law.

The following are a few instances illustrative of excessive delay in this office, and exceptional action by the Local Land Boards of this district in dealing with applications of 1886:—

1. Conditional purchase S6-53, Denihquin.—In this case the land has been applied for by the same applicant three times, and disallowed twice for some trifling technical irregularity. The last application has, however, been confirmed, although the same irregularity exists as formerly. On examination of the papers in this case it was found that there was really no irregularity or objection of any sort to justify disallowance at any time.

Conditional purchase S6-8 (Hillston).—The preliminary report was received from the District Surveyor on the 4th November, 1886, but the application was not brought before the Local Board until the 5th July, 1887, when it was determined to return it to the Surveyor for further report. This was not done until the 22nd August following.

Conditional purchase S6-9 (Hillston).—In this case also the preliminary report was received shortly after the extract from the application had been forwarded to the District Surveyor, *viz*, 12th November, 1886. No action whatever appears to have been taken in the Local Land Board Office until the 24th August, 1887, when, upon receipt of a letter by the applicant, asking that his application might be dealt with, it was decided *in camera* that the case should go on for survey.

Conditional purchase S6-36 (Hay) is an instance of an application being confirmed subject to the District Surveyor's report on the availability of the land, improvements, &c.

Conditional purchase S6-50 was confirmed, subject to the survey of all available land, &c.

Conditional purchase S6-53 was provisionally confirmed in 1886, and returned to the District Surveyor for report on improvements, and again confirmed in 1887.

The applications of the current year, judging from a cursory examination of such papers as were available are in a forward state, and about one half of the entire number received are ready for action in Court.

*Homestead Leases.*

Comparatively few applications for homestead leases are undealt with.

The subjoined summary gives in a concise form the number made from 5th August, 1885, to the 26th August, 1887, the number refused, and those not finally dealt with at the date of inspection of the office.

	1885.	1886.	1887.	Total.
Applications received from 5th August, 1885, to 26th August, 1887.	167	48	33	248
Applications refused from 5th August, 1885, to 26th August, 1887.	.....	.....	53	.....

	In District Survey Office.	In Local Land Board Office.	In Head Office, Sydney.
Applications not finally dealt with on 26th August, 1887.	1885... .. 2 1886... .. 11 1887... .. 6 <hr/> 19	..... 4 19 <hr/> 23	4 3 4 <hr/> 11

Details of the outstanding cases above referred to are given in the annexed schedule, Appendix S.

It is evident that the work from this source is rapidly diminishing; nearly the whole of the outstanding cases, it is expected, will be disposed of before the expiration of the year.

Action on these applications, except where the land is already measured, is more hampered by extraneous difficulties than any other species of work yet seen.

The extensive areas applied for almost invariably include improvements belonging to the licensee of the resumed area, and it is essential to the proper appraisalment of these improvements by the Board that their position, nature, and extent should be ascertained. This necessitates an inspection, and sometimes a partial survey before a report can be made by the District Surveyor.

The procedure followed throughout is that laid down by circular instructions of the 30th January, 1887, which it is understood answers satisfactorily, the applicants being in general required to appear only once before the Local Land Board. As previously mentioned, Board meetings cannot be held with the frequency or regularity practicable in smaller and more settled districts. It is, therefore, impossible under the existing system to give applicants occupation of their holdings without considerable delay.

The Board found 509 cases under the repealed Acts requiring action, in addition to which 188 still remain to be issued from head office.

There are two (2) Conditional Purchase Inspectors, both temporary officers, paid by fees, who appear quite competent to perform the duties entrusted to them. The number of cases in their hands (86) is so small that they could all be reported on in a month. The general state of this branch of the work is unsatisfactory, and its backwardness is attributable to the following causes, viz. :—

- 1st. By delay in not sending instructions to Inspectors at the proper time, sometimes owing to the method of waiting for declarations before final inspection; and to the absence of systematic arrangement of the papers so that cases may be brought under review when due.
- 2nd. By neglecting to remind Inspectors of delay in reporting on cases in their hands, and insisting on prompt action or reasonable explanation when this is impracticable.
- 3rd. By delay in the examination of reports in the Local Land Board Office, and in taking necessary action thereon; such as submitting cases for approval when thoroughly satisfactory, or returning the same to Inspectors for explanation or further report if required.
- 4th. By delay in the transmission of cases from the head office, pending receipt of declarations, instead of referring them to the Local Land Board for inspection at or near maturity. In some cases there has been undue delay in forwarding the papers after receipt of declarations.
- 5th. By unnecessary further action, either by way of inspection, or in Court. When from the nature of reports already received, there can be no reasonable doubt that the conditions have been honestly carried out, this is vexatious and harassing to *bond fide* settlers, and entails useless expense and delay.

In the lists herewith (Appendix T), under the heading "Remarks by the Board of Inquiry," the opinions of the Board after perusal of the papers are written against a considerable number of the oldest cases; a few instances taken therefrom are now quoted in illustration:—Conditional purchase 79-77, Hay; applied for 13th November, 1879. The papers were sent to the Local Land Board on the 24th February, 1885, instructions being then in the hands of Inspector Carne for report; no action was taken to expedite the matter. This Inspector died about the middle of the year 1886, but the instructions were not sent on to the officer who took up the duty until the 9th August, 1887; actually the case was not in any degree nearer completion when the Board visited Hay, than when the papers were received there in February, 1885. The decease of Inspector Carne in no measure justifies the delay.

Conditional purchase 82-84, Hay, of 18th May, 1882.—In this instance the last report appears to have been received on the 10th June, 1886, and there is no evidence of any action having been taken since. The conditional purchase should have been inspected last April.

Conditional purchase 81-8, Hillston, 10th February, 1881. Conditional purchase 81-77, Hillston, 2nd June, 1881.—This case is now ready for approval, but there is no reason on the papers for the delay of one and a half years in dealing with it. Conditional purchase 81-8 should not wait for 81-77 if satisfactory in itself.

Conditional purchase 81-51, Hillston, 5th May, 1881.—Reported on December, 1881, as satisfactory; again in April, 1885, there is a report that the land is well improved and a *bond fide* selection. The papers are put away, 17th November, 1885, to await declaration, and not received or resubmitted until 17th June, 1887, when another inspection is asked for, thirteen months after maturity.

Conditional purchase 81-50, Hillston.—In this case the improvements are ample, residence unsatisfactory, but the selector is to be called on to prove fulfilment of all conditions, which necessitates his being prepared with evidence about improvements which is quite unnecessary. This system is uniformly adopted in this office, and causes unnecessary anxiety and expense to selectors, who should be informed precisely what particular condition appears to have been unfulfilled, and will be the subject of inquiry.

Conditional purchase 82-20, Hay, 2nd February, 1882, was inspected about two months before the expiration of the five years, and the report was thoroughly satisfactory, yet instructions were issued for further inspection on the 6th August, 1887, i.e., six months after maturity. Further inspection was quite uncalled for.

Conditional purchase 82-24, Hay, of 9th February, 1882.—The final report of inspection was received on the 7th April, 1887, two months after maturity, and was thoroughly satisfactory. No action has been taken in the Board Office since. The delay is not explained in this case, which should have gone on for approval as soon as the report was received.

Conditional Purchase 81-82, Deniliquin.—But for the mistake of the papers being returned to Sydney, in reply to a memo. of instructions to hasten action, and then to forward the papers to the head office as soon as practicable, this case would in all probability still be in the hands of an Inspector. On receipt of the papers in Sydney it was at once noticed that further inspection was unnecessary; the conditional purchase was approved by the Minister, and directions sent to Hay for the instructions to be withdrawn from the Inspector. This conditional purchase matured 8th September, 1886. The declaration was made seven days afterwards, but did not reach the Local Board at Hay until 8th January, 1887; then instructions were not issued to the Inspector until 6th August, 1887, an interval of seven months.

Work under Repealed Acts.

Further

Further inspection, as before mentioned, was not required in the case, but this does not explain or excuse the delay after receipt of declaration of four months in the head office and seven months in the local office before the issue of instructions, which, if carried out, would have caused at least six months further delay.

The Board feel very strongly that this is one of many instances of great injustice to *bona fide* settlers, and that such sluggish and vexatious investigations should be put a stop to as soon and as authoritatively as possible.

The above, it is thought, are sufficient instances to explain the action.

During the five months immediately preceding inspection by this Board thirty-two applications were received from selectors for certificates of conformity; twenty-one of the cases referred to have been transmitted to the head office, and the remaining eleven are still incomplete in the Hay office.

They stand thus:—

79-11, 82-23, Wentworth, in Court.—From the Inspector's report received at Hay, 24th February, 1887, should have been sent on for approval at once.

82-33.—Referred back to Local Land Board from head office on appeal; should not affect the former conditional purchases in the series.

82-29, Deniliquin.—In the Hay office, since 23rd June, 1887; papers mislaid, hence no action taken; matured 13th April, 1887; something should be done at once.

82-26, Hillston.—Was reported unsatisfactory in July, 1886; examined in local office, and noted "for Court," 29th December, 1886; no date fixed for hearing in Court up to time of Board's inspection.

82-7.—In this case the final report was five months old; the papers were noted for Court action, 29th December, 1886, but no date was fixed for the hearing up to the time of inspection of the office.

82-51, Deniliquin.—With Inspector; issued 6th June, 1887, and still with Inspector on 29th October, 1887; conditional purchase matured, 29th June, 1887.

81-82, Deniliquin.—Sent for inspection, 6th June, 1887, and withdrawn under instructions from the Under Secretary of 26th October, 1887; should have gone on for approval on receipt of declaration on previous report. (This is the case referred to on page 120.)

86-22, Deniliquin.—Papers not seen.

82-22, Hay.—With Inspector. Last report appears to have omitted a well and other improvements contained in previous reports. Explanation or further report should have been asked for at once.

82-83, Hay.—With Inspector; 7 months in hand; no reminder.

81-43, Deniliquin.—Should have been inspected at least twelve months ago; matured, 26th May, 1886.

From this it appears that most of these cases have been kept back through defective action in the local office.

The attention of the Board was invited by Mr. A. Lakeman, M.P., to the hypercritical manner in which cases under the repealed Acts are dealt with in this Land Board District; in illustration, J. T. Warren's conditional purchase, 82-201, Hay, was referred to. This conditional purchase of 640 acres was applied for on 7th September, 1882, and on the 29th March, 1884, it was inspected by Mr. Conditional Purchase Inspector Carne, who reported improvements, value £237 10s.; "selector resident and progressing with improvements." Again, 23rd June, 1886, it was inspected by Mr. Conditional Purchase Inspector Russom, who reported improvements, value £197 10s., residence satisfactory.

The Chairman on this noted the case for inquiry before the Local Land Board on the following grounds, viz., for inquiry. The improvements "are only £5 10s. more than required, and the valuation of the fencing excessive." The case was heard in open Court on the 20th July, 1887, and the selector gave sworn evidence that improvements worth £207 10s. were on the land when he made his declaration.

This was the only evidence taken, and the Board thereupon decided that six shillings (6s.) per acre had not been placed upon the land. The amount representing such expenditure being £192.

The papers subsequently came before the Minister who decided that the conditions had been fulfilled to date. The decision of the Board was distinctly against evidence, but, further than that, the case should not have been brought on for inquiry at all at this stage. If the Chairman doubted the Inspectors valuation, he should have taken some action to obtain reliable testimony before taking the case into Court.

The Board consider that the action taken indicates a captious critical, rather than practical common sense method of dealing with cases, and causes unnecessary loss, anxiety, and irritation to settlers, as well as delay and extra expense to the Department.

Of 697 conditional purchases not yet dealt with, 161 will mature in 1888, and 148 in 1889, leaving 388 to be dealt with about the end of this year, a number, which, together with the work under the Act of 1884, should not overtax the resources either of the office staff or the Conditional Purchase Inspectors, or afford any justification for delay.

At the date of inquiry 109 cases were set down as awaiting action in Court. Many of them appeared to be of almost a formal character. Probably fifteen days sitting would suffice to clear them off, so that no considerable delay should occur in finally disposing of all the remaining cases in this Board District.

The bulk of the miscellaneous work outstanding is limited generally to the appraisalment of converted pre-emptive leases. Action is also required on some special purchase, special lease, and ring-barking applications, but these are so few as hardly to call for any special comment.

The number, &c., of these cases are given in the annexed Return, Appendix U.

The strength of the small staff at this office, four persons, is to a considerable extent misapplied by attention to details of little or no importance; and the absence of a proper system of routine tends to produce complications and delays disastrous to the prompt disposal of business.

The Board found, for example, a large number of applications confirmed or disallowed on the 25th May, 1887, for which the certificates of confirmation or refund vouchers were not issued until the 17th August following; in fact the whole business of one Board meeting had been thus delayed in consequence it was alleged of the Courts following one another in so quick succession that the Chairman had been unable to devote the necessary time to signing the required documents.

Extracts from applications forwarded to the district surveyors in conformity with regulation 33 of the Act are detained for the signature of the Chairman. In two instances, conditional leases 86-58 and 60 Hay, this resulted in a delay of several months. The signature of the Chief Clerk for the Chairman should be sufficient for this purpose.

In several instances it was observed that cases ripe for consideration by the Local Boards had not been brought forward, although Board Meetings had been held in the land districts in which the lands applied for were situated on more than one occasion since the cases were completed and ready for action.

The Board have to invite special attention to the following development of unnecessary clerical labour. A copy of the directions given in this case is attached hereto (Appendix V), and it will be seen therefrom that the Chairman, apparently with a view to the preservation of the official records, proposes to separate and remit to the District Surveyors Office only those documents which appear essential to give effect to the direction or decision of the Board; it is also understood that copies of other documents are to be supplied if required.

The Board are satisfied that the principle of separating papers material to a case is a pernicious one; to say nothing of the great additional labour cast upon the clerical staff in disconnecting and connecting the papers through the registers, copying, &c. There should also be considered the obvious disadvantage at which the officers of the Survey Branch would be placed in dealing with the questions put before them, which are not always limited merely to carrying out a specific direction to survey. It is recommended that the practice be peremptorily stopped.

It has been observed that it is a custom of this office to insert in the local newspapers complete lists of cases to be investigated at each Board Meeting, in addition to the usual authorized advertisements. This practice, it is understood, has been adopted with a view to insuring greater publicity to the proceedings.

The cost of such advertisements has been for the year 1886, £61 2s. 6d., and for 1887, about £16 6s. 7d.

As the law provides for notices being sent to parties by registered letter, and also for the posting of list at the Local Crown Land Offices and the Head Office of the Local Land Boards, it appears to the Board that sufficient publicity is provided, and they accordingly recommend that the publication of these detailed lists be discontinued.

The registers kept in this office are similar to those enumerated in the report on the Wagga Wagga Office, with the addition of a Homestead Lease Register.

#### Conditional Purchase Register.

Applications for conditional purchase in the Hay, Hillston, Deniliquin, and Balranald land districts, all of which are within the "Central Division," are recorded in one register. Although the number of applications is limited, this is obviously inconvenient for reference, and, in the event of possible alteration of the boundaries of the Board district, would lead to confusion and expense.

The

Office routine,  
&c.

Advertisements.

Registers and  
Official Records.

The entries in this register during 1885 are not distinguished by neatness, and are overcrowded. As many as six entries occur on a page, and, consequently, space will not be available for future notations.

The notations, in some instances unintelligible, and dates marking important stages in the history of the application are frequently omitted.

The confirmation or disallowance of applications is frequently recorded in the wrong column, and erasures occur.

The record for 1886 is open to like criticism. The notations are frequently deficient or placed under the wrong columns, and fail to give a consecutive record of the case to which they refer.

The caveat column is not filled up as required, and details are recorded in certain cases which are not appropriate to the register. Smudges and erasures occur. The later notations show an improvement and more care on the part of the recording officer.

At no distant date it will be necessary to re-copy these books, when it is recommended that a register be opened for each land district, in which the business of each successive year can be recorded. Not more than three entries per page should, under any circumstances, be permitted.

#### Conditional Lease Register—Old Form.

Want of method and absence of supervision, as in the case of the Conditional Purchase Registers, have produced similar results.

The entries are cramped and the notations imperfect, and almost unintelligible. The state of a case cannot always be determined without a reference to the papers or the minute-books. Blots and smudges disfigure the pages, although the style of the entries is, on the whole, a little better than that of the Conditional Purchase Register.

#### Conditional Lease Register—New Form.

This Register has not been entered up, although a large number of leases have been gazetted. Steps should be at once taken to bring this book up to date.

#### Homestead Lease Register.

Is better kept than the registers above referred to, but there is room for improvement. Some of the entries are cramped, and blots and smudges occur.

#### Annual Lease Register.

This register is not fully entered up, and should be completed to date without delay. The register of ringbarking applications, general record register, and refund register are well kept, and the special lease register, special purchase register, register of applications for permission to effect improvements on Crown lands, and improvement purchase register are fairly well kept.

#### Pastoral Leases and Occupation License Register.

An attempt has been made to fill up these registers from the *Gazette* notices, but as the particulars in connection with these holdings are of necessity fully recorded at the head office, these books are not required to be kept at local offices and should be withdrawn.

#### Miscellaneous Books.

The cash book, postage book, book of circular instructions, and other miscellaneous records are well kept, and indexed when necessary.

No steps, however, have been taken to utilize the store book as directed by circular instructions.

Attendance book is kept up. Attendance regular and punctual.

#### Press Copy Books.

A formidable and unnecessarily cumbrous system of press copying documents has been instituted in this office, which absorbs much of the time of a capable young officer who might be better employed. The books are as follows:—

1. Ordinary letters.
2. Refund vouchers, L.L.B., 35, 36, 34.
3. Certificates of confirmation, Form 6.
4. Improvements payable to the Crown, L.L.B., 72, 73, 74.
5. Informing Land Agent of confirmation, L.L.B., 99.
6. Permits to ringbark.
7. Schedules for Conditional Purchase Inspectors.

As most of the papers are retained in the Local Land Board Offices, and the minute-books are generally available for reference (should the registers fail to give any required information), the Board are of opinion that these books should be abolished, and the following substituted, viz. :—

1. Letters to Under Secretary for Lands.
2. Letters to individuals and other Departments.
3. Miscellaneous schedules to Conditional Purchase Inspectors, vouchers for travelling expenses, schedules of confirmations, vouchers for fees to members of Local Land Boards, vouchers for sundry payments.

#### Minute-books.

These books are divided into two classes, viz. :—

Minute-book of proceedings in open Court.

Minute-book of proceedings "in camera."

The former records satisfactorily the findings and recommendations of the Local Land Boards, and gives all minutiae in connection with each sitting, together with the depositions of witnesses. It is in fact a species of diary, rather than a concise official record of the proceedings relating to each case. The latter is a record of meetings at which the reports of the District Surveyor are discussed previously to the cases being heard in open Court, and the claims of applicants sometimes trenchantly dealt with. This feature of the administration has, however, been adverted to in another part of this report.

As the Board are of opinion that there is no warranty in the law for Local Land Boards to act in private they recommend that this book be abolished.

The papers relating to cases under repealed Acts transmitted to this office for inspection or inquiry in respect of fulfillment of conditions are registered, the covering schedules being gummed into a guard book.

The papers generally are not methodically arranged, and no proper system is adopted to ensure their being brought forward when ripe for action.

Proper receptacles to contain papers and registers are required, which would aid materially in their preservation; and as regards the former, would assist in keeping them prominently in view.

### No. 66.

The Under Secretary for Lands to A. Lakeman, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 12 October, 1888.

Referring to your letter of the 21st July last, recommending Mr. R. S. Love for the position of junior clerk at the Local Land Board Office at Hay, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that it is not desirable to offer the position of junior clerk to Mr. Love.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON.

(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 67.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 October, 1888.  
Referring to your communication of the 5th instant, respecting the application from Mr. R. S. Love for the position of junior clerk at the Local Land Board Office at Hay, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has decided that it is not desirable to offer the position of junior clerk to Mr. Love.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON.

(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 68.

Mr. R. S. Love to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir, Hay, 22 October, 1888.  
I hereby beg to apply for the position of temporary clerk at the Local Land Office. Trusting that you will consider my application favourably.

Yours, &amp;c.,

R. S. LOVE.

Submitted.—B.J.A., 22/10/88. Submitted to the Under Secretary for Lands in connection with 88-8674, Minl.—A. J. PARK, Chairman Local Land Board, Hay, 23/10/88.

## No. 69.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Local Land Board Office, Hay, 22nd October, 1888.  
I have the honor to inform you, that, after consultation with the clerk in charge, I find that further clerical assistance is required in this office, and that unless supplied, I shall have to request the whole staff, as per margin, to work overtime, a course I am very loth to adopt.  
May I therefore request you to be so good as to attach another clerk to this office, either temporarily or permanently.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

None of the officers at head quarters can be spared; and as only a junior is required it will not be possible to provide assistance unless the Chairman can find a local youth suitable for the position. May be so informed.—S.F., 25/10/88.

Approved.—J.N.B., 1/11/88. Chairman informed.—6/11/88.

## No. 70.

Office Memorandum.

22 October, 1888.

It has been the practice I find in this office to leave one of the doors constantly open, *i.e.* unlocked, for the purpose of giving access to the office cleaner.

That the office should be left in such a state all night is a matter for astonishment, and the practice cannot be too severely condemned.

A duplicate key of one of the back doors may perhaps be obtained for the use of the office cleaner.

B. J. ATTERBURY.

The Chairman,—The office should and must be locked up securely at night from within. The office cleaner must be supplied with a latch key, and the rules, as to gentlemen occupying their places in the office after official hours, adopted at head office, Sydney, must be carried out here.—A.J.P., 22/10/88. clerk in charge, Hay.

Mr. Davies has I understand a latch key which he will be good enough to return to me. Mr. O'Hanlon will not in future remove the key from the public door. No officer will be permitted to be in the office after office hours unless with the knowledge and permission of the clerk in charge. This is to be initialled and noted by the officers.—B.J.A., 22/10/88.

Mr. Volckman, Mr. Davies, Mr. O'Hanlon. Seen.—W.L.V. The key that was in my possession has been mislaid. I will endeavour to find it this morning.—C.H.D., 22/10/88. Seen W.O'H. Mr. Davies has handed me the key, which I have in turn given to the office cleaner, with specific instructions which will be repeated in writing.—B.J.A., 23/10/88. Letter to Mrs. Radcliffe this day.—B.J.A., 25/10/88. Put away. Referred to in an inquiry on 25/2/89, and a copy attached to the record thereof this day.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 8/3/89.

## No. 71.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

29 October, 1888.

*Re* your telegram of to-day.

Do you wish me to forward by to night's post, reaching you on Wednesday, a list of the subjects on which I desire to confer with you on Thursday.

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

Reply,—I see no necessity for a personal interview, but will be happy to advice on or give consideration to any matter you may submit in the ordinary way.—S.F., 30/10/88. Wire, 30/10/88. 2334.

No. 72.

Mr. Atterbury, clerk in charge; Mr. Volckman, Deposition Clerk; Mr. Davies and Mr. O'Hanlon, Temporary Clerks; One fourteenth of the time of Mr. Crown Land Agent Gale.



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## No. 72.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

29 October, 1888.

BEFORE leaving for Hillston next Monday and after Hay Court is over to-morrow, I much desire to see you on official business in connection with this District; kindly reply if you will see me Thursday or Friday.

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

Ask Mr. Park to communicate through the post concerning any matter of business he may desire to consult me about.—S.F., 29/10/88. Wire, 29/10/88. 2331.

## No. 73.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

29 October, 1888.

IN reply your to-days wire please communicate through post concerning any matters of business you may desire to consult me about.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 74.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

30 October, 1888.

IN reply your yesterday's wire, I see no necessity for personal interview, but will be happy to advise on or give consideration to any matter you may submit in ordinary way.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 75.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Head Office, Local Land Board, Hay, 2 November, 1888.

In response to the minute of the Honorable the Premier (late Minister for Lands) Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G., dated the 5th September, 1888, on papers Minl. 88-7,765, I have the honor to submit (16) sixteen Appendices to this letter, each containing a copy of one of the specific charges made by the subject deputation, and my reply in explanation thereupon.

I deny the charge of incivility, and submit the following table to show the general satisfaction with which the decisions of my Boards have been regarded:—

Year.	No. of Sittings.	No. of Cases dealt with.	No. of Appeals.	No. of Appeals sustained.
1885.....	45	1,096	1	1
1886.....	167	1,149	37	8
1887.....	163	1,076	39	10
1888 to 30/9/88.....	116	887	28	2
				} 6 cases not yet dealt with.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

Papers Minl. 88-7,765 are herewith, also 16 Appendices to this letter.

## [Appendices.]

## Appendix No. 1—Charge No. 1.

Under the circumstances disclosed in the annexed memoranda, we, the deputation from Hay and Balranald, beg respectfully to submit to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, that in consequence of the universal dissatisfaction in the Hay Land District on the part of Conditional Purchasers and Homestead Lessees, the removal of Mr. Park, as a Member of the Hay Land Board, is essential to the welfare of the district.

## Reply in Explanation.

The subjoined excerpt from the *Riverine Grazier* of the 4th September, 1888, is submitted to the Honorable the Minister, to show that there is not "Universal dissatisfaction in the Hay Land District" as alleged:—

## "MR. PARK AND THE SELECTORS' DEPUTATION.

"(To the Editor of the *Riverine Grazier*.)

"Sir,—I have read with feelings of profound indignation the speech which Mr. Thompson is reported by the *Daily Telegraph* of Thursday last to have made to Sir Henry Parkes, when Sir Henry received the deputation which waited upon him with complaints about the Hay Land Board and the administration of the Land Act. The following charges are reported to have been brought by Mr. Thompson against Mr. Park:—(1.) Great incivility. (2.) Great injustice. (3.) The unjust and illegal manner in which applicants and defendants had been dealt with when brought before the Court. I have practised in the Hay Land Court for the last twenty months, and without hesitation, or the slightest reservation, I denounce Mr. Thompson's statements as false and malignant slanders. I have never, in one single instance, seen Mr. Park lose his temper in the Court, or treat any suitor with the slightest incivility, and I utterly disbelieve that Mr. Thompson can adduce one single case in which Mr. Park has treated suitors in an unjust and illegal manner. It may be said that I have not been an eye witness at the Courts which Mr. Park has presided over, at Balranald and Hillston, and this is perfectly true, but I have read the newspaper reports of all the selector's meetings about Mr. Park, and I have only observed one instance cited of alleged incivility on the part of that gentleman, and that was a case in which the person complaining said, that on one occasion when he was represented by an agent and had attempted to join in the arguments himself,

himself, Mr. Park told him that he must be silent, as he had elected to have his case pleaded by an agent, and this would have happened in any other Court in the Colony. Even in the Supreme Court a suitor can appear and conduct his case in person if he likes, but if he employs a barrister to appear for him, then he must himself (except when giving evidence on oath) keep silent.

"That the Chairman of the Land Board, I am well aware, has not many friends. When the Inspector of Conditional Purchases proves a case of non-residence, and the Board recommend a forfeiture, the selector naturally feels annoyed; and when the Appraiser of runs proves that a run of which a squatter says, it takes twelve acres to keep a sheep, can carry a sheep to six acres, and the Board gives effect to his evidence, the squatter naturally feels aggrieved; but I am certain that the Chairman's worst enemies (except Mr. Thompson) will admit that he is an upright and incorruptible man.

"Although we are living under universal suffrage, and have had some feeble administrations, I do not think we shall ever see a Government so weak as to permit a man to be hounded out of his office for simply doing his duty without fear or favour.

"I am, &c.,

"THOMAS ROBERTSON.

"Lansdowne, Hay, 4th September, 1888."

This agitation (as on previous occasions) appears to have had its origin at Gunbar, a small place in a very large district.

No complaints have, to my knowledge, ever been lodged from other districts, except that of Mr. Berry, of Balranald, and the petition he presented (see Appendices No's. 14, 15, and 16) which speak for themselves.

Please see also the last paragraph of my covering report.

Appendix No. 2—Charge No. 2.

Conditional purchase 82-130; Conditional lease 6,789.

Samuel Nixon applied, in September, 1885, for the conversion of his prelease into a conditional lease; and for the purpose of proving his case, his agents, in Sydney, obtained for him a plan of his prelease, showing the connection between that and his conditional purchase.

This plan, the Chairman told him, was made to order, because it did not agree with the one before the Board which did not show the connection.

The application was refused, but the Minister upset the decision and granted the lease.

Reply in explanation.

In reply to this, I submit the following extracts from the Minute-book, volume 1, folio 84 :—  
2nd September, 1885, leases 2,292; prelease 83-47; Samuel Nixon appeared in his own behalf. Conditional lease refused, as prelease did not adjoin the conditional purchase as required by law. 30th October, 1885—Refusal approved by the Honorable the Minister, *vide* 85-9482 leases. 18th November, 1887—Refusal reversed by the Honorable the Minister, *vide* 87-8613 leases.

Appendix No. 3—Charge No. 3.

Conditional purchase 85-1; H. E. P. Thompson.

In this case there was an inquiry as to the improvements, &c., on the land applied for.

- (a) The applicant, previous to the meeting, asked the Chairman if he would be satisfied with a certificate from the Crown Lands Agent of certain facts he considered essential to establish his claim. He, the Chairman, replied, in a most offensive and boorish manner, "You know the law of evidence as well as I do." He also during the same inquiry endeavoured to prevent the applicant cross-examining a witness; but Mr. Lockhart (then a member of the Board) checked him, and told him he was wrong.

Reply in explanation.

This case appears to have been quoted in support of the charge of incivility.

- (a) The facts of the case, as far as I remember them, are as follows :—Mr. Thompson met me in the street, and endeavoured to influence my mind in favour of his view of his case prior to its hearing, and, on his own showing, he received certainly a curt, but not an uncivil answer.
- (b) There is no record of such an occurrence during the hearing of the case. I do not remember anything of the sort, and think it highly improbable that the statement is correct.

Please see Appendices No. 7a, 7b, and 7c, where Mr. Thompson certainly makes misrepresentations.

Appendix No. 4—Charge No. 4.

Homestead lease 85-11; Gazetted 190.

F. L. Clayton applied for a homestead lease of the full area. On the applicant objecting to the area being reduced to 7,000 acres, the Chairman told him, in an uncouth and ungentlemanly manner, that he was only a speculator, and was lucky to get any land at all. As to the applicant being only a speculator, the successful manner in which he carried on his lease is a direct contradiction.

Reply in explanation.

This was the second application for land which he had lost at the ballot on the preceding Wednesday; he was therefore applying for land which was previously applied for by others. By the exercise of some ingenuity, the District Surveyor and the Board made a design with a view to satisfying this and the prior applications. The design did not, however, meet with Mr. Clayton's approval, and on his expressing his dissatisfaction, the Chairman told him that, considering his application was a speculative one, he was fortunate in that there was a prospect of its being granted wholly or in part.

Please see my minute on the papers in the case, which are with the Under-Secretary, and I cannot, therefore, quote numbers.

Appendix No. 5—Charge No. 5.

Mr. R. W. Stewart, J.P., is a Land Agent at Hillston. In one case when Mr. Stewart appeared at Hillston for the lessees of Mossiel, as to the valuation of improvements on homestead leases, the authority produced by Mr. Stewart was signed by a Bank Manager, and although he must have known the signature, he refused to allow Mr. Stewart to appear, as the authority was not attested.

Conditional purchase 86-21.—The same thing happened in the application of A. W. G. Thompson, where although the Chairman knew Mr. H. E. P. Thompson was the father of the applicant, objected to the authority as it was not attested, but admitted it on one of the members of the Board saying he knew the applicants signature.

Reply in explanation.

It was during the early part of the administration of this Board, the practice to insist upon persons claiming to be agents for parties interested in cases before Board, producing their authority signed by the parties and attested.

This was done with two objects :—

- (1.) For the protection of the parties themselves
- (2.) For the protection of administration

It may be remarked that the practice above referred to has largely fallen into disuse, as a number of gentlemen have established themselves in practice as Land Agents, and in whom, from being so well known to Boards, much confidence is reposed.

I may remark that Mr. R. W. Stewart's name has been used without his authority or approval.

Appendix No. 6—Charge No. 6.

The following three cases are a monstrous perversion of the law. Conditional purchase 85-52, M. A. Prendergast. Conditional purchase, 85-25, W. Prendergast. Conditional purchase 85-73, H. Prendergast.

These applications were refused for the following reasons :—Their father Patrick Prendergast (who is since dead) wrote to Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, M.P., complaining of the delay in granting the land to his family, and in the letter said we have not yet got possession.

This the Chairman, although each applicant had made the usual declaration, interpreted to mean they were dummies for the father, thus branding them as perjurers.

Reply

## Reply in explanation.

In these cases none of the conditional purchasers appeared personally before the Board, but were represented by their father Patrick Prendergast, consequently they could not be interrogated as to their *bond fides*, &c.

The father, in a letter to R. B. Wilkinson, Esq., M.P., asking him what he could do to get the conditional purchase confirmed at once stated that he "got" the various applicants to make these selections, as follows:—

Maude, November 27, 1885.

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I sold out last March my land, thinking the new Land Bill would come in force soon after, but as it did not until the 6th August, I had to wait. Well, on the 13th, the week after it started, I got a son of mine to select 2,560 acres, all measured portions; shortly after I got another son to take up 1,280 acres, not measured, but joining the first selection. I got a daughter also to select 400 acres. \* \* \* \* \*

PATRICK PRENDERGAST.

It was considered by the Board that these formed a group of vicarious conditional purchases, and it further considered them to be unlawful, and that if any other person than a parent stood in a similar position to Prendergast the father, the applications he was pressing would most probably be disallowed.

Out of this group of cases arose the term, "Family Selections."

The Board determined, as there was reason to doubt the *bond fides* of the applications, and as they had prevented the Board (by not appearing) from satisfying itself on that point, that "in order to place the family in possession if they were acting in good faith, and in accordance with law, or to prevent them from committing a breach of section 122 of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884,' if they were acting otherwise," it would disallow the applications so that the cases could go to the Appeal Court, and establish a precedent for future similar cases one way or the other.

Against these decisions, only one of the applicants (M. A. Prendergast) appealed, thus tacitly admitting that the decisions of the Board respecting the other two cases were just.

The case of Mary Ann Prendergast (now Brown) was upheld by the Honorable the Minister, and referred back to the Board to take evidence as to her *bond fides*, which was done, and the Board had to be satisfied with the testimony of the principal, there being no rebutting evidence.

Appendix No. 7—Charge No. 7.

Conditional purchase 82-201, 7a, J. T. Warren; conditional purchase 81-101, 7b, A. Lang; conditional purchase 81-102, 7c, Thomas Lang.

These cases were investigated at one Land Court; they are all *bond-fide* settlers; the last two are relations. The Chairman (although the evidence was in their favour) decided that residence had not been fulfilled, and recommended them for forfeiture. The Minister upset the decisions and granted the certificates. The Inspector of conditional purchases did not visit the last two selections till some months after the five years had been fulfilled.

## Reply in explanation.

In reply to this I submit the following extracts from the Minute-book, volume 4:—

Extract from Minute-book, vol. 4, folio 177, 19th July, 1887.

(Reply to charge 7a.)

Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions; conditional purchase 82-201. John Thomas Warren, present, and acts for himself, and has no evidence but his own.

"John Thomas Warren, residing at Gunbar, deposes as follows:—I took up conditional purchase 82-201 on the 7th September, 1882, and went to reside within three months of that date; cannot say the date of the month; have resided there ever since; my brothers made conditional purchases 3 or 4 miles off; we worked them in partnership, and resided at each others houses while working on each others conditional purchases for two or three weeks at a time, otherwise I reside at my own, sometimes for two or three months together."

Witness then gave evidence as to the value of the improvements, at the conclusion of which the Board retired to consider the decision, and on the following morning announced it as follows:—"The conditions of residence may have been fulfilled, but improvements to the value of six shillings per acre had not been placed upon the land at date of declaration.—C.S. 85-32,936 Depl."

From this it will be seen that this case was not heard under section 20 of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884," nor even recommended for forfeiture as improperly alleged by the deputation.

Extract from Minute-book, vol. 4, folio 190, 20th July, 1887.

(Reply to charge 7b.)

Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions; conditional purchase 81-101, Archibald Lang. Mr. Lakeman, M.P., for applicant, present.

"Archibald Lang, selector, residing on Toganmain, deposes as follows:—I am the owner of conditional purchase 81-101; made it on 13th October, 1881; went to reside there about a fortnight after I took it up; the two declarations are mine, and are true; when I first went on I lived in a waggonette for two or three days, till I built a hut of timber stuck in the ground on end, and roofed with bark; lived in that structure about three months, then in a sun-dried brick house; it was five months before the sun-dried brick house was built; it cost £20; I lived in the house four months over five years; I am still living in it when I am at home; I was away once in a dry season with cattle for about three months; that was my only absence except for a day now and then; my father lived about 100 yards away from me on his selection; for the first three years I cooked for myself, had my meals, and slept on my selection; for the last two years I had my meals at father's place, and slept on my own selection; I did not go to eat at my father's house at first because I thought I should not be fulfilling the conditions; after three years, hearing different opinions, I made up my mind to eat at my father's, and sleep at my own selection."

To Mr. Lakeman.] "I still sleep at my own selection, and have my meals at my father's."

After taking evidence as to the value of the improvements, the Board decided as follows:—"That the conditions of improvements have been fulfilled, but we are of opinion that the condition of residence has not been fulfilled during the last two years of the time, in the manner prescribed and intended by law."

From this it will be seen that the case was not one in which forfeiture was recommended, as the deputation misrepresents.

Extract from Minute-book, vol. 4, folio 193.

(Reply to charge 7c.)

20th July, 1887—Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions—conditional purchase 81-102, Thomas Lang, junior.

Mr. Lakeman for applicant present.

Evidence of selector taken as to residence and improvements, and the Board decided:—"That the conditions of improvements have been fulfilled. That the conditions of residence have apparently been fulfilled."

This case is also misrepresented by the deputation as a case in which the Board recommended forfeiture.

Appendix No. 8—Charge No. 8.

Conditional purchase 82-47, 8a, John Savage; conditional purchase 82-151, 8b, John Jones; conditional purchase 82-152, 8c, Arthur Cant.

These three cases were heard at the same Court, when the Board decided all the conditions had been fulfilled, and granted the certificates.

Savage was a boundary-rider on Gunbar station for years. The last three conditional purchases have been sold to the station.

Reply

Reply in explanation.

Extract from Minute-book, vol. 7, folio 79, 9th May, 1887.  
Inquiry under section 20; conditional purchase 82-47, John Savage.

Reply to charge No. 8a.

Mr. Robertson, for selector, present, calls *John Savage*, senior, who deposes that he is the conditional purchaser of subject land. [Witness here found to be drunk, and was removed.]

Conditional Purchaser Inspector Russom deposed:—He inspected the conditional purchase twice; reports produced are his, and are true and correct. I am satisfied that there are improvements up to ten shillings an acre on the land. The difference in the item of drains in the drains in the two reports is, I think, due to the construction of a new drain in the interim. I have allowed full value for all fences; they are on boundaries. He told me the lessee of adjoining lands had paid nothing for them.

The Board decided:—The conditions have apparently been fulfilled, and we have no evidence to the contrary. We must, therefore, uphold the conditional purchase, and it is upheld accordingly.

The deputation indicate that the conditional purchaser, from the fact of his being now employed on the station on which the land lies, was not *bonâ fide*. Why did they not offer their or other evidence to that effect when they should know that the aim of fraudulent people is to mislead authorities.

EXTRACT from Minute-book, vol. 5, folios 1, 2, and 3.

21st July, 1888.—Inquiry as to fulfilment of conditions; conditional purchase 82-151, John Jones.

(Reply to charge 8b.)

Mr. Robertson, for applicant, present.

*John Jones* deposeseth: I am a conditional purchaser, and live upon my conditional purchase, which I took up in 1882; I commenced to reside with my family 27th September, 1882, wife and four children; I and they have resided there ever since; I have made the following improvements:—House and kitchen; the inspector valued them at £80; it is a fair valuation; two tanks and drains, 30 or 40 chains, £50; 1½ mile fencing, at £45 per mile, £78 15s.

*To Mr. Russom*:—I am a labourer; for the last twelve months I have been rabbiting for Mr. Warren, a selector; before that I was splitting, &c., for Mr. Armstrong, the owner of Gunbar Station, on which my conditional purchase lies; I have a conditional lease; the land is fenced all round, but half-a-mile is not wired, and is therefore open; I don't remember when you inspected; the fence was the same then as now; I have let my grass to Mr. Armstrong; Mr. Warren for about twelve months had the grass; I did not let it to him, it was some arrangement he had with Mr. Armstrong.

*To Mr. Robertson*:—I let the grass to Mr. Armstrong within three months of going on the ground; I am a *bonâ fide* selector, and not a dummy for Mr. Armstrong or anybody else.

*To Mr. Pearce*: Mr. Armstrong pays me £45 a year for the grass of the conditional purchase and the conditional lease; it is a verbal arrangement; I made the selection with money I earned and saved; I fenced the land myself (the conditional purchase); the fence on the conditional lease I paid half of; it was erected by Mr. Warren, an adjoining selector; I was paid by no one for fencing my land; my intention is to keep my land as a home for my family.

*To the Chairman*:—I am not aware the rent I am getting is 5½d. an acre; I do consider it a high rent; I should be sorry to pay it.

*To Mr. Pearce*: I paid for the two tanks.

*James Hurst*, called by Mr. Robertson, deposeseth:—I reside at the "M'Kinlay Hotel," which I keep; I know John Jones, the selector, and know his conditional purchase; it is 8 miles from my hotel; have known it ever since he took it up; I have worked there; I sank two tanks for him; he resides on it; I believe his family is always there, and he is mostly there; I can't say values of improvements.

*To Mr. Pearce*: I had neither agreement nor consideration *re* the tanks, except with Jones; he paid me in notes and sovereigns.

Mr. Robertson has no more evidence.

Conditional Purchaser Inspector Russom, called by the Board, deposeseth:—I inspected subject, conditional purchase, on 24th June, 1886; found selector resident with his wife and family, and found improvements to total value of £205 6s. 3d; cannot say dates of erection; the boundary fences were not closed; the sheep belonging to adjoining selectors and the station lessee had access to the conditional purchase.

*To Mr. Robertson*:—I could not say whether there are any dummy selectors in my district, or in the Colony, and cannot say whether such would be lavishly improved or not; the Board decides that the conditions of residence and improvements have been fulfilled to date; the Board had no power to forfeit or uphold in this case, as it was not heard under the 20th section; the Board simply reported to the Minister on the facts; my remarks on page 34 will apply to this case.

EXTRACT from Minute-book, vol. 7, folios 87 and 88.

9th May, 1888.—Inquiry under section 20; conditional purchase 82-152, Arthur Cant.

(Reply to charge 8c.)

Mr. Robertson, for applicant, claims to have fulfilled all conditions imposed by law, and to have taken the land for his own purposes.

*Arthur Cant* deposeseth:—I took up the subject land with my own money, and paid for my own improvements with my own money; I made a total of £338, and show three receipts; one for wire from Meakes and Fay, Gunbar; one from Brooker, for the erection of fencing; one from Hurst, for the same; I let the grass to the lessee of Gunbar pastoral holding, (Armstrong), and got £45 a year for the first three years, and £35 a year for the last two; I made it for myself alone, and have no intention of selling it; this receipt of Brooker's was written by Brooker, who sent it to me; he afterwards told me, when he came with it, that he wrote it; this receipt of Hurst's he sent to me personally; do not know who wrote it.

*To Mr. Russom*:—I told you I let the grass to a man, and had forgotten his name; It was Pengrove; I was going to let it again to Armstrong, if Pengrove did not take it; I have leased it to Mr. Armstrong ever since; I get £35 a year for it and the prelease; I never had a selection before; I paid £160 down for this land; I do nothing; I have means of my own, if I never took up any land.

Conditional Purchaser Inspector Russom deposeseth:—I inspected subject land on two occasions; my reports (produced) are true and correct; found selector resident on each occasion, and the land was fully improved to 10s. per acre within the required time; there were signs of continuous occupation; he is a single man; I saw no indications of want of *bonâ fides*, except what I have related in my reports. The Board decided that "there being no evidence to show that the conditions have not been fulfilled, and some to show they have, and no *mala fides* is proved, we must uphold conditional purchase, and it is upheld accordingly."

It will be seen that, while the circumstances were of a somewhat suspicious nature, there was not sufficient evidence to justify the Board in recommending forfeiture.

The deputation indicate that this conditional purchaser was not *bonâ fide*. Why did not the members thereof produce or give evidence to that effect, and support constituted authority in a legitimate manner.

Appendix No. 9—Charge No. 9.

Conditional purchase 86-46, John Allen. In evidence it was shown that the young man, for the first six months after he had taken possession, had his breakfast and tea at his brother-in-laws's, about a mile away, but was working on his land all day, and had his dinner and slept there.

The decision was that residence was not fulfilled during that period.

Reply in explanation.

In this case the Board, after an open Court investigation, reported to the Honorable the Minister, under the 39th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, as follows:—"The Board is of opinion that the prescribed condition of residence has not been fulfilled in the beforementioned conditional purchase in the manner contemplated or prescribed by the 32nd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, until the applicant's mother went to live with him, since which date the conditional purchase has not been inspected."

On this report appear the following minutes by the Honorable the Minister for Lands:—

Residence somewhat unsatisfactory, but fencing and other improvements progressing, and selector's mother and sister now living with him.  
 May pass, with a caution that residence for balance of term be more faithfully carried out.—S.F., 19/5/88.  
 Approved.—T.G., 19/5/88. John Allen informed.—H.L.T., 25/5/88.

Appendix No 10.—Charge 10.

The following two cases plainly show the injustice of the Chairman:—

Conditional Purchase 86-21.—A. W. G. Thompson.

This is an additional conditional purchase. Before selection it had been fenced for some years on two sides by substantial sheep and cattle-proof fences, though not according to standard; the other side is put up to standard. The inspector reported the fences to be thoroughly good and substantial fences, but the Chairman decided the fencing was not up to the standard, and forfeited the selection.

The agent who appeared for applicant then asked for further time to complete the fencing, as he showed the two fences were left as they were under misapprehension.

The Chairman refused to entertain the application.

Reply in Explanation.

Extract from Minute Book, vol. 1, folio 257, 27th April, 1886.

Additional conditional purchase 86-21, A. W. G. Thompson.

Represented by H. E. P. Thompson, his father.

Payment for half fencing on both sides, the property of H. E. P. Thompson, to be made by applicant to the extent of £9.—Confirmed.

The subject of the value of the fence on the west side to be deferred till the return of the Crown Land Agent.

On 1st May, the Board having made inquiries from Surveyor M'Dougall, &c., found that applicant had erected the fence on west side in error, and with a colorable right of occupation, and therefore the Board does not assess any value to an improvement which they agree should be considered his property.

Extract from Minute Book, vol. 1, folio 75, 9th May, 1888.

Additional conditional purchase 86-21, Bank of New South Wales, transferred from A. W. G. Thompson.

Mr. H. E. Thompson for the Bank.

The fence is not quite up to the standard of class No. 2, as prescribed by the certificate, otherwise the conditions appear to have been fulfilled.

I do not think Mr. H. E. P. Thompson did ask for extension of time, and if he did, the Board could only recognize the prescribed mode for making such application, viz., on the prescribed form, on which an open Court investigation would follow. This course was subsequently taken, and the application granted by Board. (See extract on next page).

Extract from Minute Book, vol. 8, folio 55, 4th July, 1888.

Application for time to complete fencing, additional conditional purchase 86-21, Bank of New South Wales, transferred from A. W. G. Thompson.

H. E. P. Thompson, duly authorized by Bank of New South Wales, appears.

The north and west fences were erected before the conditional purchase was made, and are not up to standard required by the Act in any class.

The fences are secure against passage of cattle or sheep. H. E. P. Thompson states, sketch with papers.

Six months' extension from date of application granted.

Fencing to be completed by 9th November, 1888.

Appendix No. 11—Charge No. 11—Conditional Purchase, 86-42—George Baillie; a non-residence selection.

There was no appearance of or for the applicant (who is a relation of the owner of the station, Benerambah).

He wrote a letter from Melbourne to the Board stating that he could not attend, but that the necessary improvements were upon the land, although the report of the Inspector, if he had been examined, would have proved the contrary. The Chairman, without any application, postponed the consideration of the case for further report.

Reply in Explanation.

In this case, a conditional purchaser under the non-residential clause, an inquiry was instituted as to the fulfilment of the conditions imposed by law and selector duly notified.

He did not attend the Board meeting, but sent a letter stating his inability to do so, and that the conditional purchase was fenced all round, and contained a tank of £320 in value and over.

The Inspector had reported that the fencing was in progress at date of his inspection, but made no mention of the tank.

The Appeal Court having shown an unwillingness to forfeit, simply for the non-fulfilment of the improvement condition within the prescribed time, the Board, to enable it to furnish a complete report to the Honorable the Minister, postponed action and ordered another inspection, which was made and Inspector's report received.

Upon this report a second inquiry was instituted, at which the selector was not present, but again sent a letter enumerating the improvements.

The Board found, on the Inspector's report, that the condition of fencing had not been complied with in the prescribed time, and reported accordingly to the Honorable the Minister.

This decision is strictly in accordance with the 39th section Crown Lands Act of 1884, and Form L.L.B. No. 12.

Appendix No. 12—Charge No. 12.

As an evidence of obstacles being thrown in the way of selectors, take F. Haberman's special lease, 320 acres, for irrigation works.

The first application was thrown out.

The second application was granted, but the rental put upon it was in reality a refusal after.

The evidence of Haberman, which is very lengthy, will show his *bona fides*. Among other things, he swears he spent £3,000 in works for the purpose of irrigation, and offered to either purchase the land he applied for or select it if allowed.

Reply in Explanation.

There were not, as alleged, two applications in this case.

There was, however, a rehearing, at the applicant's request, to rectify an error into which the Board had fallen from an incorrect tracing supplied. The error was one as to measurement.

The application was not either granted or refused. The Board simply reported to the Honorable the Minister on the facts, and recorded its opinion as to certain conditions which should be imposed, should the Governor grant the lease.

The Governor, it would appear, did grant the lease.

Appendix No. 13—Charge No. 13—Conditional purchase, 82-67, 82-255, 84-39—J. T. Alston, of Carrathool.

In this case, the applicant was summoned in May last to appear before the Land Board at Carrathool, and although Mr. Russom, the Inspector of Conditional Purchases, had reported favourably with regard to both improvements and residence, the applicant was subjected to an examination by the Chairman of more than an hour, evidently for the purpose of confusing the applicant, and then adding insult to injury, he was asked "if he had ever been drunk."

Reply

## Reply in Explanation.

With regard to the last paragraph, relating to the case of J. T. Alston, the facts are as follows :—  
There appeared to be very great doubt as to the applicant's *bona fides*; also three different documents, purporting to bear his signature, were signed in such dissimilar hands as to warrant the suspicion that they were not written by the same individual.

He was asked to account for the difference, and swore that he could sign in different hands, and in answer to a question put to him by the local member, said "he never got drunk."

See statement by J. E. Pearce, Esq., P.M., local Member, attached.

Attached to Appendix No. 13.

A. J. Park, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Hay, 20 October, 1888.

With reference to the charge made against you by the deputation to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, viz., that you asked young Alston "if he ever got drunk," it is altogether wrong. I asked him the question, and I did so, not out of any disrespect to him, but thinking it might account for the dissimilarity between the signatures on his two applications.

I knew his father had a weakness for liquor, and I thought possibly the son might also; and hence the contrariety in the signatures.

With regard to the other charges, I have no doubt you will satisfactorily reply to the same.

Yours, &c.,

JOSEPH EDE PEARCE.

## Appendix No. 14—Charge No. 14.

The manner in which the powers under the Land Act are being used to harass and annoy *bona fide* settlement are :—  
Settlers are brought up before the Land Board on very slight pretexts.

(A.) The first Land Board sat in Balranald in December, 1885, to deal with and recommend or refuse applications.

The Board then sat again in May, 1886, to settle the question of improvements, and also to fix the rent. Query,—  
Why could not these matters have been settled at the one Board?

(B.) The Board then sat again in July, 1888, to inquire into fulfilment of conditions as regards occupation and residence.

(C.) In a few week's time, the Board will require to sit again, *re* fulfilment of fencing clauses.

Query,—Why could not these two questions have been settled at the same sitting?

As the attendance on these Boards entail upon us a loss of time and considerable expense, we ask in all fairness that these courts be not held without there is strong proof that the lessee or lessees are non *bona fide* men.

## Reply in Explanation.

(A.) This is not correct.

The first Board meetings held at Balranald were in June and December, 1885.

The procedure then followed by the Board was that strictly required by section 82 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884. Experience proved it to be cumbersome, however, and at a conference held by the Under Secretary, the District Surveyor and myself, a practice was initiated, which, with subsequent modifications, is the procedure at present adopted.

The law requires that certain conditions should be fulfilled on homestead leases as to occupation, residence, and fencing, and after due inspection, resulting in adverse reports as to the two former, it was necessary to institute inquiries in certain cases.

If lessees honestly fulfilled the conditions imposed by law, no subsequent or any open Court inquiry would be imperative, except one at the end of five years, to establish him in his lease.

(C.) It is pointed out that Mr. Berry and those apparently with him, were brought to Court upon Inspectors' reports, which, when in evidence, proved strong enough to cause the Board to report the non-fulfilment of the conditions imposed by law, a strong proof of *non-bona fides*.

I see no other way of obtaining said strong proof, but by open Court investigation.

## Appendix No. 15—Charge No. 15.

(A.) (2.) The manner in which the courts are conducted.

The Act distinctly states that the procedure shall be the same as before a Court of Petty Sessions, whereas the procedure in these courts is totally opposed to that.

When the lessee's case is called on he is immediately ordered into the box and a number of questions are put to him with a view of making him criminate himself.

The only evidence against the lessee is, in many cases, given by himself.

The evidence given by the Inspector of Leases carries undue weight, inasmuch as if the Inspector calls at the lessee's place, and does not happen to see him, the conclusion come to by the Board is that the lessee is non-resident—a most unjust conclusion.

(B.) Speaking generally on the objects of this deputation we find that the result of the Land Board, held at Balranald in July last, that fourteen out of a total of seventeen leases dealt with were virtually recommended to be forfeited.

A number of the lessees acknowledged that they had not carried out the strict letter of the law as regards residence, and gave as their reason the impossibility of so doing on account of there being no water on the land; tanks have been made that, as yet, have received no water, others were six and seven months before receiving any, and then failed when most needed.

The present season is one of the worst known for thirty years, and if rain does not fall soon, both stock and men will have to travel. As a matter of fact, at the present moment, the water on some of the holdings is already exhausted, and the stock has been removed.

The rainfall up to August of this year registers about 3 inches.

A point was raised by the Board about there being no fixed habitations on some of the holdings.

I would like to call the attention of the Honorable the Minister for Lands to the fact that had we been millionaires we should not have been here to-day, for the simple reason that we would never have tackled a block of land in the western division of New South Wales.

Not being millionaires, but men used to bush life, open air, hard work, and harder fare, our first thoughts were not of fixed habitations (we were content with tents), but how to make the ground keep us, and we acted accordingly.

Houses have been built, are being built, and will continue to be built as the work of settlement progresses.

## Money spent on improvements.

The amount of money spent by lessees on their holdings in improvements vary from £500 to £800 per block—and we reckon that before the expiration of five years, fully £1,000 will require to be laid out on each lease, which, before settlement took place, was comparatively in a state of nature.

It is acknowledged by all thinking men that the man who opens up new country—who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before that—that man is a benefactor to his country.

We claim to occupy that position.

We are willing to go into this country; we are willing to spend the best part of our lives in trying to subdue this country and to make it fit for human occupation, and all we ask for is fair and reasonable treatment as between man and man.

It has been thrown in our teeth that we are Victorians, and as such our right to occupy this land has almost been questioned. We claim the glorious privilege of calling ourselves Australians (most of us native born), and subjects of Her Imperial Majesty the Queen;—as such we possess the right to settle where we choose.

New South Wales at the present moment offers greater inducements than any other Colony, and it only requires that the advantages offered by this country shall become better known, and that a thorough confidence shall be felt in the administration of the land laws—to bring in hundreds of the best men of the other colonies.

In conclusion, we most respectfully beg that the Minister for Lands will give every consideration to the cases now sent down by the Land Board at Balranald.

That every allowance will be made us on account of the hardships to be undergone in pioneer settlement, and on account of the money spent by us upon the land.

We

We are in this position—that if an adverse decision is given us we are practically ruined men, and that without any commensurate gain to the State. Certain work has also to be carried on. Fencing has to be completed within a given time. Water has to be provided for, and we do not know whether to go on with these works or not.

We therefore humbly beg that your decision will be favourable to us, and that you will make it known to us as soon as possible.

Reply in Explanation.

It is, perhaps, not necessary for me to report in regard to this paragraph, as I observe by the newspaper reports sent (A) to me for perusal with the papers that the Honorable the Premier fully explained this matter to the deputation.

The remainder of the statements read by Mr. Berry appear to be of the nature of special pleading on behalf of the (B) homestead lessees generally, and addressed to the Honorable the Minister personally.

Appendix No. 16.—Charge 16.

To the Honorable the Minister for Lands, Sydney,—

Balranald, July, 1888.

That this meeting most respectfully begs to call the attention of the Minister for Lands to the manner in which the powers under the Land Act are being used to harass and annoy *bona fide* settlement.

[Here follow fifty-eight signatures.]

Reply in Explanation.

With respect to the above petition, dated Balranald, July, 1888, it might be pointed out that of the fifty-eight signatories, perhaps not more than fifteen have any direct interest in land.

The number of cases dealt with by the Board in the Balranald district since the present Act came into operation is 299. Against the finding of the Board in these cases there have been three appeals, only one of which was sustained.

Perhaps a stronger tribute to the administration by the Board of the law in that district could not be desired.

No. 76.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 5 November, 1888.

I have the honor to address you on the subject of the four telegrams, copies of which are hereto appended.

I sought a conference with the desire to settle, in the most expeditious manner attainable, some difficult and unsatisfactory matters connected with the work of this large district.

Five days previous to my asking for an interview I had sent you a telegram in connection with one of the cases for consideration. Up to this date it remains unanswered. \*1

I had also written to you seven days previously concerning another subject for consideration, viz., further assistance in this office. That letter remains unanswered up to date. \*2

Meanwhile you have instructed me to issue a railway pass to one of my only two office clerks, that he might go away to another Colony to play cricket. \*3

I have done so, and he has gone. I am on the eve of departure for the Hillston Land Court, and Mr. Atterbury, clerk-in-charge, has only one clerk to carry on the work of this Board office, in which, I believe, is annually transacted more business than in most other similar offices in the Colony.

Under your letter, Land Board District, 88-3,236, of 9th June, 1881, I am held responsible for the due discharge of the work of this office.

I hope to return to Hillston at the end of November, and have now the honor to ask you to be so good as to request the Honorable the Minister for Lands to grant me an interview on any day early in December which he may choose to appoint.

I have, &c.,

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

Telegram from Chairman, Hay, to Under Secretary for Lands.

29 October, 1888.

BEFORE leaving for Hillston next Monday, and after Hay Court is over to-morrow, I much desire to see you on official business in connection with this district. Kindly reply if you will see me on Thursday or Friday.

Telegram from the Under Secretary for Lands to Chairman, Hay.

29 October, 1888.

IN reply to your to-day's wire, please communicate through post concerning any matters of business you may desire to consult me about.

Telegram from Chairman, Hay, to Under Secretary for Lands.

29 October, 1888.

Re your telegram of to-day, do you wish me to forward by to-night's post, reaching you on Wednesday, a list of the subjects on which I desire to confer with you on Thursday.

Telegram to Chairman, Hay, from the Under Secretary for Lands.

30 October, 1888.

IN reply your yesterday's wire, I see no necessity for personal interview, but will be happy to advise on or give consideration to any matter you may submit in ordinary way.

\*1. I cannot identify this case from the vague information supplied.—S.F., 3/12/88.

\*2. This letter was received in the office on 24th October, and dealt with by me on 25th. On the 1st November the Minister gave a decision on it, and on the 6th Mr. Park was apprised thereof.—S.F., 3/12/88.

\*3. This officer was specially allowed leave by Ministerial authority.—S.F., 3/12/88.

No. 77.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 November, 1888.

With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, asking that another clerk may be attached to your office, either temporarily or permanently, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that none of the officers at head-quarters can be spared, and as only a junior is required it will not be possible to provide assistance unless you can find a local youth suitable for the position.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 78.

## No. 78.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Hay, 13 November, 1888.

IN reply to your wire yesterday, papers asked for were returned to head office on 26th ultimo.

BASIL J. ATTERBURY  
(Pro Chairman).

## No. 79.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Local Land Board Office, Court-house, Hillston, 19 November, 1888.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, in which you inform me that the honorable the Minister for Lands states that no officer can be spared from your office for service in the Local Land Board Office, Hay, and that as only a junior is required, if no local youth can be found, no assistance can be given.

I would point out that each of the two office clerks are juniors, and that a local youth, if even one suitable could be found, would be of no immediate service.

The business of the Hay Land Board Office is of such dimensions as to require, in my opinion, one reasonably efficient clerk in addition to the two now employed.

I would most respectfully ask the honorable the Minister to reconsider the matter.

I have, &c.,  
A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

## No. 80.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Clerk-in-charge.

Hillston, 24 November, 1888.

GLAD you should get your leave, but regret you should have applied direct to the Under Secretary for a change of date, and so be absent when I am also absent from head office, Hay.

A. J. PARK.

## No. 81.

Office Memorandum.

3 December, 1888.

It will be observed from the within papers that Mr. Chairman Park has deliberately ignored my request to communicate with me by letter in regard to any matter of business he might desire to consult me about. When these subjects are communicated I will be in a position to advise the Minister whether a personal interview either with myself or Mr. Secretary Bruncker is necessary.

As regards the extra assistance, alleged to be required in the office, I am clearly of opinion that the business, which is comparatively limited, is not too much for the present staff; but in consequence of the frequent withdrawal of one of the best clerks to act as deposition clerk—a course perhaps not always necessary—it would be advisable to appoint a junior. Mr. Park has been informed in reply to his letter, of 22nd October, that a local junior will be appointed when he finds one.

I do not know what is referred to in the second paragraph, with reference to an unanswered telegram on some subject not specified.

I have now to invite the Minister's attention to the tone of this and other letters received from Mr. Park, which are characterized by an irritability and a spirit of insubordination that should not be displayed by an officer of his position.

S. F.

Submission approved.

With the view of preserving discipline in the Department, it is certainly essential that all correspondence, and especially in communications passing between the higher class officials, should be written in a temperate tone. It is also desirable that officers of the Department, seeking interviews with the Minister, should do so through the Under Secretary, to whom they should explain the subject to be dealt with. The adoption of such a course will assist materially in conserving the limited time at the Minister's disposal.—J.N.B., 14/12/88.

Mr. Chairman Park informed, 27/12/88. Circular to Chairman, 88-44, forwarded, 31/12/88. Copy herewith.—T.D., 2/1/89.

As no reply has been received from the Chairman to letter of 27th December last, and no further application has been made for clerical assistance in respect of the Hay office. Submitted that the matter may be considered closed, and the papers put away.—M.L., 4/3/89.

F.H.W. End of April.—S.F., 6/3/89.

## No. 82.

Office Memorandum.

4 December, 1888.

THE Minister's attention is directed to Mr. Chairman Park's reply, of 30th ultimo, to the late Under Secretary, blank-cover communication, of 23rd July last.

I am of opinion that Mr. Park acted injudiciously in directing the clerk left in charge of the office, Mr. Davies, not to forward papers required by the Under Secretary without first transmitting them to him first at Balranald, or communicating by telegraph, and I cannot regard his explanation on this point as wholly satisfactory. Similar with regard to the instruction not to send papers to the District Surveyor's Office without remitting them first to Balranald, which would involve a delay totally unnecessary in cases of a purely formal character.

Mr.



Mr. Davies is an intelligent officer of considerable experience, having been employed at Hay for some years, after a training at head-quarters; and might certainly have been allowed some little discretion for the time being.

In regard to the telegram quoted by Mr. Park, I may point out that Mr. Boot, formerly acting clerk-in-charge, was ordered to return to Hay in consequence of the Chairman's representations as to the state of the office, and requested to report on the work.

That officer's report shows that the staff was quite able to cope with the work up to the time he had previously left, and that the arrears, with the exception of cases that had been on the Chairman's table prior to Mr. Boot's departure, on 1st July, had accumulated subsequently.

It is thus, I think, evident that Mr. Park did not take the best means to forward the work, and that he is therefore largely responsible for the unsatisfactory state of things existing in his office.

S. F.

Approved.—J.N.B., 14/12/88. Mr. Chairman Park informed, 27/12/88.

## No. 83.

## Office Memorandum.

Department of Lands, Sydney.

MR. LAKEMAN represented to me at the Assembly last night that the Hay Land Office had been closed to the public for a week or ten days, in consequence of the absence of the Chairman and the clerk-in-charge. Ask Mr. Park to explain, and inform him that he must in future avoid a repetition of the inconvenience and delay which the public must suffer from stoppage of business.

J.N.B., 5/12/88.

Telegraph.—S.F., 5/12/88. Wire (2,539), 5/12/88.

## No. 84.

## Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

5 December, 1888.

It has been represented to Minister that Hay Local Land Board office has been closed to public for week or ten days, in consequence of your absence and that of clerk-in-charge. Mr. Brunker desires an explanation, and directs that in future you must avoid repetition of inconvenience and delay which public must suffer from stoppage of business.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 85.

## The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Head Office, Land Board, Hay, 6 December, 1888.

In reply to your telegram of yesterday's date, in reference to an allegation by some person unnamed, to the effect that this office had been closed to the public for upwards of a week, I have the honor to state that, though the doors of the building were not closed, still there was no responsible official in attendance to furnish the public with information from Monday morning, the 26th November, 1888, until Friday morning, the 30th of that month, and during which period all correspondence remained unopened and unanswered.

The immediate causes of this state of matters were:—

- (1.) Absence of the Chairman on duty at Hillston.
- (2.) Absence of the clerk-in-charge on leave.

Respecting the last part of your telegram, I have the honor to request you to be so good as to explain to the Honorable the Minister for Lands that the Chairman's presence was not necessary under the Statute, and that his absence was compulsory thereunder, and that he was in no way responsible for the alleged state of disorganization of his office, consequent upon the absence of a substitute to take the place of the clerk-in-charge, who was absent on leave, on a date altered from that recommended by the Chairman.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

P.S.—I enclose a letter from the clerk-in-charge, showing the nature of the special urgency which actuated him in applying for a change of date.—A. J. PARK, 8/12/88.

The Chairman and clerk-in-charge may be asked to state what directions were given to the clerks of the Board office to attend upon the public and provide for the requirements of public business during the absence of the clerk-in-charge from the 26th to the 30th November.—W.H., 22/12/88.

## No. 86.

## Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

7 December, 1888.

PLEASE state whether arrangements can be made to carry on work of office during Mr. Volkman's absence for period specified in his application.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

No. 87.

## No. 87.

The Clerk-in-charge, Hay, to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 8 December, 1888.

It appears desirable that I should explain the matters of special urgency, which caused me to apply for an alteration of the dates of my leave as recommended by you.

The facts are as follows:—On the morning of the 23rd ultimo I received an intimation from my wife that our younger child was dangerously ill, and apparently dying, and in accordance with her earnest request and my own wishes, I at once took steps to be present at his demise should it unfortunately occur. I was of course aware of the inconvenience which would or might arise owing to my absence from Head Office, but under the painful circumstances above-mentioned, I considered my application for leave justified.

I might add that I was ordered to at once remove the child, and that I believe him to be still seriously ill, two medical gentlemen being in daily attendance on him.

I have, &amp;c.,

BASIL J. ATTERBURY,

Clerk-in-charge.

Transmitted to the Under Secretary for Lands, with my letter dated 6th instant, on the subject of this office being left without any responsible officer in charge.—A.J.P., Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, 8/12/88. The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

## No. 88.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

14 December, 1888.

IN reply, your to-day's wire, if there is temporary pressure of work, officers will be expected to devote necessary time after usual office hours to dispose of it.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 89.

## Office Memorandum.

MR. LAKEMAN, M.P., states that during the recent absence of Mr. Atterbury, clerk-in-charge of the Local Land Board at Hay, the clerks remaining stated that they had received instructions not to go into the office to work during the absence of the chief clerk and Chairman.

Mr. Chairman Park should be requested to furnish an early report as to the facts.

S.F., 19/12/88.

Ask Mr. Chairman Park for an explanation.—J.N.B., 29/12/88. Correspondence Branch, 3/1/89. Mr. Chairman Park asked, 4/1/89. In a week.—M.L., 18/1/89. Perhaps the Chairman should be reminded.—J.R., 1/2/89. Chairman, Hay, 7/2/89. End of month—M.L., 8/2/89. Any reply?—H.C., 21/2/89. No reply has yet been received.—J.A.A., 21/2/89. Mr. Inspector Curry. The attention of the Chairman should be drawn to previous reminders which have not been acknowledged.—H.C., 21/2/89. Yes,—mark the letter immediate.—S.F., 21/2/89. Mr. Park accordingly, 21/2/89.

## No. 90.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 21 December, 1888.

I have the honor to point out that the "Blue Books" for 1883 to 1887 show the date of my first appointment to be 1st January, 1883, while the dates shown in all "Blue Books" prior to 1883 is 16th April, 1869.

I first began to serve the Government of New South Wales in January, 1869, in the Harbours and Rivers Department as engineering draftsman, passed the examination for licensed surveyors on 16th April, 1869, and joined the Lands Department as surveyor in April, 1870, in which capacity I have served the Department until my appointment as Chairman Local Land Board, Hay, on 1st January, 1885.

I have the honor to respectfully request you to cause my period of service to be recorded as from April, 1870, since which date it has been continuous and unbroken in the same Department.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. J. PARK.

Before going into the merits of this application, I submit that Mr. Park should be called upon to explain his action in communicating direct with the Minister instead of the permanent head of the Department, as directed by circular of January, 1885.—S.F., 14/1/89.

Approved.—J.N.B., 14/1/89. Cor. Branch.—15/1/89. M.L., 16/1/89. Chairman, 17/1/89. In a fortnight.—M.L., 21/1/89. Perhaps the Chairman may be reminded.—J.R., 9/2/89. Remind.—W.H., 12/2/89. A. J. Park, 14/2/89. Perhaps Mr. Park may be again reminded.—J.R., 4/3/89. Reminded, 13/3/89. Chairman at Hay not having replied to letter of 17th January or subsequent reminder, the matter is resubmitted for direction.—M.L., 2/4/89.

It is open to me to take action of a severe character in regard to Mr. Chairman Park's apparently deliberate neglect in this matter. I prefer, however, to send the papers to the Board about to investigate the conduct of business at Hay.—S.F., B.C., 4/4/89. Mr. Chairman Conder.

## No. 91.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 December, 1888.

Referring to your letter of the 23rd October last, in reply to a request of the late Under Secretary for Lands for an explanation—

1. As to why Mr. Davies was directed to sign his own name, &c., as stated by him?
2. Why an instruction was given by you that papers asked for by the Under Secretary were not at once forwarded to him?
3. Why the transmission of papers to the District Survey Office, to the detriment of despatch of business was suspended by your direction?

I am directed to inform you, that the Secretary for Lands is of opinion that you acted injudiciously in directing the clerk left in charge of the office—Mr. Davies—not to forward papers required here without first transmitting them to you at Balranald, or communicating with you by telegraph, and that your explanation on this point cannot be regarded as wholly satisfactory, and similarly with regard to the instructions not to send papers to the District Survey Office without first remitting them to Balranald, which involved a totally unnecessary delay in cases of a formal character.

I have also to point out that Mr. Boot, formerly acting clerk-in-charge, was ordered to return to Hay, in consequence of your representations as to the state of your office, and requested to report on the work, and from this report it appears that the staff were quite able to cope with the business up to the time he had left (ten days previously), and that the arrears, with the exception of cases which had been on your table prior to Mr. Boot's departure, on the 1st July, had accumulated subsequently.

Mr. Bruncker therefore considers it evident that you did not take the best means to forward the work, and that you are largely responsible for the unsatisfactory state of things existing in your office.

In conclusion, I have to request that you will be good enough in future to forward without delay any papers that may be asked for by me. Any impending action may be noted on such papers, either by yourself or the clerk-in-charge of the office, for my information.

I have, &c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 92.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney 27 December, 1888.

I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has had under consideration your communication of the 5th ultimo, also certain telegrams in which you request a personal interview with me on matters relative to the work of your district, &c., I am directed to point out that you have deliberately ignored my request to communicate by letter the subject of the business you desired to discuss, and to inform you that the Secretary for Lands directed that officers of the Department seeking interviews with the Minister must do so through the Under Secretary, to whom they should first explain in writing the subject proposed to be dealt with.

With regard to the extra assistance alleged to be required in your office the Minister is of opinion that the business, being comparatively limited, is not too much for the present staff, but in consequence of the frequent withdrawal of one of the best clerks to act as a deposition clerk, a course perhaps not always necessary, it has been proposed to appoint a local junior. This has already been intimated to you, and as soon as you nominate an eligible person the appointment will be made.

I am also to state that it is not known to what you refer in regard to an alleged unanswered telegram, the subject whereof you have not specified.

I have to add that the tone of your letter, as well as of others received from you, is characterized by an irritability, and a spirit of insubordination which should not be displayed by an officer in your position, and the Minister desires it to be understood that with a view to preserving discipline in the Department it is certainly essential that all correspondence, and especially that passing between the higher class officials should be written in a temperate tone.

I have, &c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 93.

Circular to Chairmen, Land Boards.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 December, 1888.

In order to conserve the limited time at the disposal of the Secretary for Lands, myself, or other officers at head-quarters, I am directed to inform you that it is deemed advisable to suspend, as far as possible, personal consultation on matters relative to the administration of the law, or the conduct of the general business of local offices.

In the event of your considering at any time that exceptional reasons suggest the advisableness of an interview, I am to request that you will in the first instance inform me fully of the subject matter proposed to be discussed, in order that I may be in a position to advise accordingly, or to determine whether an interview with the Minister or myself is necessary.

It is considered desirable, however, that whenever possible official business should be dealt with through the medium of the post, or, in exceptionally urgent cases, the electric telegraph.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 94.

## No. 94.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 January, 1889.  
 Mr. Lakeman, M.P., having reported that during the recent absence of Mr. Atterbury, clerk-in-charge of the Local Land Board Office at Hay, the clerks remaining stated that they had received instructions not to go into the office to work during the absence of the chief clerk and yourself, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to request that you will be good enough to furnish an explanation of the matter.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. HOUSTON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 95.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 January, 1889.  
 With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo, requesting that your period of service may be recorded in the Blue Books as from April, 1870, I have the honor to inform you that, before going into the merits of your application, Mr. Secretary Bruncker directs that you be called upon to explain your action in communicating direct with the Minister for Lands, instead of the permanent head of the Department, as directed by circular of January, 1885.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. HOUSTON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 96.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 7 February, 1889.  
 I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 4th ultimo, asking you to report as to Mr. Lakeman's statement,—that during the recent absence of Mr. Atterbury, clerk-in-charge of your office, the clerks remaining stated that they had received instructions not to go to the office to work during the absence of yourself and the clerk-in-charge; and I am to request you to be good enough to furnish a reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 97.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, Sydney, 14 February, 1889.  
 I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 17th ultimo, calling upon you to explain your action in addressing your letter of the 21st December last, respecting the date of your first appointment in the Service (as shown in the Blue Book for 1887), direct to the Minister, instead of the permanent head of the Department; and I am to request you to be good enough to furnish a reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 98.

## Office Memorandum.

THE Assistant Under Secretary, prior to leaving for Cooma, suggested that the Chairman, Hay, should be asked what progress has been made in the inquiry *re* the dispute between Messrs. Atterbury and Davies. How do these papers stand?—H.C., 21/2/89.

The papers referring to this case (88-11,048, Minl.) were forwarded to the Chairman, Hay, on 20 December last, with instructions to investigate the matter.—J.R., 21/2/9. Mr. Inspector Curry.

The Chairman should be asked how the matter stands.—H.C., 21/2/89. Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 21/2/89. Chairman reminded, 21/2/89.

## No. 99.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 February, 1889.  
 I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to state what action has been taken on papers numbered ministerial 88-11,048, forwarded to you on the 20th December, in connection with the issue between Mr. Davies and the clerk-in-charge of your office, and also how the matter now stands.  
 I am to point out the fact that, although a reminder was sent you on the 5th instant relative to the above, no reply has up to the present been received.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 100.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 February, 1889.

I am directed to invite your attention to my letters of the 4th January and 7th instant, asking you to report as to Mr. Lakeman's statement, that during the recent absence of Mr. Atterbury clerk in charge of your office, the clerks remaining stated that they had received instructions not to go to the office to work during the absence of yourself and the clerk in charge, and I am to request you to be good enough to furnish a reply thereto at once.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 101.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Secretary for Lands.

23 February, 1889.

CONCERNING Ministerial 88-11,036 issue between Davies and clerk in charge, I purpose holding the directed inquiry on Monday. Do you desire the evidence on oath or not in either case? Should the parties be examined separately, or in presence of each other? Do you desire to elicit any statements concerning the nature of the private quarrel to which Davies refers in his minute as being the origin of the subject issue? If convenient, will you please reply by wire to-day.

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

Inform that it is optional with him to take evidence on oath or otherwise, but any statement made must be signed. Both officers should be present during the whole of investigation; am adverse to undue interference with private matters, but he must use his own discretion.—S.F., 25/2/89. Wire, 25/2/89, 316.

## No. 102.

Telegram from The Clerk in charge, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Hay, 25 February, 1889.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the state of the relationship existing between Mr. Chairman Park and myself. <sup>1</sup>[For some considerable time past Mr. Park has been acting in the most arrogant and insulting manner towards me] apparently with a view to causing me to so far forget myself as to do something that would bring me under the condemnation of the Under-Secretary. The cause of it all, so far as I can judge, appears to be that <sup>2</sup>[I have urged the Chairman to adopt methods utterly opposed to those now used by him in the administration of this district and office, by which the public interests might be better satisfied and the staff made more efficient.] <sup>3</sup>[Mr. Chairman Park has informed me that he will obtain my removal from the position I have the honor to occupy], and I have to request that should any steps towards that end be in contemplation, I may have an opportunity of defending myself and my conduct.

I am compelled to bring this directly under the notice of the Under Secretary <sup>4</sup>[as the Chairman has stated that he will not forward my letter unless he approve of the contents], and moreover <sup>5</sup>[Mr. Park has a habit of locking up papers and carrying them about the district with him, so that no action can be taken, greatly to the prejudice of the action required thereon].

I have, &c.,

BASIL J. ATTERBURY.

This letter contains very serious charges against Mr. Chairman Park, who will please furnish me with a report on the earliest possible opportunity.—S.F., B.C., 27/2/89. Replied to by my letter of this date herewith.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Hay, 8/3/89. The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney. NOTE :—The charges are bracketted in red ink by me.—A.J.P., Chairman, 8/3/89.

## No. 103.

Telegram from The Under-Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

25 February, 1889.

IN reply your Saturday's wire it is optional with you to take evidence on oath or otherwise, but any statements made must be signed. Both officers should be present during whole investigation; am adverse to undue interference with private matters, but you must use your own discretion.

STEPHEN FREEMAN.

## No. 104.

Mr. H. C. P. Thompson to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Hay, 8 March, 1889.

At the request of the selectors in the Hay Land District, who sent a deputation to Sydney in August last to interview the then Minister for Lands, and to lay before him a statement of certain complaints against Mr. Park, the Chairman of the Land Board at Hay, which complaints the Minister said the Chairman would be called upon to answer. As six months have now elapsed since the charges were laid, and not having received any information on the subject, I have been requested to ask whether the said complaints have been replied to, and if so, what the answers are.

I have &c.,

HENRY E. P. THOMPSON,

(One of the Deputation).

The Board of Investigation, Hay.—F.H.W. (For the Under-Secretary), B.C., 12/4/89.

## No. 105.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Head Office, Local Land Board, Hay, 8 March, 1889.

I have the honor to report the clerk in charge of this office for exceeding the limits of his functions, and for rude and insulting behaviour. Any communication you may desire to make to me I would request should be addressed to Deniliquin.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Mr. Chairman Park should specify fully what is meant by the clerk in charge exceeding his functions, and whether the occasion of his rude and insulting behaviour was the inquiry into charges preferred by Mr. Atterbury against Mr. Davies. Ask.—S.F., 14/3/89.

Chairman asked, 14/3/89.

## [Enclosures.]

Court-house, Deniliquin, 13 March, 1889.

THE enclosed three documents, marked A, B, and C, and which are written by the clerk in charge, Local Land Board Office, Hay, are forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney, in connection with my letters and reports of the 8th March, 1889, on matters connected with the Hay Land Board Office and the clerks therein, with which matters the enclosures appear to be concerned.

A. J. PARK, Chairman.

The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

P.S.—I add another enclosure (D) received this morning.—A. J. P., Chairman.  
Deniliquin, 14/3/89.

## (A.)

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 12 March, 1889.

By the incompetence and negligence of Mr. O'Hanlon the work at records in this office has been allowed to get into arrears. Several times since I have taken charge the staff have had to stay in to bring up the arrears of Mr. O'Hanlon's work. Since then I have taken over part of his work myself, and thus sought to afford him relief, but with no beneficial effect.

In my opinion, the work allotted to Mr. O'Hanlon should not occupy an ordinarily efficient clerk the full period of an official day.

I have previously, on papers, required Mr. O'Hanlon to work overtime; but, in consequence of reasons verbally adduced, as to the heat of the weather, I have refrained from pressing the matter, in order to prevent trouble in the office as far as possible.

I have the honor to request early attention to the enclosed paper, on which he declined to work late.

I have, &amp;c.,

BASIL J. ATTERBURY  
(Pro Chairman).

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

## (B.)

Hay, 12 March, 1889.

YESTERDAY Mr. O'Hanlon was instructed by me to work late at the office, in order to bring up the arrears of work (caused by his incompetency and negligence).

He worked till 6 o'clock, and, although I personally worked at his arrears till 10 o'clock, he did not again come near the office.

This morning, when spoken to on the subject, Mr. O'Hanlon told me he thought 6 o'clock was late enough, and that he would not work later.

I have now to request Mr. O'Hanlon to stay at the office till 6 p.m., and from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m., till the arrears of work are brought up to date.

Mr. O'Hanlon.

I decline to work from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m.—W. O'H., 12/3/89. The clerk in charge.

B. J. ATTERBURY.

## (C.)

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 11 March, 1889.

I have the honor to report for your information that Mr. W. O'Hanlon is incompetent to perform the duties of a clerk in this office, and that in his work he is utterly unreliable.

I have therefore to request that steps may be taken with a view to his removal and the appointment of an efficient officer in his place.

I may add this has been the subject of verbal communication with the Chairman.

I have, &amp;c.,

BASIL J. ATTERBURY.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

## Memo.

13 March, 1889.

THE attached paper\* is transmitted to the Chairman in connection with the refusal of Mr. O'Hanlon (sent yesterday) to work the overtime hours requested.

B. J. ATTERBURY.

[\* Enclosure D, with my covering B.C., of 13th instant, and postscript of this date.—A. J. Park, Chairman, Deniliquin, 14 March, 1889.  
Received at Deniliquin 14/3/89.]

## Memo.

WILL Mr. C. H. Davies please state herein his objections to working at night (in order to bring up the arrears of office work) as requested by me.—B. J. A., 13/3/89.

While fully acknowledging the absolute necessity of overtime work in order to complete the quarterly returns, now nine months in arrears, I would respectfully submit that it is most injurious to health to be confined to a small room in this trying climate for thirteen hours daily, the latter three of which would be under the glare of four gas jets in a room 20 x 15 ft. As the staff of this office has never been adequate to the duties to be performed it has always fallen to my lot to perform the largest proportion of the work, which has necessitated considerable night-work.

I have suffered from weak eye-sight for some years past, and during my four years stay in Hay the trying climate and close confinement to the office has considerably weakened my eyes, and I am now compelled to use glasses. I could no doubt comply with your request to work at night, but it would be under very trying circumstances, and I would be glad to be exempted from the overtime between 7 and 10 p.m.

I trust I have hitherto expressed a willingness to comply with similar demands, and this is not an exception, but a case of necessity.

If desirable I shall consult a medical man with a view to ascertaining if the glare of gas-light would be injurious to my sight.

The clerk in charge.

C.H.D., 13/3/89.

No. 106.

## No. 106.

## The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Head Office, Local Land Board, Hay, 8 March, 1889.

I have the honor to report upon certain charges against me laid before you by Mr. Basil J. Atterbury, on 25th February, 1889, in Minl. 89/1,825 herewith, such report being called for by your B.C. to me of 27th February, 1889, on same document.

## REPORT.

*Charge 1.*—I have not been either arrogant or insulting towards Mr. Atterbury.

*Charge 2.*—I am responsible for the administration of this Land Board District, and did not seek nor require proposals of a reorganization from Mr. Atterbury, who possesses but five months and eight days experience (to date) of Land Board Office work.

*Charge 3.*—Is an untruth.

*Charge 4.*—Is part of a truth.

*Charge 5.*—I am not aware that I obstruct public business by carrying papers about to the different Land Board Meetings or by locking them up.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. J. PARK,

Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

## No. 107.

## The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Head Office, Local Land Board, Hay, 8 March, 1889.

I have the honor to state in reply to your request in the letter named in the margin that I have made an inquiry (not upon oath), and each of the clerks in this office deny having stated to Mr. Allen Lakeman, M.P., that "they had received instructions not to go to the office to work during the absence of the Chief Clerk or Chairman."

I have further to report that the clerk in charge (Mr. Atterbury) was most insulting in his behaviour to me during the progress of the inquiry, and I had at length to cause him to leave the room,—for, in the course of my dictation of a passage to be placed on the record, the clerk in charge interrupted me with the statement,—"That's not true." The statement thus denied by the clerk in charge, will be found on page 5 of the record herewith, and is attested by three witnesses.

The subject matter of this inquiry appears to be connected with that of my letter to you of 6th November, 1888—*re* closing of this office for a week,—to which I would beg to refer you.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

## [Enclosure.]

RECORD of Inquiry by Chairman, L.L.B., Hay: Transmitted to the Under Secretary for Lands with my B.C. of this date.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, 8/3/89.

*Mr. Atterbury* states that he knows nothing of the subject of the letter and did not inform Mr. Lakeman.

*Mr. Davies* states that he gave Mr. Lakeman certain information, viz., Mr. Lakeman and Mr. Robertson called to the office on the 27th November last, and he (Mr. Davies) was then away at the District Survey Office, and Mr. O'Hanlon received them.

*Mr. Davies* further said: I found Mr. Lakeman and Mr. Robertson at the office on my return, and was asked by Mr. Lakeman where the clerk in charge was, and who was taking his place: I told him no one was appointed to take his place, and he had left town for a few days; he asked for certain official information, and I told him I did not know that I had a right to give it him, because under the Chairman's instructions no clerks in the office except clerk in charge were allowed to give information to the public, and I had not been appointed to act as clerk in charge; Mr. Lakeman said that he would soon get the information he asked me for, by a telegram to the Under Secretary for Lands; I then said I would give the information and take the responsibility; this was all I said to him on the subject either privately or officially; there is a document in the office to the effect that clerks [Mr. Davies here asked for permission to get the document, which was accordingly sent for; document brought, copy herewith, page 9—see L.B.D. 88-6,010]; the clerk in charge handed me the key of the office on the morning of the day he went to Sydney, but gave me no instructions as regards the conduct of the office during his absence; as far as I am concerned, there is no colour or basis to the statement mentioned by the Under Secretary, as having been made by Mr. Lakeman, *vide* his letter of the 4th January, 1889.

Being asked if he had any voluntary statement to make,—

*Mr. Davies* said: Mr. Lakeman exhibited considerable annoyance at the office being left without some one in charge; I also felt considerable annoyance at not being appointed in charge temporarily during the absence of the clerk in charge, thinking that after four years service in the office, I was entitled to it; this is all I wish to say.

*To the clerk in charge:* I was never under the impression that there were any instructions that clerks were not to enter the office in office hours, during the absence of the clerk in charge and the Chairman.

The above was read over to me, and is quite correct.

C. HERBERT DAVIES,  
Local Land Board,

Hay, 25 February, 1889.

*Mr. O'Hanlon* states: I was in the office when Mr. Lakeman and Mr. Robertson called, on the 27th November last, and told them I had no authority to give them any information, but would ask Mr. Davies to see them when he came back, as he was the senior officer; Mr. Lakeman did not receive any information from me to warrant the statement made in the Under Secretary's letter of the 4th January, 1889.

*Voluntarily:* I thought that by the general tenor of the memo., L.B.D. 88-6,010, I had no right to be in the office during the absence of the clerk in charge; Mr. Lakeman was considerably annoyed, and said he would seek the information from the Under Secretary for Lands, if it was not given locally.

*To the clerk in charge:* I carefully read L.B.D. 88-6,010 and initialled it; I am not aware of ever having told Mr. Lakeman that I was under instructions not to enter the office during the absence of the clerk in charge and the Chairman; if Mr. Lakeman says he obtained the information referred to in the letter of the 4th January, 1889, from the Under Secretary for Lands from me, the statement is incorrect, as far as my memory serves me; If I had made such a statement to Mr. Lakeman I think I should have remembered it; if Mr. Lakeman informed the clerk in charge that I was his authority for his statement to the Under Secretary for Lands, he was wrong. I have heard Mr. Davies' statements, and, as far as I know, they are true.

*To Mr. Davies:* I heard you make the reply to Mr. Lakeman that you have stated you made.

The above was read over to me, and is quite correct.

WILLIAM O'HANLON,  
25/2/89.  
Mr.

*Mr. Atterbury* states: I never gave any of the clerks the instructions mentioned in the Under Secretary's letter; I gave those mentioned on L.B.D. 88-6,010; when I left Hay, on leave, on the 25th November, 1883, I gave Mr. Davies the keys of the office and the post-office box, and thus recognised his position as senior officer during my absence; as far as I remember, I gave him the general instructions to keep the work going as well as he could, and I would be back in about four days; this was verbal and not in writing. I gave no particular instructions as to what to do with the public when they called, and what I did say was more in the form of a farewell salutation than formal official instructions for his guidance; I considered Mr. Davies quite competent to do what was right in the office during my absence, without special instructions. Mr. Lakeman has expressed himself as quite willing, when called upon, to state who was the author of the statement conveyed by him to the Under Secretary for Lands.

Voluntary.

Taken down from the Chairman's dictation, as a record, and is true.—W. LION VOLCKMAN, C. HERBERT DAVIES, WILLIAM O'HANLON.

Here Mr. Atterbury desired to state who it was that Mr. Lakeman said was the author, and while the Chairman was considering the advisableness of recording it on the papers referring to this inquiry, Mr. Atterbury offered some advice as to the mode of conducting the inquiry. The Chairman said that he was merely asking for voluntary statements and not for advice. Mr. Atterbury said he made the remarks as voluntary statements, and if the Chairman did not take it down, he would report to the Under Secretary for Lands that the inquiry was not complete.

While writing above, Mr. Atterbury interrupted with the exclamation, "That's not true."  
The Chairman then requested Mr. Atterbury to leave the room.

*Mr. Volckman* states: I was away from Hay during the absence of the clerk in charge. I know nothing whatever of the statement alleged to have been made to Mr. Lakeman, and did not make it to him.

W. LION. VOLCKMAN.  
25 February, 1889.

Memo.—It has been the practice I find, in this office, to leave one of the doors constantly open, *i.e.*, unlocked, for the purpose of giving access to the office cleaner. That the office should be left in such a state all night is a matter for astonishment, and the practice cannot be too severely condemned. A duplicate key of one of the back doors may perhaps be obtained for the use of the office cleaner.—B. J. ATTERBURY, 22/10/88. The Chairman.

The office should and must be locked up securely at night from within. The officer cleaner must be supplied with a latch-key, and the rules as to gentlemen occupying their places in the office after official hours, adopted at Head Office, Sydney, must be carried out here.—A. J. PARK, 22/10/88. The clerk in charge.

Mr. Davies has, I understand, a latch-key, which he will be good enough to return to me. Mr. O'Hanlon will not, in future, remove the key from the public door. No officer will be permitted to be in the office after office hours, unless with the knowledge and permission of the clerk in charge. This is to be initialled and noted by the officers.—B.J.A., 22/10/88. Mr. Volckman, Mr. Davies, Mr. O'Hanlon. Seen.—W.L.V.

The key that was in my possession has been mislaid. I will endeavour to find it this evening.—C.H.D., 22/10/88. Seen.—W. O'H. Mr. Davies has handed me the key, which I have in turn given to the office cleaner, with specific instructions, which will be repeated in writing.—B.J.A., 23/10/88. Letter to Mrs. Radcliffe this day.—B.J.A., 25/10/88. Put away. Referred to in an inquiry on 25/2/89, and a copy attached to the record thereof this day.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 8/3/89.

### No. 108.

#### The Chairman, Land Board Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Head Office, Local Land Board, Hay, 8th March, 1889.

In accordance with the direction conveyed to me in the minute of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, transmitted to me by your B.C. of 19/12/88, on Minl. 88-11,048, L.B.D. 89-961, I have the honor to report that I have held the inquiry directed on "the issue between the clerk in charge, Hay, and Mr. Davies, clerk therein," and that it was conducted in terms of your telegram of 25th February, 1889. Both parties were present.

I deprecated the introduction of private affairs, which were not therefore enlarged upon by Mr. Davies in his defence.

All parties and witnesses were invited to give their evidence on oath; all did so, voluntarily and cheerfully, except the clerk in charge, who with rudeness and impertinence refused to be sworn, and denied my power to enforce it, and that he would not be sworn if so directed by you.

The inquiry then proceeded by the clerk in charge making an unsworn statement, and concluded by his declaring he withdrew his charge against Mr. Davies, but would afford no explanation for such a course (please see record).

Then Mr. Davies, reading from a written sheet (see copy, page 40 of the record herewith), asked the clerk in charge to add that his charges were without foundation, &c., or he (Davies) would claim to make a statement to disprove them.

On the refusal of the clerk in charge, Mr. Davies was sworn (*vide* depositions), when the clerk in charge endeavoured to leave the room, alleging that, having withdrawn his charge, the proceedings had no further interest for him, and he had registration to do, he further abandoned his claim to any privileges of cross-examination. With an effort I succeeded in causing him to remain, being desirous of adhering to your telegraphic directions, and further, in hope of eliciting all the truth, I permitted the clerk in charge to cross-examine Mr. Davies and his witnesses. The clerk in charge had thus great advantages.

I have confined the inquiry rigidly to the issue between the clerk in charge and Mr. Davies, and the evidence is now forwarded for your judgment. The clerk in charge appears to have been in a state of quarrel with the only two clerks under his immediate control for some time, and is in that state with one of them—Mr. W. O'Hanlon—in connection with which statement please see my letter to you of this date, transmitting L.B.D. 89-892.

I may add that Mr. Davies appears to feel that his position is rather trying, for he has six years and six months service and four years and two months Land Board Office experience against three years and six months service and only five months and eight days experience in Land Board Office of the clerk in charge.

In conclusion, I have to express my regret that this inquiry has not been made earlier; but my leave and absence on official duties in remote townships has prevented it taking place.

I have, &c.,  
A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Hay.

Papers L.B.D., 89-1,384. Records and exhibits herewith.

[Enclosures.]

RECORD of inquiry by Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, re issue between Mr. Davies and the clerk in charge Local Land Board, Hay. Transmitted with my covering letter.—B.C. of this date.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Hay, 8/3/89.

Mr.



*Mr. Atterbury* clerk in charge states : This paper 88-5571 was marked by me to Mr. Davies on the 20th November 1888. No action between that date and my next reference to Mr. Davies on 11th December, 1888, I cannot say how I discovered the delay, probably by accident. Mr. Davies returned the paper to me on the 13th December, 1888, with the necessary documents prepared, but not replying to my minute of the 11th December, 1888, which was "why has this not received attention before, urgent?" On the same date I wrote a question to Mr. Davies asking him to reply to my minute of the 11th December, 1888, and state hereunder why it is still unanswered. Mr. Davies answered it on the same date. Being dissatisfied with his answer I sent the paper on to the Under Secretary for Lands, on the 14th December, 1888, by a minute written under Mr. Davies. I also wrote a covering letter and sent all the papers in the case, in that covering letter. I stated in my minute under Mr. Davies' that I could not understand its meaning, knew nothing to help me to interpret it, that Mr. Davies had lately done his duties in a perfunctory manner causing delay which I place on record on the papers. I said the tone was such as to take the matter out of my hands, and that Mr. Davies' attitude of insubordination prevented my doing the work to satisfaction. The covering letter I sent to the Under Secretary for Lands was a reiteration of my minute on the papers, together with some additions relating to Mr. Davies' verbal explanation to me of the passage in his minute underlined. I underlined it. The words are "directed against me on official papers." I also stated that Mr. Davies' manner was insulting to me, and in consequence I had to avoid personal reference to him. There was no intention on my part to annoy Mr. Davies or hurt his feelings in any way, in the minute I wrote which called forth his reply. I do not wish to expatiate on my reasons for writing my minute and letter of the 14th December, 1888. I now desire to withdraw the charge of insubordination made by me against Mr. Davies and also that with respect to the perfunctory performance of his duties. The whole charge is included in this withdrawal.

Mr. Davies has no questions.

To the Chairman.—I have no explanation to make of my reasons for wishing to withdraw the charges.

B. J. ATTERBURY, 26/2/89.

Mr. Atterbury withdraws his charges against me : I desire that he be requested to add, that in making such serious charges, he had not the slightest foundation for them, and that he should also state, he was not influenced, or advised in any way, by any one in withdrawing the charge. Otherwise, I must, with a view to my own protection, request that the investigation be carried to its fullest extent in order that I may be afforded an opportunity of establishing my innocence.

C. HERBERT DAVIES.

[For previous proceedings see 1 A, 2 B, and 3 C, and 4 D.]

February 28, 1889.

At this period Mr. Atterbury desired to withdraw, on the grounds that having withdrawn the charges the proceedings had no further interest for him, and he wished to go on with his work. The Chairman said he would take the responsibility of any delay to the work, if that were the only reason he had for wishing to withdraw, but he preferred the clerk in charge remaining and asking any questions of Mr. Davies, if he desired, and generally hearing the whole of the case. Mr. Atterbury said he would not take advantage of the right to ask any questions having withdrawn the charges.

*Charles Herbert Davies* on oath states :—I am a junior temporary clerk in the Land Board Office, Hay, and my immediate superior officer is the clerk in charge at present, Mr. B. J. Atterbury. I am charged by the clerk in charge of this Local Land Board office and am called upon by the Minister to explain (1) exhibiting a spirit of insubordination, (2) performing my duties in a perfunctory manner, (3) delaying the official administration of the office. I now state that the above charges are not true, and trust that the following statement I wish to make on oath will clearly establish my innocence, and the facts of the case as heard by you (the Chairman) will receive the full consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands. I desire first of all to make a most unconditional apology to the Under Secretary for Lands for allowing myself to write such a minute as that initialled C.H.D., 13/12/88, on L.B.D., 88/5571, an official document; and I am quite ready to acknowledge that my conduct was a breach of official etiquette, but I desire to plead as an excuse, that I was smarting under wrongs done me by the clerk in charge, and also that he directed me to write my reply "hereunder," otherwise I should have written it on a blank cover. For this offence I ask the Minister to deal with me as leniently as possible, promising not to allow a recurrence. Any other charges are not true, and the clerk in charge's (Mr. Atterbury) withdrawal of the same is, I trust, a sufficient proof that they cannot be substantiated. I have been in this Land Board office four years, ever since its establishment, and am the oldest officer here. My efforts to give every satisfaction to my senior officers, to fulfil the duties allotted me, has been my greatest effort; and I am pleased to say that until a month or six weeks after Mr. Atterbury's arrival here as clerk in charge, I had been successful, and I can confidently refer for a verification of my statement to the former clerks in charge, viz. : Messrs. M'Guinn, Crew, Boot (acting twice), Ward, Gale (acting), and Lackey. Those gentlemen would, I am sure, give proof as to my general character and qualifications if referred to. Mr. Atterbury, the present clerk in charge, commenced duties on the 1st of October in 1888 in this office. Almost all his actions were a thorough reformation in the system of working the office, particularly records. I did not like the new arrangements of the clerk in charge, and proceeded to Sydney a few days after and sought an interview with the now Under Secretary for Lands, Mr. Freeman, then assistant Under Secretary, and also with a gentleman in the head office, Sydney, to whom Mr. Atterbury referred me, with a view to effecting an exchange. Mr. Freeman did me the honor to inform me that my services were too valuable to admit of my being removed from the Hay office; and that as I knew the work so well, and been spoken so highly of by every one, it would be unjust to the Chairman, unjust to the clerk in charge, and unjust to the other officers, to transfer me. I thanked Mr. Freeman for his kindness, and returned to Hay. The clerk in charge treated me with the utmost kindness on my return from Sydney, expressing regret that my efforts to obtain a transfer had been unsuccessful, and trusted that we would get along alright. He expressed satisfaction at my performances of my duties, and very frequently referred to me in a friendly manner as to how certain duties were to be performed, which he was not well acquainted with—his experience of board office matters being limited. This continued for a few weeks, until an occurrence of a private matter in the town happened, in which I thought Mr. Atterbury considered I had taken part against him (Mr. Atterbury). I do not desire to state what this private matter was, and think I can establish my innocence without doing so, but if not, I am ready to say what it was. I regret to say that Mr. Atterbury allowed his identity in this private matter to interfere with his attitude as clerk in charge towards me, and owing to this, and I know of no other reason, we became bad friends, though previously good friendship had existed. Then Mr. Atterbury's remarks on official papers were directed against me as to my carelessness, the performance of my duties, and in every case where he could hurt my feelings. Also a minute he wrote in the Time-book, which read as follows :—"Mr. Davies will be good enough to explain why he signed 9, as above, when he arrived at 9-20.—B.J.A., 13/12/88." "The entry of my time of arrival refers to Thursday, 13th December, 1888. I replied I am so seldom late, and am so accustomed to sign 9, that I did so inadvertently this morning. When I arrived at 9-20, I went to Mr. Atterbury and apologised for being late, and Mr. Atterbury accepted my apology. C.H.D., 13/12/88." "Seen.—B.J.A., 14/12/88." These minutes were written after my apology.—C.H.D. I feel sure that under any other circumstances that minute would not have been written by Mr. Atterbury. I had at this time over 200 printed letters to prepare in a few days prior to your (the Chairman's) departure on circuit. I was compelled to make all haste with these letters, principally certificates of confirmation, disallowance and refund vouchers. I submitted them to the clerk in charge for his examination, and where a clerical error had occurred he would write on this document, "Great carelessness has been exhibited," and "More care must be exercised in future." I can say nothing further of these cases, as the documents have disappeared from the papers without my knowledge. They were not registered documents. I will refer to another minute by Mr. Atterbury, on the papers of special lease 88-5, Hay L.B.D., 88-6,676, where the clerk in charge minuted the original application, previous to its being entered in the Special Lease Register, as follows :—"The Acting District Surveyor for report.—B.J.A." This was all he wrote. Then Mr. Atterbury attached a memo. note form addressed to me, "For notation in the first place.—B.J.A., 13/11/88." This was followed by, "This application was not entered in the Special Lease Register. Is a copy of the application to be made as usual, or the original application to be forwarded to the Acting District Surveyor for report, in accordance with your minute on L.B.D., 88-6,676, undated.—C.H.D., 7/12/88," addressed to the Clerk-in-charge. A minute by the clerk in charge follows :—"This paper has already been minuted by me to Mr. Davies for notation, which is the official term for notation in the appropriate register. The minute on L.B.D. 88-6,676 is undated, and therefore of no effect. Mr. Davies memo. I regard as frivolous, and its only effect is to waste time.—B.J.A., 10/12/88." I desire to say that such minutes on official papers need not have been written, but at that time, had Mr. Atterbury and I been on speaking terms, I should have taken the paper to him, and asked his directions, and asked him if he intended forwarding the original application to the Survey Office. With reference to the minute in the Time-book, I wish to state that a like occurrence would always have been accepted by Mr. Atterbury prior to our quarrel and since we have made friends]

friends. With reference to the case in which my minute is written, the basis of inquiry is connected L.B.D., 88-5,571. I cannot say that the papers were with me all the time, as the records of the office will not show that they were with me all the time; that is, between the 20th November, 1888, and 13th December, 1888. I contend that had Mr. Atterbury and I been good friends at the time, he would not have asked me in such a manner why I had delayed the case. With reference to the two cases which were sent to Sydney with this case, to make it appear stronger against me, viz., L.B.D., 88-6,623 and 88-6,624, similar minutes were put on those papers as to the delay, &c. Those cases referred to Public Watering Places and Tenants' Leases. They require a notice written for exhibition of tracings, and are very complicated cases, and I have at all times given the routine work of the office more consideration than they, particularly work in the office in regard to settlement on the land, and I should say that if an unusual delay occurred in these cases it was due to the fact that I had too much other work to do. Since these papers came back for this inquiry the clerk in charge asked me verbally to explain the delay on the papers, which I have done, and my explanation accepted by him. I have endeavoured by this to show that I have not been guilty of delaying the official administration of this office by detaining the three cases specified longer than necessary, when some thousands of documents must have passed through my hands during the period of delay. Before continuing, I desire to state that I am not stating this general case from any ill-feeling at present existing between the clerk in charge and myself, officially or otherwise, or has existed during the past six weeks or two months; but my endeavour is to establish my innocence of charges which were brought against me nearly three months ago, which charges, I believe, existed more in the imagination of the clerk in charge than in reality. Mr. Atterbury's ill-feeling was further directed against me in a matter where he purchased a hand-bell for use in his room, with the object of ringing for Mr. O'Hanlon, a clerk, junior to me, sitting in the next room to the clerk in charge, which bell Mr. O'Hanlon one day declined to answer. Mr. Atterbury informed me that he held me responsible for the bell not being answered. Mr. Atterbury again rang the bell, and it was not answered either by Mr. O'Hanlon or myself, which led to Mr. Atterbury's minute of 4/12/88 on L.L.B. 88-6,948. On the bell again not being answered, a minute was written by Mr. Atterbury in the margin of former minute of 4/12/88, which is now totally obliterated, but which I read before obliteration. It was addressed to the Chairman, and charged me with using my influence with Mr. O'Hanlon against the clerk in charge and against answering the bell, and reporting my position in the office as being very unsatisfactory. For further action in this case I refer to the papers which I wish to put in as evidence (Exhibits A, B, and C). [Mr. Atterbury objects to this being taken, and Mr. Davies voluntarily states he will not give it, but will call Mr. O'Hanlon as a witness. The Chairman reminded Mr. Atterbury that he had voluntarily abandoned his privileges. Mr. Atterbury said that he proposed to take advantage of the courtesy of the Chairman in the first instance, and would exercise the privileges previously refused by him, Mr. Atterbury.] Mr. O'Hanlon, on being questioned by Mr. Atterbury, gave him to distinctly understand

Mr. Atterbury subsequently obliterated the minute of 5/12/88 on L.B.D. 6,948, in my opinion because he discovered that I was in no way implicated in the bell not being answered. I desire to draw attention to my letter, with the papers dated 10/12/88, and the Chairman's minute of same date thereon, permitting the papers to be cancelled and placed to records, but not destroyed. From the date that Mr. Atterbury reported me in connection with the bell till two or three weeks afterwards we did not speak at all, therefore personal intercourse was avoided on both sides. At the expiry of the mentioned two or three weeks, Mr. Atterbury, in the presence of Mr. Volckman, made me a full apology for wrongfully accusing me of influencing Mr. O'Hanlon, and for being connected with the production of an article in the *Riverine Record*—a local paper—written about the bell. Date of apology unknown. The apology was also for thinking of me wrongfully in connection with Mr. Lakeman being supplied with information about the office (*vide* Minl. 89-6), and not registered in this office; being letter from the Under Secretary for Lands, dated 4/1/89, addressed to A. J. Park, Esq., J.P., Chairman Local Land Board, Hay, and L.B.D., 89-1,147, and other papers attached. Mr. Atterbury withdrew the charges, and regretted that anything should have occurred to mar the friendship that had existed, and trusted that good friendship would continue in the future; and it has continued, officially. I contend that I did not before, at that time or since, show Mr. Atterbury any signs other than of the utmost respect due to his office, and with the exception of evincing a spirit of insubordination in my minute, the basis of this inquiry, on 88-5,571, L.B.D., for which I have already apologised to the Under Secretary for Lands, and for which I am ready, now or at any time, to apologise to Mr. Atterbury, as clerk in charge of this office, I cannot otherwise consider myself guilty of insubordination; no charges such as that stand against me before Mr. Atterbury's chargeship of this office, or since the date of his apology to me; to further support my endeavours to show that this arose out of the bad friendship existing, I must make reference to L.B.D. 88-7,157 paper in connection with overtime work, which Mr. Atterbury considered necessary about that time; he telegraphed to the Under Secretary for Lands on the 14th December, 1888, for permission to detain the staff overtime, and on the 15th of the same month I reported to him that my work was, up to date, at his request, dated 11th December, 1888 (exhibits D, E, F, G, H, J, K, No. 1); I wish the papers put in evidence; they show that Mr. O'Hanlon made a similar reply, on same date, to a similar request of 11th December, 1888, that his work would be, up to date, two days later, viz., on the 17th December, 1888; on that day (the 17th) the clerk in charge directed the staff work twenty-four hours a week overtime, although the current work of the office was reported up to date; this direction was not observed by Mr. O'Hanlon or myself until 3rd January, 1889, and no overtime was done by Mr. Atterbury's direction at that time or since; the staff have at intervals worked overtime since, but voluntarily, and not on being asked by the clerk in charge; I wish here to put in as evidence Exhibit L, a list of the duties I perform, in connection with which the duties are so great that I have always been compelled to work very hard to keep my work in a satisfactory condition; I have performed those duties satisfactorily long before Mr. Atterbury came to this office, and am doing so still to his satisfaction; I cannot, therefore, acknowledge that I have performed my duties in a perfunctory manner, and I trust the result of my efforts to do the work allotted me, and acting in a conscientious manner, will speak for itself; this comprises my voluntary statement, and I wish to call Mr. O'Hanlon.

C. HERBERT DAVIES.

Sworn by Charles Herbert Davies, at the Land Board Office, Hay, }  
this 28th February, 1889, before me, }  
A. J. PARK, J.P.

*Called by Mr. Davies.* William O'Hanlon, on oath, states:—I am a clerk in the Local Land Board Office at Hay; I have been in this office as record clerk for a little over twelve months, except during Mr. Gibson's stay, who was so acting when I first came, but on his departure, Mr. Boot, acting clerk in charge, put me in charge of the records; except the document (L.B.D. 88-5,571), the basis of this inquiry, I know of no papers in this office accusing you of insubordination, performing your duties in a perfunctory manner, or of delaying the official administration, and have never heard any of the clerks in charge say anything to that effect verbally; I have always heard your character and work in the office spoken of in the highest terms; as an officer of the department I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that I have been in two Board offices, and that you (Mr. Davies) not only performed more work than any clerk in it, but, as far as my opinion goes, understands the work thoroughly; I am aware that some time ago you and Mr. Atterbury were not on speaking terms; I cannot call to memory the reason; during that time I noticed no insubordination on your part, or any delay of the work; I must say that Mr. Atterbury's treatment of the clerks during that time was not what it should have been; I am aware that he made certain remarks on an official document about answering his call bell; he taxed me with having been influenced by you in not answering the bell, and I told him on one occasion that it was not so; I am aware that you and Mr. Atterbury became again on speaking terms, since which time he has treated you cordially and respectfully, and has shown great confidence in your knowledge of the work.

*To Mr. Atterbury* :—I consider myself a competent clerk; I decline to swear that I am capable of judging Mr. Davies' competency; Mr. Davies never influenced me in not answering the bell; I saw the paper on which you wrote certain minutes concerning the bell, and marked them off to the Chairman; there was a time when, in my opinion, you did not show confidence in Mr. Davies' knowledge of the work; that was when you altered the system of work; you showed it by calling upon him, on certain papers, which I cannot call to memory, to be more careful; I do not know whether there were any errors in the cases, as I do not examine them; I saw those remarks when the papers were passing through records; considering the high opinion formed of Mr. Davies by former clerks in charge, I thought the remarks uncalled for.

WILLIAM O'HANLON.

Sworn by William O'Hanlon, at the Land Board Office, Hay, }  
this 28th February, 1889, before me, }  
A. J. PARK, J.P.

*Called*

*Called by Mr. Davies.—Wilfred Lionel Volckman, on oath, states: I am a clerk in the Land Board Office, Hay, and have been so two and a half years, and have known you all that time; I have been here under the clerk in chargeships of Messrs. Crew, Boot, Ward, Boot, Lackey, and Atterbury; I am not aware of the precise nature of the duties of a second clerk—that is, the clerk next to the clerk in charge; I am aware that you have charge of all the registers in the office except records, and so far as I have seen have prepared all the printed letters in connection with the Board's decision, and other things which I could not precisely define; so far as I am competent to judge, I think you have performed your duties satisfactorily, and to the satisfaction of the various clerks in charge before Mr. Atterbury in so far that I have never heard any serious complaint against you, and cannot remember your having been accused of having performed your duties in a perfunctory manner, having been insubordinate, or of having caused great delay and obstruction to public business, as in this minute and letter, the basis of inquiry; I have not noticed any difference in the performance of your duties since Mr. Atterbury came to this office; amongst our mutual friends outside the office, I know that you bear a good reputation in private life; I am not well acquainted with people outside the town; at present you are on good terms of friendship with Mr. Atterbury.*

*Mr. Atterbury.—I have never seen minutes by previous clerks in charge condemnatory of Mr. Davies beyond trifling matters; I do not remember seeing any minutes of yours condemnatory of Mr. Davies beyond trifling matters, and those on paper produced at this inquiry.*

Sworn at the Land Board Office, Hay, this }  
28th March, 1889, }  
Before me,

W. LION. VOLCKMAN

A. J. PARK, J.P.

[Mr. Atterbury here states that there appears to be a great difference in putting down answers to questions asked by him and those asked by Mr. Davies, and asked that he could call Mr. O'Hanlon and Mr. Volckman at a later stage, as he was not permitted to ask them questions except on the evidence of those gentlemen already elicited.]

*To Mr. Atterbury.—Charles Herbert Davies, recalled, states on oath:—I say your charges against me are untrue, and that you made them, knowing them to be so; the reformation in the system of records made by you was not the sole cause of my seeking an exchange; I desired a change into a more congenial climate after being here so many years, and the desire became greater in consequence of the new system being started; I consulted you about the probability of my being able to exchange, and you gave me certain advice in the matter, and the name of a personal friend of yours in the head office, who you thought might be willing to exchange with me; I would not like to say for certain whether the subject of the exchange was first broached by me; at that time you and I were on the most friendly terms; My dislike to the new system was not so great as to make me wish to leave the office, but I found that under that system I would be unable to do my work to my own satisfaction and that of my superior officers; I never spoke to you on this subject; I had a headache on morning of the 13th December, when I arrived late at the office; I was not irritable when I came to the office, but became so afterwards; I think the minute in the Time-book was disrespectful after accepting my apology for my late arrival; I swear that I made an apology, but cannot remember the phraseology; I won't swear that I did or did not merely put my head in your door and say "I am a little late this morning," and then leave without giving you time to make any remark; I remember the minute of the 13th December, 1888, the basis of this inquiry; the minute of the 11th December, 1888, on L.B.D. 88-5,571, is a proper minute for a clerk in charge to ask; your minute of 13th December, 1888, uncombined with anything else is a proper one, but combined the other causes of difference between us; I consider it was not a proper one to write; It has been my opinion that it is not part of my duty to prepare for exhibition the notices relating to travelling stock routes (I have been told so by Mr. Boot); when I have been instructed by any of the clerks in charge to prepare these notices I have left them over pending completion of more urgent and important work; I did not consult you as to how long they should be allowed to stand over; I never had an opinion as to how long they should stand over; I saw the minute now erased on L.B.D. 88-6,948, when the papers were in the record room; it was not then erased; the paper was not referred to me officially, but I read the minute, which affected me, and I wrote an official letter to the Chairman, and saw him personally on the subject, without reference to you, as we were then not on speaking terms, as you say in your letter of 14th December last, L.B. 89-961, "I have avoided personal reference to him"; I was not aware you had asked for permission to withdraw your minute at the time I wrote to the Chairman; there was something passed between Mr. O'Hanlon and me about the bell after your minute was written, L.B. 86-6,948; I think I remember telling him that if he thought he was right he ought to see it through; I remember you telling me that you had a suspicion that I was concerned in writing to the *Riverine Record*, a local paper, a paragraph about you, and that you found you had made mistake, and apologised; the Chairman never spoke to me on the subject; during the time the bad friendship existed between you and me, your conduct to me both officially and privately was certainly not what it should have been in my opinion; I am of a very sensitive nature, and am subject at times to fits of depression of spirit, during which I try to get along as well as I can; I may have had a touch of the blues for a brief period during the few weeks that we did not speak (exhibit J); my report as to the work being up to date was correct, so was Mr. O'Hanlon's; Mr. O'Hanlon was then record clerk; the indexing of record registers was then very much in arrears; the staff have many times worked overtime the hours that you asked the Under Secretary to authorise principally voluntarily; mine and Mr. O'Hanlon's reports as to our work being up to date referred to current work only; I don't remember any arrangements being come to about doing the arrears in overtime after Christmas; the preparation of all returns is a part of my duty; the September quarterly returns were not prepared then, neither were those for the quarter ending 30th June, 1888; the monthly returns were also not prepared; they are up to date now, except January and February, the latter being a "nil" return; I have not seen anything in your conduct to any of the clerks either insulting or ungentlemanly; I am aware that you have not been on speaking terms with some of the clerks, but I do not know the reason; I have never known you refuse to speak to a clerk when he has spoken to you; I have never known you to speak to a clerk insultingly or in an improper manner; there is no matter of complaint between you and me now.*

Sworn at the Local Land Board Office, Hay, on this }  
4th March, 1889,— }  
A. J. PARK, J.P.

C. HERBERT DAVIES.

*Called by Mr. Atterbury, with Chairman's consent.—Wilfred Lionel Volckman, on oath, states:—I am a clerk in the Local Land Board Office, Hay; I returned from Hillston on the 3rd December, 1888, and departed on leave on 12th of same month, and between those dates attended at the office as a member of the staff; during that time I never saw anything in your conduct to any of the other clerks which I consider improper, ungentlemanly, or insulting, nor at any other time; I have heard the various minutes from you to Mr. Davies read at this inquiry, and do not consider them improper; I am aware that Mr. Davies has been subject to fits of depression, during which I have sometimes found him difficult to get on with officially; I have known Mr. Davies during these times to be irritable; I think that Mr. Davies is liable to take offence where none is meant; I do not remember whether Mr. Davies was suffering from one of these fits between the 3rd and 12th December, 1888.*

*To Mr. Davies:—I do not think the fits of depression interfere with your official duties, but I consider these questions are difficult to answer; I believe I know the foundation of the quarrel between you and Mr. Atterbury; it was not through any mental depression of yours; I mean by these fits of depression lowness of spirits, caused, as you have often told me, by your having been kept in Hay for so long on a small salary, with few holidays, and having to work very hard with little encouragement.*

Sworn at the Local Land Board Office, Hay, this }  
4th March, 1889, before me,— }  
A. J. PARK, J.P.

W. LION. VOLCKMAN.

(A.)

Memo.

THE Chairman is respectfully informed that I have had an interview with Mr. O'Hanlon, and that I anticipate no further trouble as regards his conduct in the office.

I have, therefore, to request leave to withdraw my report of this date.

B.J.A., 5/12/88.

The Chairman.

The report is permitted to be cancelled and placed at records.—A.J.P., 10/12 88.

(B.)

(B.)

Sir  
Local Land Board Office, Hay, 10 December, 1888.  
I am aware that Mr. Atterbury has made certain remarks concerning myself in a report to you with reference to Mr. O'Hanlon declining to answer his call bell, such remarks I believe to be not in accordance with facts.  
As Mr. Atterbury has withdrawn the charge, I most respectfully beg to request that the registration number be cancelled, and the report destroyed.  
I have, &c.,  
C. HERBERT DAVIES.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

The report in question having been withdrawn by the clerk in charge (Mr. Atterbury) has not been referred to Mr. Davies or any one else for report. The registration is simply 88-6,948, clerk in charge, Local Land Board Office, memo. *re* answering bell. This does not affect anyone so far as I can see. And any way, I cannot destroy a registered document. It may, however, be cancelled, and placed to records, but not destroyed.—A.J.P., Hay, 10/12/88. The clerk in charge, Hay.

To be seen to, Mr. Davies, 10/12/88.

(C.)

Memo.  
I, YESTERDAY, repeatedly rung my call-bell without any reply on the part of either of the clerks in the record room. The same thing occurred to-day. I am aware that the sound of the bell was heard by the clerks in question.

I cannot regard this action as anything else than the expression of a spirit of insubordination, but in order that there may be no misunderstanding in future it is to be distinctly understood that my bell is to be answered by the junior of the clerks in the record room. Should this instruction be neglected, I shall hold all in the room responsible, and report the matter to the Chairman.

This is to be registered, and noted by the two clerks in question, Messrs. Davies and O'Hanlon, and returned to me for the Chairman's observation.

B. J. ATTERBURY,  
clerk in charge, 4/12/88.

Seen.—C.H.D., 4/12/88. Seen.—W. O'H., 4/12/88. Withdrawn, by the minute of the clerk in charge of 5/12/88, hereto attached.—A.J.P., 10/12/88. Permitted to be withdrawn and placed at records.—A.J.P., 10/12/88.

(D.)

Memo.

The arrears of work which the staff is about to endeavour to bring up to date are as follows :—

1. The arrears of general indexing from the registers.
2. The arrears of other indices.
3. Checking the quarterly returns for the quarter ending June last.
4. Preparation of the same return for the quarter ending September last.

I feel sure that the willing assistance of the staff will be given to me in this matter, in order that, if possible, we may commence the year 1889 with a clean sheet.

B. J. ATTERBURY,  
(*Pro* Chairman), 17/12/88.

Mr. Davies and Mr. O'Hanlon,—With reference to the verbal arrangements made yesterday morning in regard to disposing of the record index and quarterly returns now in arrears, Mr. O'Hanlon and I are now proceeding with the work in order to avoid, if possible, night-work.—C.H.D., 18/12/88. The clerk in charge.

It was yesterday represented to me by Messrs. Davies and O'Hanlon that they would endeavour to bring up the arrears before the end of the year without night-work, and with this object in view they would be at the office till 6 p.m. and at 6 a.m. Both officers left the office at 4.30 last evening, and although I waited till 6.10 p.m., neither returned. I was at the office at 6 o'clock this morning. Mr. O'Hanlon arrived at 7 o'clock. I left the office at 8 o'clock, but up till that time Mr. Davies had not arrived. These circumstances have led me to reconsider my agreement to the arrangement arrived at yesterday, and the gentlemen of the staff will please note that my minute of the 14th instant on L.B.D. 88-7,124, will come into force to-day, and continue till the arrears of work in this office are brought up.—B.J.A. (*pro* Chairman), 18/12/88. Mr. Davies and Mr. O'Hanlon will please observe and note. Seen.—C.H.D., 3/1/89. Seen.—W.O'H., 3/1/89. In a fortnight.—B.J.A., 4/1/89. This is the last minute on this paper.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 7/3/89.

(E.)

Telegram from Under-Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

14 December, 1888.

In reply your to-day's wire, if there is temporary pressure of work, officers will be expected to devote necessary time after usual office hours to dispose of it.

WM. HOUSTON,  
(For the Under Secretary).

On and after Monday next, until the arrears of office work be brought up, the staff of this office will please work till 6 p.m. each day (including Saturday), and from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. from Mondays till Friday inclusive. Mr. Davies and Mr. O'Hanlon will please note.—B.J.A., 14/12/88. Put away.—B.J.A., 30/1/89.

(F.)

Memo.

The work of this office could, I feel sure, be fairly brought up to date by the willing application of the staff to a few hours' overtime daily.

The Under Secretary may be asked to authorise overtime.

B. J. ATTERBURY,  
(*Pro* Chairman), 14/12/88.

The Under Secretary asked by wire.—B.J.A., 14/12/88.

(G.)

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 5 November, 1888.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the state of this office.  
For all practical purposes, the staff at present consists of two officers, myself and Mr. Davies, and the work to be done is *inter alia*, as follows :—

Register-index ; find and connect with them ; on an average thirty new documents per diem ; enter up and note in the various registers particulars of all applications, reports, &c. ; take the necessary action on the papers ; mark them off, &c., &c. When I took charge, I found the indexing of the records and press copy books—some thirteen in number—about two months in arrears, which it has been found impossible to make up, and working during office hours only ; it is equally impossible to keep the current work under.

The only course I can suggest is that which I have already submitted, but which did not then meet with your approval, viz., the employment of the staff after office hours till 6 p.m., and from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. every day, Saturdays included, till the work is brought up to date, and then every day to 6 p.m.

Should this suggestion meet with approval, I most respectfully submit that such hours in such a climate as this, ought to meet with substantial recognition, under the provisions of Clause 8, of the Civil Service Regulations of 5th October, 1887.

I have, &c.,  
BASIL J. ATTERBURY,  
clerk in charge.

The Chairman.

I have communicated with the Under Secretary on the subject of overtime, &c., but have had no reply. Until further assistance is sent, or the work brought up, the officers will please work overtime, and keep a careful record of the hours occupied, in order that I may, if possible, obtain payment for them.—A.J.P., Hay, 5/11/88.

Will Mr. Davies please note and return.—B.J.A., 5/11/88.

I have previously represented that this climate is very trying to my eyesight, which has for a number of years past been very weak. I have hitherto willingly fallen in with the incessant demands for overtime work from the clerks in this office; but I have worked under great difficulties, and at times in acute pain, caused principally by the glare of the gas, and the stifling atmosphere of a small room, in such a trying climate as this, for a period of thirteen or fourteen hours daily. I ask to be exempted from nightwork. I am not asked to work four and a half hours extra daily to perform the duties allotted to me, for I have endeavoured to perform them, I trust satisfactorily, within the office-hours; but I am called upon to perform the work of other clerks. I willingly offer my services on Saturdays and Sundays, but for the reasons set forth, I am extremely desirous of avoiding nightwork.—C.H.D., 7/11/88. The Chairman.

Submitted.—The Chairman, Hillston.—B.J.A., 7/11/88. Received, 9/11/88, at Court-house, Hillston. Action awaiting receipt of letter from the Under Secretary, and which I directed Clerk-in-charge to forward by telegram to-night.—A.J.P., 9/11/88. Under Secretary's letter, L.L.B. 88-6,484, received from Clerk-in-charge, and answered this day.—A.J.P., 19/11/88.

I should be glad to be able to relieve all the staff from overtime, and would be glad if the Clerk-in-charge would kindly avoid nightwork, as far as possible, especially in the case of Mr. Davies, if such work would prejudice his sight. I hope extra assistance will shortly be provided. Please register this, and place it on my table for my return.—A.J.P., Hillston, 19/11/88. The Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

(H.)

IN compliance with your minute of 11/12/88, I have to report my work quite up to date, excepting a few applications under the Fencing Act for notation, and which are awaiting the Chairman's decision, in regard to the procedure to be adopted in such cases. I have been assisting Mr. O'Hanlon all this morning.

The Clerk-in-charge.

C.H.D., Saturday, 15/12/88.

(J.)

MEMO.—With reference to your minute of 11/12/88, I have to report the state of my work as follows:—Twenty-five decisions to copy, and forty to obtain former papers.

On Monday next, the 17th instant, I hope to be in a position to report my work up to date.

The Clerk-in-charge.

W.O'H., 15/12/88.

(K.)

MEMORANDUM.—Mr. Davies will please report—very briefly—what work he and Mr. O'Hanlon have on hand.

B.J.A., 4/12/88.

Between sixty and seventy cases for preparation of certificates, refunds, &c., and other printed letters. About ten cases for preparation of notices for exhibition of tracings; forty or fifty cases for notations in registers, &c.; between eighty and 100 leases to note in registers, and about twenty leases to enter in registers.—C.H.D., 4/12/88. Mr. O'Hanlon.

Forty papers to register; about forty to obtain former papers; 100 decisions to press-copy.—W.O'H., 4/12/88. A similar report to be made of the work in hand on each Saturday morning.—B.J.A., 11/12/88. Mr. Davies. Mr. O'Hanlon. Seen.—C.H.D., 15/12/88. Seen.—W.O'H., 15/12/88.

## No. 109.

### The Clerk-in-charge, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 9 March, 1889.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed press copies of correspondence addressed to the Chairman and retained by him, although I have respectfully requested him to forward the same to you. He further informed me that as I declined to initial the vouchers therein referred to he would send them to the Under Secretary without either my initials or explanation.

I have the honor to ask for instructions as to whether it is my duty to initial such vouchers in similar circumstances as those described herein, as I have the February equipment-allowance voucher now in hand.

The favour of an early reply is therefore respectfully solicited.

I have, &c.,

BASIL J. ATTERBURY.

[Enclosure.]

THE Clerk-in-charge, Hay, having declined to initial the ordinary travelling and equipment vouchers for Chairman, late circuit, and alleging verbally as his reason that he did not know whether they were right or wrong, he is now requested to place his reasons on record hereon, and return to me this morning.

A.J.P.,

Chairman, Hay, 22/2/89.

The above statement is incorrect. The reason given verbally is as follows:—I know nothing about them, and that is the only reason I was prepared to give verbally. My reply to the above will be found hereto attached.—B.J.A., 22/2/89.

I AM asked by memo. herewith to place on record my reasons for declining to initial the ordinary travelling-expense and equipment-allowance vouchers for Chairman's late circuit.

I recognize that my action lays me open to a charge of insubordination, and I therefore make my statement as complete as possible, so that when the papers reach the Under Secretary for Lands my case will be ripe for judgment.

It will readily, I am sure, be admitted that I am only acting as my sense of duty dictates, for it will be seen that by the course adopted I run considerable risk; while if, on the other hand, I had pocketed my scruples and initialed the vouchers without comment, I should, doubtless, have better pleased my immediate superior officer, and avoided possible inconvenience to myself.

I have always understood that amongst the unwritten laws of the Public Service the following find a place:—

1. That amounts charged upon the Public Revenue by voucher should be the lowest sums for which the service charged for could be rendered.
2. That should such not be the case it is the duty of the officer under whose supervision the voucher passes to bring the excess under notice, in order to prevent undue expenditure in future.
3. That even where expenditure has been authorized to a certain definite amount, if the officer supervising be of opinion that owing to an alteration of circumstances or conditions such expenditure can be materially reduced without prejudicing the efficiency of the Public Service, it is his bounden duty to bring the matter under notice.
4. That when an officer signs or initials a voucher as correct, he is (no matter who else may sign or initial) personally and absolutely responsible for the correctness of the same, and for the truth of the certificate thereon.

These are the rules which have heretofore guided me in dealing with vouchers, and until I get other instructions from the Under Secretary for Lands I cannot depart from the path I have hitherto pursued.

In the case in question, Mr. Volckman, instructed by the Chairman, asked, or rather "directed," me to initial certain vouchers.

These vouchers were already signed by the Chairman, both as the "claimant" and the "officer incurring the expense." This fact alone, I think, justified me in declining to initial them.

But it appeared to me that the charges made in the vouchers were open to grave criticism, which was such as should be submitted to the Under Secretary for Lands, and that, therefore, if I initialed the vouchers, I could only do so while making such submission through the Chairman as seemed to me necessary.

The following remarks should, it appears to me, be submitted to the Under Secretary for Lands in connection with these vouchers :—

The late circuit was commenced on the morning of the 28th ultimo.

Balranald was reached on the evening of the 29th. From the 30th January to the 6th February, both days inclusive, the time was occupied in Court work.

On Thursday, the 7th, a start was made by the Chairman for Wentworth. The journey occupied four days. Monday and Tuesday were devoted to Court work, and on Wednesday, the 13th instant, the return journey was commenced, and Balranald reached in two days. Then, according to the Chairman's voucher, the 16th was spent in Court work.

As a matter of fact, not a single case was dealt with. The Court was formally opened and adjourned, and I cannot understand why a start was not that day made for head-quarters. The three succeeding days are charged for as for travelling, but it is pointed out that the journey was done the other way in two days.

No other travelling expenses will be incurred this month.

In addition to the travelling-expense vouchers, there is the January voucher for equipment allowance, and the February voucher will, it is presumed, follow in due course.

The carriage, therefore, of the Chairman from Hay to Wentworth and back is the full return which the Department received from the expenditure of £25 for equipment allowance during the two months. (In December last the Department received absolutely no return at all).

The total cost to the Department of the trip to Balranald and Wentworth is therefore £42 5s. for the Chairman alone. The tour occupied twenty-three days, twelve of which, or more than half, were taken up in travelling.

Of course the dates for holding Courts are fixed and notified beforehand, and a glance at the dates of the recent Courts will show the excessive time allotted to travelling.

If the Court days were fixed with a due regard to coaching time-tables, and the journeys made by coach, the expenses would be reduced by nearly 50 per cent., as will be seen by the following :—

Supposing the journey to have been commenced by coach on the evening of Sunday, the 27th ultimo, Balranald would have been reached Monday evening; Court 29th ultimo to 5th instant inclusive. A start for Wentworth would have been made on the evening of the 6th, and the town reached the following day. The 8th and 9th would have been available for Court work, and the return journey commenced on the 10th; Hay reached on the morning of the 12th. Time occupied, seventeen days. Cost coach fares, £10 10s.

	£	s.	d.
Return, with liberty to break journey at any time.....	10	10	0
Travelling expenses .....	12	15	0
Total.....	£23	5	0

That is £23 5s. as against £42 5s., and 17 days as against 23 days, and exactly the same number of days for Court work as are charged for in the vouchers now under criticism.

I am aware that the Chairman has informed me verbally that this is no business of mine, but I submit that it comes within the scope of my business when I am asked to initial the vouchers; and I regard it as my duty, none the less imperative because unpleasant, to bring under notice what I conceive to be a wasteful expenditure of public money. I also take the higher ground, that it is my duty, as Clerk-in-charge of this office, to use my best endeavours, by making appropriate submissions with that object in view, to reduce expenditure in this district as much as possible.

For all these reasons, then, I respectfully decline to initial as a matter of form such vouchers as are herein referred to.

The Chairman.

BASIL J. ATTERBURY, 23/2/89.

#### No. 110.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 March, 1889.

I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 17th January last, calling upon you to explain your action in addressing your letter of the 21st December last, respecting the date of your first appointment in the Service, as shown in the Blue Book for 1887, direct to the Minister, instead of the permanent Head of the Department, and I am to request you to be good enough to furnish a reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

#### No. 111.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 March, 1889.

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, reporting the Clerk-in-charge in your office for exceeding the limits of his functions, and for rude and insulting behaviour, I am directed to request that you will be good enough to state fully what is meant by the Clerk-in-charge exceeding his functions, and whether the occasion of his rude and insulting behaviour was the inquiry into the charges preferred by Mr. Atterbury against Mr. Davies.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

#### No. 112.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 March, 1889.

With reference to your letter of the 8th instant, forwarding the paper named in the margin, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to furnish a specific report as to the manner in which Mr. O'Hanlon discharges his duties, and also as to his general conduct, and his usefulness as a clerk.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

L.B.D., 89-892.  
Mr. Temporary  
Clerk W.  
O'Hanlon, ex-  
plaining his  
position in  
asking the Clerk-  
in-charge, Mr.  
B. J. Atterbury,  
to report him to  
the Under  
Secretary for  
Lands.

No. 113.

No. 113.

## The Clerk-in-charge, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 16 March, 1889.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the existing state of affairs in this office, and to submit that I cannot be fairly held responsible when, as is inevitable, the work gets almost hopelessly in arrears.

Mr. Chairman Park is much opposed to overtime work in this office, and has made no secret of his hope that the work shall get into such a state that the Under Secretary will be compelled to send the further assistance from head office which he has so often applied for.

I have repeatedly endeavoured to get Messrs. O'Hanlon and Davies to work overtime, but without success.

In December last I sought and obtained the Under Secretary's sanction for such work, but the objections to and the disinclination of the gentlemen above mentioned were so decided, that to save trouble in the office I had to give way till the weather got cooler. The arrears have now, however, become so pressing that I have been compelled to insist upon the staff staying late to work. Mr. O'Hanlon flatly refuses to do so, and assigns no reason.

See Appendix A\* :— Mr. Davies asks to be exempt for the reasons set out in his memo. (see B). Appendices B and D. The originals, of which these are press copies, were forwarded to the Chairman on the dates on which they were written, but I have not yet received any reply.

I have, however, received by this morning's (Saturday) post a memorandum, of which I forward you a copy (C.)

The staff of the office cannot without overtime cope with the current work of the office and the pressing arrears, and it is difficult to understand how the Chairman expects the preparations to be made for the proposed Hay Court. There are now 317 cases in the bundles, and perhaps thirty in the office which will be in the bundles for Court action in the next few days. A very large number of these cases are important, and not of a formal character. It was of course utterly impossible to send anything to the Chairman by to-night's post. The mere arrangement and classification of the cases will take a considerable time.

I beg to submit, with all due deference, that it would appear to be the Chairman's desire to get the office-work into a state of irretrievable confusion, and then throw the blame upon me, in order to carry out his expressed intention to have me removed from Hay; and in support of that suspicion I beg to submit the following facts :—

On the 1st February last I wrote a memorandum to the Chairman, a copy of which is herewith, marked "D."

To that I received no reply.

I have repeatedly complained to the Chairman of Mr. O'Hanlon's inefficiency, and submitted proposals for the better working of the office, but as yet I have never even received a reply.

Letters and minutes written by me on subjects connected with action on papers even are kept by the Chairman and not answered.

Certificates and other documents, arising out of Court action, have been retained by the Chairman, in one instance for nearly three months, without signature.

The treatment which I personally receive from the Chairman is such as I submit would not be permitted by the Under Secretary.

On my first introduction I was met with a severe and undeserved reprimand from him, and his whole bearing since has been either a thinly-veiled or absolutely open hostility.

On one occasion when I asked to be excused so that I might get along with my work, I was told by him that he could not stop me, he had no constable in the office, and in the presence of two clerks.

I have also to complain that I receive no support from the Chairman in my control of the office staff.

I beg to state that I have the fullest possible belief that an investigation of the office will result in the approval of the Under Secretary being bestowed upon my conduct since I have occupied my present position.

I take the irregular course of writing direct to the Under Secretary, as I know from experience that the Chairman would put my letter in his despatch-box, and there it would remain.

I have, &c.,

BASIL J. ATTERBURY.

P.S.—I beg to state that I am continually in the office till very late hours alone (See E.)—B.J.A.

[Enclosures.]

(A.)

Hay, 12 March, 1889.

YESTERDAY Mr. O'Hanlon was instructed by me to work late at the office, in order to bring up the arrears of the work (caused by his incompetency and negligence). He worked till 6 o'clock, and although I personally worked at his arrears till 10 o'clock, he did not again come near the office.

This morning, when spoken to on the subject, Mr. O'Hanlon told me he thought 6 o'clock was late enough, and that he would not work later.

I have now to request Mr. O'Hanlon to stay at the office till 6 p.m., and from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m., till the arrears of work are brought up to date.

Mr. O'Hanlon.

B. J. ATTERBURY.

I decline to work from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m.—W.O'H., 12/3/89. The Clerk-in-charge

(B.)

MEMO.—Will Mr. C. H. Davies please state hereon his objections to working at night (in order to bring up the arrears of the office work), as requested by me.—B.J.A., 13/3/89.

While fully acknowledging the absolute necessity of overtime work, in order to complete the quarterly returns, now nine months in arrears, I would respectfully submit that it is most injurious to health to be confined in a small room in this trying climate for thirteen hours daily, the latter three of which would be under the glare of four gas jets, in a room 20 x 15 feet. As the staff of this office has never been adequate to the duties to be performed, it has always fallen to my lot

lot to perform the largest proportion of the work, which has necessitated considerable nightwork. I have suffered from weak eyesight for some years past, and during my four years' stay in Hay the trying climate and close confinement to the office have considerably weakened my eyes, and I am now compelled to use glasses. I could no doubt comply with your request to work at night, but it would be under very trying circumstances, and I would be glad to be exempted from the overtime between 7 and 10 p.m. I trust I have hitherto expressed a willingness to comply with similar demands, and this is not an exception, but a case of necessity. If desirable, I shall consult a medical man, with a view to ascertaining if the glare of gaslight would be injurious to my sight.—C.H.D., 13/3/89. The Clerk-in-charge.

(C.)

MEMO.—The Clerk-in-charge will be good enough to at once prepare a Hay count of the following lines:—

1. Arrange all the cases which are ready for Court in the following order:—Conditional purchases, conditional leases and homestead leases for final dealing, conditional leases and homestead leases for preliminary, special leases, special purchases, ringbarking applications, scrub leases, applications for permission to effect improvements; appraisement cases, rent or improvements. Complaint cases—Inquiries, 39th section; inquiries, 20th section; inquiries, 13th section; inquiries, 126th regulation. Cases under section 14 sub-section 6, travelling stock and camping reserve cases, any miscellaneous cases, applications under the Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act of 1888.

2. Complete a list of all cases for exhibition at Hay, arranging each set in the order of date of application, the heading of notice to be same as that respecting the present Deniliquin Court, but omitting all dates.

This notice and list to be in copying-ink, heavily written, in order that several press copies may be made, and to be sent to me for signature with the first lot of notices.

3. Notices to be prepared, leaving out dates, and a batch sufficient for at least one day's work, commencing from the top of the list, forwarded to me with papers, and initialed by the Clerk-in-charge, for dating and signature.

This first batch to be forwarded to-morrow night, if possible, and others nightly thereafter, in order that the Court may be fixed at as early a date as possible.

With the first lot of notices there should also be forwarded the usual letters, &c., viz., to the Under Secretary for Lands, Government Printer, police authorities, local paper, &c.

After signature, the whole will be returned to the Clerk-in-charge for necessary action and posting by a clerk, who will be able to prove service if necessary.

The Clerk-in-charge, Local Land Board Office, Hay.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Local Land Board, Deniliquin, 15/3/89.

(D.)

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 1 February, 1889.

Office Memorandum *re* Appointment of a Junior Clerk.

DURING the month of November last the Under Secretary for Lands wrote to the Chairman, Hay, with reference to the appointment of a junior clerk in this office, to the effect that if a junior could not be appointed locally no relief could be given.

This I took to mean that if a suitable youth living in Hay could be nominated the question of his appointment would be favourably considered.

This letter was received on the 5th November, and forwarded to the Chairman at Hillston on the same date. At intervals during the month I forwarded also three applications from youths resident in this town for the position.

I urged the Chairman by letter to make a recommendation, and, in reply, was instructed to take no action till further advised by him.

On the Chairman's return to head office, in early December, I personally urged the Chairman to make a nomination. To this no response was made beyond a statement that on a previous occasion he had nominated a young man named Rowling, and that the Department would not appoint him; therefore he felt diffident about nominating another, as he might again be treated the same way. Nothing was done in the matter. During the Chairman's absence on leave I again asked that the matter might be speedily settled. Prior to the Chairman's leaving for Balranald, I once more, and again subsequently, brought the matter up, but up to the present time without result.

It is submitted that it is absolutely necessary for the proper working of this office that the question be settled.

To show how this office has been manned, the following information, taken from the time-book, is given.

There have been, from the 1st November to this date, inclusive, seventy-one office-days, and there have been present, engaged on general office-work, apart from preparation of Court-work—on seven occasions, four clerks: on forty-two occasions, three clerks; and on twenty-one, two; in every instance except four, inclusive of the Clerk-in-charge.

The Chairman has retained all the papers relating to this subject which have from time to time been sent to him, so that I could make no further submission on the papers.

In reply to the Chairman's remark (verbal) that this office is not a Public School or educational establishment, that we should be called upon to take youths and teach them, I beg to repeat that one of the applicants is a young man who has for four (4) years been employed in a large office in this town.

The question is again respectfully submitted for early attention and settlement.

B. J. ATTERBURY,  
Clerk-in-charge, Local Land Board Office, Hay.

(E.)

MEMO.—Work in arrears:—Quarterly returns for three quarters; a large quantity of indexing of letter-book decisions, books, &c.; compilation of information required by the Lease Branch for the Under Secretary's annual report; a quantity of miscellaneous matters.

No. 114.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Court-house, Deniliquin, 23 March, 1889.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter to me of 14th March, 1889, minute 89-2,329, in which you require—1. A specific report as to the manner in which Mr. O'Hanlon performs his duties; also, 2. As to his general conduct and his usefulness as a clerk. In reply thereto, I have the honor to inform you that I have been for the most part absent from my office during the short time Mr. O'Hanlon has been attached thereto. Hence my opportunities for acquiring such a knowledge of his competency, &c., &c., as would enable me to answer your questions with the precision I should desire have been few. So far as I have been able to judge I have found that—

1. Mr. O'Hanlon kept his record register neatly up to about the time the present Clerk-in-charge took it from him, and so far as I know he performed his other duties so well that no other than the present Clerk-in-charge has ever reported or complained of him to me.
2. Mr. O'Hanlon's general conduct has been good, and from my limited observation I consider him useful.

I have, &c.,

A. J. PARK, Chairman.

No. 115.



## No. 115.

The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Court-house, Deniliquin, 23 March, 1889.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to me of 14th March, 1889 (minute 89-2,328), desiring full information as to what I meant in my letter to you of 8th March, 1889, by—  
 (1.) "The Clerk-in-charge, Hay Local Land Board Office, exceeding his functions"; and (2.) Whether the occasion of his "rude and insulting behaviour" was the inquiry into charges preferred by him against Mr. Davies.

Appendices A to G herewith. Papers L.B.D. 88-6,711 89-1,127.

In reply to your letter, I have the honor to state that—

(1.) The Clerk-in-charge has exceeded his functions not only by verbally commenting upon subjects outside the scope of his own proper duties, but, by writing prolix and digressing memoranda thereupon, to the manifest neglect of his current work.

For some instances please refer to Appendices A to G, as per margin herewith.

(2.) The Clerk-in-charge was "rude and insulting" not only on the occasion to which you make reference, but also on the occasion of an inquiry *re* certain allegations by Mr. Lakeman, M.P., my report of which was transmitted to you on the 8th March, 1889, and on several other occasions.

Upon some of the Appendices I have briefly indicated some of their features.

The claims upon my time by the business of the current Deniliquin Land Court, and by the general routine work transmitted from my head office, Hay, have prevented my reporting more fully.

I would add that the waste of time caused by the behaviour of the Clerk-in-charge has been very considerable.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

[Enclosures.]

Memo. for Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

Hay, 20 February, 1889.

In addressing the District Surveyor the Clerk-in-charge will be good enough to sign "*pro* Chairman," as he has no authority of which I am aware to address the District Surveyor in his capacity as Clerk-in-charge.

It is only in the absence of the Chairman that the Clerk-in-charge should sign any minutes to the District Surveyor.

\* In the case L.B.D. 88-6,711 the Clerk-in-charge has signed a reference to the District Surveyor simply B.J.A., without designation of office, which is officially improper.

A. J. P., Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

The Chairman's attention is invited to the fact that the paper quoted by him has never been marked to the District Surveyor by me or anyone in this office, and that therefore the comments herein are apparently not necessary.—B.J.A., 22/2/89.

\* The only complaints I have to make with respect to the above remarks is that they are not in accordance with facts.—B.J.A., 22/2/89. The Chairman.

I made a mistake in this case, partly owing to the improper position of the unaddressed minute of the Clerk-in-charge of 30/1/89, for being placed above that of the District Surveyor, it was out of its proper sequence, and partly owing to the fact that references to the District Surveyor by Mr. Atterbury, in his personal capacity, are so very numerous that I somewhat hastily, from the above causes, concluded this was a case in point.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Deniliquin, 23/3/89.

Sir,

Ivanhoe, 22 October, 1888.

With reference to the proposed cancellation of that portion of travelling stock reserve 544 shown on the accompanying tracing, and the notification of another travelling stock reserve, as also shown on tracing, I have the honor to report that there can be no objection to the alteration.

As a matter of fact, the proposed route is the one used at the present time by travelling stock.

I have seen Mr. Webb, one of the lessees of the Kilfera pastoral holding; he has no objection to make to it. As Kilfera is the only holding that will be affected, and the proposed route follows the regular track, I am of opinion that the modification as suggested should be adopted.

I am, &amp;c.,

EDM. WM. PROCTOR,  
Inspector of Stock.

Chief Inspector of Stock, Sydney.

The Department of Lands may be informed that there is no objection to the proposed alteration in travelling stock reserve 544, county Manaro.—A.B., 27/10/88. The Under Secretary for Mines. Submitted.—H.W., 27/10/88. Approved.—F.A., 30/10/88. The Under Secretary for Lands, B.C., 31/10/88., A.B., for Under Secretary. The Department of Mines offering no objection to alteration of travelling stock reserve, the District Surveyor's recommendation is submitted.—R.H.D., 6/9/88. For approval.—S.F., 13/11/88. Approved.—J.N.B., 16/11/88. The District Surveyor at Hay, for description, &c., and then to Land Board.—R.H.D., for the Under Secretary. Lands, B.C., 22/11/88. Noted.—A. R. GALL, 29/11/88. For preparation of notices and exhibition.—B.J.A., 30/11/88. Mr. Garvin. I think you have tracings for this case.—J.B., 17/12/88. Tracings (2) herewith, for exhibition and description forward to the Board for consideration.—JOHN BROUGHTON, Acting District Surveyor, Hay, 12/1/89. The Chairman, Local Land Board. Mr. Davies,—Please forward tracing and notice herewith to Crown Lands Agent, Balranald, and advise lessees of Kilfera pastoral holding; also exhibit tracing and notice.—B.J.A., 12/2/89. Tracing to Crown Lands Agent, Balranald, for exhibition, and tracing exhibited at Hay; objections to be lodged on or before the 31st March next; lessees Kilfera and Stock Inspector informed.—C.H.D., 12/2/89.

## APPENDIX A.

[THE Clerk-in-charge indites a page of criticism on the action of the Under Secretary for Lands on Ministerial 88-10,684, and, uninstructed and unasked, addresses same to the Chairman.]

## Appendix.

Not to be connected with the papers. For the Chairman's perusal.—B.J.A., 15/1/89.

The objections taken by the Assistant Under Secretary do not strike me as being particularly strong. In the first place, when the Under Secretary for Mines does ask for a stock route, or objects to one proposed by others, he is undoubtedly, to my mind, "a party" within the meaning of the Act. Or it would perhaps be more correct to say that the Minister for Mines is the party represented before the Board, by his Agent the Local Stock Inspector.

As a party there undoubtedly accrues to him the right of appeal under the well-known ruling of the Supreme Court, viz.—That any finding, recommendation, or decision of a Local Land Board may form the subject of appeal.

The directions for the preparation of lists of cases will, I presume, have to be carried out.

Query. Does the word "*summoned*" in the last paragraph mean "*subpanaed*."?—B.J.A., 15/1/89.

The Chairman.

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The proposal to constitute the Under Secretary for Mines a "party" in cases of inquiry into stock routes, &c., even if practicable, which I very much doubt, would result in the undesirable anomaly of the Minister for Mines being placed in a position to appeal against the findings of the Land Boards working under the Lands Department.

The statement contained in the 2nd paragraph—"That the practice of notifying Local Stock Inspectors to attend Board Meetings when occasion arises does not appear to have given satisfaction to the Department named (Mines)", conveys no information upon which an opinion can be formed, but may possibly refer to some correspondence or action by the Mines Department, which should be quoted, in order that the objections may be fairly considered.

A list may also be supplied by the Chairman showing all cases in which the attendance of Stock Inspectors has been required during the past twelve months; the list should embody the registered No. of the papers, nature of the cases, and date of hearing.

Pending settlement of the question, the Stock Inspectors should be summoned to attend in cases where their evidence is necessary or material—due consideration being given to the necessity for conserving the time of these officers as far as practicable.

W.H., 8/1/89.

Submitted.—S.F. Submission approved.—J.N.B., 10/1/89. Forwarded to the Chairman of Land Board, Hay.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), B.C., 11/1/89. To be returned. This has been the practice in the past, and has been reverted to since receipt of this paper, except that the Local Stock Inspector has always been invited to attend by letter. Will the Under Secretary for Lands kindly excuse the furnishing of the information he asks for until matters are a little more settled in my office.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Court-house, Deniliquin, 23/3/89. The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 8 December, 1888.

I have the honor to inform you that when cases in which the Department of Mines is interested have been set down for hearing before the Local Land Boards over which I preside, it has been the practice of this office to notify the Local Stock Inspectors, in order that they might attend on behalf of the Mines Department, if in their opinion necessary.

This course does not appear to have given satisfaction to the Department named, and I therefore propose that in future, in all such cases as those above referred to, the Under Secretary for Mines shall be considered a "party" under the 17th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and will therefore be served with the usual "notice to appear," on form L.L.B. No. 21, in order that such evidence may be furnished as the Under Secretary for Mines may desire.

I have to suggest that you should be good enough to convey an intimation to this effect to the Under Secretary for Mines.

I have, &c.,

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

WHEN cases in which the Department of Mines is interested have been set down for hearing before the Local Land Board over which I preside, it has been the practice of this office to notify the Local Stock Inspectors, in order that they might attend on behalf of the Mines Department, if in their opinion necessary.

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Inform Under Secretary for Lands as above, and suggest that he should intimate same to the Under Secretary for Mines.

A. J. PARK,

Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay,  
7th December, 1888.

The Clerk-in-charge.

The Under Secretary for Lands accordingly, by letter. Minutes on.—B.J.A., Clerk-in-charge, 8/12/88. Mr. Volckman to note.—B.J.A., 11/12/88. Noted.—W.V., 5/1/89. Clerk-in-charge.

#### APPENDIX B.

[The Clerk-in-charge criticises the Chairman's actions, and, notwithstanding instructions to the contrary, insists upon writing a further minute, in which he informs the Chairman that he is acting illegally. He kept the papers back from the other cases sent to Deniliquin Court to do so, apparently, and then addresses them to Mr. Volckman.] THE alleged delay in sending papers to District Surveyor was occasioned by my deliberate act. An application for the stay of proceedings in the case and the refund of the deposit had been made. There was then, in my opinion, no reason why the application named should not have been granted, and therefore held the matter back.

In insisting upon bringing the ringbarking application before the Local Land Board and forfeiting the deposit, the Chairman, in my opinion, is acting illegally, and I am, I believe, acting in accordance with my duty in saying so.

B. J. ATTERBURY, 7/3/89.

Received at Deniliquin, 13/3/89. Addressed to me.—W.L.V., 13/3/89.

7 March, 1889.

MEMO.—It would appear from books in this office that there were no other papers with copy of ringbarking 88-6 when received here for report on 26th November, 1888.

The application was returned to Chairman for other papers (*vide* memo., 28/11/88) on 28th November, 1888, and has not been here since.

The papers of ringbarking 86-16 were asked for, as by the map it would appear that almost the whole area referred to in 88-6 is embraced by 86-16, and it was considered advisable to obtain the latter and verify before making definite report.

A. R. GALL,

*Pro* Acting District Surveyor.

To the Chairman, Hay.

To be attached to papers L.B.D. 89-890.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 7/3/89. Clerk-in-charge.

Sir,

Deniliquin, 7 February, 1889.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo (No. 88/7,082), *re* ringbarking application noted in the margin hereof, and in reply beg to state that in our letter of the 7th December we did not in any way question the Board's decision, as the matter had not been before the Board,—therefore no decision had been given. We, simply as agents for Mr. William Bell, notified that we wished to withdraw his application, which is owing to the season being so far advanced, and we now beg to confirm same, and ask for a refund of the fee, £3, lodged with application.

We have, &c.,

MACKENZIE BROTHERS,  
*Per* A. L.

To the Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Submitted, that no expense has been incurred, and that the application be permitted to be withdrawn, and the deposit paid thereon refunded.—B.J.A., 9/2/89. The Chairman.

Letter (L.B.D. 88/7,082) of 31st January, 1889, folio 631, volume 6, Press-copy Book, was a reply to W. Bell's letter of 1st December, 1888, L.B.D. 6,962, which contained certain reasons for desiring withdrawal, but not adducing the reasons named above, and was not a reply to Messrs. Mackenzie Brothers of 7th December, 1888, L.B.D. 88/7,082. This letter was addressed to Wm. Bell, Esq., *c/o* Messrs. Mackenzie Brothers, Deniliquin. As, in my opinion, expense to the local administration had been incurred, I declined to encourage hope of refund, as, in reply to letter of 31st January, 1889, the Messrs. Mackenzie have decided to ask for withdrawal. The case is to be set down for hearing at impending Deniliquin Court, with the view of permitting the withdrawal. The Clerk-in-charge, Hay, is requested to confine himself to his instructions, and to refrain from writing such minutes as that dated 4/2/89, on L.B.D. 88/6,962. I note the delay in replying to District Surveyor's request for other papers.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Hay, 7/3/89. Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

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In accordance with above minutes the case is set down for Deniliquin Court.—B.J.A., 7/3/89. Applicant notified to appear at Deniliquin on the 22nd March, 1889, and Crown Lands Agent asked to insert in list.—W.L.V., 7/3/89. Attention is invited to my covering memo.—B.J.A., 7/3/89.

Sir,

As agents for Mr. William Bell, of Morago, we beg to withdraw his application to ringbark 300 acres land on Morago Run. The said application is numbered SS-6, and was forwarded you on the 19th November, when the fee of £3 was lodged with application.

Deniliquin, 7 December, 1888.

We have, &c.,  
MACKENZIE BROTHERS.

To the Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

The Chairman.—B.J.A., 27/12/88.

In a month.—B.J.A. *Vide* SS-6,962 for action hereon.

The writer may be informed that the Board's decisions are based on evidence of all the witnesses examined, and not upon the testimony of any particular individual. As an "expense" has been incurred by the preliminary action of the District Survey Office, no refund can be made under Regulation 164, but the applicant can inferentially, under that regulation, be allowed to withdraw. He should now be asked whether he prefers to withdraw or go on with the case.—A.J.P., Hay, 26/1/89.

Wm. Bell, care of Mackenzie Bros., informed, in terms of above.—B.J.A., 31/1/89. In a month.

It is pointed out that, prior to the writing of the Chairman's minute hereon, I submitted to him that the mere act of registration and notation did not constitute an expense within the meaning of the 164th Regulation, and that no expense had as yet been incurred in this case, and, therefore, there could be no objection to the withdrawal of the application and the refund of the money deposited therewith.—B.J.A., 4/2/89.

Sir,

Ryrie-street, Geelong, 1 December, 1888.

Referring to my application to ringbark about 300 acres, parish of Morago, Morago Run, I may mention that the Inspector (Mr. Wilshire) has informed me that he has objections to granting my application as applied for, and that he would not support same, and suggests that it should be withdrawn. The reason for this does not appear satisfactory to me; but as you, very properly, would give ear to what your officer would advise, and refuse my request,—under those circumstances, I have to ask that you will be pleased to allow me to withdraw the application referred to; and I presume, if this is done, you will be pleased to direct the refund of the fee (£3) paid by me with application, and you will oblige.

Yours, &c.,  
WILLIAM BELL.

A. J. Park, Esq., Chairman of the Local Land Board, Hay.

Please refer to me, with papers, after registration.—A.J.P., 5/12/88. The Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

Form 58.

[Crown Lands Act of 1884.  
(Part IV, Section 93.)

Application for permission to Ringbark.

This application was received by me this 13th day of November, 1888, with the sum of £3.

C. H. EMERY, Land Agent.

Morago, Deniliquin, 6 November, 1888.

I, William Bell, of Morago, hereby apply for permission to ringbark trees on Morago leasehold and acres of land held by me as leasehold area of Morago Run or pastoral holding. I annex a sketch showing the land containing the trees I apply to ringbark, and a full description is set out at the foot hereof. I herewith tender the sum of £3, to be appropriated in accordance with the regulations under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

WILLIAM BELL.

Description of land containing the trees to be ringbarked.

Land district of Deniliquin, county of Townsend, parish of Morago, 300 acres: Commencing at the south-western corner of allotment 1; thence north-westerly near to the track to Morago Station; thence north along east boundary of reserve 285 till the line meets the sandhills; thence south-easterly along said sandhills to measured allotment 1; thence south to the commencing point, and more particularly by tracing coloured red. Trees, swamp box.

To the Land Agent at Deniliquin.

Copied.—C.H.D., 22/11/88. Examined.—B.J.A., 22/11/88. Forwarded to the District Surveyor for report.—B.J.A., 22/11/88. It is requested that the papers in connection with ringbarking application No. 86-16, same applicant, be attached and forwarded with this one.—A. R. GALL (for Acting District Surveyor), 28/11/88. Chairman, Local Land Board.

#### APPENDIX C.

[To enable the Clerk-in-charge to initial the subject vouchers, he had simply to ascertain if the Chairman was absent from his head-quarters, Hay, between the dates charged for in travelling-expense voucher, and (by reference to the Voucher Register) to further ascertain if the vouchers had been previously rendered. Had the Clerk-in-charge performed his duty in these respects, instead of wasting the most of three days in elaborating irrelevant matter covering eleven pages of foolscap, to the neglect of his own proper duties, he would have discovered, on referring to his Voucher Register, that one of the accounts had already been rendered. Please refer to my letter to the Under Secretary for Lands of the 8th March, 1889, Accounts, 89-2,467.—A.J.P., Chairman, 23/3/89.]

THE Clerk-in-charge, Hay, having declined to initial the ordinary travelling-expense and equipment vouchers for Chairman's late circuit, and alleging verbally as his reason that he did not know whether they were right or wrong, he is now requested to place his reasons on record hereon, and return to me this morning.

W. L. Volckman, Esq., Local Land Board, Deniliquin.

A.J.P.,  
Chairman, Board, Hay, 22/2/89.

The above statement is incorrect. The reason given verbally was as follows: "I know nothing about them," and that is the only reason I was prepared to give verbally. My reply to the above will be found hereto attached.—B.J.A., 22/2/89.

Not received by me until 25/2/89.—A.J.P., 25/2/89.

I AM asked by memo. herewith to place on record my reasons for declining to initial the ordinary travelling-expense and equipment-allowance vouchers for Chairman's late circuit.

I recognize that my action lays me open to a charge of insubordination, and I therefore make my statement as complete as possible, so that when the papers reach the Under Secretary for Lands my case will be ripe for judgment.

It will readily, I am sure, be admitted that I am only acting as my sense of duty dictates, for it will be seen that by the course adopted I run considerable risk, while if, on the other hand, I had pocketed my scruples, and initialed the vouchers without comment, I should doubtless have better pleased my immediate superior officer, and avoided possible inconvenience to myself.

I have always understood that amongst the unwritten laws of the Public Service the following find a place:—

1. That amounts charged upon the public revenue by voucher should be the lowest sums for which the service charged for could be rendered.
2. That should such not be the case it is the duty of the officer under whose supervision the voucher passes to bring the excess under notice, in order to prevent undue expenditure in future.
3. That even where expenditure has been authorized to a certain definite amount, if the officer supervising be of opinion that owing to an alteration of circumstances of conditions, such expenditure can be materially reduced without prejudicing the efficiency of the Public Service, it is his bounden duty to bring the matter under notice.
4. That when an officer signs or initials a voucher as correct he is (no matter who else may sign or initial) personally and absolutely responsible for the correctness of the same, and for the truth of the certificate thereon.

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These are the rules which have heretofore guided me in dealing with vouchers, and until I get other instructions from the Under Secretary for Lands, I cannot depart from the path I have hitherto pursued. In the case in question, Mr. Volekman, instructed by the Chairman, asked, or rather directed, me to initial certain vouchers. These vouchers were already signed by the Chairman, both as the "claimant" and the "officer incurring the expense." This fact alone, I think, justified me in declining to initial them.

But it appeared to me that the charges made in the vouchers were open to grave criticism, which was such as should be submitted to the Under Secretary for Lands, and that, therefore, if I initialed the vouchers, I could only do so while making such submission through the Chairman as seemed to me necessary.

The following remarks should, it appears to me, be submitted to the Under Secretary for Lands in connection with these vouchers.

The late circuit was commenced on the morning of the 28th ultimo; Balranald was reached on the evening of the 29th. From the 30th January to the 6th February, both days inclusive, the time was occupied in Court work.

On Thursday the 7th a start was made by the Chairman for Wentworth. The journey occupied four days. Monday and Tuesday were devoted to Court work, and on Wednesday the 13th instant the return journey was commenced, and Balranald reached in two days. Then, according to the Chairman's voucher, the 16th was spent in Court work.

As a matter of fact, not a single case was dealt with. The Court was formally opened and adjourned, and I cannot understand why a start was not that day made for head-quarters. The three succeeding days are charged for as for travelling, but it is pointed out that the journey was done the other way in two days.

No other travelling expenses will be incurred this month.

In addition to the travelling-expense vouchers there is the January voucher for equipment allowance, and the February voucher will, it is presumed, follow in due course.

The carriage, therefore, of the Chairman from Hay to Wentworth and back is the full return which the Department derives from the expenditure of £25 for equipment allowance during the two months. In December last the Department received absolutely no return at all.

The total cost to the Department of the trip to Balranald and Wentworth is therefore £42 5s. for the Chairman alone.

The tour occupied twenty-three days, twelve of which, or more than half, were taken up in travelling.

Of course the dates for holding Courts are fixed and notified beforehand; and a glance at the dates of the recent Courts will show the excessive time allotted to travelling.

If the Court dates were fixed with a due regard to coaching time-tables, and the journeys made by coach, the expense would be reduced by nearly 50 per cent., as will be seen by the following.

Supposing the journey to have been commenced by coach on the evening of Sunday the 27th ultimo, Balranald would have been reached Monday evening; Court, 29th ultimo to 5th instant, inclusive; a start for Wentworth would have been made on the evening of the 6th, and the town reached the following day. The 8th and 9th would have been available for Court work, and the return journey commenced on the 10th, Hay reached on the morning of the 12th; time occupied, seventeen days; cost coach-fares, £10 10s.; return, with liberty to break journey at any time, £10 10s.; travelling expenses, £12 15s.; total £23 5s.

That is £23 5s. as against £42 5s., and seventeen days as against twenty-three days, and exactly the same number of days for Court work as are charged for in the voucher now under criticism.

I am aware that the Chairman has informed me verbally that this is no business of mine, but I submit that it comes within the scope of my business when I am asked to initial the vouchers; and I regard it as my duty, none the less imperative because unpleasant, to be under notice what I conceive to be a wasteful expenditure of public money. I also take the higher ground that it is my duty as Clerk-in-charge of this office to use my best endeavours, by making appropriate submissions with that object in view, to reduce expenditure in this district as much as possible.

For all these reasons, then, I respectfully decline to initial as a matter of form such vouchers as are herein referred to.

The Chairman.

BASIL J. ATTERBURY., 23/2/89.

#### APPENDIX D.

[The Chairman administers in this district and carries out the directions and, as far as he can, the wishes of the Under Secretary for Lands; yet, notwithstanding the Chairman's telegrams (*vide* D 2 and D 8), the Clerk-in-charge persists in exceeding his own functions by usurping those of the Chairman.]

D 1.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 October, 1888.

Referring to your communication of the 5th instant, respecting the application from Mr. R. S. Love, for the position of Junior Clerk at the Local Land Board Office at Hay, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has decided that it is not desirable to offer the position of Junior Clerk to Mr. Love.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,

(For the Under Secretary).

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Is the assistance of a junior or other clerk still necessary to the proper conduct of the work of this office.—A.J.P., 19/10/88. Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

Yes. What is necessary to the proper working of this office is the employment of a good clerk. The work in the office is so great that to keep it under control the staff is compelled to work continually overtime. The indexing of all the books is much in arrears, this being especially the case with respect to the Index to General Records. The arrears are very slowly being made up, but it will be a long time before they can be fairly brought up to date, and then only by the most strenuous and continued application on the part of the staff. The quarterly returns for the last quarter have yet to be prepared, and those for the previous quarter require to be checked. At present it is impossible to attempt either of these duties. I would point out that some months ago the work of the office was brought up to date, but that the strength of the office was nearly double what it is now, owing to the employment of Messrs. Gibson and Fowler, the former at a salary of £300 per annum, and the latter at 16s. per diem. As since that the work has again got into arrears, it would appear to be the more economical course to permanently strengthen the staff. While in all fairness the staff may on emergency be asked to work overtime, in order to cope with any extraordinary pressure of work, it is hardly just, I submit, to expect them always, and without intermission, to work beyond the office-hours as defined by the Civil Service Regulations.—B.J.A., 19/10/88. The Chairman.

I have drafted a letter to the Under Secretary for Lands on the subject, which please have copied, signed, and sent.—A.J.P., 22/10/88. Clerk-in-charge. Done. In a month.—B.J.A., 22/10/88.

D 2.

Telegram from Mr. B. J. Atterbury to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hillston.

8 November, 1888.

UNDER Secretary writes that he cannot send a junior from head office, and unless youth can be found locally assistance cannot be given. I think I will be able to nominate youth on Saturday.

B. J. ATTERBURY.

Will the Telegraph Master please state if this message was signed Clerk-in-charge.—A.J.P., Chairman, Court-house, Hillston, 8/11/88. This message was received at this office signed B. J. Atterbury.—J. GRACE, Operator, Hillston. Copy of telegram. In connection with your telegram of this date concerning assistance in Hay Local Land Board Office, please send the correspondence to me, and await my directions as to any steps necessary for you to take, and which I will indicate by wire or otherwise.—A.J.P., Chairman, Court-house, Hillston, 8/11/88. To Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

D 3.

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Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 November, 1888.  
 With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, asking that another clerk may be attached to your office either temporarily or permanently, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that none of the officers at head-quarters can be spared, and as only a junior is required, it will not be possible to provide assistance unless you can find a local youth suitable for the position.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

I know of no one who would or could undertake the duties here, though I have made careful and persistent inquiries.—B.J.A., 7/11/88. The Chairman. Received at Cudgellico just before leaving on the 15th, and replied to this day.—A.J.P., 19/11/88, Hillston.

D 4.

Telegram from Mr. B. J. Atterbury to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Cudgellico.

13 November, 1888.

O'HANLON not returned; have heard nothing of him. Norman M'Kenzie, youth employed in Telegraph Office, has applied for position junior clerk here. Paper forwarded by to-night's post.

B. J. ATTERBURY,

Clerk-in-charge.

D 5.

Sir

I beg respectfully to make application for appointment as assistant clerk in your office. My age is 14½ years. Since I left school I have been employed as a probationer in the local Telegraph Office, and I can confidently refer you to the station-master there as to my qualification, &c.

I have, &amp;c.,

NORMAN M'KENZIE.

This is the only application I have received for the position of junior clerk. The youth appears to be intelligent, and he is well spoken of by the telegraph master.—B.J.A., 13/11/88. The Chairman, Cudgellico. Received at Hillston, 24/11/88.

D 6.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Court-house, Hillston, 19 November, 1888.  
 I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, in which you inform me that the Honorable the Minister for Lands states that no officer can be spared from your office for service in the Local Land Board Office, Hay, and that as only a junior is required, if no local youth can be found, no assistance can be given.

I would point out that each of the two office clerks are juniors, and that a local youth, if even one suitable could be found, would be of no immediate service.

The business of the Hay Land Board Office is of such dimensions as to require, in my opinion, one reasonably efficient clerk in addition to the two now employed. I would most respectfully ask the Honorable the Minister to reconsider the matter.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. J. PARK,

Chairman.

The Under Secretary for Lands.

D 7.

Dear Mr. Park,

Hay, 11 November, 1888.  
 When I telegraphed to you that I thought I could nominate to you a youth for the position of junior in this office I was under the impression that a Mr. Bell, now in the employ of Mr. Brough, solicitor, would have applied yesterday, but he has not done so. I believe, however, it is his intention so to do. From inquiries I have made he appears to be a very suitable youth, and when his application arrives I will wire you.

Mr. O'Hanlon I expect back to-night.

On Friday the weather was very bad, but the same night we got the tail end of a storm, and some twenty points of rain fell. This morning it is quite cool, and, indeed, chilly.

I trust you are quite well, and not meeting with too much dust and heat.

I am, &amp;c.,

B. J. ATTERBURY.

A. J. Park, Esq., Hillston.

D 8.

Telegram from Mr. B. J. Atterbury to The Chairman, Local Land Board.

Hillston, 22 November, 1888.

APPLICATION for position as junior clerk has been lodged by Herbert Bell, now employed in Solicitor Brough's office. Papers forwarded by post.

B. J. ATTERBURY,

Clerk-in-charge, Local Land Board Office.

Concerning your telegram of to-day, and your note of 11th, please refer to the latter part of my telegram of 8th instant.—A.J.P., Hillston, 22/11/88. Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

D 9.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 8 January, 1889.  
 I have the honor to invite your attention to the following suggestions with respect to the working of this office:—

1. It is respectfully suggested that Mr. O'Hanlan be given a trial as deposition clerk, in the place of Mr. Volckman, whom I should much like to keep in the office with a slight increase of salary, in the position of second clerk. Should Mr. O'Hanlan give promise, with experience, of becoming an efficient officer in the Court he would, I submit, answer your requirement.

2. It is further submitted that the vacant post of junior be filled up by the appointment of either Mr. Williams or Bell, both of whom appear to me to be suitable, though I should personally give the preference to the former, on the ground of his four year's office experience.

I have, &amp;c.,

BASIL J. ATTERBURY,

Clerk-in-charge.

The Chairman.

D 10.

The Chairman is respectfully reminded that apparently no steps have been taken with respect to the nomination of a junior clerk. I should be glad to receive authority to forward Mr. Williams' application to head-quarters with a favourable recommendation.—B. J. ATTERBURY, Clerk-in-charge, 28/1/89. The Chairman.

Received, evening of 28th January, 1889, just as I was leaving for Balranald Court.—A.J.P.

## APPENDIX E.

The Clerk-in-charge exceeds his functions in making a highly necessary instruction from the Chairman a pretext for criticising the composition of the Board's decisions.

SCHEDULE to cases forwarded to the Clerk-in-charge, Hay :-

L.B.D. 88-3,47<sup>5</sup>; homestead lease 441; Bridget Powell.  
Do 3,474; homestead lease 442; Thomas Powell.  
Do 4,601; homestead lease 116; D. C. Campbell.  
Do 4,603; homestead lease 115; John Campbell.  
Do 4,231; homestead lease 114; Jas. W. Berry.  
Do 89- 237; travelling stock and camping reserve, Til Til Park.  
Do 238; travelling stock and camping reserve, Willandra Well.

Chairman's Vouchers -

	£	s.	d.
Equipment allowance—			
December, 1888 .....	12	10	0
January, 1889 .....	12	10	0
Travelling expenses—			
December, 1888.....	2	5	0
January, 1889 .....	3	0	0

The Clerk-in-charge is requested to check the decisions, &c., for clerical errors or omissions.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

Balranald, 31 January, 1889.

To be registered.

Memo.—

By this paper I am requested to check for clerical errors and omissions, decisions, &c., of the Board, which have been signed and completed.

Should any clerical error or omission appear in the decision, it will, as heretofore, be pointed out.

The subject memo. does not, I presume, instruct me to traverse the proceedings of the Board throughout a case, and check the decision.

The question is also submitted as to what course is to be adopted by me when the composition of the decision appears to me faulty, more especially with regard to the class of fencing ordered by the Board to be erected.

For instance, in one case it is directed that the fence shall be same as class 7, but of six wires, 3 feet 8 inches high, and posts 20\* inches in the ground. It is not clear to my mind how one fence can be the same as another from which it differs in such important particulars.

I should not initial such a description (and it is by no means rare) prior to signature by Board.

B. J. ATTERBURY,  
Clerk-in-charge, 6/2/89.

The Chairman, Wentworth.

The Clerk-in-charge will be good enough to confine his action strictly to the limits prescribed by my minute of 31st January, 1889, 89-814.—A.J.P., Wentworth, 11/2/89. Put away.—B.J.A., 14/2/89.

## APPENDIX F.

THE Clerk-in-charge appears to be here exceeding his functions (to the neglect of his own proper work) by elaborating a scheme for, amongst other things, the performance by the Boards and Chairman of duties of which he is ignorant. He thus wastes his own time, and further, proposes to waste that of the officers at head-quarters, by suggesting the transmission of his seven sheets of foolscap to the Under Secretary for Lands.

## Office Memorandum.

THE following suggestions having for their object the reduction of the expense of working the Local Land Boards under the Hay Chairmanship, and the efficiency of the Hay staff, while removing the necessity for further assistance in this office, are submitted to the Chairman, and, through him, to the Under Secretary for Lands.

The principal submission around which all others contained herein hinge, is that there is no necessity that Mr. W. L. Volckman, or any other clerk, should accompany the Chairman to all Courts as deposition clerk.

For the purpose of illustrating my views, I will in this minute refer to the Courts which have just been held at Balranald and Wentworth, and from which the Chairman has not yet returned, but the work of which, as advertised, has been completed. The Chairman and Mr. Volckman left here on the morning of Tuesday, 29th January last. The Chairman times his return for the 20th instant. The expenses to the department of Mr. Volckman will therefore be £16 10s., plus salary and coach fares, i.e., £23 15s., plus coach fares, which in this district are, as is well known, rather heavy.

The return to the department for this expenditure is, it is submitted, small, viz., the taking of comparatively few and short depositions, and the writing out of the decision forms.

Out of eight cases received a day or two ago from the Chairman at Wentworth I counted the folios of the depositions taken.

There were under eleven of seventy-two words, and these included the endorsement "Sworn before us, &c."

It is submitted that the Land Agent at Wentworth, who was bound to be present, could have taken these depositions, and the expense to the department of Mr. Volckman's travelling have been saved.

As for the decision forms (form 10), they could easily now, as was heretofore the practice prior to the holding of the Courts, be prepared in the office, so far as the citation is concerned, and the decision could be filled in by the Chairman when the case is dealt with, and then and there signed by the other member of the Board.

In a large number of cases dealt with in these Local Land Board Districts there are no depositions at all, and in others they are very short. The cases in which there are lengthy depositions are the exceptions.

With all deference it is submitted that in such exceptional cases, and where the services of the Local Crown Land Agent, or the other member of the Board, are not available, the Chairman might be asked, in the interest of the service, to take the depositions himself.

In addition to the large sum (£160 in 1888) saved in travelling expenses, it is pointed out that by retaining Mr. Volckman's services at head office, the office will be fully manned, and there will be no necessity for the employment of further assistance, as has been so often proposed. This will mean a saving of about £75 per annum in addition to the above; a total of about £235.

The only objection to my proposals, so far as I can see, is that there would be no one to prove service of notice on parties, but this objection entirely vanishes, I submit, when closely examined. The present mode of serving notices is by registered letter. The notices, after being placed under cover, are handed over the counter of the post-office at Hay for registration, and there left. Subsequently—generally next day—the receipts for those letters are found in the private box at the post-office allotted to the Local Land Board. The receipts are then attached to the papers, and when in Court the party thus notified does not appear, the deposition clerk swears that notice was duly served by registered letter.

It is submitted that the fact of the receipt being attached to the papers should be sufficient proof that notice has been duly served.

But if it be held that such be not sufficient, there can, it is submitted, be no objection to the following course, viz.:—That the ordinary notices be forwarded in stamped open covers to the officer in charge of the police at the town where the ensuing Court is to be held, with the request that they be mailed by registered letters to the addressee, and that they be posted by the officer told off to attend the Court in question. That officer could then make, when necessary, the oath as to service.

BASIL J. ATTERBURY,  
14th February, 1889.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

P.S.—The Wentworth cases are now all to hand, and number twenty-two. Of these, only six had any depositions at all, totalling under fifteen folios of seventy-two words. The rate per folio which these depositions cost the department would form the problem of a very interesting calculation.—B.J.A., 16/2/89.

Memo.

\*In decision it reads 20 feet.  
L.B.D. 89-662.

## Memo. for Mr. Volckman, Deposition Clerk.

Will Mr. Volckman be good enough to record herein whether his time on circuit of Land Board meetings with the Chairman is fully occupied, and whether deposition writing is the only work he performs on such circuit.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, 20/2/89.

When away from head quarters on circuit, my time is always fully occupied, and generally more than fully, the work consisting of—(1) Taking depositions; (2) writing out decisions, captions, &c.; (3) keeping the minute-book indexed, and written up as to decisions, &c.; (4) any miscellaneous work, such as writing letters, telegrams, helping with routine work sent from the head office, Hay, &c., &c.—W. L. VOLCKMAN, Hay, 20/2/89. Chairman.

## APPENDIX G.

THE Clerk-in-charge exceeds his functions in repeatedly addressing himself personally to the District Surveyor, and apparently, in some cases, on matters which should have formed the subject of direct communication between the Chairman and the District Surveyor. In connection with this appendix, please see papers L.B.D. 88-6,711, and 89-1,127 herewith, which please return to me at early convenience.—A. J. PARK, Chairman, Deniliquin, 23 March, 1889.

## Memo. for the Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

THE Clerk-in-charge, Hay, will be good enough to explain:—

- (1.) Why the within memo. from the District Surveyor addressed to me on the 5th January, 1889, has not yet been registered.
  - (2.) Why it was not submitted to me before my departure for the late Courts at Balranald and Wentworth on 28th January, 1889.
  - (3.) Why, having regard to last paragraph of the District Surveyor's memo., the Clerk-in-charge endeavours to answer the memo. by writing his minute of 15th January, 1889 upon it before submission to me.
- Hay, 21st February, 1889. A. J. PARK, Chairman.

(1.) The matter did not appear to me of sufficient importance. In accordance with the Chairman's minute of the 21st, however, the document will now be registered.—B.J.A., 22/2/89.

(2.) It was submitted to the Chairman before the 28th ultimo, having been placed upon his table on the 15th ultimo by myself. I saw the paper before him while he was in Hay. He spoke to me on the subject without reference to any documents, and I answered him verbally in the terms of my minute of the 15th ultimo, and he appeared satisfied. The paper was not on the Chairman's table during his late absence.—B.J.A., 22/2/89.

(3.) A reference to the document in question will show the unfairness and uncharitableness of this demand for an explanation of my adoption of a certain course which, to my mind, appears in no way improper.—B.J.A., 22/2/89. The Chairman.

Memo.—

5 January, 1889.  
THE Chairman's attention is again drawn to the manner in which papers sent to this office are being signed, and for reasons set forth in my memorandum of the 13th ultimo, it is respectfully requested that all papers from the Land Board Office be in future signed by him, or on his behalf.

It is desired that this matter receive the personal attention of the Chairman.

The Chairman, Local Land Board.

JOHN BROUGHTON,  
Acting District Surveyor.

I am not aware of any cause for complaint in this matter since the memo. 13th ultimo referred to. \* Should this memo. not be groundless (for no papers are specified), the cause has been merely an unintentional oversight, and through no lack of courtesy to the office of District Surveyor.—B.J.A., 15/1/89. Chairman.

Without any knowledge of the existence of this document (which has been submitted to me unregistered), I addressed a memo. to the Clerk-in-charge on this matter yesterday, in consequence of some submission I had seen while I was acting on papers, *vide* my covering memo. to Clerk-in-charge herewith.—A.J.P., Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, 21/2/89.

The value of the above minute will be appreciated when it is pointed out that the "submission" the Chairman "had seen," and on which he "addressed" a memo. to the Clerk-in-charge on this "matter" was on papers L.B.D. 88-6711, which were never at any time marked to the District Survey Office from the local Land Board Office, Hay.—B.J.A., 22/2/89. Chairman.

Memo. by District Surveyor of 13th December, 1888, the basis of this memo., 89-1204, to be attached hereto and submitted. Urgent.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 27/2/89. Clerk-in-charge, Hay. \* I have no knowledge of the memo. referred to. Perhaps the District Surveyor might be in a position to inform the Chairman.—B.J.A., 28/2/89. Chairman. In the absence of the Clerk-in-charge, Mr. Davies will please state the Registration No. of the District Surveyor's memo. of 13th December, 1888.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 1/3/89. I cannot trace a record of the document referred to in this office.—C.H.D., 1/3/89. Chairman.

Would the District Surveyor be so good as to forward to me his memo. of 13th December, 1888, if in his office; if not, would the District Surveyor kindly state (1) whether the memo. was registered in this office; (2) whether it was replied to, if so the nature of the reply. Failing all this, would the District Surveyor kindly furnish me with a copy of the missing memo.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 2/3/89. District Surveyor.

In reply to the above I beg to state, on behalf of the Acting District Surveyor, that the memo. of the 13th December, 1888, does not appear to be in this office at the present time, but I forward herewith a copy of the same taken from the press copy-book. I am unable to state definitely whether the paper was registered or not, but there appears to be very little doubt that it was not registered, as if it had been the number thereof would have been recorded in our books on the occasion of its return with the Chairman's reply, and there is no trace of the paper in the records here. I distinctly remember the paper being returned here, with a minute endorsed thereon, signed by Mr. Atterbury, *pro* Chairman, to the effect that care would be taken in the future to avoid signing in manner complained of.—A. R. GALE for Acting District Surveyor, 2/3/89. Chairman, Land Board Office.

\* Papers herewith.—A.J.P., Chairman, Deniliquin, 23/3/89.

13 December, 1888.

WITH regard to the manner in which minutes on several papers sent to this office for certain action have been signed of late, it is respectfully pointed out that it is considered desirable that all papers requiring action by the District Surveyor should be signed by the Chairman or on his behalf, and, as an instance of the responsibility of these matters, attention is directed to the attached case wherein a field report may have been necessary which would entail a considerable expense to the department, I therefore submit that in future all papers issued by the Local Land Office should be signed by or for the Chairman, early attention to this matter is respectfully requested.

The Chairman, Local Land Board.

JOHN BROUGHTON,  
Acting District Surveyor.

Correct copy.—A. R. GALL, 2/3/89. \* *Vide* minutes of the Clerk-in-charge of 15/1/89, and 28/2/89, 89-1204 in which a knowledge of the original of above memo. by the Acting District Surveyor is alternately admitted and denied.—A.J.P., Chairman, Deniliquin, 23/3/89.

## APPENDIX H.

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Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 12 January, 1886.  
I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Mrs. Margaret Porter, as cleaner and caretaker of the Local Land Board and District Survey Offices at Hay, at a salary of £55 per year. The appointment to take effect from the 1st instant.

I have, &c.,  
CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

A copy of this letter should be sent to Mrs. Porter.—A.B.C., 19/1/86. Margaret Porter informed with copy of letter, 25/1/86.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 29 August, 1885.  
With reference to the letter forwarded by you from Mrs. Margaret Porter, applying for increased remuneration for cleaning the Land Board and District Survey Offices at Hay, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to furnish a report as to the arrangements necessary for the cleaning &c., of the abovementioned offices.

I am to add that Mrs. Porter's account for £1 has been passed for payment.

I have, &c.,  
F. H. WILSON  
(For the Under Secretary.)

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

This may be placed with letter received from the Under Secretary re the appointment of Mrs. Porter from the 1st of year 1886, at a salary of £55.—A.B.C., 4/2/86.

Sir, Hay, 18 January, 1886.  
I have the honor to inform you that a clerical error occurred in the voucher of Mrs. M. Porter as caretaker of the Crown Lands Offices at Hay, by describing the situation as caretaker to the Land Board Offices, whereas the same should have read caretaker of the Crown Lands Offices at Hay.

I beg to state that an amended voucher has been submitted to the Land Agent, and would respectfully request that you cause the original document to be cancelled.

I have, &c.,  
J.P., pro MARGARET PORTER;  
Caretaker, Lands Office.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

As no further action is necessary in regard to the matter herein referred to the papers may now be put away.—A.B.C., 18/1/86.

Mr. Teece,—Please inform me if any authority has been received from the Under Secretary for the payment of the amount herein claimed.—A. B. CREW, 15 January, 1886.

The Clerk-in-charge,—No authority has been received from the Under Secretary.—G. B. A. TEECE, 15/1/86.

## New South Wales.

Series A.—Salary or Allowance Form No. 1.

## Pay Voucher.

Situation.	Name.	Period.	Salary.	Amount.
Caretaker of the Land Board Offices at Hay...	Margaret Porter...	From 1 October to 31 December...	Yearly Rate. £25 0 0	£6 5 0

I hereby authorize the above amount to be paid on my behalf to the credit of John Porter, Bank of New South Wales, Hay.  
MARGARET PORTER.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 26 October, 1886.  
With reference to the letter forwarded by you from Mrs. Porter, tendering her resignation as caretaker of the Local Land Board Office at Hay, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has approved of the same being accepted, and to ask that you will report the date Mrs. Porter's services cease.

I have, &c.,  
STEPHEN FREEMAN  
(For the Under Secretary.)

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Sir, Hay, 23 November, 1886.  
Having engaged in a business that prevents my further attendance as caretaker to the offices in connection with the Local Land Board at Hay, I would most respectfully request that you will kindly condescend to adopt such measures as may be the means of relieving me of my present appointment in connection thereto. Respectfully hoping this will meet with your immediate consideration.

I respectfully, &c.,  
MARGARET PORTER,  
Caretaker.

Will the District Surveyor please inform me if Mrs. Porter is still performing the duties of caretaker of the District Survey Office?—A. J. PARK, Chairman, 25 November, 1886.

Mrs. Porter ceased her duties as caretaker to this office on the 26th of October. I think it would be desirable to have a caretaker for each office, and I forward herewith a copy of a letter to the Under Secretary for Lands on the subject. I should have consulted the Chairman before taking any action; but the porters were doing the work badly, and I was anxious to secure the services of the woman now (temporarily) employed. Moreover the Chairman's return from Deniliquin was indefinite as far as could be ascertained here.—R. M'DONALD, District Surveyor, 25/11/86. The Chairman, Local Land Board.

Re caretaker for this office.

Sir, District Survey Office, Hay, 28 October, 1886.  
I am informed by the Chairman of the Local Land Board that Mrs. Porter has resigned her position of caretaker for the Local Board and District Survey Offices, and, in reference thereto, I do myself the honor to inform you that the arrangement hitherto existing was a very unsatisfactory one as far as regards this office, being as it is about 300 yards distant from the Chairman's office. It is quite impossible for one person to thoroughly look after the two buildings, and I have to request that you will be good enough to allow a caretaker for each office. The expense would not be any greater, indeed, taking my present arrangements as a basis, the expense would be less. Pending your approval I am temporarily employing a Mrs. Kitson as caretaker (for this office only), at a salary of £20 per annum. Mrs. Porter received £50 per annum for both offices, the work is, I think, about equal in each. Mrs. Kitson is a hard-working and respectable woman, and was recommended to me by Dr. Kennedy (of this town), with whom she lived as housekeeper for some time.

She has taken up her residence within a few yards of this office, and this is in itself a convenience.

I beg to request your approval of the temporary arrangement I have made, and to ask that Mrs. Kitson may be appointed temporary caretaker of this office at a salary of £20 per annum.

I have, &c.,  
ROBERT McDONALD,  
District Surveyor.

The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,



Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 November, 1886.  
 I have the honor to inform you that a proposal has been advanced by Mr. District-Surveyor M'Donald that a separate caretaker should be appointed for the District Survey Office, at a salary of £20 per annum, and to ask that you will be good enough to state what arrangement you propose submitting with regard to a caretaker for the Local Land Board Office.

I have, &c.,  
 STEPHEN FREEMAN  
 (For the Under Secretary).

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Sir, Hay, 3 December, 1886.  
 Referring to my resignation as caretaker of the offices in connection with the Local Land Board, Hay: Notice of acceptance having been forwarded to you from the Under Secretary for Lands, and my second letter, asking for immediate relief from the foregoing appointment (not having heard from you), I most respectfully make application that you will cause my successor to be appointed at once, as I cannot possibly attend to the offices any longer.

I have, &c.,  
 MARGARET PORTER,  
 Caretaker, Local Land Board Offices, Hay.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Let Mrs. Porter say what morning is to be her last.—A.J.P., 3/12/86. Mr. Porter, the husband of the caretaker, informed me, this morning, that his wife's services would cease from to-day.—A.B.C., 4 December, 1886.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 December, 1886.  
 I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 23rd ultimo, requesting you to state what arrangement you propose submitting with regard to a caretaker for the Local Land Board Office, in view of the proposal of the District Surveyor, that a separate caretaker should be appointed for the District Survey Office; and I am to request you to be good enough to furnish a reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,  
 STEPHEN FREEMAN  
 (For the Under Secretary).

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Inform the Under Secretary that Mrs. Porter ceased her functions as office-cleaner on 4th December, 1886. Meanwhile, the offices in Lachlan-street are being cleaned by a Mrs. Scriffen, temporarily employed at 10s. per week, pending further arrangements, and the work is being performed satisfactorily. The yard and surroundings, however, are in a very untidy state, and that the services of a man, to keep them in order and act as messenger, are much required.—A.J.P., 29/12/86.

Under Secretary for Lands informed—A.B.C., 29/12/86.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 January, 1887.  
 In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, relative to the appointment of a caretaker of the Local Land Board Office, Hay, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to intimate that your suggestion cannot be adopted, but that Mrs. Kitson, now employed by the District Surveyor, is to be engaged to clean and keep in order the District Survey building, including Board and retiring rooms, and in consideration of the extra labour thus entailed, an addition of £5 to her present allowance of £20 is approved.

With respect to the Land Board Offices, it is considered that no difficulty should arise by employing a female as office-cleaner; none has arisen at the District Survey Office, or indeed at other country offices; and whoever may be employed should distinctly understand that the whole of the premises, including the yard, &c., are to be maintained in clean and proper order, and for this purpose £30 per annum is available. You will be good enough to intimate to me the name of the person employed. The Secretary for Lands does not consider that a messenger is required at your office.

I have, &c.,  
 STEPHEN FREEMAN  
 (For the Under Secretary).

Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

I have communicated with Mrs. Scriffen, and she declines the post. Inform the Under Secretary accordingly. Mrs. Scriffen has consented to carry on the cleaning of the office until her successor has been appointed.—A.J.P., 20/1/87. The Clerk-in-charge. Informed accordingly.—A.B.C., 24/1/87. May be put away.—L.T.B., 27/1/87. Yes.—A.B.C., 1/2/87.

Hay, 27 June, 1887.

Mr. Park, Dr. to C. Scriffen.  
 For cleaning Crown Lands Office from December 13th, 1886, up to June 27th, 1887, 28 weeks at 10s. per week.....£14

Mr. Park, Hay, 27 June, 1887.  
 I, the undersigned, beg to tender my resignation from the duties of caretaking of this office on the 31st July.  
 C. SCRIFFEN.

Received, 22/7/87. Mrs. Scriffen's duties ceased on the 31st July, 1887.—C.H.D., 5/8/87. T.W.W.  
 Memo.—Mrs. Margaret Porter ceased her functions as office cleaner on 4th December, 1886, and was succeeded by Mrs. Scriffen, temporarily employed at 10s. per week from 13th December, 1886, and has performed the duties ever since. A letter from the Under Secretary for Lands relative to this matter dated 11th January, 1887, L.B.D. 87-301 attached, states that £30 per annum is available for cleaning the office premises in Lachlan-street. Mrs. Scriffen has received no remuneration for her services since date of appointment. Submitted as to whether her voucher is to be tendered for payment at the rate of 10s. per week or £30 per annum.—C.H.D., 20/7/87. Mr. Ward.

If you appointed Mrs. Scriffen at 10s. per week (which it appears from her letter and from 86-6,557 is the case), that is all she is entitled to in my opinion. The fact of £30 per annum and not £26 being available, does not alter in any way the facts of the case. This office is not bound to spend all the money at its disposal.—T.W.W., 20/7/87. The Chairman.

Voucher to be prepared for Mrs. Scriffen's signature—10s. per week is all she is entitled to, that being per agreement with me. The £30 per annum refers to the salary payable to a woman who will keep the yard and premises clean, Mrs. Scriffen could not do this, and has been simply acting as office-cleaner pending appointment of her successor. The Under Secretary was informed of matters on 27/1/87, and should be again informed how matters stand regarding office-cleaners, Mrs. Radcliffe will do temporary duty until appointed by the Under Secretary, or some one else be so appointed.—A.J.P., 23/7/87.

Mr. Burnett,—Please register this, connect previous papers, and hand to Mr. Davies to prepare vouchers.—T.W.W., 23/7/87.

Caretaker's Papers.

Hay, 27 July, 1887.

Mr. Park, Dr. to C. Scriffen.		£	s.	d.
To account rendered up—				
June 27th.....		14	0	0
Balance up to July 30th .....		2	0	0
		£16	0	0

Vouchers prepared—				
From 13th December, 1886, to 31st December, 1886, 19 days at 10s. per week .....		1	7	2
From 1st January, 1887, to 31st July, 1887, 212 days at 10s. per week .....		15	2	10
Total.....		£16	10	0

Signed by the Chairman and forwarded to Under Secretary for Lands this day.—C.H.D., 4/8/87. Mr. Ward.

Mrs.

Mrs. Radcliffe the new office-cleaner has been temporarily employed at 10s. per week for cleaning out the office alone, or if she can make arrangements for keeping the yard in order also the remuneration will be £30 a year. This arrangement is only temporary and must be submitted for the Under Secretary's approval, as soon as definite information is obtainable as to what Mrs. Radcliffe can properly do.—T.W.W., 4/8/87.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Hay, 27 August, 1887.

Voucher for Mrs. Scriffen, late caretaker, sent 5th instant, please pay speedily, woman in poverty.

A. J. PARK, Chairman, Local Land Board.

The Accountant.—S.F., 29/8/87. Abstract 318, £15 2s. 10d.; abstract 324, £1 7s. 2d. Money order for £15 1s. 2d. sent by letter on 26th August was sent Mrs. Scriffen; there is no reason why the Chairman should not transmit monthly vouchers in place of sending one in for seven months.—V.C., 29/8/87. The Chairman, Hay.—S.F., B.C., 29/8/87.

Forwarded to the Chairman for perusal.—T.W.W., Clerk-in-charge, Hay, 7/9/87. Why were monthly vouchers not furnished by Mrs. Scriffen.—A.J.P., 8/9/87. Clerk-in-charge, Hay. Mr. Davies.—Will you kindly furnish a report on the matter. I understand that you are aware of the circumstances of the case.—T.W.W., 16/9/87.

I cannot state why Mrs. Scriffen did not furnish vouchers monthly. The former caretaker (Mrs. Porter) sent in voucher every quarter ready for the Chairman's signature. I have never been instructed to prepare these vouchers monthly, and should be glad to know if it is considered part of my duty. Such being the case the matter will not be allowed to go into arrears again.—C.H.D., 16/9/87. The Clerk-in-charge.

Nothing is known in this office of why Mrs. Scriffen did not send her accounts in monthly. When she did make a claim it received prompt attention, and I submit that there is no necessity to inquire into the past, which cannot be remedied.—T.W.W., 16/9/87.

Let the present caretaker be shown how to fill in a monthly voucher and be supplied with a few blank forms, and also be instructed to render a monthly account.—A.J.P., 17/9/87. Mr. Davies will be good enough to see that these vouchers are properly rendered every month.—T.W.W., 20/9/87. Voucher for August prepared and submitted for Mrs. Radcliffe's signature.—C.H.D., 22/9/87. Voucher forwarded to the Under Secretary this day, 22/9/87. Mr. Ward. This may again be resubmitted end of October, and, if Mrs. Radcliffe continues to give satisfaction, this should be submitted to the Chairman, that he may recommend satisfaction of the temporary appointment.—T.W.W., 6/10/87. Resubmit end of October.—C.H.D., 11/10/87. Mr. Burnett.

Submitted for your favourable consideration that Mrs. Radcliffe be appointed caretaker permanently from the 1st instant. From what I can see and learn she appears to give satisfaction. Salary to be £30 per annum, *vide* Under-Secretary's letter, L.B.D., 87-301 herewith.—A.B., Acting Clerk-in-charge, 11/1/88. The Chairman.

As Mrs. Radcliffe is at present receiving £30 per annum, it is scarcely expedient (in view of a report to be furnished by the Board of inquiry) to make her appointment permanent.—A.J.P., 11/1/88. Resubmit after the report above alluded to has been received.—A.B., 11/1/88. Resubmit end of year 1888. End of February.—B.J.A., 7/1/89.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 3 January, 1889.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to cause the yard of this office to be cleaned up. The Chairman's horses, which I understand are in your custody, have dropped a quantity of manure near the door of the clerks' room, and in the hot weather which may be expected, this may prove a source of danger to the health of the staff.

I may add that there is no one employed in this Department at Hay whom I could instruct to do the work.

I have, &c.,

BASIL ATTERBURY

(For the Chairman).

A. P. Stewart, Esq., Hay.

Memo.—

THE attention of the Clerk-in-charge is drawn to the disgraceful state of the yard at this office. Mr. A. P. Stewart is entirely responsible, having the custody of the Chairman's horses during his (the Chairman's) absence from Hay.

The Chairman has been absent a month, and not one effort has been made by Mr. Stewart to restore the yard to its usually clean state.

The Clerk-in-charge.

C.H.D., 4 January, 1889.

A letter was written to Mr. A. P. Stewart on this subject yesterday.—B.J.A., 4/1/89. In a week. Put away.—B.J.A., 31/1/89. Will Mr. Davies kindly explain why he thought Mr. A. P. Stewart responsible for cleaning the yard? Did not the office caretaker always have that service effected when my horses were stabled in the yard?—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 7/3/89.

I regret having mentioned that Mr. A. P. Stewart was entirely responsible for the state of the yard, because I had no grounds for doing so, and it was merely surmise on my part, Mr. Stewart having the custody of the horses during your absence on leave. Hitherto, the yard has been kept clean by the caretaker, or rather, it has been attended to by her husband. I trust you will accept this acknowledgment of my error.—C.H.D., 7/3/89. The Chairman.

Memo.—

Hay, 17 January, 1889.

THE yard at this office was, prior to the recent rains, in a very filthy condition, and was rendered worse by the wet.

The smell from rotting manure was frightful, and in my opinion dangerous to health.

In addition to the above, there was an accumulation of waste paper and packing-cases.

In view of the alarming number of serious fires which have occurred recently, I was afraid that this was a source of serious danger to the office.

Therefore, in the absence of the Chairman, I took the responsibility of employing a man to clear up the premises thoroughly. The cost of the labour was £1, for which a receipt is attached, and I now have the honor to submit a voucher for the amount for your approval.

B. J. ATTERBURY,

Clerk-in-charge,

Local Land Board Office, Hay.

Department of Lands, 27 February, 1889.

Sir,

A memorandum having been received from the Clerk-in-charge of your office to the effect that he has expended the sum of £1 for labour in clearing up the office premises at Hay, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to direct Mr. Atterbury not to incur unauthorized expenditure, and to prevent a recurrence of the dangerous and filthy condition of the office yard now reported by that gentleman. I may add that the expenditure above referred to has been approved.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

To be registered, connected to previous papers, or attach copies of letters or accounts relative to the subject, and submit to me without delay, please.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 28/2/89. The Clerk-in-charge, Hay. Mr. O'Hanlon.—B.J.A., 1/3/89. Former papers and copies of letters attached.—W.O.H., 2/3/89. The Clerk-in-charge. Now herewith.—B.J.A., 2/3/89. The Chairman.

#### APPENDIX I.

Memo. for Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

Hay, 20 February, 1889.

WILL the Clerk-in-charge, Hay, be good enough to explain why the direction in my minute of 7th December, 1887, L.B.D., 1887-6,539, has been disregarded by him, in that he has written a ten-line minute to Mr. Davies, in addition to writing the notation provided for by my own minute above referred to.

It appears to me quite unnecessary for the Clerk-in-charge to issue his directions to the clerks in writing, unless some special circumstances demand such a course.

A. J. P., Chairman.

This

This minute brings under my notice, for the first time, the fact that on the 7th December, 1887, the Chairman wrote a minute on L.B.D., 87-6,539. I, accordingly, looked up the record of the number which was marked blank. Inquiry, however, revealed to the fact that the paper was pasted on the wall of the large room, near a door leading into what was once a public room, now used by the Clerk-in-charge. The paper is a half sheet of foolscap, brown with exposure and dirt, full of holes, eaten in apparently by silverfish, and presenting a generally delapidated appearance. Certainly this is the last place where I should dream of looking for an official registered document—a record of the Department of Lands—and I might, perhaps, be excused for not having recognized its true value. Till my attention was hereby drawn to the paper, I had never noticed it. In regard to my “ten-line” minute, an exact copy of which is herewith, it is, I submit, a proper minute, and in view of my ignorance of any instructions such as are herein referred to, written in a proper place. With regard to the latter part of the Chairman’s minute, I beg to state that in my opinion the Clerk-in-charge must, as a rule, be allowed to use his own discretion as to the manner in which his directions are to be transmitted. It is interesting to note, however, that the Chairman’s practice is the exact opposite of the opinion herein expressed as to writing memoranda.—B.J.A., 22/2/89. The Chairman.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 14, Sub-section 4.)  
Decision of Local Land Board.

NEW SOUTH WALES, }  
Hillston, to wit. }

WHEREAS on the 29th day of November, 1888, it became a matter for investigation before us whether the application for a conditional lease of 1,300 acres, made by Gordon Camming, should be confirmed or otherwise, and having inquired into the said matter, we grant the applicant’s request for sub-division of the portion as measured by a line coincident with the Uabba Whoyeo boundary, with a view to the exclusion from his lease of that part of the portion within Whoyeo Pastoral Holding, and the inclusion therein of that part of the portion within the Uabba Pastoral Holding.

Applicant to pay whole cost of the sub-division, and the difference between the cost of the conditional lease as originally measured and as it is now. Ordered to be remeasured.

Sub-division not to take place until applicant has paid the whole sum to the Crown Land Agent, amount of which to be ascertained from the District Surveyor, and applicant to be informed as early as possible.

Given under our hands, at the Court-house, at Hillston, in the Colony of New South Wales, this 29th day of November, 1888.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.  
N. C. O’NEILL,  
Member.

Will the District Surveyor kindly state the amount to be paid by the applicant in accordance with this decision.—B.J.A. (pro Chairman), 18/12/88. Mr. Gall,—Please estimate cost.—J. B., 29/12/88. Cost estimated at £16 12s. 11d.—A. R. GALL, 12/2/89. The Acting District Surveyor. The cost of sub-division is £8 1s. 4d., and difference between cost of the original measurement, and that now ordered, £8 11s. 7d. Total, £16 12s. 11d.—J. BROUGHTON, Acting District Surveyor, 12/2/89. The Chairman. Mr. Davies,—Please inform applicant of the amount required to be paid by him to the Land Agent, Hillston, and ask the Land Agent to receive the sum, and to advise this Office immediately upon payment.—B.J.A., 16/12/89. Amount called for by (M.) letter, and Land Agent informed.\* Vide my minute on separate sheet registered as L.B.D., 88-1,128.—A.J.P., Chairman., 20/2/89, Hay. The Clerk-in-charge.

APPENDIX K.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Acting Crown Land Agent, Hay.

In reply your yesterday’s wire, Thursday, twenty-first (21st) instant, was yesterday proclaimed a public holiday, district of Hay. 20 February, 1889.

H. CURRY  
(For the Under Secretary for Lands).

For the information of the Clerk-in-charge, Local Land Board Office.—GEO. HERBERT GIBSON, Relieving Crown Land Agent, Hay, 20/2/89. For the information of the Chairman.—B.J.A., 20/2/89.

The sending of this telegram to the Clerk-in-charge by Mr. Acting Crown Lands Agent Gibson is a matter of private courtesy, and should not have been registered in the books of this office. While thanking the Clerk-in-charge for his courtesy in sending it on to me, I must trouble him to cancel the entry in the records.—A.J.P., 20/2/89.

On the 19th instant, the Mayor of Hay informed me verbally that the 21st instant would be gazetted a public holiday. I did not regard that statement as sufficient authority for the closing of the office, and I was about to telegraph to the Under Secretary for Lands on the subject when I learned that the Acting Land Agent was telegraphing. I then decided to be guided by the answer he received. In due time a message came which is hereon. I asked the Acting Land Agent to give me the telegram, in order that I might take it as the authority for closing the office, as the *Gazette* containing the notice of the holiday would not reach here till after office hours on Wednesday. I registered the document, and it is now a record of the Department of Lands. I must, therefore, most respectfully but firmly decline to cancel the registration number of this document, unless under the direction of the Under Secretary for Lands. I sincerely regret that I am compelled to take this course, in opposition to the Chairman’s wishes, but the sense of what is my duty in this matter is so strong that I have no option.—B. J. ATTERBURY, 22/2/89. The Chairman.

APPENDIX L.

Office Memo.—  
THE practice exists in this Office of writing and despatching letters and telegrams without any papers to show how the action originated. Hay, 16 February, 1889.

Such a course has in the past, and must in the future, necessarily cause confusion, and it is respectfully requested that in future no letters or telegrams be sent, unless the action is indicated on a registered paper, or a paper to be registered.

The Chairman Local Land Board, Hay.

B. J. ATTERBURY.

Memo for the Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

THE Clerk-in-charge, Hay, is requested to explain what system of supervision or check he practices in respect to the keeping of the records “Local Land Board, Hay,” and to indicate to me in writing the defect or defects in that system to which the mistakes in registration of papers—under L. B. D., 88-7147 are attributable.

[Urgent.]

A.J.P.,  
Chairman,  
Hay, 21/2/89.

Further I find that there are some knife erasures in the Records, and I require an explanation as to why such a practice exists with the knowledge of Clerk-in-charge, without being brought under my notice.—A.J.P., 21/2/89.

I know of no defects such as the Chairman herein alludes to, a clerical error appears to have been committed, which has now been rectified.—B.J.A., 22/2/89. The Chairman.

I am not aware that the value of the records has been affected by the making of any necessary corrections. I have not been accustomed to bring such matters under notice.—B.J.A., 22/2/89. The Chairman.

The “clerical error” has apparently been corrected by an alteration of 7,021 into 7,020 on lower right-hand corner of Malcolm and Beattley’s letters of 29th November, 1888, and by the word “enclosure” being written thereon at the top left hand corner—by the obliteration of the word “enclosure” in similar position on the real enclosures to Malcolm and Beattley’s letter—but no corresponding action has taken place in the records register, so that 88-7,147 still stands connected to 88-7,021 (seventy twenty-one).—A.J.P., 2/3/89. Chairman.

APPENDIX M.

## APPENDIX M.

Sir, Local Land Board Office, Hay, 16 March, 1889.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your memo. of instructions respecting the preparation of a Hay Court. As you are aware, the staff decline to work overtime, and I have received no reply to my communications to you on the subject, nor have my letters respecting the increase of the office staff, and the rearrangement of duties in the office, been even acknowledged, though the correspondence on my side extends over a period of nearly five months. I have, therefore, forwarded the letter referred to the Under Secretary for Lands with a report and a request for instructions.

In the meantime I will, as far as possible, proceed with the cases for the Hay Court as requested.

The Chairman, Deniliquin.

I have, &c.,  
BASIL J. ATTERBURY.

Received at Deniliquin, 18/3/89.

## APPENDIX N.

Telegram from the Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, to The Clerk-in-charge, Local Land Board Office, Hay.

12 February, 1889.

WHERE are papers of conditional, 5,467, J. E. Grant; and why were they not placed with papers of parent conditional, 17 of 82, purchase, set down for hearing this Court?

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Local Land Board.

Conditional lease, 5,467, Wentworth, J. E. Grant. Rent appraised by the Board at Wentworth, 21/3/88. Papers forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands, 7/4/88. Lease not yet gazetted as to rent, and papers not yet returned to this office.—C.H.D., 22/2/89. The Clerk-in-charge.

Please inform by wire as above. The latter part of my telegram may await my examination of papers in the case, when I may be able to offer some satisfactory explanation.—B.J.A., 12/2/89. The Chairman, at Wentworth, informed by wire.—C.H.D., 12/2/89. Register and submit to Clerk-in-charge, please. Mr. Volckman was requested by me to be specially careful in preparing cases for this Court. Will he please state how the omission referred to herein occurred, or if in his opinion the papers should have been attached to the parent conditional purchase.—B.J.A., 20/2/89.

When preparing the Wentworth Court I did not refer to the registers to ascertain whether the subject conditional purchase had a lease attached to it, it not occurring to me that the forfeiture of the conditional purchase entailing forfeiture of any attached conditional lease, similar action as regards disposal of the land would have to be taken on that conditional lease.—V.L.V., 20/2/89. The Clerk-in-charge.

The case having been dealt with, the above explanation may perhaps be accepted, and papers put away.—B.J.A., 20/2/89. The Chairman

## APPENDIX O.

Clerk-in-charge impertinent to Chairman and speaks disrespectfully of the Hay Land Board.

3:30 p.m. Mr. Atterbury brought in twelve cases for signature of certificate of conformation, in case I should be in a hurry, and when I asked him if there were many he said, "about three times as many more." I asked why he could not have sent them in before during my stay in Hay, as I depart to-morrow. He did not know I was going. I asked if he knew I was due in Deniliquin on Monday, or thought I could get there in less than two days. I explained how inconsiderate it was for him to manage his work like this, knowing that I cannot sign these important documents without examination. In the last lot I found mistakes (he interrupted with "You found two.") I said, "Two or otherwise, it might lead to a request for a rehearing, as happened some time ago." He said, "That was a Board blunder, not due to this office." I said, "How dare you use such an expression in regard to the Board, sir?" He replied, "I do, though, and will stick to it," and left the room and slammed the door of his room, which is immediately opposite mine, 3 feet or so.

Mr. Davies.—You were present—is the foregoing true, please? If so, pray initial this and the other sheet.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 7/3/89, 3.45 p.m. I was present and overheard the above, and it is exactly what occurred.—C.H.D., 7/3/89.

## APPENDIX P.

If not disturbing the routine of the office work, will the Acting Clerk-in-charge please lend me the record register and press copy letter-book, last volume in each case, for half an hour or so.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 2/4/89.

Record register and press copy book herewith.—A.B., 2/4/89.

Is with Mr. Davies under No 89-1,627.—B.J.A., 3/4/19  
\*B.J. Atterbury.

Memo. for Acting Clerk-in-charge, Hay.—L.B.D. 89-1,481 does not appear to have been marked off to the Under Secretary for Lands. Page 65, vol. 10. Letter-book folio 80, vol. 7, shows that it was probably sent to the Under Secretary on 16th March, 1889. Has any reply been received to that letter, or to letters on folios 36 and 37, vol. 7? Will the Acting Clerk-in-charge kindly discover who has disfigured the record register by the use of chemicals and knives\* on the pages containing yesterday's and to-day's entries, *i.e.*, during the time the Acting Clerk-in-charge has been in charge.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 2/4/89.

Referred to the Record Clerk.—A.B., Acting Clerk-in-charge, 3/4/89.

This paper has been handed to me, and I presume that I am asked to reply to the various queries. It is pointed out that, while on Mr. Boot's arrival, he, as senior officer and under the instructions of the Under Secretary, assumed control of the office, my official and legal title and position remain unaffected.—B. J. ATTERBURY, 3/4/89. Mr. Boot.

Again referred to the officer at present engaged at record work, who will be good enough to reply as soon as possible. Communications should not be addressed personally to officers holding an official title.—A.B., Acting Clerk-in-charge, 3/4/89.

My official title conferred by the Governor and Executive Council is Clerk-in-charge, Local Land Board Office, Hay, and it is not in the power of any one (certainly not of Mr. Boot) to deprive me of that title.—B.J.A., 3/4/89. Mr. Emergency Land Agent Boot.

The attention of the Chairman is called to paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of his memo. of 2nd instant, inasmuch as they remain unanswered, though the Clerk-in-charge of Records (Mr. Atterbury) has been called on twice to do so, but in each case replied with matter having no reference to the subject and wasting my time in perusing same. I now ask to be protected from a recurrence of such correspondence.—A.B., Acting Clerk-in-charge, 3/4/89.

Mr. Acting Clerk-in-charge Boot has requested me to protect him from the unwarrantable behaviour of Mr. Atterbury. In order that proper discipline may be maintained, and because Mr. Atterbury is a constant element of discord, the origin of any disorganization in this office, and the cause of the loss of much valuable time, I have the honor to suggest that this office be relieved of Mr. Atterbury's services.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, B.C. 4/4/89.

The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney,—Please see my memo. of this date upon L.B.D. 89-1,966.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 12/4/89.

Without in any way endorsing Mr. Atterbury's defiant and offensive attitude, as disclosed herein, it is obvious that the trouble could have been avoided had a little more consideration been extended to him in the reference from the Acting Clerk-in-charge. Evidently he finds his present position very trying, and the note referred to the "Record Clerk," if meant for Mr. Atterbury, was of a nature to cause irritation, as it unnecessarily emphasized the fact that he is not at present recognized as being clothed with the full powers of Clerk-in-charge. Pending the result of the investigation about to be held, I see  
no

no justification for dispensing with Mr. Atterbury's services, so long as the work is at all in arrears; and, in fact, it is only right that he should have access to the records during the progress of the inquiry, so far as it relates to or affects him.—S.F., B.C., 6/4/89. The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

To be seen and noted by Mr. Atterbury. Seen and noted, with thanks to the Under Secretary for his protection.—B.J.A., 10/4/89. The Chairman.—A.B., Acting Clerk-in-charge, 10/4/89. Had I known that an inquiry was about to be instituted, I should have not taken any action on this paper, L.B.D. 89-1,965.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 12/4/89.

### No. 116.

#### The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 March, 1889.

Referring to your blank-cover communication of the 5th instant, urging that extra assistance be afforded your office, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has approved of your being authorized to expend the sum of £25 in procuring local clerical labour to assist in the preparation of the returns.

I am to add that it has been arranged that Mr. Boot, Emergency Land Agent, now at Grafton, is to proceed to Hay as soon as possible to afford general assistance in your office.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

(For the Under Secretary).

### No. 117.

#### Office Memorandum.

##### Local Land Board Administration at Hay.

THE state of the Local Board Office at Hay, which is under the management of Mr. Chairman Park, can only be described as one of total disorganisation, and it is to be feared that as a result of the hostile feeling existing between the Chairman, the Clerk-in-charge, and other officers, the public interest will suffer if such a state of things is allowed to continue. Charges of the grossest character are brought against the Clerk-in-charge by the Chairman, on the one hand, and against the Chairman by the Clerk-in-charge, on the other.

The latter officer is accused of—

1. Untruthfulness.
2. Rude and insulting behaviour to the Chairman.
3. Exceeding his functions as Clerk-in-charge; and
4. Insubordination.

Amongst the charges preferred against the Chairman are the following:—

1. Arrogant and insulting behaviour to Clerk-in-charge with a view to provoking him to commit himself, and thus cause his removal from his position.
2. Keeping papers locked up, and neglecting to sign certificates and other documents, to the prejudice of public business.
3. Suppressing written representations by the Clerk-in-charge on official matters addressed to him personally, and on some occasions to the Under Secretary.
4. Endeavouring to coerce the Under Secretary into increasing the staff of the office by permitting the work to fall into arrear.
5. Neglecting to nominate a local junior clerk, as suggested by the Under Secretary, although several applications were forwarded to him by the Clerk-in-charge; and detaining correspondence on the subject.
6. Withholding support from the Clerk-in-charge in respect of the control of the office.
7. Overcharging his accounts for personal expenses of travelling, by occupying a longer time than necessary in the performance of his duty as Chairman of Land Boards at a distance from Hay.

Whilst desiring to abstain as much as possible from comments at this stage, I must state, for the Minister's information, that more trouble and loss of time has been occasioned by contentious correspondence emanating from this office than from the whole of the other Land Offices under the Department.

I see no other course open than a stringent and comprehensive inquiry, embracing not only the specific charges now before the department, but the general conduct of the business, and the complaints made by the public against Mr. Chairman Park for alleged maladministration.

The higher officers of the department are at the present time so overcharged with work of immediate urgency and great public importance that it is absolutely impossible, without serious obstruction to business, to direct any two or more of them to undertake this investigation at once.

As some portion of the inquiry will be of a public nature, and it is necessary, both in the interest of the officers and the public, that the charge of maladministration shall be investigated in the fullest manner possible, and by persons possessing the public confidence, I recommend that a Board be appointed, consisting of Dr. Sly, barrister-at-law, Mr. Licensed-Surveyor M. C. Langtree, and Mr. Chairman Conder, to proceed to Hay at the earliest possible moment and hold the necessary inquiry.

Dr. Sly is so well and favourably known that it is unnecessary to make any remarks as to his selection; and Mr. Chairman Conder has had such exceptional experience in the course of a long career as an officer of this department, ending in a comprehensive inspection of the whole of the Local Board and District Survey Offices of the Colony, that no Investigation Board of this character would be complete without him.

Mr. Langtree for many years performed contract work as a licensed surveyor for this department, and relinquished the practice of his profession some years back for the purpose of entering into pastoral pursuits in the Western Division of the Colony. When the appraisal of pastoral holdings was being undertaken his services were availed of for the purpose of inspection and report. Afterwards Mr. Langtree was entrusted with the selection of the most suitable location for a rabbit-proof fence to extend from Narromine to Albury, and with the duty of reporting on applications for scrub leases. Throughout his career Mr. Langtree has enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all classes of the community, and being thoroughly conversant with public requirements, and untrammelled by official prejudices, it necessarily follows that his appointment would be a judicious one.

Pending the arrival of the Board at Hay, and with a view to providing against public inconvenience, Mr. Boot, Emergency Land Agent, who is at present on duty at the Grafton Board Office, may perhaps be recalled and directed to take charge of the Hay Office without delay. The present Clerk-in-charge should work under Mr. Boot's direction until otherwise instructed.

S.F., 26/3/89.

Approved.—J.N.B., 1/4/89.

Inform Dr. Sly and Mr. Langtree. Mr. Chairman Conder to peruse papers. Ask Mr. Langtree to leave for Hay by the mail train of Monday evening and inform Dr. Sly that Mr. Conder and Mr. Langtree will proceed by that train.—S.F., 3/4/89. Immediate.

Dr. Sly and M. C. Langtree, Deniliquin, 4/4/89.

### No. 118.

#### The Chairman, Land Board, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Court-house, Deniliquin, 27 March, 1889.

I have the honor to apologise for the delay in answering your letter to me of 17th January 1889, Minl. 89-503, on the subject of my having addressed the Honorable the Minister for Lands directly on the subject of the record of my length of service in the Lands Department.

I did not receive your letter until the eve of my departure for Wentworth Land Board meeting, since which time my official engagements have entirely occupied my time.

In obedience to the order of the Honorable the Minister for Lands that I should explain why I did not communicate my request to the Under Secretary for Lands instead of the Honorable the Minister himself, as by Regulation No. 1 of the Crown Land Act of 1884, I have to state that I had always supposed that regulation to refer only to official communications under the Lands Acts, and not to the purely personal matters concerning an official, otherwise I should have addressed my communication to the Under Secretary for Lands, as I have always hitherto done in all other cases.

I have, &c.,

A. J. PARK,

Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Mr. Chairman Park should know that the proper medium of communication upon all official matters not otherwise expressly provided for is the Under Secretary for Lands, and there is no justification for the assumption that the Minister should be addressed direct upon personal matters. Mr. Park's explanation is not satisfactory. I have no desire, however, to pursue the matter any further, but as the former papers are with the Board about to investigate the Hay Land Board administration, this paper should be sent to them.—S.F., B.C., 6/4/89. Mr. Chairman Conder, Hay.

### No. 119.

#### Office Memorandum.

In view of the apparently disorganised state of the Hay Land Board Office, Mr. Boot (Emergency Land Agent) may be directed to proceed to Hay with all despatch and assume charge of the office.

Mr. Atterbury, the Clerk-in-charge, may for the present act under Mr. Boot's direction until further arrangements are determined upon.

The officers concerned may be informed by letter, and Mr. Boot further instructed to submit a report on the state of the work in the office as soon as practicable after his arrival.

W.H., 28/3/89.

For approval.—S.F., 30/3/89. Mr. Boot, Mr. Atterbury, and Chairman accordingly, 30/3/89.  
Approved.—J.N.B., 1/4/89.

### No. 120.

#### The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 March, 1889.

In view of the apparently disorganised state of the Hay Land Board Office, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that Mr. O. A. C. Boot, Emergency Land Agent, has been instructed to proceed to Hay and assume charge of the office.

I am to add that Mr. Atterbury, the Clerk-in-charge, will for the present act under Mr. Boot's direction until further arrangements are determined upon.

I have, &c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

### No. 121.

#### The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. Emergency Land Agent Boot.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 March, 1889.

In view of the apparently disorganised state of the Hay Land Board Office, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to request that you will be good enough to proceed to Hay with all despatch and assume charge of the office, and also to furnish a report on the state of the work as soon as practicable after your arrival.

I am to add that Mr. Atterbury, the Clerk-in-charge, will for the present act under your directions until further arrangements are determined upon.

I have, &c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

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No. 122.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Clerk-in-charge, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 March, 1889.

In view of the apparently disorganised state of the Hay Land Board Office, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that Mr. O. A. C. Boot, Emergency Land Agent, has been instructed to proceed to Hay and assume charge of the office.

I am to add that you will be good enough to, for the present, act under Mr. Boot's directions until further arrangements are determined upon.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

No. 123.

The Clerk-in-charge, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Hay, 1 April, 1889.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th instant, informing me that Mr. Boot supersedes me in the charge of this office, and in doing so I beg to express my regret that I should be so punished without being given the opportunity for defence.

As regards the alleged disorganisation, I beg to state that none exists. The only difference in this office, so far as the staff is concerned, is caused by the objections of the temporary officers to work overtime, which objections have been completely wiped away by the 2s. per hour which they are now receiving.

I proudly point to the fact that, with the smallest staff this office has ever had, there are no arrears beyond the quarterly returns and the indexing of a few press copy-books (not letter-books), and this state of affairs is principally the result of my own arduous labours after office hours.

I have the honor to ask that, as a matter of justice, the terms of your letter of the 25th ultimo (ML. 89-2,099) may be adhered to, and that till found unfit or unworthy I may retain my position.

I have, &amp;c.,

BASIL J. ATTERBURY.

Inform that in view of recent correspondence the action taken was deemed necessary, but that Mr. Boot's temporary appointment is not to be considered a punishment to Mr. Atterbury. Then send to Special Investigation Board.—S.F., 3/4/89.

Mr. Atterbury informed, 3/4/89.

No. 124.

Office Memorandum.

[Very urgent.]

INFORM Mr. Chairman Park, and Mr. Atterbury, Clerk-in-charge, Hay, that a Board have been appointed for the purpose of conducting a stringent and comprehensive investigation as to the complaints recently made by those gentlemen, and generally as to the conduct of business and the local land administration in the Hay Board District.

Add that the Board will probably commence its investigations on the 10th instant.

Apprise the gentlemen forming the deputation to the Minister for Lands on 31st October, 1888 (*vide Daily Telegraph* of 1st September), to similar effect, in order that they may be in a position to place themselves in communication with the Board. Also inform the Members of Parliament for the district.

S.E., 3/4/89.

Mr. Park and Mr. Atterbury, Messrs. Wilkinson and Lakeman, Ms.P., and Messrs. Thompson, Sides, Berry, Anderson, and Menon, members of deputation, informed.—H.L.T., 4/4/89. Now Mr. Chairman Conder, for the information of the Board.—S.F., B.C., 5/4/89.

No. 125.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. B. J. Atterbury.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 3 April, 1889.

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, I have the honor to inform you that, in view of recent correspondence, the action taken with regard to the Hay Land Board Office was deemed necessary, but that Mr. Boot's temporary appointment is not to be considered a punishment to you.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

No. 126.

Telegram from Dr. R. M. Sly to The Under Secretary for Lands.

4 April, 1886.

RECEIVED wire. If letter not posted, direct to Deniliquin. Leaving here early to-morrow.

R. M. SLY.

No. 127.

## No. 127.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. B. J. Atterbury.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 April, 1889.

I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that a Board has been appointed for the purpose of conducting a stringent and comprehensive investigation as to the complaints recently made by yourself and Mr. Chairman Park, and generally as to the conduct of business in connection with the local land administration of the Hay Board District.

I am to add that the Board will probably commence its investigation on the 10th instant.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 128.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 April, 1889.

I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that a Board has been appointed for the purpose of conducting a stringent and comprehensive investigation as to the complaints made by yourself and Mr. Atterbury, Clerk-in-charge, and generally as to the conduct of business in connection with the local land administration in the Hay Board District.

I am to add that the Board will probably commence its investigation on the 10th instant.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN  
(For Under Secretary).

## No. 129.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. R. M. Sly.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 April, 1889.

I have the honor to inform you that, in view of certain alleged irregularities affecting the local land administration in the Hay District, the Secretary for Lands has decided to cause a stringent and comprehensive inquiry to be made, and that you have been appointed a member of the Board for that purpose, together with Mr. W. J. Conder, Chairman of the Crown Lands Board, and Mr. W. C. Langtree. The matters for investigation are fully set out in the official papers, which have been handed to Mr. Conder, and as it is necessary the investigation should take place without delay, that gentleman will leave for Hay by the mail train on Monday evening next.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 130.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to A. Lakeman, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 April, 1889.

With reference to the deputation consisting of Messrs. Thompson and Sides, of Hay, and Messrs. Berry, Anderson, and Menon, of Balranald, introduced by you to the Honorable the Premier on the 31st August last, complaining of the conduct of Mr. A. J. Park, Chairman of the Local Land Board at Hay, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that a Board has been appointed for the purpose of conducting a stringent and comprehensive investigation as to the complaints made, and generally as to the conduct of business in connection with the local land administration in the Hay Board District.

I am to add that the Board will probably commence its investigation on the 10th instant, and that this intimation is made in order that you may be in a position to place yourself, if you so desire, in communication with the Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 131.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to G. Sides, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 April, 1889.

With reference to the deputation of which you formed a member, introduced to the Honorable the Premier on the 31st August, by Messrs. Wilkinson, Gormly, Lakeman, M.P., and Mr. Gale, complaining of the conduct of Mr. A. J. Park, Chairman of the Local Land Board at Hay, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that a Board has been appointed for the purpose of conducting a stringent and comprehensive investigation as to the complaints made, and generally as to the conduct of business in connection with the local land administration in the Hay Land Board District.

I am to add that the Board will probably commence its investigation on the 10th instant, and that this intimation is made in order that you may, if you so desire, be in a position to place yourself in communication with the Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.



## No. 132.

The Under Secretary for Lands to R. B. Wilkinson, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 April, 1889.

With reference to the deputation, consisting of Messrs. Thompson and Sides, of Hay, and Messrs. Berry, Anderson, and Menon, of Balranald, introduced by you to the Honorable the Premier on the 31st August last, complaining of the conduct of Mr. A. J. Park, Chairman of the Local Land Board at Hay, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that a Board has been appointed for the purpose of conducting a stringent and comprehensive investigation as to the complaints made, and generally as to the conduct of business in connection with the local land administration in the Hay Board District.

I am to add that the Board will probably commence its investigation on the 10th instant, and that this intimation is made in order that you may be in a position to place yourself, if you so desire, in communication with the Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 133.

The Under Secretary for Lands to H. E. P. Thompson, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 April, 1889.

With reference to the deputation of which you formed a member, introduced to the Honorable the Premier on the 31st August last, by Messrs. Wilkinson, Gormly, Lakeman, Ms.P., and Mr. Gale, complaining of the conduct of Mr. A. J. Park, Chairman of the Local Land Board at Hay, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that a Board has been appointed for the purpose of conducting a stringent and comprehensive investigation as to the complaints made, and generally as to the conduct of business in connection with the local land administration in the Hay Land Board District.

I am to add that the Board will probably commence its investigation on the 10th instant, and that this intimation is made in order that you may, if you so desire, be in a position to place yourself in communication with the Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 134.

The Under Secretary for Lands to — Berry, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 April, 1889.

With reference to the deputation, of which you formed a member, introduced to the Honorable the Premier on the 31st August last, by Messrs. Wilkinson, Gormly, and Lakeman, Ms.P., and Mr. Gale, complaining of the conduct of Mr. Park, Chairman of the Local Land Board at Hay, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that a Board has been appointed for the purpose of conducting a stringent and comprehensive investigation as to the complaints made, and generally as to the conduct of business in connection with the local land administration in the Hay Land Board District.

I am to add that the Board will probably commence its investigation on the 10th instant, and that this intimation is made in order that you may, if you so desire, be in a position to place yourself in communication with the Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 135.

The Under Secretary for Lands to — Anderson, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 April, 1889.

With reference to the deputation, of which you formed a member, introduced to the Honorable the Premier on the 31st August, by Messrs. Wilkinson, Gormly, and Lakeman, Ms.P., and Mr. Gale, complaining of the conduct of Mr. A. J. Park, Chairman of the Local Land Board at Hay, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that a Board has been appointed for the purpose of conducting a stringent and comprehensive investigation as to the complaints made, and generally as to the conduct of business in connection with the local land administration in the Hay Land Board District.

I am to add that the Board will probably commence its investigation on the 10th instant, and that this intimation is made in order that you may, if you so desire, be in a position to place yourself in communication with the Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 136.

The Under Secretary for Lands to M. C. Langtree, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 April, 1889.

I have the honor to inform you that, in view of certain alleged irregularities affecting the local land administration in the Hay District, the Secretary for Lands has decided to cause a stringent and comprehensive inquiry to be made, and that you have been appointed a member of the Board for that purpose, together with Mr. W. J. Conder (Chairman of the Cooma Land Board), and Dr. R. W. Sly, barrister-at-law.

The matters for investigation are fully set out in the official papers, which have been handed to Mr. Conder, and as it is necessary the investigation should be held without delay, that gentleman will leave for Hay by the mail train on Monday evening next.

I am, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN.

No. 137.

## No. 137.

H. E. P. Thompson, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Hay, 8 April, 1889.

On the 8th March last (one month since) I addressed and posted a letter to the Minister for Lands, asking, on behalf of the selectors in the Hay Land District, for information about the complaints lodged against Mr. Park. To this I have not received any reply, but I have heard collaterally that a Board is to sit in Hay to inquire into that and other matters. If so, it is strange that I, who was one of the Hay part of the deputation in August last, have not received any intimation.

If the above be correct, I presume I shall have ample notice of the time. Awaiting a reply.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. E. P. THOMPSON.

Forward to Board of Inquiry at Hay.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), B.C., 11/4/89.

## No. 138.

## Office Memorandum.

Hay Land Board Administration.

IN view of the very brief period within which the forthcoming investigation can be conducted—Dr. Sly being unable to remain after the 27th instant—it becomes necessary to arrange for the constant attendance of the Chairman and the Clerk-in-charge at the Board inquiry. I have already arranged so that Mr. Atterbury will be in a position to do this; but Mr. Chairman Park, unless authorised to absent himself from the Local Land Board meeting, commencing on Monday, 15th instant, may be unable to be constantly present. The investigation is of primary importance, and therefore I feel justified in suggesting that Mr. Park be granted leave of absence from the Land Board meeting during the progress of the inquiry at Hay, and directed to give his attendance before the Board.

Also suggested that Mr. Pearce, Police Magistrate, be requested to act as Chairman during Mr. Park's absence. Mr. Acting District-Surveyor Broughton will be in a position to render good service on the Board as an experienced official, familiar with the local administration.

S.F., 8/4/89.

Approved.—J.N.B., 8/4/89. Mr. Park and Mr. Pearce, P.M., 8/4/89. Now to Mr. Chairman Conder for the information of the Board.—S.F., B.C., 8/4/89. Immediate.

## No. 139.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. E. Pearce, Esq.

[Urgent.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 April, 1889.

I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that Mr. A. J. Park, Chairman of the Local Land Board, has been granted leave of absence from the Board meeting at Hay, commencing on the 15th instant (in order that he may be in constant attendance at an investigation about to be held in regard to the local land administration at Hay), and to request that you will be so good as to act as Chairman of the Local Land Board on this occasion during Mr. Park's absence.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 140.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 April, 1889.

Referring to my letter of the 4th instant, intimating the appointment of a Board to inquire into the local land administration in the Hay District, I have the honor to inform you that in order to place you in a position to give that Board constant attention during the progress of the investigation, the Secretary for Lands has approved of your being granted leave of absence from the Local Land Board meeting at Hay, commencing on 15th instant, until the termination of the inquiry, and Mr. Pearce, Police Magistrate, has been authorised to act as Chairman during your absence.

You will, therefore, be good enough to give your attendance before the Inquiry Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 141.

## Office Memorandum.

MR. O'HANLON,—Was the postage-book at any time discontinued since October last, and upon whose authority? A.B.,  
10/4/89. Acting Clerk-in-charge.

The postage-book was discontinued from 24th October, 1888, to 12th February, 1889, by instructions of the Clerk-in-charge.—W.O'H., 10/4/89. The Acting Clerk-in-charge. Mr. O'Hanlon,—Are all 52nd section cases put away, in what we term "put away" bundles. If so, upon whose authority, please?—A.B., Acting Clerk-in-charge, 10/4/89. All cases under 52nd section were put away under L.B. Nos., *vide* L.B.D. 88-7,168, by the authority of the Clerk-in-charge.—W.O'H., 10/4/89. The Acting Clerk-in-charge. Are there any leases under the 48th or 54th section put away which are not disallowed, please?—A.B., Acting Clerk-in-charge, 10/4/89.

There are a number of leases under 48th section put away only recently. I cannot say as regards leases under 54th section unless I went right through the whole of the put-away bundles.—W.O'H., 10/4/89. The Acting Clerk-in-charge.

No. 142.

No. 142.  
Office memorandum.

Local Land Administration, Hay.

INFORM Dr. Sly that the report of the Board is to hand, and that I have also received the enclosed separate communication, signed by Mr. Chairman Conder, and endorsed by Mr. Langtree. Ask Dr. Sly if he will favour me by stating whether he concurs in the views and suggestions therein expressed.

S.F., 2/5/89.

Dr. Sly, with enclosure.—H.L.T., 2/5/89.

[Enclosures.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 2 May, 1889.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following remarks with reference to matters of official routine and kindred subjects, which came under my notice as a member of the Board during the recent inquiry at Hay, but which have not been included in the report on the complaints and specific charges against Mr. Chairman Park of alleged maladministration, &c.

These remarks relate to matters which the Board hesitated to report upon, because not conversant with the general practice and conduct of departmental business.

The Board, however, expressed their desire that I should supply you with any information in this connection which appeared to me desirable, believing that from my position as a member of the Board of Inquiry recently engaged in an inspection of the whole of the Local Land Board and District Surveyors' Offices of the Colony, I had the best opportunity for forming a correct opinion as to the state of the Hay office in this respect.

*Office Routine.*

From the evidence of Mr. O'Hanlan, Mr. Davies, and Mr. Boot, in the course of this inquiry, it appears that certain alterations in the detail of office procedure have been introduced by Mr. Atterbury which have led to serious omissions in the registers, disturbed the arrangement of papers, broken the continuity of necessary returns, and otherwise seriously impaired the efficient working of the office. Since the adoption of the system of registration directed in circular 89-8 of 19th February, 1889, this evil has to a great extent been remedied, but as a consequence of Mr. Atterbury's action there still remain some gaps in the registers which should be filled in with the utmost promptitude. For example, Inspector's reports, applications to substitute other improvements in lieu of fencing, and documents of equal importance, have escaped notation in the proper registers on account of their having been persistently noted by the Clerk-in-charge "put away," without reference to the Officer-in-charge of such registers. In preparing cases for a recent Board meeting no less than sixty instances were discovered in which, from the adoption of Mr. Atterbury's system, the registers were found to be imperfect, and a large amount of extra labour was involved in searching through "put away" papers for the required information, leaving always a residuum of uncertainty.

Although efforts have been made to supply the deficiencies, the evidence shows that there are grave doubts in the office as to their success. This position is fraught with so much danger to the administration that I would respectfully submit that immediate and special action be taken from head-quarters to place these registers in a normal condition by filling in any omissions.

Amongst the new office arrangements introduced by Mr. Atterbury was a system of keeping official papers in quite a different manner to that which they had previously been in. The papers which had been put away in bundles of the particular classes to which they belong (conditional purchases, conditional leases, &c., &c.), have now been distributed in the consecutive order of their recorded numbers in the Record Registers; therefore, in order to collect any particular set of papers upon which action may be required, and which should be all ready to hand, a tedious search becomes necessary.

In this way conditional pre-emptive lease papers are now mixed up with all kinds of documents, and much labour will be necessary to disintegrate them if required—which appears probable, in view of proposed legislative action now before Parliament.

In the course of the inquiry I noticed that the conditional purchase and conditional lease registers contained notations of papers sent to the Board Office by the District Surveyor for record only, as, for instance, letters from licensed surveyors to the District Surveyor covering plans and reports.

By such action the registers are unnecessarily encumbered with notations, which represent no actual stage in the official history of the application, besides involving extra labour, and a possible misconception as to the "date of survey" for the purposes of the Act.

It was admitted by Mr. Atterbury that he had ordered the discontinuance of the "Postage Book" owing to the amount of arrears in the office. The labour in keeping this book is very small, and its use is not confined to an account of the stamps used, but it should also contain important evidence of the despatch of particular letters, and should on no account have been allowed to fall into disuse for any time whatever.

Under an arrangement assented to by Mr. Atterbury, the Crown Land Agent, at Hay, had discontinued the sending in of nil returns of weekly extracts.

Since Mr. Boot has taken charge these returns have been sent in for each week, but the intervening period should be accounted for, and the sequence made perfect without delay.

*Administrative as affecting the Chairman.*

It appeared from the evidence of Mr. Gibson (page 23) that "when a selector under the old Act has dealings with the Land Agent, that is, applying for land under the new Act, Mr. Park compels them to produce their certificates of conformity, which are sometimes mortgaged to the bank, and are then not readily obtainable."

Mr. Park's explanation of this charge is that he does not compel, but endeavours to coerce applicants into the production of these documents, "as it shows they have a clean sheet, and is a great convenience to the Board and the Board Office."

In my opinion this practice is utterly unwarrantable, besides being calculated to harass and annoy applicants, and frequently to involve a public exposure of financial arrangements, to which the individuals may naturally object.

Further, I fail to recognize the advantage which the Land Board, or Board Office, can derive from this course; and respectfully recommend that imperative instructions be at once issued for its discontinuance.

I think it desirable to invite attention to the explanation, by Mr. Park, in connection with the charge made by Mr. Gibson that irrelevant details were entered into at inquiries, which was "I think it was a very pertinent question to ask applicant why he put his house within a chain distant from his brother's."

In my opinion, as each house was erected on the particular holding occupied by the applicant, the fact of the brothers building as nearly as possible to each other is by no means a suspicious circumstance, and that any exception taken to a natural arrangement of this character could have no other result than irritation.

The Board of Inquiry appointed to investigate the Local Land Board and District Surveyors' Offices, throughout the Colony, in their Progress Report, No. 1, of the 30th November, 1887, at pages 119, 120, submitted that the system of issuing notices to selectors of impending inquiries, as then in force at Hay, "caused unnecessary anxiety and expense to selectors, who should be informed precisely what particular condition appears to have been unfulfilled, and will be the subject of inquiry."

The system thus then condemned still prevailed at the time of the recent investigation; and I think it my duty to suggest that instructions should be issued directing that, in every instance, the subject of inquiry, whether residence, improvements, or *bona fides*, should be set out in the notice, and that the inquiry should be confined to the subject stated, unless with the applicant's consent.

With respect to cases brought on for inquiry by the Local Land Boards it was noticed that the Chairman's action on similar final reports by the same conditional purchase inspector is sometimes contradictory—for instance, in the case of conditional purchase 83-84, Orr, Hay District, owing to the remark in the Inspector's report "selector letting the land for

for grazing purposes," the Chairman has noted the case for inquiry on a suspicion of *mala fides*; while, on the other hand, in the case of conditional purchase 82-151, Jones, Hay District, the same Inspector having reported "selector renting to lessee of holding," the report is considered by the Chairman to be satisfactory, and the case submitted for issue of certificate without inquiry.

Inconsistencies of this nature expose the administration to charges of favouritism; and so long as they prevail will prove fruitful causes for discontent and complaints on behalf of the public.

Attention is invited to the inquiry by the Land Board into the question of *bona fides* in the case of John Roach's conditional purchase No. 82-146 Hay.

From the evidence it appears that the list of the improvements on the selection was written by the station storekeeper—that the selector did not know the corner-peg of his selection—that he only employs himself on odd jobs about and sometimes goes rabbiting—that he did not know where the "tank in a swamp," included in a list of improvements handed by him to the Conditional Purchase Inspector was situated—that a few days after, when the Inspector met him at Gunbar, he handed to that officer a letter offering to point out an excavation of 300 yards, which he said he had omitted to show. This the Inspector believes to be the tank referred to.

The evidence of James Hurst acknowledges the receipt from the storekeeper of the Gunbar Run of a cheque in payment for an excavation, signed by Armstrong Bros.

In view of the above, it is apparent that the inquiry should not have closed without obtaining the evidence of Messrs. Armstrong's storekeeper and the production of the station-books.

Viewing the selector's own statement as to his occupation, and ignorance of material facts as to improvements, &c., on his conditional purchase, the case was evidently one of grave suspicion; and it is difficult to understand why the Board made no effort to obtain the further evidence suggested above, instead of deciding offhand that—"There is insufficient evidence to prove that the applicant holds the conditional purchase in the interest of any other person."

The action in this case is of a nature to give rise on the part of the public to a want of confidence in the local administration.

This was one of the cases to which Mr. Lakeman, M.P., drew attention in his evidence (p. 45).

#### Miscellaneous.

Respecting the complaint made by Mr. Lakeman, M.P., with reference to the closing of the Hay Office during the absence of the Chairman and Clerk-in-charge; and that the clerks there had received instructions not to go into the office to work during the absence of the responsible officer (*vide* 89-6 Ml.)

The simultaneous absence of the Chairman and Clerk-in-charge arose from circumstances for which neither of those officers could be held responsible,—the Chairman being absent on official duty, and the Clerk-in-charge being called away by the serious illness of his child;—hence an awkward hiatus appears to have arisen, chiefly in consequence of the Chairman's instructions to Mr. Davies of 7th July, 1888—that the public were not to have access to papers or authoritative information while he (Mr. Davies) was in temporary charge of the office. Mr. Davies considered that under these instructions, as he had not been appointed to act as Clerk-in-charge, he had no authority to give information to Mr. Lakeman.

In view of the foregoing, and the correspondence and papers with 88-6,342 Ml., it appears to me necessary to invite your special attention to the importance of some definite rules being laid down to meet exigencies which may occur from any enforced temporary absence of the Chairman and Clerk-in-charge through illness or otherwise.

The opinion I formed of Mr. Davies' qualifications led me to the belief that he is fully competent to act as Clerk-in-charge during any emergency of the above kind. I think the Chairman's attempt to manage the office details himself from a distance by means of postal and telegraphic communication was uncalled for, and could only result in confusion.

Mr. Park, in his evidence, acknowledges that he had forgotten the contents of the circular to the Chairmen of Local Land Boards of 29th January, 1885 (see paragraph 2, lines 6 to 9); and it is moreover patent that he could not have duly considered the authority conferred on him by the last paragraph of Regulation No. 12 under the Civil Service Act, to cause the duties of the absent officer to be carried out in such a manner as he (the Chairman) might authorise or direct.

The specific instructions contained in Mr. Park's office memorandum for Mr. Davies (Land Board District 88-6,010), together with verbal instructions to that officer, as detailed on pp. 1, 2, 3, 4, Appendix F, with papers Ml. 88-6,342, evidently had the effect of preventing Mr. Davies from exercising his discretion in the peculiar position in which he was placed.

The instructions given to Mr. Davies by the Chairman (*vide* 88-6,342, Ml. Appendix F, page 3) "that if the Under Secretary for Lands asked for papers I was not to send them without first referring the papers to him, or communicating the facts by wire," I can only regard as utterly unjustifiable.

Again, referring to the same instructions, in which Mr. Davies is directed in any case in which his signature was required, in the following terms:—"In matters where it was necessary for me to sign, my official designation and no other was to be used, viz. :—CHARLES H. DAVIES, temporary clerk in Local Land Board Office, Hay."

In my opinion the word "temporary" was quite superfluous, and not in accordance with the meaning of Regulation No. 25 of the 11th November, 1886, for the Civil Service of New South Wales, "wherein persons temporarily employed, and all employees in the public offices, shall be deemed to be officers for the purpose of these regulations."

But there is a further and stronger objection to the phraseology in the fact that the public may regard information written over such a title as devoid of authorisation and as extra official; besides which it is calculated to handicap the zeal of willing officers.

Referring to pages 8 and 9 of Mr. Park's evidence with regard to Mr. Thompson's application for extension of time for fencing conditional purchase 86-21, the action of the Local Land Board appears to have been somewhat hasty, a verbal application having been made during the inquiry, and no suggestion offered to the applicant to tender a written one, which would, without injury to any person, have, according to Mr. Park's evidence, altered the aspect of the case. I fail to see any sound reason why an application for extension of time for fencing, written on the proper form (obtainable in the Board office) may not be tendered by an applicant during the hearing of an inquiry into the fulfilment of conditions, and dealt with there and then, the last two lines of Regulation 65 having clearly been intended in the interest of the applicant, and not to be used against him. The spirit of the law is in the direction of *bona fide* settlement, and anything done in its administration tending to hamper such settlement is, I take it, opposed to public policy.

Referring to Mr. Park's explanation (see evidence, page 5) in connection with Ml. 89-152, in which he disclaims any intentional spirit of irritability or insubordination in his communication with the Under Secretary,—as this matter appears to have been finally dealt with by the Minister, I do not feel it my duty to offer any comment beyond that Mr. Park has been guilty of official discourtesy in not acknowledging the receipt of the Minister's decision as embodied in the Under Secretary's letter of 27th December, 1888.

The Under Secretary for Lands.

I have, &c.,  
WM. J. CONDER.

I have gone carefully through all the various matters dealt with in this letter, and fully concur in the suggestions and recommendations set forth therein.—M. CAMPBELL LANGTREE.

#### [Sub-Enclosures.]

No. 1.

Sir,

Sydney, 2 May, 1889.

In compliance with the instructions of the Secretary for Lands, dated 1st instant, we have the honor to submit the following report on the complaints made by the public against Mr. Park, of alleged maladministration in his capacity of Chairman of the Hay Local Land Board District; and also on the general conduct of the business in the Hay District; and also on the specific charges made by Mr. Park against Mr. Atterbury, the Clerk-in-charge at Hay; and also on certain specific charges made by Mr. Atterbury against Mr. Park.

We commenced our inquiry at Hay on the 10th instant, and sat continuously until the 18th instant inclusive, and took all evidence *viva voce* (but not on oath), but the evidence given by each witness was taken down in writing, and read over to and signed by him as correct.

We also had before us the official papers relating to the cases referred to by the witnesses.

For

- For matter of convenience, we divide our report into three parts, namely :—  
 No. 1. The public charges against Mr. Park, and the general conduct of the business.  
 No. 2. The charges of Mr. Park, the Chairman, against Mr. Atterbury, the Clerk-in-charge.  
 3. The charges of Mr. Atterbury, the Clerk-in-charge, against Mr. Park, the Chairman.

*As to No. 1.*

With regard to this matter we sat in open court to hear any witnesses that chose to come forward, and we invited witnesses to come forward by causing the insertion of a paragraph in each of the local newspapers, to the effect that we were sitting from day to day, and would receive any evidence that might be tendered, and also by telegraphing to the same effect to Balranald; and further by writing to a large number of persons in various parts of the district who, we were informed, had complaints to make, some of whom had already been informed by the Under Secretary for Lands to the same effect.

Amongst other witnesses examined were :—Mr. Allan Lakeman, M.P., and Mr. Robert Gibson, Land Agent, and Mr. Henry Edmund Paten Thompson and Mr. George Sides, the two latter gentlemen being two of the prime movers in the deputation which waited on the Minister for Lands with respect to the charges against Mr. Park, and who were specially asked by us to bring any evidence they wished to corroborate their charges.

We are of opinion that Mr. Park is a careful and upright officer, and that he deals out evenhanded justice to all persons alike without fear or favour, and that his sole endeavour is to administer the law as he conscientiously believes it should be administered.

Mr. Park, however, has committed mistakes in law, and errors of judgment, as will appear hereafter in this report. He has given, in many cases, a very strict interpretation of the land laws, and the complaints against him have arisen from this strict interpretation of the law, and not from any bias in favour of any particular class; and these complaints and charges arise partly from his interpretation of the term "residence" under the Land Acts; and on a perusal of the evidence herewith, and the cases cited therein, it will be found that he is of opinion that a selector sleeping on a selection when he habitually takes his meals on an adjoining selection, whether with other members of his family or not, though all necessary improvements have been made, does not comply with the condition of *bona fide* residence within the meaning of the Land Acts.

We are of opinion that this is a too narrow and erroneous construction of the law when a man is a *bona fide* settler, and we see no reason why one member of a family, when he *bona fide* improves his selection, is not entitled, either for economical or social grounds, to take his meals with other members of his family on adjoining selections.

We think this, in our opinion, narrow and erroneous construction of the term "residence" is the origin of some of the complaints against Mr. Park.

As an illustration of the above, we would refer to the case of Archibald Lang, conditional purchase S1-101, where Archibald Lang gave the following evidence :—

"For the last two years I had my meals at father's place, and slept on my own selection."

With the exception of the statements contained in this evidence, it appeared that all the other conditions required by the Act had been fulfilled, and on this evidence alone the Board decided that the condition of residence had not been fulfilled during the last two years of the time.

A very strict or strained interpretation of the law has also been adopted in connection with what are commonly known as "family selections"; thus the natural, legitimate, and praiseworthy anxiety of a father to provide for, and settle his grown-up family on the land has been held to constitute strong grounds for suspicion of *mala fides*, if not an actual breach of the provisions of sections 121 and 122 of the Act of 1884.

The case of M. A. Prendergast, conditional purchase 85-52, Hay, is referred to in illustration, the circumstances of which, as quoted in the printed report of the case as dealt with by the Court of appeal (vol. 1, part III, page 150), indicate unmistakably that the narrow views of the Chairman in this connection are not in accordance with the law.

Although decisions based under this erroneous interpretation may be rectified on appeal, yet we think that the selector should not be put to this unnecessary expense, trouble, and annoyance; and in support of this opinion it may be mentioned that the selections of two of the brothers of M. A. Prendergast applied for about the same time were disallowed by the Land Board for similar reasons.

These decisions were not appealed against, and consequently the applicants lost the land.

Certain complaints have been made against Mr. Park of rudeness, but we think that these complaints arise from a mannerism which might amount to brusqueness, but there is no evidence that he has been intentionally rude to any person. In certain instances, in the conduct of the Court business, he, as Chairman, has found it his duty to be firm, which some selectors have mistaken for harshness.

We think, too, that this charge of rudeness applies to the early part of the administration of Mr. Park, when from over anxiety to get the fullest information as to the cases before him, his manner was regarded as too searching and inquisitorial; but during the last twelve months even this cause of complaint seems to have almost, if not entirely, disappeared.

We think that there is no substantial cause of complaint against Mr. Park on this ground.

It is also charged against Mr. Park that in cases of selections taken up under the Land Acts of 1861, 1875, and 1880, the Board holds unnecessary inquiries when the Conditional Purchase Inspectors report favourably as to fulfilment of conditions, and so put a *bona fide* settler to useless expense in attending the Court, and in bringing witnesses, and also causes delay to the settler in getting his certificate of conformity.

Under section 20 of the Act of 1884, the Minister sends such cases for report to the Chairman, and directs an inquiry to be held only in case the Inspector's report is not favourable. The Chairman, however, appears to regard it as necessary that inquiries should be held by the Boards as to the value of improvements when the Inspector's report is favourable; and we think this is unnecessary unless the Inspector's report is erroneous on the face of it.

The value of improvements is a matter of opinion to a great extent, and if the report is favourable, that, in our opinion, ought to be final as to their value.

With respect to the question whether an inquiry should be made as to *bona fides*: this must, in our opinion, be left to the discretion of the Chairman—if the Inspector's report contains suspicious facts (and it would be impossible for us to say what are suspicious facts), unless otherwise specially instructed by the Minister.

As an illustration of the above, in the case of William P. Manley, conditional purchase S3-80, Hay, the Inspector valued the improvements at £328 on 640 acres, which is over the required amount, viz., 10s. per acre; and no suspicious circumstances appear from the report, yet an inquiry is about to be held by the Board as to the value of improvements. And in this case the selector will be put to a considerable delay and also expense in attending the Court by himself and his witnesses (if any).

It is also a matter of complaint that the Board assess the selector at a higher rent than the pastoral holdings of adjoining land. The explanation of Mr. Park appears to us satisfactory, inasmuch as the selector generally takes up the best of the land and gets security of tenure, whereas the pastoral holder has to take the balance, which varies in character, and is assessed on the average value of the land, which may include a large proportion of very inferior land, and without any security of tenure. We therefore think that this complaint is groundless.

It is also alleged that the public cannot get information at the Land Board Office unless the inquirer is the party interested in the land.

A case came under our notice where a land agent applied for information as to the Inspector's report with reference to a certain conditional purchase which was about to be sold by the Sheriff. The land agent was refused all information.

We consider that the public are entitled to the fullest information that can be obtained in the office, and with as little delay as possible, and that Mr. Park acted inadvisedly in refusing it.

The selectors in the Hay district also complain that there is considerable delay from the time of application to confirmation. We did not find that this was due to any fault of the Local Land Board. The enormous size of the district prevents as many Courts being held as in some other districts. This may account for some of the delay, but the greater part appears to arise from the delays attending survey.

Certain papers have been sent to us for report in which Mr. Park addressed the Minister direct, instead of the Under Secretary, contrary to the regulations of the service. As the matter of the communication was regarded by Mr. Park as a personal one, we think he committed the mistake unintentionally, and we consider that his explanation (as set forth in the evidence) is satisfactory.

*As to No. 2.*

With regard to the charges made by Mr. Park against Mr. Atterbury, the Clerk-in-charge, we think that the evidence before us clearly showed that Mr. Atterbury was guilty of (1) rude and insulting behaviour to Mr. Park; (2) exceeding his function as Clerk-in-charge; and (3) insubordination.

We are also of opinion that Mr. Atterbury was guilty of prevarication to Mr. Park; but this was outside official matters, though Mr. Atterbury almost made the matter official, as he asked Mr. Park, as Chairman, to protect him from certain accusations made by Mr. Thomas Robertson, a solicitor practising in Hay, and the prevarication arose out of this matter, as Mr. Atterbury wilfully misled Mr. Park into the belief that he (Mr. Atterbury) was not the author of certain letters in a local newspaper, ridiculing Mr. Thomas Robertson, which he (Mr. Atterbury) afterwards admitted he was the author of.

We are of opinion that Mr. Atterbury misunderstood his position as Clerk-in-charge, and seemed to desire to control the whole office, including the Chairman; and from Mr. Atterbury's demeanour to Mr. Park, and the statements he made concerning him during the inquiry, we think it absolutely necessary for the proper working and discipline of the office staff that Mr. Atterbury be at once removed from Hay. We, however, think that Mr. Atterbury, if he likes, can be an efficient officer, and we believe he is an able and a hard working one, and we therefore think that the department should not lose his services, but that he would at the head office probably prove a very useful and intelligent officer; that is, at an office where he would be kept in his proper place.

We do not think it necessary to go into the evidence in detail in support of our conclusion, but we beg respectfully to refer the same to the Minister, if he wishes to substantiate our report.

*As to No. 3.*

With regard the charges of Mr. Atterbury against Mr. Park, we are of opinion that they utterly failed, and that Mr. Park treated Mr. Atterbury with forbearance.

In fact, very few Chairmen would have stood his conduct so long.

Mr. Atterbury has expended a large amount of time in writing unnecessary minutes on the office papers, and letters and other memoranda, mostly addressed to the Chairman.

We think the time expended on such writings would have been more usefully employed on the office work; and that if the present staff worked harmoniously together they could do the work without further assistance, and without any necessity for working overtime, except on extraordinary occasions.

We may further state that Mr. Atterbury has not been working in harmony with any of the staff except Mr. Volckman, who, however, officially comes very little in contact with him; and certain changes in the routine of office action, made by Mr. Atterbury, which Mr. O'Hanlon and Mr. Davies and Mr. Boot pointed out in the course of the inquiry, seem to us to be open to the objections pointed out by these officers and inferior to the former system.

We think it our duty to specially refer to the charge made by Mr. Atterbury, that Mr. Park overcharged his accounts for personal expenses of travelling, by occupying a longer time than necessary in the performance of his duty as Chairman of Land Boards at a distance from Hay.

We think that there is no ground for such a charge, and that it would be unreasonable and inexpedient to require the Chairman to travel by coach through a district in which the coaches travel mostly by night over long distances, and in a very trying climate. The evidence clearly showed us that constant travelling by coach at night in the winter time in that district, and during the long journeys between each Court town, would undermine the best constitution, and thoroughly unfit a Chairman for his work.

We would wish to add that Mr. Boot, in our opinion, in writing on papers Min. 89-3,056, "Referred to the record clerk," meant no slight on Mr. Atterbury, who seemed to think that Mr. Boot purposely referred to him (Mr. Atterbury) as record clerk.

Mr. Boot only meant to refer to the clerk-in-charge of the records, whoever he might be.

In conclusion, we may state that, in dealing with the various charges and matters submitted to us, we have not thought it necessary in this report to deal with each matter in detail, or to quote the evidence in support of our conclusions, but have simply stated generally our conclusions on the various charges and matters as a whole, from the *vis à voce* evidence and the various official documents perused by us.

The notes of evidence taken by the Board during their investigation are appended hereto. (*Appendix A.*)

We have, &c.,

R. M. SLY,  
Chairman.  
M. CAMPBELL LANGTREE,  
WM. J. CONDER,  
Members.

The Under Secretary for Lands.

(No 2.)

Sir,

30, Wentworth Court, 3 May, 1889.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing a report of Mr. Conder, and requesting me to state whether I concur in the views and suggestions therein expressed.

With regard to the "office routine," contained in pages 2 to 7 of the report, I substantially agree with Mr. Conder's remarks. I, however, cannot see any objection to the registers containing notations of papers sent to the Board Office by the District Surveyor for record (see page 5 of Mr. Conder's report), for thus the registers contain a "life" history of each case.

With regard, however, to the rest of Mr. Conder's report as to the administration of Mr. Park as a Chairman, I cannot concur in all Mr. Conder's views, and I entirely dissent from some of his criticisms. I can be no party to such report.

There is one important matter, however, which I should like to mention, and in which I agree with Mr. Conder: That, when an inquiry is held by the Land Board into the alleged non-fulfilment of conditions on a selection, the selector should have particular and precise notice of the condition which is to be inquired into, so that he may not incur useless expense in bringing evidence as to a condition which is not questioned.

The Under Secretary for Lands.

I have, &c.,

R. M. SLY.

Since the receipt of this report, the Clerk-in-charge (Mr. B. J. Atterbury) was dismissed for misconduct; it has not been possible to deal with these reports up to now, as so much of my own time, and that of the Assistant Under Secretary, and Mr. Inspector Curry has been taken up in connection with the Land Bill, and other work of a special character; unfortunately the members of the Board are not unanimous in their conclusions: and it will therefore be extremely difficult, if not almost impossible, to arrive at a perfectly satisfactory determination as to how the matters referred to are to be finally disposed of; as Mr. Boot, of the Emergency Staff, is now at Hay, it may be expected that the office work will shortly be placed in a satisfactory condition; immediately upon completion of the return for Parliament, submit the papers for action.—S.F., 27/8/89.

### No. 143.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. R. M. Sly.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 2 May, 1889.

I have the honor to inform you that the report of the Board recently appointed to inquire into the Local Land administration at Hay is to hand, and that the enclosed separate communications, signed by Mr. W. J. Conder, and endorsed by Mr. Langtree, has also been received, and to request that you will be so good as to favour me by stating whether you concur in the views and suggestions therein expressed.

I have, &c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

APPENDIX.

## APPENDIX A to report of Board of Inquiry.

*Basil J. Atterbury* states:—On the 25th February, 1889, I wrote to the Under Secretary (Ministerial 89-1,825) pointing out the relationship between myself and the Chairman; I want to point out that I am not the first victim to Mr. Park's treatment; Mr. Park has treated me in such a harsh manner that I myself would not treat a messenger in; after I had been up here three days, on the first day in the office officially, Mr. Park said, "Why did you not report yourself before," in a very harsh tone; I think Mr. Lackey heard the remark, although he was not in the room; I then explained to Mr. Park that I was on leave; he did not seem satisfied; I then drew Mr. Park's attention to the letter in which I formally reported myself; I had nothing to complain of, with the exception of the circumstance stated for the whole of the first month or so; I thought he might have supported me more in the Robertson episode, but decided to let it pass; I think Mr. Park should have written to Mr. Robertson further on the subject, as I do not think Mr. Robertson's first letter sufficient explanation, and I told Mr. Park so; when Mr. Park came back from Hillston on the 4th December, he did not let me know of his return till two or three days afterwards; I think Mr. Park should have sent for me, and I would then have reported myself to him; I wished to speak to him of several important official matters; I knew that he was back on the first day of his return, but not during the morning; I would have regarded it as a breach of etiquette for me to have called upon him first, or until he had signified his readiness to receive me; on other occasions, I have made verbal suggestions to Mr. Park, and have received no answer, not even an acknowledgment; while on one special occasion, when I approached him with a case, about the end of February—A. C. Cloughton's conditional purchase—I said I would like to draw your attention to this case, and he said you can communicate it in writing; I could not say whether this occurred before or after my letter of the 25th February; during the occasion of the inquiry of the issue between Mr. Davies and myself; Mr. Davies was reading a long statement; I asked the Chairman whether he would excuse me during the reading of the statement, as I desired to get on with my work; Mr. Park said of course he could not stop me if I wanted to go out; that he had not a constable; after a delay of a second or so he added that if he had a constable he did not know whether he would use him for the purpose of detaining me; there were present Mr. Volkman and Mr. Davies; I thought that during the two inquiries made by Mr. Chairman Park that his manner was prejudiced against me on two or three occasions during the two inquiries—one between Mr. Davies and myself, and the other *re* the closing of the office, complained of by Mr. Lakeman; I ventured to make a suggestion or remark to Mr. Park, and he invariably stopped me very short; during that inquiry—the second one—Mr. Park's manner was much more severe and short than to any of the other clerks; the others did not offer any suggestion, but I thought, being a clerk-in-charge, I was in a position to make suggestions; when I was offering Mr. Park a suggestion as to what Mr. Lakeman had said, he said "I do not want your advice in the matter;" I did not tell Mr. Park that I wished to withdraw my charge against Mr. Davies, in Parson's case—the subject of the first inquiry by Mr. Park—because the case was so old; my minute after Mr. Davies was written and addressed to the Under Secretary instead of to Mr. Park, because Mr. Park was absent on leave; the reason that I withdrew my charge against Mr. Davies was because the case was so old; I have always regarded Mr. Park's manner to me since that time as exceedingly rude, both in his manner and his talk; there was no leave register in existence when I came here, but I opened one; I object to Mr. Park's action on pages 1 and 30 and page 110; I consider it to be disrespectful in writing, across pages 1 and 30; I submit that the minute of the 5th February, 1889, by Mr. Park is insulting to me, as it practically calls me a liar (see papers, Land Board District 88-4,935); I think Mr. Park's minute of 1st March, 1889, a very unkind one to put on an official document for such a trivial error; I was not in a fit state for official duty on the day I initialled the letter in which the error occurred, owing to ill-health, and I asked Mr. Park's permission to leave the office during that day from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. on the 1st March; the letter was initialled on my return, at 2 o'clock; I came back at 2 o'clock specially at Mr. Park's request; I complain of the part where it is stated "Why did the Clerk-in-charge deliberately ignore?" there was no ignoring in the whole case at all; the Board's instructions were not carried out, but they were not deliberately ignored; I submitted the case to the Chairman again; the papers had been marked "put away" by Mr. Lackey, the former Clerk-in-charge; I complain that Mr. Park refused to carry out reforms *re* the appointment of a junior clerk; after Mr. Park's return from the Hillston trip I urged upon him the necessity of appointing a junior clerk, and he ignored the matter, and I think the efficiency of the office was sacrificed; various other suggestions were made by me, which Mr. Park refused to carry out, and as far as I know he did not consider them; he did not acknowledge receiving them; after I refused to initial the voucher; Mr. Park said that if I refused to do what he required that I was of no value to him, and that he would have to get a Clerk-in-charge in my place; the Chairman was asked by me if he would forward a complaint against him from me to the Under Secretary, and he replied that he did not know till he saw the letter; if he did not approve of the contents he would not forward it; this was after I refused to initial the voucher; Appendix D is an instance of this case; another illustration is that a number of instructions were sent by me to Mr. Park during his absence on leave, and I received them back from Balranald or Wentworth; these were cases which required certificates to be issued to persons whose cases were dealt with at the Hillston Court; Mr. Park very often keeps papers back, to the detriment of the public interests; I do not think Mr. Park has supported me in the management of the staff in the matter of getting the clerks to work overtime; I have repeatedly urged on the matter; since Mr. Boot has come on the 1st April the clerks have been working overtime, and have been receiving 2s. per hour for doing it, while owing to their refusal previous to that I was compelled to work long hours of overtime for nothing; I had a conversation with Mr. Park about overtime and extra assistance; I saw that if the men would make a sustained effort, and get the arrears cleared off, that the work could be carried on with the present staff; that is, if Mr. Volkman was not to go with Mr. Park but remain in the office; Mr. Park said that in such a case I could not expect to get any further assistance from the Under Secretary, but that as long as we did the best we could during office hours we were not responsible for the work getting into arrears; the conversation took place about the end of January, I think; I cannot say whether it was the end of January or the end of February; I have understood from Mr. Park during conversations I have had with him that he was opposed to the staff working overtime, but that if the work got into arrears that the Under Secretary might send further assistance; I am of opinion that it was the duty of all the members of the staff to work overtime to keep the work up to date, and my efforts in that direction show that I was really of that opinion; I complain that the form [*Exhibit S*] is one of the means of adding to the work of the office without an equivalent return [*see Exhibit S*]; with regard to Mr. Park's travelling, I am of opinion that it could be done much more economically if done in the ordinary manner, that is by coach.

*Re Parson's case*  
(Davies v. Atterbury).

Land Board District, 88-4,935.  
89-5,182, Occupation, Land Board District, 89-1,215, Tassall's case. Land Board District, 88-7,498.

*Re appointment of junior clerk,*  
Appendix D.

Ministerial, 89-1,825.  
No. 3.  
No. 4.

No. 5.

See Land Board District 89-762, which is an illustration (see page 79, vol. 10, Register No., 1896 to 1900 inclusive.) Land Board District 88-7,157.  
*Re overtime.*  
Land Board District, 88-7,157.

BASIL J. ATTERBURY.

17th April, 1889.

*A. J. Park* states:—The manner ascribed to me by Mr. Atterbury was not correct, although the facts of the conversation are substantially correct, on his first reporting himself to me in the office; I thought it strange that having been about the office for a few days that he had not interviewed me before; when Mr. Atterbury had referred me to his letter I said it was a very nice letter, and that I had no doubt we would get on very well together; I meant something pleasant; the papers are before you in the Robertson episode, and may be judged of without any further remarks from me; on account of Mr. Atterbury's minute I should not have sent the papers to Mr. Robertson, as Mr. Atterbury is a young man and Mr. Robertson an old one; the period which Mr. Atterbury referred to when I did not report myself to him is the time of the Robertson episode; I think it was rather Mr. Atterbury's duty to report himself to me, and not I to him; I do not remember anything about the interview and conversation with Mr. Atterbury *re* Cloughton's case, but the matter was of sufficient importance to have been put in writing; Mr. Atterbury's withdrawal of the charge was a complete one, and I did not understand that he only wished to retire from the room temporarily; the withdrawal by Mr. Atterbury of his charge against Mr. Davies was on the first day of the inquiry; Mr. Davies commenced his defence on the second day, and while reading it, Mr. Atterbury said these matters have no further interest to me, as I have withdrawn my charge against Mr. Davies; *re* the constable—the Under Secretary telegraphed to me that he desired all the parties to be present during the inquiry, and I particularly desired Mr. Atterbury's attendance; he refused to be sworn, and said he would not even under the Under Secretary's instructions, and that a special Act of Parliament would be required to compel him; when he wished to retire, however, I said I had no power to restrain him, that there was not a constable in the room, as there would have been if I had been sitting in the Court; my manner was not prejudiced against Mr. Atterbury, but I had to be firm with him owing to his conduct; the other clerks gave their evidence on oath; I politely requested them to do so; I did not demand it; certainly I did not coerce them; I did not know at all why Mr. Atterbury wished to withdraw his charge, either directly or indirectly; *re* leave book, pages between 1 and 30, there is no answer yet to my memo. written across leaves 1 and 30; whether I was right in writing across them I will leave to your judgment, I do not think I would do otherwise to-morrow; I wished to

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District,  
88-4,935.

Land Board  
District,  
89-1,215.

Appendix D.

to place my minute on page 110, at the top of the page, to show the action required in the book; Mr. Atterbury must have known that the paper was not with me; when I go away on circuit I do my level best to have my table clear; I sometimes do leave a few papers on my table, but not important ones; there was no intention of calling Mr. Atterbury a liar or insinuating anything of the kind; papers are continually being marked to the Chairman which do not remain on my table for five minutes; Tassell's case—I read the letter to Mr. Tassell over several times and could not understand what was meant, owing to the omission of the word existed; I referred to the District Surveyor's instructions and then discovered what was meant; Mr. Atterbury, I know, was not well on that day; it was quite possible to miss noticing the omission of the word existed in just glancing over the letter after being familiar with it, and I would not have drawn attention to it in the manner I did if Mr. Atterbury had not made so much of the matter of initialling; the forest rangers did not always state the number of days they were occupied during service in a particular case; I did not intend a slight to Mr. Atterbury; I thought he did ignore the Board's minute; I cannot understand the case now without going through it; *re* Appendix D.—I have already fully explained in my statement to the Board *re* the Clerk-in-charge; the only other memo. that I have not replied to to Mr. Atterbury, I understand has been before this Board of Inquiry and will be left to their judgment as to whether I should have replied to him; something he refused to do, not the initialling of vouchers, and I said to him, "If you go on like this you cannot remain here"; he said, "I do not know that, I think I have come to stop"; on no occasion have I taken steps to compass Mr. Atterbury's removal, except on a recent paper which I have referred to, and before I knew that this Board of Inquiry was formed; so many Clerks-in-charge have been here that I did not wish to ask the Under Secretary for a new one, as Mr. Atterbury had only been here a few months, and I was in hopes that he would apologise, and that we could then make a fresh start.

Report of a conversation with Mr. Atterbury, in connection with my alleged refusal to forward papers to the Under Secretary.  
(Monday, 25 February, 1889).

Before going the Clerk-in-charge asked me if I had reported the state of this office to the Under Secretary; I asked him what state, and he said *chaos*; I said I had not, he replied that if I did not he should, and should send the letter through me; would I forward it; I said I would be guided by circumstances, and the nature of any letter he desired to send to the Under Secretary at any time; he said if I would not send it on he would send a private copy.

*To Mr. Sly*:—I think there are certain letters that I would not forward to the Under Secretary; there is no hard and fast rule—I think I am entitled to use my own judgment; he (Mr. Atterbury) would, in certain extreme cases, be justified in addressing the Under Secretary direct; I have never actually refused to forward letters; I have no doubt but that I would have forwarded the letter Ministerial, 89-1,825, if I had seen it; I submit that there was no detriment to public business in the delay in appointing a junior clerk, but the papers in the case will explain matters clearly, and I have nothing more to add; the appointment of junior clerk was delayed pending the Under Secretary's action; the case quoted by Mr. Atterbury is not one in which he charges me with causing detriment to the public business, but it is merely an instance, and the only charge of such a nature made by him I have already answered; in the case quoted (Land Board District 89-1,896, and 89-1,897), however, I think I was justified in the course pursued; they were sent to me in Sydney, addressed to the Warrigal Club, and followed me about till they reached me in Balranald; they were addressed to me as A. J. Park, and I was not sure that they were official papers and needed registering; the practice in this office is to address me in official matters as The Chairman, Local Land Board, and not as A. J. Park; papers Land Board District, 89-1,898; I was in Deniliquin on the 18th March, and returned on the 28th March; in the cases Land Board District, Nos. 89-1,896 to 1,900 inclusive, I was not sure whether such papers should be registered or not, as they were semi-private, and this caused the delay; they were registered on my return to Hay, and in one case I am not sure whether I should have registered them even, now; *re* clerks working overtime, the Board will be able to judge on reading the papers; in explanation of the clerks working overtime now and not during January is that this is not the middle of summer, but is almost perfect weather, and is very different to working overtime during the middle of summer in Hay; the Civil Service Regulations say that the officers should work overtime when required, but I was opposed to these young men working continuously overtime till 10 o'clock at night during mid-summer in Hay; the question of the clerks working overtime now at 2s. per hour is explained thus, the Under Secretary wrote me a letter telling me that Mr. Boot would come to render assistance in the office, saying that £25 would be allowed for local clerical assistance in preparation of returns; I explained to Mr. Boot that the local clerical assistance would be useless, as the work is entirely technical, not requiring special brains, but experience, and Mr. Boot explained to me that the Under Secretary told him that he did not care who did the work as long as it was done, and we therefore came to the conclusion that we would be justified in employing the clerks in the office working overtime on the work required, and were to be paid only the £25 granted; when the quarterly returns were finished I intended to stop the overtime, but not exceeding the cost of £25; I certainly would not give up Mr. Volckman, as I considered him the most useful man I could take with me; I have not wasted any time in travelling when on duty, and my usual travelling is from 45 to 60 miles per day; I think the money expended is properly expended; I do not necessarily travel a coach route; we would have to wait sometimes two or three days for a coach; I have had to travel in a coach and sit in Court next day, but I could not stand it continuously; several of the officers of the Board have injured their health by coach travelling and exposure in ill-appointed court-houses &c., in the winter-time, and I myself have caught several severe colds which settled on lungs and caused pleurisy; I do not think any of the officers have spared themselves or considered their own comfort in conducting the public business; in the matter of expenses I may state that one means, that is, the private travelling, is just as expensive as coaching; *re* form [Exhibit S]—I have direct authority to use this form (*vide* Land Board District, 85-782 D); I draw attention to the fact that Mr. Atterbury has stated that he destroys these forms; they are not to be registered, or to form a cover to papers; Mr. Atterbury has not my authority to destroy these forms, and I did not know that he did so till he stated it in his evidence.

Ministerial,  
89-1,825, No. 5.

Land Board,  
District, 88-7,157

*To Mr. Atterbury*:—*Re* Skinner's case—I do not remember the circumstances; I think the clerks refused to work overtime on the 14th March, only a fortnight before they were paid 2s. per hour overtime; with regard to my alleged rudeness to Mr. Atterbury, I rely upon the evidence given by Messrs. Davies, Volckman, and O'Hanlon.

A. J. PARK.

*Basil J. Atterbury* states:—With regard to taking the oath, I have strong conscientious objections to taking the judicial oath; my remarks on that occasion were not said in any way out of disrespect to Mr. Park, or out of rudeness, but merely in an ordinary conversational manner; by virtue of my position as Clerk-in-charge I thought I was justified in speaking to Mr. Park with more freedom than with the other clerks; I regarded the inquiry by Mr. Park as an office matter; I would point out that the papers are left behind on Mr. Park's table as instance paper, Land Board District, 89-1,930, which I found and forwarded to him at Hillston; I thought it important at that time; I did not speak to Mr. Park so abruptly as is detailed in his notes as are quoted (folio 16); the suggestions made by me in regard to Skinner's case have since been carried out by the Department of Lands independently of my suggestion; I say that the holding over of the appointment of a junior clerk was detrimental to the public interest, as if one had been appointed at the time asked for that there would not have been any necessity for the clerks to be working overtime now; Mr. Park opens the letters himself when in Hay, and sends them out for registration; I did not destroy the form [Exhibit S] as stated by Mr. Park; I have never seen one destroyed.

BASIL J. ATTERBURY.

17th April, 1889.

*Thomas Robertson* states:—I am a solicitor practising in Hay; have been here two years and four months; I have had frequent occasion to attend the Land Court since I have been in Hay; I first appeared in December, 1886, when the Land Boards were fixing the rents of the pastoral holdings; I have frequently appeared for selectors during that time; it always appeared to me that Mr. Park was extremely painstaking and impartial under very trying circumstances; I have heard him frequently explaining to individuals that he could only administer the law as he found it, leaving the Minister to consider the excuses of the parties for their laches, and he was always very liberal in granting extension of time in the matter of fencing; I have never known Mr. Park to deal unfairly with the selector, nor to favour the squatter as against the selector; I have heard the squatters complain of Mr. Park at having fixed their rents higher than they should have been; I have heard him more abused by the squatter than by the selector; I have never found him brusque in his manner to either squatter or selector; I have never found his manner unpleasant in the slightest degree towards any one appearing



appearing before him, either selector, squatter, or land agent; when I saw in the papers complaints that had been made against Mr. Park, I immediately wrote a letter to the newspaper, challenging the complainants to produce instances of the grievances they complain of, and none have yet been given to my knowledge; gentlemen acting in a judicial capacity of any kind cannot enter into familiarities with parties appearing before them, and certainly Mr. Park does not do that, and I think that is what some people are complaining of, although they have not said so in those terms, what they complain of as brusqueness, is merely dignity of the chairman in keeping his court in order; there has never been the slightest disturbance, or anything approaching it since I have been here in the Court; I have several times appeared for, and with clients who have had too much to drink, and who would become very talkative and noisy if they had not been repressed by the dignified bearing of the Land Board; the Land Agents definition of a *bona fide* selector is quite different from a lawyer's definition, a lawyer considers a selector not *bona fide* if he is taking up a selection with perhaps two or three brothers and sisters in the interests of his father, but land agents seem to consider all selectors *bona fide* who are not squatters' dummies—I have frequently heard the land agents complain that when a family of half a dozen have taken up half a dozen selections each, that Mr. Park has been too particular in his inquiries as to whether each of the members of the family resided on his own selection: they (the land agents) contending that because these people were *bona fide* settlers, and not squatters' dummies, the question as to their residence ought not in their cases to be strictly looked into; the selectors *bona fide* believe that as long as they are settlers, and not squatters' dummies, that the matter of residence where the members of the same family take up a lot of selections together, ought to be very indulgently dealt with, and the law, as it exists, not administered; what they want is reasonable in itself, if the law would permit, that is, that until each selector's residence is built, the members of one family should be allowed to reside under one roof; I do not think that Mr. Park has unduly inquired into the question of residence; in one instance where it appeared that two brothers who were adjacent conditional purchasers had resided together; the Board recommended that one of the selections should be forfeited, and on appeal the Minister acted on the Board's recommendation.

THOMAS ROBERTSON.

*Dr. Philip Forth Casey*: I am the Government medical officer, and have been residing in Hay for a considerable time, I am also a member of the Licensing Bench.

*To Mr. Park*:—I have been on the Land Courts during the time the Land Courts were sitting, during the first twelve months or two years, and also more infrequently during the subsequent two years; I have never seen the Chairman rude to any person who came before him; I am a Justice of the Peace; I never saw what I thought was a miscarriage of justice, nor any favouritism shown; I have noticed that the Board adjourned several times to consider their decision; I remember attending you for pleurisy, brought on, I think, by exposure in the coaches; *re* the picnic at Benduck, Mr. Ayres did not know of your coming previous to your presence; he gave me *carte blanche* in making up the party; we camped at the usual place for lunch, near Habermann's selection; I did not know that Habermann had made an application for land there; I have never seen any rudeness in Mr. Park's conduct; his manner was always that of a gentleman; I have never known him to be sharp with a selector, and try and catch him; his questions were merely to obtain proper information, and not to harass them; he does not favour any class in particular.

PHILLIP F. CASEY.

*Alexander Pentleton Stewart* states:—I am the Manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank in Hay; I am acquainted with H. E. P. Thompson; he formed one of a deputation who waited on the Minister recently; he told me that in connection with the deputation that he was sorry he had anything to do with it; that he was dragged into the matter, and told me to tell Mr. Park that he had no complaints to make against him, and that he was done with the matter, and he became obtrusively troublesome in waiting on me several times to see whether I had assured Mr. Park that he had no complaints against him; this was about the end of last year; that his only complaint against Mr. Park was that he spoke to him in the street, and that Mr. Park replied very roughly to him, and told him that he knew the law of evidence as well as he did; I have often attended the Land Courts; I am interested in them; Mr. Park's demeanour has been extremely courteous and becoming to me; his demeanour to those who come before him has been extremely proper as far as I have seen; I am of opinion that Mr. Park sometimes did not recognise that there is more elasticity in the spirit of the law than there is in the letter, and that it would be quite consistent with the due discharge of his duty to recognise the fact; I think Mr. Park has always acted conscientiously in the discharge of his duties; I have been told by many selectors, and by one yesterday, that if a poll were taken in the district, that there would be a large majority in favour of Mr. Park's administration, but they do not think his decisions have been always correct; he is above suspicion; I think that the majority of the selectors are in favour of Mr. Park, and have faith in his conscientious discharge of his duties, but that there are a few malcontents who make a great fuss; I do not hesitate, as a bank manager, to make advances to conditional purchasers for fear of the strict interpretation that may be put on the law by Mr. Park; I make the advances to the men on their own merits, and if the men be doubtful, I would not advance to them, however liberally their cases may be treated by the Land Board.

A. P. STEWART.

*Mr. A. J. Park* states (*to the Chairman*):—I did not give instructions to the clerks that they should not go into the office in the absence of the Clerk-in-charge or of the Chairman; there were standing instructions in writing on the subject of closing the office and locking it up at night; as I was away in Hillston I gave no particular instructions in the matter at all, as I did not know that Mr. Atterbury would be absent during my absence, and that the difficulty arose through the date of his leave of absence recommended by me having been changed without having been referred to me; the standing instructions referred to on 88-6,010, Land Board District.

88-6,010, Land Board District.

*Mr. Conder* (*Question*):—What objection is there to your giving the next senior officer the position of acting clerk-in-charge during his absence? I should not like to relegate the functions of a clerk-in-charge to another officer without the authority or instruction of the Under Secretary; the circular of 29th January, 1885, defining the duties of the Chairman, I had forgotten; it never occurred to me to relegate the powers of a clerk-in-charge to another officer, and Mr. Davies, the next officer, lacked the staidness necessary for the position, although his technical knowledge was quite sufficient for the position; generally it never occurred to me that any such trouble as that complained of by Mr. Lakeman would have arisen, and it never occurred to me to specially authorise any of the clerks to take up the duties of the Clerk-in-charge; (see my telegrams marked *Exhibit G*, enclosures, also *Exhibit R* in this matter); I was really taking charge of the office from a distance, I was within reach of telegraphic communication and some of the action required to be done in the office during my absence required careful consideration, and I did not think it advisable to let Mr. Davies take such action, and for the purpose of precluding any errors occurring, I directed him to forward papers to me requiring immediate action (*vide* Appendix E); I had taken every step in my power to place the Under Secretary in possession of the fullest information as to the state of the office, and showed him the necessity of replacing the Clerk-in-charge at the earliest opportunity; in point of fact he was replaced almost immediately, Mr. Davies only being in charge two days; the reason of my addressing my letter to the Minister for Lands instead of the Under Secretary was that I did not consider it in any way connected with my office work, and did not sign myself in my official capacity, but thought it more of a private matter; after seeing the minute of the Under Secretary, I now think I was wrong, and that I should have addressed my communication to the Under Secretary; I wrote it in Sydney away from my official surroundings, and this no doubt was one reason of my not addressing the Under Secretary; this paper, the letter to me from the Under Secretary, was sent to me to Sydney after I had left, and it did not come to me till I was at Balranald hence the delay; there has been an accumulation of papers connected with public matters, and I therefore attended to them first and put the other matter off from day to day thinking it being a personal one and not requiring such immediate action; no slight was intended by the delay; in this case the Under Secretary told me I should communicate with him either by telegraph or letter, and that he did not think a personal interview necessary, his telegram I thought unduly peremptory to a Chairman of the Land Board, and I felt hurt by his tone as no amount of writing and telegraphing would be as effective as a personal interview; I disclaim the charge of insubordination, I merely asked the Under Secretary's permission for an interview with the Minister; I submit that the tone of my letter was temperate, and that my communication was addressed to the Under Secretary; I wished to have an interview with the Under Secretary or the Minister in reference to the homestead leases with which there was a great amount of trouble and in the working of the office and the district generally, and I had no intention in my communication to be irritable or to exhibit a spirit of insubordination; I think that holding the position I do that I could benefit the public more by having a personal interview with the Under Secretary or Minister than by writing a dozen letters.

ML 89-3,020.

ML 89-152.

A. J. PARK.  
Re

*Re Charge 3.*—Explanation of Mr. Thompson's statement that Mr. Park told him that he knew the Law of Evidence as well as he did.

The impression on my mind was that Mr. Thompson was trying to influence me in his favour in his case, and I answered him shortly, it was not an uncivil answer; the conversation took place in 1885, and I did not hear of it again till September, 1888, when the deputation waited on the Minister; I have no recollection of preventing Mr. Thompson cross-examining a witness; I do allow interested parties to cross-examine witnesses; it is my practice to do so; with regard to Land Board District 85-2,061, Hay, Mr. Broughton, an agent here, claimed certain improvements on the land; we only found that the improvements belonging to Mr. Broughton were valued at £16 on the first hearing; it was merely to find whether such improvements were the property of Mr. Broughton; with regard to the second hearing on the 15th February, 1886; the Surveyor states that he did not make a technical survey, and it was proved that the fence was not on the actual boundary; Mr. Broughton made a claim for an improvement purchase under the old Act; but as there were only £16 worth of improvements of his on the land; they did not bar selection, nor could any claim for the improvements stand; two other members of the Board decided, in my absence, to put the land up to auction; I cannot recollect the full circumstances of the case at this late date, but the decision was given by the full Board, in which I dissented; I could give a definite answer as to the difference in the valuation of the improvements on the two occasions if the whole of the plans and papers were here.

Charge No. 5 (part No. 2)—*re* the production of authorities.

Mr. Park said he had nothing to explain beyond the fact that we had established the rule that when anyone appeared at the Court for an applicant outside the members of the legal profession, it was the Board's custom to ask them to produce their authorities. This was when the Court first opened; afterwards, when these professional agents became known they were not then required to produce their authorities; I do not recollect the Under Secretary's circular of the 11th December, 1885, stating that it is not necessary to have the authorities put in attested if the Chairman deemed the production of an authority necessary; I wanted the authorities attested by Justices of the Peace, clergymen, &c.; I do not remember having ever refused one; Mr. Thompson was allowed to be heard; as a matter of fact, we always have allowed agents to be heard in cases.

Charge No. 10—A. W. G. Thompson's conditional purchase 86-21.

The decision of the Board was that the fencing was not up to the standard as required by the certificate, but otherwise the conditions had been fulfilled; it was not recommended for forfeiture; it was an inquiry under section No. 39; the Board had no power to overlook this apparent lapse, but the case was forwarded to the Minister for his consideration; I do not remember the circumstances of Mr. Thompson's application for the extension of time to erect fencing, but it would have been a very proper course to pursue; we could not act on a verbal application, but required a written application; I contend that if he had put in an application it would have given him a claim for consideration, and that his conditional purchase could not have been forfeited till such application had been dealt with; the written application for extension of time did not come before me during the sitting referred to; the question of waiving the fourteen days' notice did not come before the Board at that sitting, and not until the case was heard at a subsequent Court; *re* the inspection by Mr. Russom and postponement of Mr. Thompson's case; Mr. Russom's report was received and recorded on the 8th May in this office; the case was set down for hearing on the 8th May; I don't remember Mr. Thompson being in the Court on the 8th May; I was not rude to him, as I am never rude to anyone; the case of Thompson was the first case taken on the 9th May; we never raise objections to the postponement of a case; we have sat till 10 o'clock at night to allow persons to be heard and to get home again; there must have been some special reasons for Mr. Russom going out on the 8th May when the case was set down for the 8th May, but I do not infer that it was.

Charge No. 11—*re* postponement of Geo. Baillie's case, conditional purchase 86-42.

This was a non-residential conditional purchase; Mr. Thompson's statement is correct; we did postpone the case; the applicant wrote asking for a postponement, and stating that he had put on certain improvements; we very often grant a postponement if applied for by an applicant, or if we see sufficient grounds for a postponement; this case was postponed for the purpose of getting a second report from the Inspector; it was found from Inspector's report that the conditions had not been complied with, and the papers were sent to the Under Secretary for his consideration; an adverse verdict was given; there was no favouritism shown; the case was postponed on public grounds, as the allegation of the applicant did not coincide with the report of the Inspector, and the Board considered there were good reasons for postponement.

*Re George Sides' Complaint.*

I have made the remark stated by Mr. Sides that I told him that he had an agent who would appear for him many times to various people, but I did not make it in a rude manner; it would not be possible to carry on the business of the Court if I heard both applicant and his agent as well as advocates on the one application.

*Re* Requiring the signature of Sides' son to be attested.

The Board had seen the two signatures, which were very dissimilar, and I doubted that they had been written by the same individual; Mr. Pearce and I had a long discussion about this matter; Mr. Pearce said that he knew Mr. Sides, and I knew that Mr. Pearce is an exceedingly good-natured man, and that he might be erring in his judgment; I do not think any reasonable person would doubt that the two signatures were written by different persons, and in the interests of justice I wanted further evidence; I do not think the faults occur in this office; there may be isolated cases; none of the cases mentioned by Mr. Sides were delayed in this office; the two cases referred to were dealt with the next Court after receiving the approved plan.

*Re Ferdinand Habermann.*

Because 320 acres is the maximum area allowed by the 90th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and there is no minimum mentioned; different areas would be required for the various purposes under the 90th section; the lease was applied for irrigation purposes; many persons have applied for land for irrigation purpose, and wanted the whole of the 320 acres, which they said they wanted to plough, and sow, &c.; these applications were refused; but for an irrigation work, as in this case, where a pipe-line was wanted in addition to a large area, I think it should have come under the 92nd section, as well as under the 90th section; if I had been sitting alone I would very likely have thrown the applications out, and advised applicant to make two applications, one under the 90th, and the other under the 92nd section; in granting the 100 acres, we were not really granting him an area, but merely a shape; he did not say he wanted a catchment area; I could not get a straightforward answer from him as to why he wanted such a large area, and I thought he really wanted it for some other purpose, other than that for which he was applying; I thought he wanted it for grazing purposes; he said that as he adjoined a reserve he could not add the land applied for to his conditional purchase; I think that when a man applies for the maximum area under the 90th section, that the Board should inquire as to whether he wants the whole area for the purpose applied for; I do not think it would be sufficient for the Board to recommend the full area and leave it for the Minister to say what area is required for the purpose; this case was dealt with in accord with Regulations Nos. 161, 162, and 163 of the Crown Land Act of 1884; I had a discussion with Mr. Pearce as to what the rent should be; we disagreed entirely; I think I said £30 per year; I think he recommended £10, or something near the minimum; we put ourselves in the position of landlords, and as the shape recommended interfered considerably with the working of the run, I thought he should pay a high rental; Habermann said at the hearing on the first hearing that he did not want a catchment area, as the tank is in no way dependent on the rainfall; it is situated some height above the natural surface of the ground; so far as the Board knew, the lessee did not refuse permission to Habermann to erect improvements; it was thought that the 100 acres would take in the dam, but on it being discovered that it would not do so, the case was re-opened; there is no truth in the remark by Habermann that I went out and consulted the lessees instead of him before recommending the lease the day before the Court opened; on the 24th May, I received an invitation from Dr. Casey to join a shooting-party, and that the lessee of Benduck had asked him to make up a party; did not say who to invite; he left it to Dr. Casey; I went out, and we shot over the place, and then camped for lunch at a creek; I then noticed some curious looking object and asked what it was, and was told it was Habermann's hydraulic works, so I went over to see it alone; I formed my own conclusions from the inspection I made, and consulted no one on the subject; it was quite an accident that I found myself in the vicinity of the land in question; I was not rude to him during the inquiry, but had to be firm with him to get any information; where we had lunch is the usual place for shooting-parties to have lunch in that locality.

*Re*

*Re Complaints made by Allan Lakeman, M.P.*

During a drive or walk with Mr. Lakeman at his invitation, he brought forward an official matter stating that the Board constituted itself prosecutor as well as Judge, and I said I could not help our procedure. I thought it correct, and could not alter it till I thought otherwise; I am bound to summon witnesses whose names are suggested to me. All witnesses are to be summoned by the Board.

*Re Laird's case.*

The case was postponed twice; on the first occasion by his agent, on the second occasion by himself personally. Mr. Laird is a storekeeper, &c., at Mossiel, and his selection was 4 or 5 miles distant; it was a difficult case; Mr. Laird stated that his wife managed the business at Mossiel, and that he came in and out every day from his selection; the Board summoned Wm. F. E. Bedford, overseer on Mossiel station, not the station on which the selection was taken up; the subpoena was signed by the Police Magistrate, a member of the Board; he said he did not get expenses; Mr. O'Neil, the member of the Board, who is the Police Magistrate, signed the summons; the only witnesses called by the Board were the inspector and Mr. Bedford; I might have known that Mr. Bedford was to be summoned, it might have been discussed in the Board-room; I do not think that the Board should not summon witnesses whom they think will give important evidence, but should do so in the interests of justice; it is only in cases where there have been any doubt of the *bona fides* of the applicant that the Board suggest the names of witnesses to be summoned or hold any inquiry at all; under certain circumstances, in cases under the repealed Act, even when the Inspector reports the whole of the conditions fulfilled, I think an inquiry should be held; I look into the cases, and if there is conflicting evidence between, say, the different Inspectors' reports, I then ask for another report; in one of the cases referred to by Mr. Lakeman, the Inspectors' reports differ, and it was held over till further inspection was made; in one report by Mr. Carne, a 3-roomed house was valued at £80, and in a subsequent report by Mr. Russom there was a 4-roomed house valued at £160; this is a discrepancy which I thought required investigation; the reason for sending this case on for further report is that there is a probable deficit of £50 in the total sum to be expended, owing to conflicting reports, and we must have a reliable one; this case is kept back as part of applicant's improvements are in question, he having sought a contribution to his fencing, and £62 worth are said to have been burnt; therefore present valuation, which is only £11 over the required amount, is liable to a reduction of an amount unknown, and so report may be unsatisfactory; as it is now, it is incomplete or erroneous if the fencing has to be paid for partly by other persons; moreover, it is the function of the Minister, not the Board, to allow for burnt improvements—and where did selector finish his residence? I think that if a man puts up substantial improvements that are afterwards burnt down, that he should be credited with them; I do not know that the Minister has ruled otherwise; this case is stayed; I doubt the *bona fides* of the applicant, who, it is reported by the Inspector, lets it for grazing purposes; in this case the conditional purchase was sold at Sheriff's sale, and present holder resides on it with his wife and family, and lets it for grazing purposes; his *bona fides* should, I think, be inquired into.

*A doubtful case.*

There is a large store on this conditional purchase, with the name of a firm on it, who also have other premises in a large town some considerable distance away; it is very doubtful whether applicant could make good his claim to the store in question; I think, in dealing with cases as to residence, if a man is a genuine settler he can have no difficulty in proving his case; the Board have had sufficient experience to believe when a man is speaking the truth, and never forfeit his selection; we never browbeat a witness, and no obstacles are put in his way; the proportion of forfeited cases to the number of cases heard is small; I never show any partiality for a squatter over that of a selector; we always give the selector the benefit of any doubt the Board may have.

*In Mary Alice Cooper's case.*

The Board retired to consider the case; as her agent said that she was going to live alone on the selection, and the Board wanted to see her so that she would give her explanation; she had not appeared before at the Court, and it appeared unreasonable that a young woman, a spinster, should live alone in such a desolate place.

With regard to Brewer's case, there was no occasion to bring him in, as he had appeared at the Court before, and there was no objection to his living alone.

*Re the charge by Mr. Lakeman.*

There is no time lost in the proceedings of the Land Board; I am not conscious of asking irrelevant questions; and injustice is not done by asking too many questions; I do not know how too many questions should cause injustice.

*Re Lang's case.*

We reported in Archibald Lang's case, Ministerially, C.P. 80-101;—Our verdict was that the conditions of improvements have been fulfilled, but we are of opinion that the residence has not been fulfilled for the last two years, as prescribed by law, and left the case to the Minister to consider and decide; we did not ask too many questions; it was only by asking the questions that we did that we elicited the truth; we did not think that if a man only slept on his selection that he was resident within the meaning of the Lands Act; he had his meals with his father; all the evidence is with the papers; for the first three years he slept and had his meals in his own dwelling, but afterwards he had his meals with his father, but slept on his own land; the Inspector's report is with the papers, and is, I think, an unfavourable one; the Inspector is so careless that I do not read the latter printed part of his report; that he frequently omits to fill in the last printed part of the form.

*Re Thomas Lang—Conditional purchase 80-102; similar complaint.*

Our finding was that the condition of improvements have been fulfilled, and that the conditions of residence were apparently fulfilled, and left the case in the Minister's hands; I do not know why the case was set down; it was not set down by my authority; neither of Lang's cases were set down for hearing by me; they were set down, without the Chairman's authority, by Mr. Ward, who was the Clerk-in-charge at that time; I do not think any Clerk-in-charge had any authority to send cases on; they submit whether cases should be heard in open Court; I generally look through all the cases myself; as the cases were set down for hearing, and notices issued, I do not think I would have been justified in stopping the case from being heard; I think it doubtful whether I would have set the cases down for hearing if I had seen them before that was done; the Board reported favourably in Thomas Lang's case, and in A. Lang's case left the case in the Minister's hands.

*W. G. Gibson's conditional purchase.*

In this case our verdict was that the conditions were apparently fulfilled.

*J. R. Gibson's conditional purchase.*

Our verdict in this case was that the conditions had apparently been fulfilled, but we are of opinion that the conditional purchaser had not habitually taken his meals in his house; that only a very few questions were asked in this case, as the whole evidence is comprised in a sheet and a half of foolscap; applicant called a witness, who was his brother-in-law; I think it was a very pertinent question to ask applicant why he put his house within a chain distant from his brother's; we either leave it an open question for the Minister to decide, or else we give the selector the benefit of the doubt; whatever latitude we give is under the old Act cases, but we give none under the new Act.

*In John Savage's case—Conditional purchase 82-147, Hay.*

In this case a witness was removed on account of his being drunk, and the Inspector's report was the only evidence, and the selection was upheld on his report, which was satisfactory, and there was no evidence to the contrary (*vide* copy of decision); the complaint, therefore, is without foundation; the case came on for hearing on the authority of Mr. Capper; the Clerk-in-charge set it down in the list of cases to be heard; I was not aware it was set down.

*Roach's case—conditional purchase, 82-146.*

In this case we summoned a witness who was an adverse one to the selector, from information that we had received. Our verdict was: We find the conditions generally fulfilled to date (*vide* copy of decision—qualified by). There is insufficient evidence to prove that the applicant holds the conditional purchase in the interests of any other persons; Roach swore he was not a dummy, in his evidence he stated that he rented the prelease and selection to the lessee at £30 per annum;

annum ; I thought it a suspicious case, but on the evidence I could not recommend the selection for forfeiture ; I now read the evidence from the Minute Book to the Board of Inquiry ; the Board of their own motion called the witness "Hurst," who was an adverse one to the selector.

George Baillie—conditional purchase.

Our verdict was—We find that the conditional purchaser has not applied for an extension of time to complete the fencing, and that the same was not affected within the twelve months prescribed by Section No. 47, Sub-section No. 4, Crown Lands Act of 1884 ; the fence has been completed since the expiry of that term, see also Mr. Park's answer to charge No. 11.

John Allen's case—conditional purchase, S6-46.

Applicant was not living continuously on the land till his mother came to the selection, and this was after the Inspector had visited it. It is a conditional purchase under the new Act : I now read the evidence, and the decision is as follows :—That the condition of residence was not performed in the manner contemplated or prescribed by the 32nd Section of Land Act of 1884 until the applicant's mother went to live with him, since which date the conditional purchase has not been inspected ; I consider that the decision was not harsh but following out the law, and we were only reporting on the facts in our opinion.

Charge No. 6—Henry Prendergast's, Mary Ann Prendergast's, William Prendergast's conditional purchase cases.

Were heard in their absence ; as far as I can remember we confirmed the above, three cases, and afterwards at the same sitting reversed them.

Copy from Minute Book.

In reference to the preceding cases. The answers made by applicants are to the effect that their lands are sought to be acquired in each individual interest.

William Prendergast has been in the employ of his father for two years, and his father in his letter to Mr. Wilkinson, Papers 85-8,624, states he got him to take the land up.

Henry Prendergast has been in no person's employment, and his father in the same letter states he got him to take up the land he now applies for.

Mary Ann Prendergast, same as last, and upon the land applied for by her, we are informed by the Surveyor, her father has erected a hut and sunk a well, in which but applicant was residing at time of survey.

The father only is in attendance ; none of the applicants are present to reply to questions.

It is evident to the Board that this is a group of what is known as family selections, in which the father apparently finds means ; did an occupation licensee stand in the same relative position to conditional purchases there is little doubt but that a disallowance of such application would be upheld.

None of the applicants are present in reference to the notice given to them to attend Court in the case of Henry Prendergast ; this is the second time it has been before the Board in his absence ; thus neither of the three applicants have ever appeared to answer any questions relative to their sworn declarations, though they have been properly notified so to do.

As we have therefore reason to doubt their *bona fides*, and as we are by their own acts prevented from satisfying ourselves, we have determined that in order to place them firmly in possession if they are acting in good faith, and in accordance with the law, or prevent them committing a breach of Section No. 122, Crown Lands Act of 1884, if they are acting otherwise, to disallow their application, so that their cases may be considered by the higher tribunal, and procedure in similar cases settled for the future.

It was here determined to take J. Prendergast's (the father) evidence as to his signature to his letter to B. R. Wilkinson, Esq., M.P.

On resuming at 2.15 p.m.—

Patrick Prendergast, sworn, states :—I am a grazier, residing at Maude ; I have no land ; I am the father of William and Henry and Mary Ann Prendergast, whose cases have been before the Land Court this day ; I recognise papers conditional sales 85-8,624 ; the signature attached to the letter in that paper is mine.

The witness here inspected the letter, and acknowledged it as his.

The Chairman here made some remarks in accordance with foregoing minute, and read passages therefrom, and from P. Prendergast's letter, and announced the Board's intention to refuse the applications. The decision will be read at a later period ; Mr. Gibson said he would like to have an adjournment to produce the parties ; he will be told at 4 p.m. whether the Board will do so ; the cases being virtually decided, the Board does not see its way clear to do so.

Mr. Robert Gibson was duly informed that the evidence he offered could not now be received, since the cases are virtually decided, and that without that evidence ; the Minister, if appealed to, will decide the case, probably on the facts before the Board, but if desirable he will no doubt call for such evidence, which the Board will then take and forward on Ministerial instructions.

I wanted the Minister to consider the whole facts of the case, and decide in the interests of the whole of the selectors in this district.

We confirmed the selections in the first instance on the report of the District Surveyor.

In connection with Mr. Lakeman's charge of delay in dealing with old Act cases.

The five cases referred to by him are explanatory, conditional purchase, 83-80, Hay ; 83-82, Hay ; 83-84, Hay ; 83-86, Hay ; 83-72, Hay ; and upon these I base my defence. I cause an inquiry to be held in such cases as seem to me to require it. Whether the last Inspector's report be favourable or otherwise I carefully examine all papers in the case.

I had to reprimand Mr. Lakeman on the hearing of Laird's or another case at Hillston.

He criticised the decision of the Board in open Court, and stated that the decision was an absurd one, and would shake the confidence in the Board.

I thought it my duty to reprimand him, and I obtained authority from the Minister forthwith to hear the case under the 20th section, in order that Mr. Lakeman might approach him through the Appeal Court, instead of in the manner Mr. Lakeman threatened.

*Re Moritz Kertzell's case :—*

This is a Hillston case, where Mr. Lakeman did not appear as Agent, but appeared at the appeal case heard in Sydney, and it came to my knowledge that Mr. Lakeman charged the Board and the Chairman with corruption and incompetency ; this was an inquiry under the 20th section ; it was not because there were £4 short in the value of improvements, viz., £316 instead of £320, that the selection was forfeited, as stated by Mr. Lakeman, but because the improvements were not put on the land within the period prescribed by law, &c. ; the question did not arise as to whether the applicant was entitled to five years to effect improvements from the date of survey under the 17th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1875 ; I consider the date of survey to mean not the date that the survey was marked on the ground, but the date when the plan was approved by the Surveyor-General ; with regard to the statement by H. Gibson, on page 28 of the evidence, that Mr. Park compels applicant to produce their certificates of conformity I say I do not compel them, but I invite them ; I try to coerce them into doing so, as it shows they have a clean sheet ; we have never refused to go on with a case when applicants refuse to produce the certificates ; there was no difficulty I believe in obtaining the certificates from the bank except in one instance, that of Mr. Gibson, I have never heard complaints about the necessity to produce the certificates ; the production of the certificates is a great convenience to the Board and to the Board office ; the Board does not consider that residence is completed where an applicant habitually gets his meals with his parents or at some place other than on his selection ; if a selector kept his lares and penates where he had his meals I think that such place is his home ; I do not think that the mere sleeping at a place constitutes residence ; the mere fact of having his meals away, if all the other conditions were fulfilled, would not justify me in forfeiting, but I would place the case before the Minister for his decision ; if a man was absent shearing for three months in the year provided he made the selection his home when he returned I would not think anything of it ; there are some cases of hardship, but the Act has to be administered according to law, and in those cases submitted to the Minister in the Appeal Court ; Ministers sometimes differ ; we always go by the last Ministerial decision as they are sometimes conflicting ; in my opinion, the decisions of the Board as to residence has not prevented settlement in the district by *bona fide* selectors, but it has prevented blackmailing ; conditional lease rents are higher than occupation license rents as a matter of fact ; taking the average of the land the squatter pays as much for the land as the selector, as he has to pay perhaps rent for perhaps a large area of inferior land ; the question of difference of tenure is also taken into consideration ; the occupation license fee is based on the average quality of the whole of the available part of the resumed area, which contains good and bad land ; the conditional lease fee is based on a comparison of that fee, with the average quality of the resumed area and the specific quality of the land applied for as conditional lease ; the pastoral lease is always rated higher than the resumed area on account of its tenure.

*Re*

These papers are in Sydney for the issue of certificate.

Please refer to evidence.

See section 18, Crown Lands Act of 1861.

*Re* Mr. Gibson's evidence on page No. 53, *r* difficulty in getting information at Land Board Office, and instanced Brown's case.

To the best of my recollection the statements made by Mr. Gibson are correct; I do not remember the circumstances; I did not give the information, because I thought he would be getting undue advantage, it was a public sale, and the rest of the public who would not perhaps care about applying to the Government Department for the information that it was not our sale (by the Government); it was a sheriff's sale, and land was sold with all its risks, and to put one man who had ample access to this office in possession of information as to the exact nature of those risks would be to put him in a much more advantageous position than another man in regard to the sale; I had a conversation with the former Under Secretary for Lands as to what information should be given or withheld from the public, and he said in substance that no line could be drawn but that it must be left to the Chairman's judgment; I did not think Mr. Gibson should have been given the information; I had to give the information on the spur of the moment.

*Re* H. Matheson's case

It is a general custom all over the district that applications for information are made in writing; I know of no reason why the information should not have been given; I gave no instructions to the contrary; I know that information is given verbally by the clerks-in-charge; in Vagg's case, from Mr. Gibson's statement, I think he should have received the information from the Clerk-in-charge on the spot, verbally, if the papers were in the office; in the Benerembah Stock Route case it would have been an act of flagrant injustice to grant the route in the position applied for by the selectors, all the officers reported against it; the statement made by Mr. Gibson, *re* my objection to Stewart's appearing without authority is in substance correct; while I was looking for the general authority which he alleged had been put with a certain case, he commenced to argue that the Board had no right to ask for such an authority; I told him that we could not discuss the matter that it was an established rule of the Board's that agents should produce authorities; I think, I would not be sure, that we would accept a telegraphic authority; it ended by his leaving the Court in a state of displeasure, but the Board nor the Chairman were not rude to him; selectors have said to me that they did not see the advantage of employing an agent, but that the cases get on very much better when they had no agent or appeared personally; I do not think that there is any foundation for the statement that selectors would rather do anything than attend the Land Courts; I think Mr. Gibson's or has been one of the agitators, and that the whole trouble originated in Gunbar, the head-quarters of the Gunbar Free Selectors Association, and with persons who have had electioneering schemes.

*Re* Abner Haylock's statement, that I refused to allow him to produce a letter:—

I have no recollection of the matter in particular; if he had wished to give evidence I would have allowed him, but I was not rude to him, and should not have postponed the case to allow him to produce the letter, which, on his own statement, could have thrown no light on the subject, it would frustrate settlement to postpone cases for the purpose of hearing irrelevant statements.

*Re* Peter Cameron's Conditional Purchase.

Tank appraised at £45, payable to the Government; Cameron bought the tank for £45 from Messrs. Armstrong, Bros., the lessees of Gunbar Holding, and that money was actually paid for it, which we considered our best guide to its value.

*Re* John Hanlon's charges.

There were no delays in this office as far as I can see; the approved plan and report were sent to this office from the Survey Department, on the 29th July, 1886, and it came on at the first Court afterwards; the Court commenced to sit on the 25th November; up to the 2nd November, 1888, when I reported to Sir Henry Parkes, in *re* the deputation, we had heard about 4,000 cases—105 of which were appealed against—out of which twenty-one were sustained, and I have never knowingly been rude to any one, either in the Court or in the office; the size of the district and the sparsity of the population makes it a difficult district to manage; the fourteen days' notice is not sufficient in this district for the lodgment of caveats and other such notices where the means of communication are limited; I often am blamed for faults of the Act and the regulations; we devise means to overcome defects in the regulations of my own motion; I give notice to the lessees of the holdings of the exhibition of tracings, showing proposed stock route, &c., on their holding and otherwise where the regulations are insufficient to provide for their requirements in such matters, I endeavour, within the law, to supplement the regulations; this seems to have the effect of making the selectors believe that I favour the squatters; I think in common justice that they should have this notice; the squatters grumble at the action of the Board in instances where we try to give justice to the selector in the way of roads of access, stock routes, shape of land, and where the Board question the validity of notification of a reserve; that it is a very difficult district to manage, and I made no attempt to pander to the public for popularity by undue leniency.

A. J. PARK.

*Archibald John Park* states: I am Chairman of the Local Land Board at Hay, and have been so since the Land Act came into operation in 1885; I have had a clerk-in-charge during that time; he is an officer under me; he is the chief clerk; it is my opinion that the Clerk-in-charge is one of the officers referred to in circular, number not given, of the 29th January, 1885; my first Clerk-in-charge, Mr. M'Guinn, corresponded with Mr. Under Secretary Oliver without my knowledge, and Mr. Oliver spoke to me about it and told me not to let him (Mr. M'Guinn) correspond with him direct; I know that in the Lands Department that any subordinate officer wishing to communicate with one of the higher officers in the Service must do so through his superior officer; I believe it to be a rule of the Service that if any of the clerks wish to communicate with the Chairman that they should do so through the Clerk-in-charge; also that if the Chairman wishes to communicate with the Secretary for Lands he does so through the Under Secretary, and not direct; there are no written instructions as to the position (absolutely defining it) other than the circular No. , 29th January, 1885, defining the position of the Chairman; there are a great many office memos., specifying his duties in particular cases; the memos. to which I allude are from the Chairman of the Board; Mr. Atterbury commenced his duties as Clerk-in-charge at Hay on the 1st October, 1888; the officers under him at the time were the deposition clerk, Mr. Volckman, Mr. Davies, and Mr. O'Hanlan; when Mr. Atterbury came here, on the 1st October, I found the letter presented here [*Exhibit A*] on my table, dated 1st October; I thought it a good letter, and considered myself fortunate in obtaining the services of a gentleman who could write such a letter; everything went on smoothly until the 31st October, 1888, when I received the following letter [*Exhibit B*], enclosure; the Clerk-in-charge spoke to me verbally on the matter, and I promised to protect him by asking Mr. Robertson for an explanation; I endorsed it and sent a copy to Mr. Robertson; in response to my invitation Mr. Robertson forwarded the following letter [*Exhibit B*, and *Exhibit B*, enclosure]; I referred his letter to Mr. Atterbury [see also *Exhibit B*]; when Mr. Atterbury spoke to me about this matter he stated that he was not the author of any anonymous letter to the newspaper *Record*, and that was the reason that in my minute of the 5th November, 1888, on *Exhibit B*, that I used the expression "I understood that Mr. Atterbury was not the author of any anonymous press matter"; I have since had reason to believe that Mr. Atterbury was guilty of a wilful untruth, and strengthened that suspicion by this letter [*Exhibit C*], which I received in Hillston; as a matter of fact most of my time is spent away from the office on duties at Land Courts throughout my district; the letter was written to me by Mr. Atterbury, and dated the 21st November, 1888; I was very much struck by the letter at the time, as I had not made any inquiries as to the authorship of the "Growler" letter—the newspaper correspondence before referred to; I replied to him in the following terms [see *Exhibit D*], written at Hay the day after I returned from Hillston; I did not see Mr. Robertson till I had written his letter, but I did show it to him, with Mr. Atterbury's letter of the 21st, before posting; this circumstance rather shook my confidence in Mr. Atterbury—that is, in the matter of truthfulness; he holds a rather confidential position, and I had to trust him in many cases, and that trust was inspired by his letter [*A*]; Mr. Atterbury sought further assistance for the office before I went away again on duty; I find that I asked the Under Secretary on 22nd October, 1888, for further assistance—that is, on referring to *Appendix D*; this was not my first request for further assistance; I arrived back in Hay on the 3rd December, 1888, and left again on the 12th December, 1888; returned again to Hay on the 22nd January, 1889; the first intimation I received *re* the extra assistance was the receipt of a telegram from Mr. Atterbury [see *Appendix D*]; it is usual in sending a telegram to sign the name and title of the signer, which was not given in this case, the name merely being given; I wanted the Under Secretary to send me up a good record clerk, and I did not, if I may use the expression, want my hand forced; I wanted an experienced clerk and not a local junior clerk [*Appendix D*]; the Clerk-in-charge received my telegram dated 8th November, 1888 [see *Appendix D*]; I felt annoyed that after my telegram the Clerk-in-charge should persist in nominating

nominating juniors; he nominated two or three juniors; when this nomination continued (see telegram) I felt annoyed; I thought that these telegrams were the outcome of Mr. Atterbury's own efforts in getting these young men to apply for the position; his knowledge that Mr. Bell intended to apply showed that Mr. Atterbury exceeded his duty by trying to find a junior after my telegram to him of the 8th November, 1888; I did not wish for a local junior at the time, but if I was compelled to have one, I should have liked one whose parents I knew, and I would not like to place him under Mr. Atterbury; Mr. Atterbury has quarrelled with every officer in the office previous to the 8th November, 1888, except Mr. Volckman, and is of a quarrelsome disposition—he tried to quarrel with me; the Clerk-in-charge made no acknowledgment of the receipt of my telegram of the 8th November, and persisted in writing to me in the matter of the appointment of a junior clerk; there is a copy of a letter signed by Mr. Atterbury, dated 1st February, 1889, not with *Appendix D*, see vol. 6, folio 636, press copy book Land Board Office; I wished to show the letter to indicate the Clerk-in-charge's persistence in trying to obtain a junior without my permission.

*To Mr. Atterbury:*—I do not know that the proposed appointment of Mr. Love was the first matter that gave rise to the question of the appointment of a junior clerk; the question of further assistance arose before Mr. Atterbury came to this office; I understand the meaning of the word nominate; there is nothing offensive or insubordinate in your telegram of the 8th November, it was precipitate, perhaps; under all the circumstances I think you had a right to take action on the Under Secretary's letter, but you were precipitate in sending a telegram; beyond sending me the letter of the Under Secretary you should have not taken any further action in the matter, I would have replied to the letter; I replied to your telegram of the 8th November on the same date; I did not notice that the papers were blank covered to me on the 7th November, I see that they are now, and also that they are registered on the following day, I received them on the 15th November, and replied to on the 19th November.

*Question:*—Did you understand by the last part of my telegram of the 8th November that I intended to nominate a youth to the Under Secretary as junior clerk? *Answer:*—No.

*Question:*—Did you regard my letter of the 11th November, 1888, to you as an official letter? *Answer:*—It is official in so far as it refers to official subjects.

*Question:*—Why was it not registered; should not all official papers addressed to the Chairman be registered? *Answer:*—By the general practice of this office. No; and I emphasize that reply by referring to the late circular from the Under Secretary for Lands, No. 89-8 of the 19th February, 1889; I am not engaged in a contest with the Under Secretary in regard to the appointment of a junior clerk in this office.

*Question:*—Why did you use the expression, force my hand? *Answer:*—I had already written to the Under Secretary in the matter of his giving extra assistance, and asked him to reconsider his former letter, and did not want any steps taken in the appointment of a junior till such matter had been so reconsidered; the documents that have been produced, viz., *Exhibits A, B, and C*, explain my reasons for stating that I did not want a junior of my nominating to be placed under you.

*To the Chairman:*—I found Mr. Atterbury was of a quarrelsome disposition, he would make frivolous complaints; he gave me a requisition to sign one day for some trivial item, among others there was a bell, the acquisition of which gave rise to some trouble (*vide* papers Local Land Board, 88-6,948); the disputes between the Clerk-in-charge and the clerks under him resulted in an inquiry being ordered by the Under Secretary; I held the inquiry, and found that a great amount of friction existed among the officers; during the inquiry Mr. Atterbury withdrew his charge against Mr. Davies; Mr. Atterbury applied for leave of absence to bring his wife and family to Hay; this occurred during the first week in December, 1888; Mr. Atterbury's leave commenced on the 24th November, and ended the 6th December, 1888 (approx.); I was absent on my duties at Hillston during most of this time; if the leave had been granted as originally recommended by me I would have been here all the while, but at the time of leave of absence approved by the Minister I was absent on my duties at Hillston; I was back in Hay on 3rd December, and in the office on the 4th and 5th December, and received a telegram from the Under Secretary on the 5th December with reference to the office being without a responsible head for about ten days [*Exhibit H*]; before sending a letter to the Under Secretary for Lands [*Exhibit F*] I showed such letter to Mr. Atterbury, and asked him if he wished to add anything to it for his own protection; I complain that application for the change of date of Mr. Atterbury's leave of absence should have been made through me and not direct to the Under Secretary, when I might have been able to make arrangements, and that Mr. Atterbury said in his telegram [*Exhibit G*] of the 24th November, that the work would not be seriously affected by his absence; I have no power to appoint Mr. Davies as clerk to take charge of the office during my absence, to take up the duties of Clerk-in-charge; I think the Under Secretary is the only one that can grant leave, and, therefore, he is the only one able to appoint a substitute for the officer on leave to take charge during my absence, or that of the Clerk-in-charge; I think Mr. Davies is capable of taking charge, being an efficient clerk, but lacks the staidness necessary for the position of Clerk-in-charge; I should not like to have suggested the appointment of Mr. Davies as Clerk-in-charge to the Under Secretary, as suggestions are not always well received at the head office, and it might have been deemed an assumption on my part of a responsibility belonging to the head office; the result of my inquiry was a report to the Under Secretary, papers Minl. 89-2,423; the subject matter in these papers truly represents the facts of the case; I complain of Mr. Atterbury's conduct during the inquiry; he interrupted me several times; he behaved very unbecomingly during that inquiry; he stated on one occasion to me, "That is not true," a remark liable to bring about a breach of the peace; his manner was turbulent before the inquiry commenced; several papers were sent to me during my absence, in which I think Mr. Atterbury exceeded his duty; with regard to *Appendix A*, I consider that Mr. Atterbury overstepped his duty in criticising the action of the Under Secretary and forwarding such criticism to me as Chairman; I would draw attention to amended regulation No. 164 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884; the Chairman cannot act in this matter without the co-operation of the Board; I consider I have no power to deal with the cases without the co-operation of the Board; the cost of documents prepared in this office and the cost of investigation at the Survey Office should be defrayed by applicant; I think the office expenses should be charged in cases of this description, and not only the field expenses, as in the cases of subdivision; I think when an application leaves this office, and is sent down to the Survey Office, and skilled labour employed, that the office expenses should be charged; I don't think that the expenses of forest ranger only, as referred to in circular No. Ministerial, 85-3,904 is the only expense that should be charged to applicant; this is the first and only case which has occurred in this district under the present regulations; I do not think that Mr. Atterbury had a right to write the minute that he did on the papers; I think he was exceeding his duty; every clerk in the office may see the papers as they go through the records of the office; I do not think a refund could be given without the sanction of the Land Board; it is the delay of eight days that I complain of between the date of the District Surveyor's request for the papers, and the date of Bell's application for withdrawal; Bell had made two applications, one overlapping the other; so much of the land applied for in second application not covered by the former one was allowed by the Board; the deposit was not forfeited; Mr. Bell was under a misapprehension when he applied for the withdrawal of the second application, the forest ranger having told him that he could not get the permission, but he was told by this office that the application would be considered by the Board; I also complain of Mr. Atterbury exceeding his duty in the first instance by writing the minute of the 4th February, 1889, and, after my express instructions of the 7th March, 1889, acting contrary to that minute by writing another minute on the same date, 7th March, 1889, all of which appears in *Appendix B*, and also by his sending the papers to Mr. Volckman at Deniliquin instead of to the Chairman; it is the practice to send such papers to the Chairman himself and not to the Deposition Clerk; I complain that Mr. Atterbury defiantly declined to initial the voucher; I had sent the voucher to him by a clerk with directions for him to get them initialled; I then asked Mr. Atterbury to come and see me personally, he having declined to initial to Mr. Volckman, who had asked him to initial the voucher; I asked Mr. Atterbury if he declined to initial the voucher and he said he did decline; he said he did not know whether they were right or wrong; I never knew a Clerk-in-charge to refuse to initial vouchers; it has been the practice of the travelling clerk to initial these vouchers hitherto; there are no written or verbal instructions to the Clerks-in-charge as to the matter of initialling vouchers; I am allowed 15s. per day from the time I am absent from head-quarters, from the time of leaving till the time of return, which time is known by the Clerk-in-charge; I do not think the Clerk-in-charge has any authority to criticise the manner in which I am paid [duplicate vouchers put in, marked *Exhibit J*]; there was nothing objectionable or irregular about them, as far as I knew, when I made them out; the voucher book is in Mr. Davies' handwriting, but Mr. Atterbury is responsible for it; both duplicates and originals were made out by Mr. Volckman; the voucher for £3 was rendered for January twice over in error; Mr. Volckman made out the voucher; twenty days elapsed between the time of rendering the two vouchers for £3, viz., on 26th February, 1889, and 31st January.

*From Dr. Sly to Mr. Davies:*—The entry of the voucher sent in on the 31st January, 1889, was made in the voucher book on that date, and any one making the entry of the second voucher would have seen the entry of the first one, and any one on referring to the book could have seen it

*Mr. Park* :—I complain of the Clerk-in-charge in refusing to initial the voucher and of his manner exhibited in refusing; also of his wasting his time in concocting the lengthy memorandum on the subject when his opinion was not sought; in a voucher rendered in October, 1888, for September, 1888, Mr. Atterbury initialed, although he could not have known anything about it [*marked K*]; *Appendix B* speaks for itself; it has been a matter of custom of the Clerks-in-charge to check the decisions of the Board for clerical errors; one had occurred on the 30th October (L.B.D., 88-38); I wrote to the Clerk-in-charge to the effect stated in *Exhibit L* to prevent the error occurring again; I also wrote from Balranald, as appears in *Appendix E*; I complain [*see Appendix E*]; since January, 1886, many schemes have been tried to expedite the business of the Land Court among others; the deposition clerk writes the notices, takes a press copy, and registers them himself at the Post Office; I did try the practice of getting the depositions taken by local individuals at the various places where Land Courts are held, but it did not succeed; deposition clerks are not made at a moment's notice; besides the duties of the deposition clerk are other than the taking of depositions; he has varied duties; I think it is best to take a deposition clerk with me, as he prepares the cases for the Court and fills up the decisions of the Board and otherwise makes himself indispensable and assists in the work that is sent down from the head office, Hay; the Acting District Surveyor has complained several times of the Clerk-in-charge signing himself on official documents without giving his official title, or as for the Chairman; the minute of the 13th December was not registered, and cannot be traced; I think that when the Acting District Surveyor made his very pertinent question the papers should have been given to me and not have been written on by Mr. Atterbury; as there was no urgency in the matter it could have waited till my return; on both inquiries held by me Mr. Atterbury's conduct was turbulent; he made many interruptions (see papers marked M in pencil); there was a set of papers; I think they are numbered 88-1,066 L.B.D., which were relative to this inquiry, and therein was some unaccountable erasure, an obliteration by the pen; the whole of a minute was thus obliterated (see papers L.B.D. 88-6,948); I sent in a return for the Civil Service Board; one column referring to the efficiency, &c., of officers was sent in on a separate paper by direction of the Under Secretary, and in which I gave a truthful report of Mr. Atterbury's character; I produce a contingent expense form [*Exhibit N*]; when I returned from leave on the 22nd January, 1889, and, in a conversation I had with Mr. Atterbury, I found that the yard had been cleared, namely, horse droppings, cleared away, and Mr. Atterbury had got it done by his own man, and that he had written to Mr. A. P. Stewart, the manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank on the subject, &c.; I did not know what to do with my horses; the season being bad, I lent them to one of my friends, Mr. Stewart, who kept them in the office stables and yard, where they had been kept before; I had no messenger allowed me; the Under Secretary considered a messenger was not necessary, as £30 per year was allowed for keeping the premises clean, and Mr. Atterbury was aware of this, and the duties of the cleaner included the cleaning of the yard; in a record register of accounts I found an entry in it of £1 for cleaning the yard; I asked Mr. Atterbury what it meant, and he said it was for cleaning the yard, did I suppose he was going to do it himself; I asked him who signed it, as the officer incurring the expense, and he said the Under Secretary would see to that for him; I allowed the matter then to lay in abeyance, expecting that the Under Secretary would refer to me about it; the term unauthorised expenditure referred to means that we have no power to expend any money on the keeping of the premises clean, other than the £30 per annum allowed for that purpose; the cleaner should have kept the yard clean, and Mr. Atterbury should have known this; the other clerks were aware of this fact; there was no grooming of the horses; no attendance on them, other than putting the feed in the manger and supplying them with water; I complain of Mr. Atterbury's action in sending down a voucher to the Under Secretary for the £1 expense in cleaning the yard, without my knowledge and unsigned by me; if any one should have paid the money I should, and certainly not the Under Secretary; I do not know who signed the voucher; Mr. Atterbury had no authority to sign for the Chairman in the matter; the practice here in dealing with small expenditure is, the Clerk-in-charge submits a list of requisites, which I authorise getting at one of the local stores; when the account comes in the voucher is signed by me and no one else; he had no authority at any time to sign for me in the matter of incidental expenses, nor has he done so on any other occasion; I complain of dissimulation and in not obeying my instructions; I consider the paper just shown quite legible, and if it were not so it was the duty of the Clerk-in-charge to ask me for a duplicate; is a telegram, of the 20th February, 1889, stating that the next day would be proclaimed a public holiday; I complain in this case of insubordination on Mr. Atterbury's part in not cancelling the registration as I directed; I consider the tone of this letter dictatorial; I was at Deniliquin at the Crown Land Court, and it became necessary for me to know when I could fix the Hay Court; I wrote to the Clerk-in-charge to prepare a list of cases for such Hay Court; and also to begin to prepare the cases, as I found that the deposition clerk who usually does this work would not be able to start such work then owing to his other duties; instead of attacking the work as I directed, he wrote me the letter (here read) of the  
I complain that the Clerk-in-charge communicated directly with the Under Secretary for Lands, and asked him for instructions over my head; it was by no means the first time that the Clerk-in-charge communicated to the Under Secretary directly; if a letter couched in the proper terms were addressed to the Under Secretary by Mr. Atterbury, I would have forwarded it on; I would forward any complaint on; telegram from Wentworth; I complain that the Clerk-in-charge asked his own junior officer whether if, in his opinion, certain action proposed by the Chairman was correct; knowing the incessant annoyance that Mr. Atterbury had given me, I took it to be only another deliberate annoyance; certificates of confirmation were brought in to me the afternoon prior to the date of my intended departure for Deniliquin; the number of these was great, and required careful attention; each case required about from three to eight papers to be signed, and each compared with original papers; I remonstrated with Mr. Atterbury, saying, "Why did you not bring them in before"; I asked him did he not know that I was going the next day to Deniliquin; he said "I do not know when you are going"; See *Appendix O* for the remainder of the conversation; I do not, as a general practice, compare the papers sent out to the originals; but have done so since the error occurred, requiring a rehearing of a case before the Court; I would not do so now that Mr. Boot is here; I was annoyed with Mr. Atterbury in slamming the door, and made a memorandum of it, and Mr. Davies endorsed it; I complain that the Clerk-in-charge was impertinent to the Chairman, and spoke disrespectfully of the Board; I should not have taken any action on these papers if I had had any idea that the Board of Inquiry were about to hold an investigation; these papers explain themselves; these papers comprise all the matters I intend to bring before the Board; there are a great many others open to criticism, but these, I think, are sufficiently representative.

*To Mr. Atterbury: Question* :—What are the functions of a Clerk-in-charge? *Answer* :—He has the immediate control of all the clerks in the office, under the Chairman's directions, and he has to see if all the registers, records, and books generally, are kept in proper order, neatly and correctly, &c., &c., &c. He has charge of all the papers, and has to see that they are properly put away in bundles, and arranged so that any delays could be prevented, that no delay can accrue. All the work connected with papers after Land Board action, has to be done by him, or under his supervision, and which he should check under any circumstances; he should submit papers to the Chairman, when any action becomes due upon them.

*Question* :—Has the Clerk-in-charge any right to make suggestions or submissions to the Chairman? *Answer* :—Some things he should not make suggestions or submissions on; he should submit to me the action he thinks proper in the cases of conditional purchases or conditional leases.

*Question* :—Has the Clerk-in-charge any right to make suggestions in the matter of re-arranging the office staff? *Answer* :—Yes; I think it is his duty; he should not make alterations without doing so.

*Question* :—Are you aware of any circular or instruction, defining the duties of Clerks-in-charge? *Answer* :—No.

*Question* :—Have your memoranda been kept separate and treated as a precedent book? *Answer* :—I do not know.

*Question* :—Do you know whether any of these memoranda have been treated as ordinary documents and put away? *Answer* :—I do not.

*To Mr. Sly* : It would be the Clerk-in-charge's duty to keep a precedent book.

*To Mr. Atterbury: Question* :—Would it be necessary for a Clerk-in-charge, coming fresh to the office, to hunt up the records of directions to his predecessor? *Answer* :—I could not say; but Mr. Atterbury took over the work from Mr. Lackey, his predecessor, and remained two or three days with him, previous to his taking official charge. Mr. Lackey stayed some time afterwards to help Mr. Atterbury to become accustomed to his work.

*Question* :—In what manner is my position a confidential one? *Answer* :—You would come and make a complaint perhaps of one of the officers, or you might come in and discuss a case with me. I was aware of your official title, when I saw your signature to the telegram of 8th November, referred to in *Appendix D*.

*Question* :—Is it a general practice of the Civil Service for the next senior officer to take the position of his senior during his absence? *Answer* :—I cannot say, as I am not sufficiently well acquainted with the whole of the Civil Service to give an answer to a query given in that form.

*Question* :—

*Question* :—Did you know whether Mr. Davies gave information to Mr. Lakeman during my absence on leave  
*Answer* :—I think he did.

*Question* :—Did you ever ask me to explain in regard to *Appendix L*? *Answer* :—I did not.

With regard to *Appendix O*, even if my statement with regard to the blunder of the Board was true, do you think it was disrespectful in saying so? I think it was disrespectful.

*Question* :—What is your opinion of my abilities as an officer of this department, quite irrespective of conduct in my present position;—the question is general, and in my official capacity apart from my alleged insubordination? *Answer* :—Your efficiency as a clerk-in-charge is moderate, but I think your efficiency in another capacity would be greater (say) as a corresponding clerk, as you write a bold hand, and can put a letter together very well: speaking generally, I should say that you had some ability; I think as a shorthand writer Mr. Atterbury would be very useful and efficient; I know this from my own knowledge.

*Question* :—Do you think I have any skill or knowledge of English composition? *Answer* :—Yes.

A. J. PARK, 13th April, 1889.

*Mr. Thomas Robertson* states :—I am a solicitor; have been practising in Hay for two years and four months, before that in Sydney, and have been practising continuously in New South Wales for about thirty years; I remember coming to the office and seeing the clerk-in-charge; I received a letter from Mr. Park, and also an intimation from him to reply to it, and I did reply; the exhibits referred to here as *Exhibits B and B enclosures* are those letters; at the request of the principal residents of Hay I assisted in the formation of a horticultural society, and a literary debating society, and promoted two flower shows, and delivered two or three lectures; the last of the flower shows, and the last of the lectures, was satirised in the *Record* newspaper by an anonymous correspondent, who signed himself the "Growler"; I was informed that Mr. Atterbury, clerk in the Lands Office, was the author of those letters; on the day that I received the information I happened to send to Mr. Atterbury for some official information, and received from him a verbal message, which I thought was intended to be studiously insulting; I rushed over to the Lands Office, and the interview with Mr. Atterbury, which is referred to in my letter of the 5th November, 1888, to Mr. Park [*Exhibit B and B enclosures*]; I afterwards learnt that Mr. Atterbury was not responsible for the message which I had received, and which I thought was intended to imply that I was incapable of making an intelligible inquiry, and I was assured by Mr. Broughton that I had been equally mistaken in believing that Mr. Atterbury had written the letters signed "The Growler"; I then felt very much concerned, and wrote to the proprietor of the *Record* demanding the name of the author of the letters in question, and he informed me that the letters had been written by Mr. Atterbury; Mr. Atterbury afterwards wrote a letter to me, admitting that he was the author of the letter, and apologizing; the matter was afterwards discussed at a full meeting of the committee of the Athenaeum, and I stated that Mr. Atterbury had written to me admitting the authorship of the letters signed "The Growler," but that I had declined to have anything to say to him, because he stood a self-confessed liar; Mr. Broughton having told me that he had solemnly denied to him that he had written the letters in question; I have great experience in all the Courts of the Colony, and I have never practised before a Judge more courteous, painstaking, and impartial than Mr. Park, and therefore I was very sorry that I should have lost my temper with any officer of his department.

*To Mr. Park* :—You were not connected with either the horticultural or the literary debating society.

*To Mr. Atterbury* :—I thought that Mr. Kensington, who was the Honorary Secretary of the Agricultural Society, and who had worked very hard in the flower show, I thought he was hardly treated by the scurrilous remarks of "The Growler," and I thought it was very unbecoming of any Government officer to attack in that way a gentleman giving his services gratuitously to the public; "The Growler" letters did refer to the horticultural show; if it was not so, it was a letter from the same pen, because I discussed the matter with Mr. Percival the day he gave up the name of Mr. Atterbury to me; I have no reason to doubt Mr. Percival, being a truthful man; [Mr. Robertson here handed in a letter from Mr. Atterbury to himself at Mr. Atterbury's request;] I received no discourtesy from you when I called at the Land Office on the occasion before referred to; I was in hopes that you would have admitted your authorship of "The Growler" letters, and then I should have felt myself in a position to have committed an assault; I came over with the full intention of committing a breach of the peace; there was a gentleman with me on that occasion; he accompanied me of his own accord; I have found out since that I was entirely mistaken in thinking that you were withholding any information from me; I have been treated in a respectful and courteous manner by you when I have called at the office since the incidents before related; I have found you anxious and willing to supply me with any information I required; I have no cause for complaint as far as your official duties are concerned.

THOMAS ROBERTSON.

*John Broughton* states :—I am the Acting District Surveyor, and have been so for about seventeen months.

*To Mr. Park* :—I had a conversation with Mr. Atterbury about the authorship of "The Growler" letters; I had received a letter of introduction from Mr. Atterbury, and hearing that he had been accused of being the author of "The Growler" letter I thought it my duty to question him about it, and to defend him; Mr. Atterbury gave me to understand that he was not the author of "The Growler" letter, and that the only anonymous letters that he had written to the paper were under the *nom de plume* of "Leg-stump" on cricketing matters; sometime afterwards he came to my office and made an acknowledgment to the effect that he was the author of "The Growler" letter; I did not at the time feel disposed to listen to the explanation, and he afterwards wrote me a letter admitting that he had prevaricated in the matter [*See Exhibit O*]; I told Mr. Robertson that Mr. Atterbury emphatically denied to me the authorship of "The Growler" letter; Mr. Robertson came to my office, and made a noise in the passage, and asked for information about a road matter, and I do not consider Mr. Atterbury to blame in the road matter, as I do not think the information supplied by Mr. Robertson was sufficiently clear to identify it; I complained once or twice in writing of Mr. Atterbury writing to me on official matters and signing himself B.J.A. only; I have noticed some similar cases since, quite recently; there have been cases since January, 1889, when Mr. Atterbury signed himself with his own name and not as *pro* Chairman; I drew attention to such omission as soon as I noticed it; I have had several occasions to complain verbally and in writing of delays which have occurred in returning papers to the Survey Office, papers L.B.D. 89-1, 226 [*Exhibit P*] is an instance of the above; these papers should have been registered the same day and returned to my office; I have sent up by messenger in the ordinary manner; I do not remember getting a message from the Lands Department to the effect that such papers were not received on the date of the paper.

*To Mr. Atterbury* :—I met you in the street, I think.

*Question* :—Did you say, "They say that you are the author of all these letters which have been written to the papers about the Flower Show and the Athenaeum?" *Answer* :—From what I remember that is part of the substance of what I said.

*Question* :—Did I reply in the following terms: "They are mistaken, it is not so, I will tell you a letter that I am responsible for, and that is the one signed Leg-stump?" *Answer* :—No; I believe you said the only two letters you wrote were under the *nom de plume* or Leg-stump.

*Question* :—Did I, so far as you are aware, use my best endeavours to give Mr. Robertson the information he desired with reference to the road matters? *Answer* :—I think you did; there were delays before Mr. Atterbury came up, but they were not so frequent as they have been since; I do not remember complaining to you about delays occurring in returning papers to the Survey Office; there have been.

*Question* :—Have I at any time shown you any discourtesy as an official? *Answer* :—The only case was in the letter I will produce; the letter was returned to me, but not addressed to anyone; I have always found you ready to give assistance in all cases where I have made official inquiries.

*Mr. Broughton* recalled, states :—I produce the letter dated 14th March, 1889 [*Exhibit Q*] as promised.

*To Mr. Atterbury* :—I think the papers referred to were copies of applications; I could not say whether they came down with a batch of papers; I could not say whether the minute to the District Surveyor was in your hand-writing; it was a great oversight in omitting to sign for the Chairman in so many instances; it might have been an accident however; with reference to *Exhibit Q*, this not being addressed to anyone might have been an oversight, and I am willing to acknowledge it as such.

15th April, 1889.

JOHN BROUGHTON.

Charles



*Charles Herbert Davies* states: I am a temporary clerk employed in the Local Lands Office, and have been here four years; I know well the routine of the office; I was in the head office nearly three years prior to that.

*To Mr. Park*: There have been different individuals occupying the position of Clerk-in-charge during my term in this office; one of them (Mr. Boot) occupying the position twice as Acting Clerk-in-charge; excepting Mr. Atterbury none of them have been rude to me; I have not had any quarrels with any of the others, but been on friendly terms with them; Mr. Atterbury did not seek my advice in the working of the office; there have been times when I have not been on speaking terms with Mr. Atterbury, occasioned partly by an alteration in the system of work in the office, and partly by a private quarrel; Mr. Atterbury made alterations in the previous working of the office, so much so that I thought him incapable of taking charge of a Land Board Office, and he could not have had any experience in one; he has re-established the old practice of working in the office in some instances.

*To Mr. Sly*: The alteration in the system of keeping the records and abolishing the Postage Book, and also in abolishing the Land Agents' Returns are the alterations I refer to; there were distinct instructions to the Land Agent to forward returns to this office, even if there were no applications during the week (nil returns); it was the practice to send them in; the Land Agent (Mr. Gibson) ceased to send them in, and stated, when asked, that Mr. Atterbury had told him that it was unnecessary; the stoppage of the nil returns only applies to the Hay office and not to the returns from the other Land Offices in the district; although there would be no risk in preparing the whole return for the district, in the matter in the Hay Land Office it would destroy the continuity of the return in the head office, Sydney, and also in this office.

*To Mr. Park*: The system adopted by Mr. Atterbury for the keeping of the records was not as good a one as the original, and this has now been reverted to through instructions emanating from the Board of Inquiry; I complain of Mr. Atterbury's total disregard of the registers; he altered the former practice to one in which an application not an original one, but (say) one for extension of time, inspectors' reports, and others, that he, the Clerk-in-charge, noted the papers to Mr. O'Hanlon, the record clerk, to put away, and they did not come through me to enter in the registers; I keep the registers, and am held responsible for their correctness; they may not be complete, although I have gone through the papers since they have been put away, but, of course, I may have not seen all of them, and they are to that extent incomplete; I went through the papers of my own accord, and without authority from anyone, but that in order that I might have my books correct, as I take a pride in my registers; one case was received in December, 1888, and was not recorded in the ordinary course of business, but I recorded it on my own responsibility during February, 1889; Mr. Atterbury said he did not see the necessity of entering a great number of the papers in the registers; I had to prepare the cases for the Hay Court, and out of about between 200 or 300 cases I found about sixty cases that had not been through the registers, owing to the action of Mr. Atterbury in getting the papers put away instead of having them passed through the registers; it has been the custom hitherto that when the surveyors' plan and report comes down for registration from the Survey Department that the action, that is, that the survey has been made, would be entered in the registers, and that the surveyor's letter, transmitting the plan, would be noted, with the number of the conditional purchase or conditional lease, &c., &c., and the former papers placed with the case, and returned to the Survey Department; Mr. Atterbury directed that this action should only be taken after the case had been completed in the Survey Office; I am of opinion that if such action is necessary that it should be done at the time, the papers are first sent down from the Survey Department for registration; the only difference between Mr. Atterbury's opinion and mine is the time when such action should be taken; I am of opinion that Mr. Atterbury is not competent to fill the position of Clerk-in-charge, and he has frequently asked my opinion as to what action should be taken on papers, and he has afforded information to the public, which he should certainly not have given, and which he gave, I presume, through ignorance of his duties; I think I am capable of judging, owing to my long experience in this office.

*To Mr. Park*: You have not been rude to me; you have not been rude to any of the Clerks-in-charge; I can conscientiously say this, or even to any other of the officers; I have heard Mr. Atterbury rude to you, positively rude; on the occasion of your inquiry into certain complaints made about giving information to the public *re* Mr. Lakeman, M.P., and also of the one between Mr. Atterbury and myself; Mr. Atterbury's manner was very rude, and you were compelled to order him to leave the room; when I was present in this room he was also rude; I signed the papers to that effect; he said the Board made mistakes; as far as I remember his manner was a domineering one; I certified at the time to the exact expression used; his manner was not respectful; he bounced out of the room and slammed the door in a very disrespectful manner; [Mr. Davies was here shown his signature in *Appendix O*, and certified to its correctness, and said that he signed it five minutes after the occurrence]; you keep your horses here very frequently; I have fed them occasionally; I offered to do it, as I occupy a room at the rear of the premises; I made the offer voluntarily; I had occupied such room before you had the horses here; the use of the room was not a *quid pro quo* for feeding the horses; I noticed that on wet nights you came down to feed the horses, and I thought to save you such trouble, and offered to do so; I was glad to do so; you said, "I do not wish to trouble you so much," but I did not consider it a trouble.

Mr. Atterbury has no questions to ask.

CHARLES HERBERT DAVIES.

15 April, 1889.

*Mr. Davies*, recalled, states.—*To Mr. Park*:—I know Tassell's Homestead lease case; it had a covering paper when I last saw it, containing some queries from the Chairman to the Clerk-in-charge, and it had not been registered; the queries were answered by the Clerk-in-charge; I am not sure whether all of them were, but one was, certainly; I do not know whether you ever saw it or not with the covering memo. on; the answer to the query which I saw was not answered in the manner which it should have been by the Clerk-in-charge; the tone was not proper from the Clerk-in-charge to the Chairman; the record register bears the notation in Mr. Atterbury's handwriting that the papers are with the Under Secretary, 14th March; I think the covering paper such a one as should have been registered; that is, in my opinion.

CHARLES HERBERT DAVIES

*Wilfred Lionel Volckman* states, I am a clerk in the Local Land Board Office, have been connected with such office for a period of 2½ years; I have been employed as deposition clerk; I was about twelve months in the Head Office in Sydney.

*To Mr. Park*:—I have never had any misunderstanding with Mr. Atterbury; you have never been rude to me; there has been, during that time, as Clerks-in-charge, Mr. Crew, Mr. Boot (Acting), Mr. Ward, Mr. Boot again, Mr. Lackey, and Mr. Atterbury; I have never heard you rude to any of these gentlemen, or to any other officer in the Service; on one occasion I heard Mr. Atterbury rude to you; it was during an inquiry held by you, and where he said "that is not true," and I signed in the margin that such words were used by Mr. Atterbury; I think, on the second inquiry, *re* Mr. Davies and Mr. Atterbury, his manner was rude; I do not think he was at all respectful; I think that, during the progress of both inquiries, his manner was generally disrespectful; the Board have suffered inconvenience through the papers not being placed with the case immediately on their receipt or soon after; the first intimation that I or the Board have had of some cases has been the applicant making inquiries about his application at the Board meeting; in one instance at Deniliquin; I am sure that there have been other cases; this necessitates the appearance of an applicant which might have been obviated.

*To Mr. Atterbury*.—I took a note of a number of cases in an incomplete state set down for hearing at the Hillston Court; I do not think that all the faults found in the cases during the sitting of the Court were all your fault; I think in certain cases there has been an improvement in the preparation of cases for the Land Court since you came, *viz.*, in the placing of the original application with the papers before placing with the Court bundles; I have some experience of record matters in the head office.

*Question*.—What is the first action after registration of papers? *Answer*.—The former papers were looked up and connected; I notice that instructions have been given for all papers after registration to be given to the Clerk-in-charge; I do not think it was after registration and connection.

*To Mr. Park*:—The application for exemption from fencing was not with the papers, and this caused the inconvenience; this occurred during Mr. Atterbury's tenure of office; papers, L.B.D. 88-6,423, L.B.D. 89-1,614; case heard at Deniliquin is an instance of where the application for exemption from fencing was not placed with the case; the inquiry set down for hearing was whether the fencing conditions were fulfilled; the Clerk-in-charge is responsible for this error; the papers, L.B.D. 88-6,423, were received at Deniliquin before the case came on for hearing, but after the case had been set down for hearing; it was received while the Court was sitting; the papers will explain this matter; see dates of instructions to Inspector for his report and date receipt of application for exemption from fencing.

W. LION VOLCKMAN.

15 April, 1889.

To

*To Mr. Sly* :—*William O'Hanlon* states :—I am a clerk, employed in the Local Lands Office ; I came here from Armidale and have been here since February, 1888 ; I was in the Board Office at Glen Innes and Armidale for about two and a half years ; I have a certain amount of experience in Land Board duties.

*To Mr. Park* :—Mr. Boot was acting Clerk-in-charge when I came to the office ; Mr. Boot was—here for some time ; Mr. Lackey followed him ; I was here during the whole time of Mr. Lackey's charge ; then Mr. Atterbury took charge ; Mr. Lackey stayed for about a week after Mr. Atterbury took charge ; the official letter says that Mr. Lackey should remain a week to initiate Mr. Atterbury ; I have had no quarrel with Mr. Boot or Mr. Lackey, or with any of the clerks in the Glen Innes or Armidale offices ; I have had quarrels with Mr. Atterbury ; the first quarrel took place through Mr. Atterbury finding fault with the system of keeping the records, which system Mr. Atterbury changed ; and secondly in regard to a bell which Mr. Atterbury bought ; I emphatically refused to come at the ringing of the bell.

*To Mr. Sly* :—I objected to the bell when previous clerks-in-charge had not used the bell ; Mr. Atterbury told me afterwards that if he had thought the ringing of the bell would have been distasteful he would not have used it ; I had never before refused to come into the office when asked, and without a bell ; I could hear when the door was shut ; the reason for keeping the door shut was that Mr. Atterbury looked upon me as a temporary officer, and that he made a distinction between permanent and temporary officers, and did not treat me as courteously as he might have done ; I complain of his manner of treating me ; he treated me as an inferior clerk ; he stated so ; no one sat in the room with Mr. Atterbury ; the places in the building used by the clerks are so arranged as to be most convenient for the discharge of the duties of the office.

*To Mr. Park* :—Mr. Atterbury made an alteration in the system of keeping the records ; I found it impossible to keep the records as altered by Mr. Atterbury ; all applications received into the office are entered in the regular records of the office before they are entered into the registers to which they belong, owing to an alteration made by Mr. Atterbury, until circular No 89-8 was received ; this I think quite unnecessary ; I think that papers should be put away in bundles of the class to which they belong ; that putting them away in an indiscriminate manner causes a great amount of labour ; this was also caused by Mr. Atterbury's direction ; there was a different system in force before Mr. Atterbury came ; the fact of not putting them away in bundles of the particular classes to which they belong would render it necessary at any future time to look through the whole of the papers in the office, between twenty or thirty thousand papers, to collect them all ; the postage-book was discontinued ; this is the only record of letters posted ; Mr. Boot attaches great importance to the postage book ; it is the only record of the O.S. stamps used and the letters posted.

*To Mr. Park* :—I remember your asking for the postage-book, and said that it had been discontinued ; you seemed surprised ; you have always treated me with the greatest courtesy ; I have not seen you rude to any of the clerks in the office, especially Mr. Atterbury.

*To Mr. Sly* :—I was present at the inquiry held by Mr. Park ; Mr. Atterbury's conduct was not gentlemanly ; he was abusive to Mr. Park ; Mr. Park did not do anything to cause such abuse that I am aware of ; the Chairman did not address Mr. Atterbury in a rude manner ; Mr. Atterbury seemed excited when he said "that is not true," he did make use of these words ; Mr. Atterbury wanted me to work overtime—4-30 to 6, from 7 to 10 ; owing to the climate I thought it was not right, and refused ; Mr. Atterbury rushed at me like a madman the next morning because I would not work from 7 till 10 at night ; said I was mean and contemptible ; I always stayed after hours to do the despatch work, and there was no complaint ; there was a memo. issued by Mr. Atterbury to the effect that I should leave at half-past 4 with the others ; it was shortly afterwards that I was asked to work overtime from 7 to 10.

*To Mr. Atterbury* :—Ever since Mr. Atterbury had taken charge he has always looked down upon me, and has never been social ; we had some words ; I objected to carry out the changes instituted by you ; I thought I had every reason to object, as the work was not carried on in the proper system ; you would be responsible in case trouble arose through my carrying out your instructions ; before you came up here you corresponded with me on private matters ; you wrote to me asking advice as to obtaining quarters for you in Hay ; when we are outside the office we have met, I think, on an equality ; I only complain of your treatment of me in the office ; if a paper is marked "put away," and that action is wrong, you are responsible, as you initial it, but I would have to find it ; during the last overtime I do not know what work you were engaged in ; you said I was mean and contemptible ; that is all.

*Question* :—Did I say this : "Your action in allowing another man to stay late at the office doing your work while you were away is mean and contemptible in the extreme?" *Answer* :—I remember you say that I was mean and contemptible ; that was all you said, you were in such a rage ; I asked you to repeat it, and if you had repeated it you would not have been standing were you were then ; I then resumed my work, and you went to your room and slammed the door.

*Question* : Did you raise your clenched fist in a threatening attitude? *Answer* :—I did clench my fist, and stood close to him as an ordinary individual would under the severe provocation ; I declined to work overtime at night during that time of the year—January, 1889 ; I did not refuse to work overtime from half-past 4 till 6 o'clock, as is stated at the bottom of a memorandum of Mr. Atterbury's ; I recognize this paper, 88-6,010, Land Board District, *re* the closing of the office ; I regard it as an instruction to leave the office at half-past 4.

WILLIAM O'HANLON.

13th April, 1889.

*Augustus Boot* states :—I am Officer-in-charge of the Local Land Board, Hay ; I have been about ten years in the Lands Department ; I have been clerk in the Pre-lease Branch ; I have had a great amount of experience in the Department.

*To Mr. Park* : I have been acting Clerk-in-charge in this office four times, and I am now Officer-in-charge ; on this occasion I found several alterations in the mode of keeping the books [Alterations noted by Mr. Conder] ; also several instances of erasures, the use of chemicals ; I found the postage-book in use when I came up, but it had been discontinued before that, during the months of November, 1888, and February, 1889, approximately ; I consider it a very important book ; when I left here before in June, 1888, the 52nd clause papers were put away separately in bundles, but on returning on this occasion I found that papers were put away indiscriminately ; Mr. Atterbury's practice is totally different to that of any other Clerk-in-charge in other offices ; the Land Agent's returns were discontinued, although specific instructions were issued asking for them to be supplied whether applications were made during the week or not ; the returns would not be continuous without them ; I think the back returns will have to be supplied ; since my return the Land Agent supplies the weekly returns.

*To Mr. Park* :—Since my taking charge Mr. Atterbury's conduct has been correct, except on one occasion, when he refused to answer an official question, except in black and white by the Chairman or myself, and not verbally ; and on another occasion when I addressed a paper to the record clerk ; Mr. Atterbury complained to me in writing about Mr. Davies slamming the door, but I answered the memo. verbally, but told Mr. Davies of the complaint ; I have always found you courteous to me and also to the other officers ; I have found the quarterly returns very much in arrears, also the monthly returns (Form 43), and the annual returns for the Lease Branch, which have since been completed ; I found all refund vouchers, notices, &c., up to date ; I did not intend any slight to Mr. Atterbury in addressing a paper to the Record Clerk on paper Ml. 89-3,055.

*To Mr. Atterbury* :—Under your system I would have to go back through 3,000 papers to find one registered on about the 1st October ; the record register would show me where a paper is.

A. BOOT.

15th April, 1889.

*Basil J. Atterbury* states :—I am the Clerk-in-charge of the Local Land Office, Hay, and have been so since October, 1888 ; before that I was in charge of the Ministerial Branch in the head office for about two years, and shorthand writer to the Minister and the Court of Appeals ; during that time, at the head office, I had not had any quarrels with any of my fellow clerks ; I have been altogether in the Service about three and a half years ; before that I was connected with the press ; I joined the service in September, 1885, at £200 per year ; within a few months after that the Clerk-in-charge of the Ministerial Branch, head office, was suspended, and I was placed in charge ; prior to this I had no knowledge of the Ministerial Branch, but was put in authority by the Minister, who thought me capable of putting it straight, as it was in a terrible mess ; when the first Board of Inquiry was appointed they investigated the working of the Branch, and the result was that I, a comparative junior in the service, in regard to salary and length of service, was recommended by the Board for the position of the Clerk-in-charge of the Ministerial Branch ; the appointment was made, and subsequently the whole

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of the control of the advertising of the Lands Department was placed in my hands ; later than that the custody of all the old records of the Department were placed in my charge ; other matters were placed under my control, and these rendered the Ministerial Branch exceedingly complicated ; during that time, while in charge of the Branch, my management of it was never found fault with, and I have it from the highest authority in the Lands Department, that it was never so well conducted by any officer since he held it himself ; my position as Clerk-in-charge of Ministerial Branch gave me such a knowledge of every officer of the Lands Department that I could tell from memory the history of each one ; my memory is a trained one, having been connected with the press for such a lengthened period ; I have made certain suggestions to the Minister that in advertising alone I have saved the Department £3,000 per annum ; a considerable amount of confidence was placed by the head office in suggestions made by me, and my abilities were recognised by them ; the heads of Departments in Sydney are of opinion that I am a competent man, and I am of the same opinion myself ; the memo. written to Mr. Park was a purely private one, and I consider Mr. Park's action in connecting it with the registered papers is a gross breach of honor, and quite contemptible ; it was never intended to go out of his hands ; had the Chairman considered the suggestions of any value, and desired to use them, I think his proper course would have been to have incorporated them in a minute of his own, or else have asked me for an official expression of opinion ; I do not think it necessary for a Clerk-in-charge to require to be instructed or asked before putting his views on official matters to the Chairman ; I believe my views, as expressed there, to have been perfectly correct ; I complain that this document has been treated as an official one, and not as a purely private one ; I saw the minute of Mr. Park's on the date stated ; after seeing such minute I wrote my covering memo ; as Mr. Volckman left it behind by mistake, and as it was in his list of cases I sent it to him ; I deny the charge of surreptitiousness ; I think I have the right to draw Mr. Park's attention to facts which I thought illegal, and instanced the case of the Clerk-in-charge, at Grafton, who narrowly escaped suspension for not reporting certain illegal action ; I think that when an application for a withdrawal came into the office, if any action, namely, the report from the Forest Ranger, or the Surveyor, as the case may be, is required, and that such hold instructions, that they should be immediately communicated with, with the object of withdrawing such instructions, in order to save expense, which would be chargeable to applicant, and holding such views I think I was justified in drawing Mr. Park's attention to them in this case ; about the 26th January, *re* Bell's ring-bark ; the applicant, William Bell, had a clear right to a withdrawal of his application ; that up to that date no expense had been incurred in connection therewith, and that so far there was nothing to prevent a refund of the deposit, and this memo., of the 26th March, 1889, was written after the conversation ; during the conversation the Chairman told me that he intended to bring the case on before the Board and forfeit the deposit ; he said expense has been incurred, great or small, and that the applicant must pay for it ; I said if you stop any at all you must stop the whole amount ; these are the words as far as I can remember ; that my views are of some value will be seen on papers ; M. A. Macpherson's conditional purchase ; I desire to say that in my memo., drawing attention to supposed illegal conduct, there was nothing disrespectful ; I deemed it my duty to draw attention to the facts ; the delay in dealing with the papers may have been occasioned by natural causes, perhaps by its taking its turn with a large batch of papers, this is what is meant when I say by my deliberate act ; I do not mean that I willfully delayed it eight days.

Appendix A.

Appendix B.

*To Mr. Sly* :—I observed the Chairman's minute, of the 4th February, 1889 ; I had submitted all my views on the subject in my memo. of the 4th February ; my minute of the 7th March, 1889, is only explaining my reasons for writing my former minutes, and I think I was justified in writing it ; it would have been easier for me to have gone with the current in the procedure of this office, as other clerks-in-charge have done, and perhaps been promoted, instead of drawing attention to what I thought illegal acts ; in Bell's case, as the reasons for the withdrawal of the application were good, and natural ones, I considered I was justified in again drawing Mr. Park's attention to it, which was the cause of my second reference to the Chairman in the matter ; I think that it was in the Chairman's power to destroy my minute if he thought fit ; in explanation of my marginal minute, of the \_\_\_\_\_, after explaining all my views in former minutes ; I think I ought to have written a memo. on a separate paper to the Chairman, but for some reason omitted to do so, but when the Chairman wrote his minute after his conversation with me, I saw that he was doing wrong, and I thought it my duty to myself, and as Clerk-in-charge, to place my views before the Chairman, which I did in my marginal minute referred to, for my own protection ; if I saw things going wrong, I consider it my duty, as Clerk-in-charge, to point the error out ; I would consider it a breach of duty for anyone not to do so ; I regard the value of my initials to a voucher to be greater than as to whether an account was previously rendered or not ; I distinctly remember a conversation with Mr. Lackey on the subject of voucher for travelling expenses ; he said he thought I would not be doing wrong in initialling the voucher for September ; but I told him that I would do so on this occasion, but that I intended in future to make a complete inquiry into the initialling voucher ; even if I was wrong in signing the September voucher, it does not follow that I should not refuse to initial others ; two wrongs do not make a right ; I flatly declined to initial vouchers that were already signed by the claimant, and the officer incurring the expense ; I do understand the keeping of the voucher book ; looking at *Exhibit J*, I knew that 15s. per day was the amount allowed for travelling expenses, and that Mr. Park was absent for the time stated ; in the first place I would want to know before I initialled a voucher of that kind how Mr. Park's time was spent away from the office ; I seriously contend this ; out of twenty-eight days absent there were only twelve days spent in Court work ; I had to initial Mr. Russom's Conditional Purchase Inspector's voucher, and took it to Mr. Park, who drew the Under Secretary's attention to the short distances travelled, and the voucher was reduced accordingly ; I think I was therefore justified in not initialling Mr. Park's voucher ; I wanted to be certain that legitimate and fair travelling had been done for the days absent before signing the vouchers ; I do not consider the initialling as merely a matter of form ; my views are set out in my memorandum with *Appendix C* ; my reply was written not wholly in office hours, perhaps portion of it was, and my other duties were not neglected ; by the time-book it is recorded that since I have been here, about six months, I have worked nearly five weeks overtime ; there was a great quantity of arrears when I came here, which have been reduced, as in Mr. Boot's evidence it is stated that, with the exception of certain returns, the work was up to date when he came here.

Appendix C

#### *Re the appointment of Junior Clerk.*

With regard to this matter, I thought I was doing my duty in endeavouring to get gentlemen suitable for the position to apply for the position, and referred the names to Mr. Park ; I took considerable pains to find suitable persons for the position, and submitted the names to Mr. Park.

Appendix D.

I decidedly object to initial the decisions of the Local Land Board, or any other documents, unless I have the right to alter them if I do not agree with them ; it was impossible for myself or any other of the clerks to have discovered the error—it was purely a Board blunder ; Mr. Park placed on the papers, for the information of the Under Secretary, that this was an error of the clerical staff ; it struck me as such a gross perversion of the facts with a view to shield himself, that I then took a note of the paper for future reference ; the entry was made about the 20th January, 1889, in my note-book ; I do not think there was any necessity for me to have noted and checked form 10, the area of the holding, and it seemed very clearly stated in the District Surveyor's report ; I decline to initial any letter supposed to be complete if I have not the right to alter them ; the view I take is that the case should be absolutely perfect before it is signed by the members of the Board ; I do compare the decisions of the Board with the minute-book after the Court is held ; my letter of the \_\_\_\_\_ I do not consider a criticism.

Appendix E.

#### *Re office memoranda.*

With regard to *Appendix F*, I consider they (my memos.) are couched in proper terms ; I am not ignorant of the matters which I brought forward as stated by Mr. Park ; that, in my experience it has never been considered a waste of time by the Heads of Departments, to consider suggestions or proposals having for their object the greater economy or efficiency of the working of the service.

Appendix F.

It had been my custom in Sydney to sign B.J.A. when applying for tracings, &c., to the Surveyor-General, District Surveyor of Metropolitan Division, and had perhaps got into a groove, and there was no lack of courtesy intended by my signing in that matter to the District Surveyor at Hay ; the objections of the Acting District-Surveyor I considered in some cases frivolous ; I, however, altered my practice at once, and afterwards signed *pro* Chairman ; I adopted the same course here as I would have adopted with the Under Secretary ; in my opinion my minute was a proper one.

Appendix G.

#### *Re Mr. Broughton's letter.*

A large amount of copies applications were prepared by the clerk, and the corner was turned up and written thereon ; I had only after examination to sign the initials B.J.A. ; it was an omission of the clerk's in not putting *pro* Chairman ; I regard my minute of the 22nd February, 1889, as a proper one in reply ; I consider the Chairman's memo. of the 21st February, 1889, an improper one ; Mr. Park spoke to me about sending papers to the District Surveyor without signing for him,

him, and I said I had, but that they were simply omissions, and that I would be careful that they would not occur again, and he seemed satisfied; I believe Mr. Park had and knew about the minute of the 21st February, 1889, although he denied having any knowledge of it, and thus told a deliberate falsehood; I consider the terms of my minute of the 21st February, 1889, were respectful to my superior officer; I submit that my minute of the 20th February, 1889, is not in an improper place; I think I was being chased by Mr. Park, and it appeared to me as if he were trying to fix some charge against me; in fact, hounding me down.

Appendix H.

*Re* expenditure of £1—*re* clearing of the yard.

I say that unauthorised expenditure means any expenditure unauthorised by the Under Secretary for Lands; the horses of Mr. Park had made the yard in a frightful state, and it being during the very hot weather (January, 1889), it was liable to become unhealthy, and I consequently wrote to Mr. A. P. Stewart, asking him to have it cleaned; I told the Chairman that I had given my man £1 for cleaning the yard; I think this was on the 23rd January, 1889, the day that Mr. Park returned; Mr. Park saw the letter, and told me it was like my impudence to write such a letter, and "compromise me with my friend Mr. Stewart"; I had at the time I spoke to Mr. Park, and told him of the expenditure of £1, already written to the Under Secretary for Lands, but did not tell Mr. Park that I had done so; it appears by the Voucher-book that the voucher for £1 was sent down on the 17th January, 1889; I invite attention to my memo. accompanying the voucher for £1, wherein I take the responsibility upon myself of forwarding the voucher, and signed the voucher myself as the officer incurring the expense; I knew that it was never intended that the woman who cleaned the office should have to clean the stable-yard.

Appendix I.

*Re* the document posted on the wall.

The very most has been made of my minute by Mr. Park that it would have been contained in two lines if written on a full sheet of paper; I submit that I was ignorant of the memo. on the wall; I must have seen it, but I had not read it; the minute I wrote is a proper minute to Mr. Park; I think a registered paper should not have been placed on the wall but only a copy should have been so placed.

Appendix K.

*Re* telegram about public holidays.

The Under Secretary would not cancel a registered document without the Minister's authority; I considered it my duty to refuse Mr. Park in such a case as this, knowing that the Under Secretary would not have acted so; in the matter of the Bell paper, Mr. Park refused to cancel a registered paper; that in my opinion Mr. Park was ordering me to do a thing which I knew to be wrong, and that I was doing my duty in refusing to do so.

Appendix L.

I merely made a respectful suggestion to the Chairman, and there was nothing in my manners or words dictatorial.

Appendix M

I would point out that there was a precedent for my action in this matter, viz., Mr. Boot communicated with the Under Secretary direct in the matter of difference between him and Mr. Park, and the Under Secretary upheld Mr. Boot's action.

Appendix N.

Mr. Volckman prepares the cases for the courts, and he sees that the cases are complete, and it appears probable that he did not think the C.P.L. papers were necessary to be placed with the parent conditional purchase papers; this may have been an error of judgment, and I wrote my memo. to him in order to enable him to say so or not, and not with a view of causing insubordination.

Appendix O

The statements made herein are, I think, very nearly correct, except that I did not, as far as I remember, use the words stated to have been used by me, and I did not slam the door; as far as I remember I said "I do, though, and can back it up with papers"; I do not think I said the words written on the papers; I was very much excited when I left the room; I do not think I slammed the door; Mr. Park said "How dare you speak in that manner of the Board;" I said, in a quick manner when addressed, it was merely a Board blunder, for which the office is not responsible; Mr. Park made his remarks in a very improper manner to me, and I have never been so addressed before by a superior officer, and a manner which I would not have used to a junior; I did not intend to be disrespectful when I said, "That is a Board blunder."

Appendix P.

I felt that there was an intention on the part of Mr. Boot and Mr. Park to bring me down as low as possible in the office; I was only keeping the records temporarily, and was still Clerk-in-charge; I had been treated disrespectfully by Mr. Davies that morning, and made a complaint in writing to Mr. Boot; the paper addressed to the Record Clerk was placed on my table by Mr. Boot; it was handed to me; I think it was personal; it was intended for me, and not for any other officer keeping records; I think the paper appointing Mr. Boot should have been sent round the room, addressed to Mr. Atterbury and staff; the other members of the staff were under the impression that I had been suspended.

*Re* Growler letter.

I was not guilty of untruthfulness to Mr. Broughton and to Mr. Park; I evaded the questions of Mr. Broughton; I am sorry I did so evade his questions; I evaded Mr. Park's questions, and led him to believe that I did not write the Growler letter; I have been sorry ever since that I evaded the questions asked me.

*Re* alterations of systems in office.

I found great disorder and want of system in the office when I arrived; I gave instructions that all papers should be made complete before putting in the Court bundles; this was not so before I came; I directed the discontinuance of the Postage Book for a time, owing to the amount of arrears in the office, but when the arrears had been reduced, I directed its re-use; I did not get instructions from the Head Office to bring the postage-book into use again; I thought other work was more important, and that the postage-book was merely useful as a check on the amount of O.S. stamps used; the evidence given by Mr. Davies and Mr. O'Hanlon is not true in regard to the registration of papers; I gave verbal instructions to Mr. O'Hanlon that as soon as papers were registered and connected, that they should come to me to see if any special action was required, and after being seen by me and handed back to him; they should go to Mr. Davies for notation, previous to the carrying out of action proposed by me on the papers; I told Mr. O'Hanlon this several times; I told Mr. Davies that Mr. O'Hanlon had these instructions from me; I told him so several times; in fact Mr. Davies told me on one occasion that Mr. O'Hanlon was not carrying out my system; it should not take more than an hour for papers to go through their regular routine; but there have been delays as much as eight days; under instructions contained in circular No. 89-S, the practice which obtained in the office of registering and connecting original applications, &c., was discontinued; it was the practice before I came that papers were registered and recorded, and not connected with the former papers for some time after, I altered this, and had them connected immediately after the registration; the instructions I gave to Mr. O'Hanlon were that in every case the papers, after being handed back to him after my notation, were to go to Mr. Davies to be registered; I altered the ordinary routine of the office, because, my staff being so small, I wished to get to the important action required on a case as quickly as possible; I directed that papers were to be put away in bundles of thousands, not according to their lease numbers, but according to their Land Board number; I had the lease papers put away in their proper Land Board bundles as their record numbers could be obtained from our lease registers; it is as easy to find papers under one system as the other; there is an objection to having two bundles of papers, and that the labour of obtaining the papers is as easy in one case as the other; that the papers should not be kept in bundles pending legislation, and that we have not any right to consider what future legislation might be, but to deal with papers as the law is at present.

*To Mr. Park*:—I think it was in your power to destroy memoranda of no importance that were unregistered; it was your opinion that any papers of any importance should be kept with the case and not destroyed; I do not know where the Bell papers are; I think they were sent down to head-quarters; you said in connection with the Bell papers that you could not destroy registered papers, but that you were willing to cancel the minutes and have the papers put away, and make them bygones, as the papers will show; that is the only occasion when I had any conversation with you about signing "B.J.A.;" when I dealt with the matter of cleaning the yard I was not aware of the papers defining the duties of the cleaner they had slipped my memory; I think you said the words "compromise me with my friend, Mr. Stewart;" with regard to Mr. Volckman's evidence, I think he made a mistake; my memo. was, "All papers, after registration and due connections must come to me in the first instance; this direction is to be noted and fully carried out."

*Re* Appendix G

BASIL J. ATTERBURY.

16 April, 1889.

EVIDENCE

## EVIDENCE IN REPLY.

*Wilfred Lionel Volckman*, recalled, states (to *Mr. Park*):—I know the run of most of the papers that you take with you to the various Courts; I have a very good memory; I do not think you had the papers of Mr. Broughton's complaint against Mr. Atterbury's signing "B.J.A." with you at Deniliquin; the Court had been fixed and the cases set down for hearing then; Mr. Atterbury gave me Bell's ringbarking application for me to issue the notice; at the same time he asked me to give it to him back after I had done so; I gave it back to him in Hay after issuing the notices; shortly after that I left for Deniliquin, and did not take it with me; I did not see it again till it reached me at Deniliquin, after the Court had started.

To *Mr. Atterbury*:—Mr. Park may have some papers with him that I am not aware of; Mr. Park has a despatch-box; I have not full access to it; it is quite possible for papers to be in the despatch-box and I not know it; I never had occasion to go to the despatch-box on my own account; I have been asked by Mr. Park to get papers out of the despatch-box; I do not examine the contents of the papers in the despatch-box when asked to find papers there; I do not remember whether you said you would give me Bell's papers back again.

W. LION. VOLCKMAN.

16 April, 1889.

*Henry Edward Porter Thompson* states:—I am grazier and conditional purchaser residing at Saint Argent, about 5 miles from Hay; I have been eleven years in the district; I took up a selection in 1883; before that I was a clerk to Mr. Reed, a solicitor in Hay; previous to that in Victoria connected with a Trades Protection Society in Melbourne; my charge is that when the inquiry came on before the Land Court, in the case of my conditional purchase of 100 acres, which is now called Saint Argent, as to whether the improvements on the land selected by me were worth £40; the improvements on the land when I selected it were grubbing a six-wire dividing fence, which was erected by adjoining selector after my application, but was included among improvements charged against me; this inquiry came before the Land Court, consisting of Mr. Park, Mr. Lockhart, and Mr. Pearce, during August, 1885; I was present at that inquiry; Mr. Broughton was present on one side, and I was on the other; I was assisting the Crown Lands Agent in Hay previous to the year 1885; that I made certain inquiries to Mr. Gale, who refused to give me any reply, but referred me to Mr. Park, the Chairman of the Local Land Board; the inquiry I made was I asked Mr. Gale to inform me whether his certificate of certain facts in connection with my case would be accepted by the Board; I had never to my knowledge seen Mr. Park before; I asked Mr. Park if he would be satisfied with the certificate of the Crown Lands Agent of certain facts essential to my case; as far as my memory serves me I did not state to Mr. Park what the facts were; Mr. Park's reply was, "You know the law of evidence as well as I do"; Mr. Park's manner was very offence; I spoke civilly to Mr. Park; Mr. Park came out onto the verandah and was stooping down looking at some plans when I spoke to him; he replied to me in a gruff manner; I was astounded; I said, "Thank you," and walked away; I was known generally in the district to have been connected with the Lands Office; I was paid by voucher through the Treasury; Mr. Park was not Chairman of the Local Land Board when I was connected with the Lands Office; I presume Mr. Gale, the Lands Agent, heard Mr. Park's reply to me; I think Mr. Gale was in a position to have heard it; no one else heard it; so far as I know Mr. Gale has made no statement to the effect that he heard Mr. Park's reply to me referred to before; I had no conversation in the street about the matter with Mr. Park; a few days after the hearing of my case at the Land Court I wished to examine a witness, Mr. Foster, a surveyor, who reported on the improvements; Mr. Foster had reported that there were more than £40 worth of improvements on the land applied for by me; Mr. Park objected to my cross-examination of the witness Mr. Foster, the surveyor; he said I had no right to cross-examine a witness; I have no complaint to make of Mr. Park's manner in this case; Mr. Park's manner on this occasion was all that it should be; the only complaint I have to make in the matter of his manner was on the first occasion; Mr. Lockhart said of course he has a right to cross-examine the witness, or words to that effect, and I was allowed to cross-examine the witness without further objection; I did cross-examine the witness; I did get my selection up to that point there was no injustice; I did shake the testimony of Mr. Foster, the witness; a fence had been put up by an adjoining selector, which was not on the boundary, but outside the land I selected, and was erected after my application for the land; I was subpoenaed as a witness in the case; the improvements were valued by the Board at £16; the result of my cross-examination and of my own examination resulted in the Board finding that there were only £16 worth of improvements on the land.

To *Mr. Park*:—I did not know you when I asked you the question; it was a few days before the Court was held, but after I received notice of the inquiry; I am quite sure that you made an objection to my cross-examining witness; this remark about my right to cross-examine was made to me, and not to his colleague on the Bench; the words were "You have no right"; the remark made by Mr. Park may have been unintentional.

H. E. P. THOMPSON.

(A 3A.)

On 24th August, 1885, at the Court, the Board decided that there were £16 worth of improvements on my selection; the Board at the same time decided late at night, and the decision was read out by Mr. Park; the decision of the Board was that the improvements were not of sufficient value to bar selection, and recommended the Minister to offer them at auction; the land was not put up to auction that I am aware of; on the 15th January, 1886, the Board inquired into my conditional purchase; I was summoned to attend the Land Court; the improvements were valued at £25; Mr. Park and Mr. Pearce were sitting; I am not sure whether Mr. Lockhart was present; upon reconsideration I am sure Mr. Park was present, but am not sure who the other member was; the decision of the Board was spoken to me from the Bench; I have no recollection of appearing again at the Land Court on the 15th February, 1886; as far as I can recollect Mr. Foster was examined by the Land Court on the 15th January, 1886; I was charged excessively by having to pay £25 for the improvements instead of £16; I cannot remember being present at the Court on the 15th February, 1886; I therefore cannot remember Mr. Surveyor Foster giving evidence on that occasion.

To *Mr. Park*:—In the matter of the decision read out by Mr. Park, I did not get any information from you as to how that decision was arrived at.

To the *Board of Inquiry*:—I have no recollection of the Board having informed me at the time of confirmation that the improvements would be appraised hereafter; I have not the slightest recollection of attending a meeting afterwards for the purpose of appraising the improvements; the fence put up on the southern boundary of my conditional purchase was put up by my son; the fence was not worth £18; there were about 38 chains of such fence; I consider the fence worth £12; the chimney was worth about £6; I have no objection to such valuation; I have been overcharged for the fencing along the southern boundary; I contend on behalf of all selectors that certificates of confirmation should be issued as speedily as possible, and bear the date of confirmation; for example, the date of confirmation of my selection by the Board was 15th January, 1886, but the certificate of confirmation was not issued till March, 1886; the first time I have made any of the charges referred to was in the year 1888.

HENRY E. P. THOMPSON.

Charge No. 5 (part 2)—Conditional purchase, 86-21, *re* A. W. G. Thompson's conditional purchase, 86-21.

As far as I can recollect the case was heard in the Land Court on the 27th April, 1886; Mr. Pearce and Mr. Park were sitting, and Mr. Oliver, I think, also had a seat on the Bench; my complaint is that Mr. Park objected to my appearing for my son on the grounds that my authority was not attested; my son was not present; I handed Mr. Park my authority; I think Mr. Park referred to Mr. Pearce; that if one man is allowed to appear without any authority another is also entitled to do so; I would not venture to say whether Mr. Park asked me if it was my son's signature or authority; Mr. Park said that there was no attestation, and that I could not appear on that authority; Mr. Park referred to Mr. Pearce saying, I think, "Do you know this signature," who answered in the affirmative, and I was allowed to appear for my son, and no injustice was done; Mr. Park knew me before; he did not know my son's signature; Mr. Park wanted some further evidence as to genuineness of signature; I do not complain of Mr. Park wishing some proof of my son's signature; at present I do not remember any cases where Mr. Park has allowed persons to appear at Court without authority, but will be able to state some to-morrow.

HENRY E. P. THOMPSON.

10th April, 1889.

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Charge

## Charge No. 10.

This charge is A. W. G. Thompson's additional conditional purchase 86-21; before the time of application by my son, the land had been fenced on the west and north by two good and substantial fences, cattle and sheep proof; on his application being confirmed; the fencing was No. 2 fencing that he was allowed to put up; of the old fences one on the west side was allowed as his property by the Board, consisting of Mr. Park, &c.; that on the north was allowed to be my property as it adjoins my conditional purchase; the two old fences were not in accord with the Act; my son, thinking that the fences having been allowed by the Board, thought that they were good and substantial, and would comply with the fencing clause; the inspector reported that the fences were good and substantial ones; he put the fencing on the other sides with fencing under the Act; the Board decided that the fencing was not according to the Act, and recommended the selection to the Minister for Lands for forfeiture; the fencing on the north and west sides were not in accordance with the Act, having been erected prior to the Act of 1884; to the best of my recollection Mr. Park said he would recommend the conditional purchase for forfeiture; payment for half value of the fence on the north side to be paid to me was recommended by the Board on the same day as it was confirmed; in May, 1888, I appeared at the Land Board for the Bank of New South Wales for a certificate of conformity, and the Board decided the fencing is not all quite up to the standard of Class No. 2, prescribed by the Act, but otherwise the conditions appear to have been fulfilled; and such referred to the Minister; so far as my memory serves, the Board said they would refer as above to the Minister, and would recommend to the Minister for forfeiture; I there and then applied for an extension of time to complete the fencing; this was on 9th May, 1888; this application was made by the Bank in writing; I went down to the Bank, and wrote the application on the 9th May, 1888; the matter of dealing with this case was not then proceeded with; I think Mr. Park should have dealt with this application at once; the application came on for hearing on 4th July, 1888; I was present at the Court at that date; I got six months extension to complete fencing from the 9th May; the fencing was done in the time; I am not aware that I asked for six months extension from the 4th July; my complaint is that Mr. Park did not hear the case on the 9th May, the date of the application; I think the fourteen days notice, which is usual, should have been waived.

*To Mr. Park:*—I asked verbally for an extension of time before lunch, on 9th May; I did not present the application to the Board after lunch, but left it with Mr. Boot; I asked Mr. Boot to bring the matter before the Board during the sitting; I was not here the next day.

*To Mr. Sly:*—I asked Mr. Boot to forward the application; I did not mention the application to the Board afterwards; I did not ask the Board to deal with the application on 9th May; I did not ask Mr. Boot if he had forwarded the application to the Board; I did expect to be called when it was called on; there was an unpleasantness occurred between Mr. Park and myself on that date, 9th May; the inspector was sent out to inspect on the very day that the case was called on; I had to return with him to show him the fencing; I arrived at the Court about 11 o'clock a.m.; I pressed the case on; Mr. Park said, "You ought to have been here in time"; Mr. Park spoke to me in a discourteous manner; I was coming in about 9:30 on the 9th May, but returned with the inspector, Mr. Russom, to show him the fencing at his request; Mr. Russom said that Mr. Park said he would postpone the case till my return; I was delayed by the inspector, therefore Mr. Park said my application for extension of time was not before the Board; Mr. Park said I ought to have been here before, when, at that time, he knew that the delay occurred in consequence of his own action; Mr. Park knew, from what Mr. Russom had told him, that I had been delayed by him; I may have been on my son's selection on 8th May, 1888.

*To Mr. Park:*—I had a difference of opinion with you; I asked you twice to take my case on, and you said that you could not interrupt the proceedings of the Court; you said the case would come on in due course; I think it was that you would not interrupt the sequence of the cases.

*To Mr. Sly:*—Mr. Russom came out, on the 9th May, in the morning; I met him on the common, and he asked me to return with him, and show him my son's additional conditional purchase; he did not know where it was before that; I went round the fences with him; as far as I could judge he had not been out before to see them; I do not think I was in at the Land Court, on the 10th May; I have not my diary with me.

HENRY E. P. THOMPSON.

10th April, 1889.

There are two agents practising here that I know of, viz., Mr. Lakeman and Mr. Gibson; they have been practising ever since the Court opened, so far as I can recollect; I had an illness during last February (1889), and since then my memory has partly failed me; I am in error in the evidence I gave in reference to my son's conditional purchase in the matter of the dates; I was present at the Court on the 8th and 9th May; on looking at my diary I find that I met Mr. Russom on the 8th May, 1886, and not on the 9th May, as stated in my evidence of yesterday; Mr. Park was not rude to me on the 8th May, 1886; the conversation I related yesterday as having taken place with Mr. Russom occurred on the 8th May; in my diary there is no memorandum of Mr. Park's rudeness on the 8th May; I do not think my case was the first on the list on the 9th May; I would not be sure; there is no entry in my diary to the effect that the Board recommended my son's conditional purchase for forfeiture; I do not know whether I would have made an entry to that effect; there is a memo. in my diary to this effect: "Mr. Park as usual very coarse; I had great difficulty in getting case on; I had to press the matter on; Mr. Park objected to take the case on;" the interlineations were written in my diary at the same time as the ordinary writing; I told Mr. Park on the 9th May, that I had been delayed by the inspector; I believe there are lists drawn up of the cases to be heard on each day; I do not complain of the conduct of Mr. Park on the 8th of May in not taking my case on.

HENRY E. P. THOMPSON.

11th April, 1889.

Charge No. 11; *re* conditional purchase, No. 86-42; George Baillie.

I made the following statement, not from my own knowledge, but from the public papers and public talk; Geo. Baillie was a non-resident selector; there was no appearance for the applicant at the hearing of the case, either personally or by agent; he wrote a letter from Melbourne to the Board, stating that he could not attend, but that the necessary improvements were on the land; but the report of the Inspector would have shown to the contrary or very nearly so; the consideration of the case by the Board, was postponed for further report; my complaint is that, if in A. W. G. Thompson's case the decision of the Board was right, then in this case of G. Baillie's the procedure was wrong; I do consider that the matter for investigation is too indefinitely described on the notices to appear at Court; the proceedings at the Land Court in this district are not carried on as in a Law Court; the selector is placed in the witness box, and after his evidence is given he is then asked questions; I don't complain that while in the witness box that I am treated unfairly, but that the proceedings are reversed, and that the selector has to give his evidence first, instead of after the case has been stated; this is not a complaint against Mr. Park, but against the principle of taking evidence at the Land Courts; I have not received any recent notices from the Land Court; the indefiniteness of which I have complained; this is all that I have to say.

HENRY E. P. THOMPSON.

11th April, 1889.

*George Sides* states:—I am a selector in the district, about 60 miles from Hay, and 25 miles; I have been a selector about seven years in this district; before that I was on freehold land of my own in Victoria; the subject of my complaint occurred some time in 1888, while the case of my conditional purchase and conditional lease was being considered, that is about 4th April; Mr. Gibson had dealt with my land business, and that of my two sons, up to that time; when the case was called on, Mr. Gibson said, "I appear for the applicant," and I was present; I did not say anything then; something was said, and I merely breathed a noise, and did not speak, but Mr. Park said, "What have you got to do in this case? If you have anything to say go into the box;" no evidence was called by anybody while I was present; I did not ask to give any evidence; I only wanted to make a remark; Mr. Gibson explained to the Chairman what I wanted; he knew the case; when the cases of mine and my sons were called on for confirmation on 8th October, 1888, I handed in the authorities of my sons; my sons were not present; the authorities were signed by my sons; I said I was prepared to prove that I had seen my sons sign the authorities; afterward I went into the box at Mr. Park's request, and swore to such; the body and signature of the authorities were written in a back hand, but in the applications the signatures were written in a running hand; I was allowed to appear in these cases of my sons; the application was not proceeded with then; after hearing my evidence I was asked to bring in my son, John James Sides; on the 30th October, when my son came in, the case was dealt with; when I handed in the next authority of my other son, Hartrick Collins Sides, the signatures were compared, and the

the Board was satisfied ; the Chairman asked me what guarantee had I that the boys existed ; I said that the fact of the signatures signed before the Land Agent, Mr. Gale, was sufficient to prove their existence ; Mr. Park said, " We take it for granted, and will give you the benefit of it ; " it was the manner in which it was said that I object to in regard to both my sons' cases, and also in my own ; Mr. Gibson and Mr. Lakeman were present.

11th April, 1889.

GEORGE SIDES.

There are many cases where the land has been applied for in this district, and not heard in the Land Court for at least twelve months ; my case is an example ; my sons put in their application on 12th January, 1888, also certain others of the name of Warren ; I put an application in of the 1st March, 1888 ; survey was ordered a few months afterwards ; confirmation took place a few months after that, from the 1st March to the 8th October ; the same thing occurred in Warren's cases ; in the case of Mary Lugsdin, applied for in the previous November, was not confirmed till about the 8th October ; the lands were not in an outlying locality, but about 25 miles from here ; there was no difficulty about the survey ; I could have done it myself ; the survey only took place just before confirmation ; this delay is a common occurrence ; those whom I have spoken to say that they do not expect their confirmation till at least twelve months after application.

11th April, 1889.

GEORGE SIDES.

*To Mr. Park:*—I remember when I presented the authorities ; I did not object at every step to the proceedings of the Court ; I made some suggestions ; I said I was willing to go into the box and swear to my sons' signatures ; I remember when I brought my sons in ; I did not ask you to take my sons' word ; I objected to my sons being sworn in the box ; Mr. Pearce said he could make a declaration ; my son was 21 years of age last birthday ; I objected to a boy going into the Court ; I did not use the word " young " ; I persist in stating that your manner was rude, but not in this case ; the time I complain of you being rude is when I wished to explain about the survey ; the other matters I complain of Mr. Park's arbitrary manner in not taking my evidence, but wishing my sons to go into the box and swear the evidence ; I have attended a few of the Land Courts in Hay ; I do not remember that you had objected to any others speaking who were represented by agents ; you said that if I had anything to say I must go in the witness-box ; I did not go into the box, as there was no box ; my agent did all that was necessary as well as I could have done myself ; I do not lodge any complaint against any individuals in the Service with respect to these delays, as I do not know who is responsible.

11th April, 1889.

GEORGE SIDES.

*Robert Gibson:* I am a land agent attending Land Courts at Hay ; I know George Sides, and was acting as agent for him and his sons ; I remember attending at the Court during the preliminary hearing of Sides' cases ; Mr. Park asked me to explain something during my evidence in Mr. Sides' case ; Mr. George Sides attempted to speak, when Mr. Park told him that he had his agent, who would answer the question ; I was capable of explaining the case ; there was no necessity for Mr. George Sides to interfere ; I appear for a good many selectors at the Land Court ; I have been attending the Land Courts since the Act came into force ; I have had no reason to complain of Mr. Park's manner during that time ; I think the cross-examination in certain cases was carried too minutely, which was not done so in other cases ; I think it did injustice in many cases ; I do not consider that the Board had sufficient grounds for many of their decisions ; I have two brothers, both selectors, who made applications under the present Act—Mr. G. Gibson and Jas. R. Gibson ; Mr. Lakeman appeared for them ; the cases were confirmed in July, 1886 ; when the Inspector visited the ground in December they were both absent ; in one case, W. G. Gibson, the Chairman appeared satisfied, and no witnesses were called ; the fencing was almost completed, and other improvements of the total value of about £400 were on the ground ; there was a ring fence around the selection ; in the other case, Jas. R. Gibson's, he was cross-examined as to his residence ; he admitted that for six months during his residence he had bought provisions from his father ; the Board seemed to think that the residence had not been fulfilled, as the two houses were so close together, being only one chain apart ; the Board reported to the Minister that the residence had not been fulfilled ; Mr. Lakeman interviewed the Minister, and got the case upheld to date ; with the exception of the case of Mr. Sides, to whom I think he spoke particularly sharp, I am of opinion that within the last twelve months, the manner of Mr. Park has been unobjectionable ; as far as I know, Mr. Park has behaved in a proper manner to any legal gentleman appearing at the Land Court ; when a selector, under the old Act, has dealings with the Land Court, and is applying for land under the new Act, Mr. Park compels them to produce their certificates of conformity, which are sometimes mortgaged to the Banks, and are then not readily obtainable ; such information could be obtained in the Lands Office ; I do not think the production of these certificates of conformity serve any practical purpose ; the feeling among selectors has been against Mr. Park in this district ; the general complaint appears to be that Mr. Park was specially severe on *bona fide* selectors, and not so with others ; it was considered, that if a selector obtained his meals in his parents' house, his selection was forfeited for non-residence ; I think that a too strict interpretation has been put upon the residence clause, and the inquiry too minute ; it is within twelve months that the cases occurred that made the selectors agitate ; it is not the general opinion that Mr. Park favours the squatter as against the selector ; I consider that the *bona fides* should be taken prior to residence ; that the dummy selector is the best resident ; I think there are dummy selectors in this district ; I never heard that any dummy had been punished in this district, further than the forfeiture of his selection ; during the last twelve months, if the Survey Department had the cases ready, the Chairman was willing to take the cases for hearing ; I think the Survey Department are anxious to get the surveys completed ; as they are at present very scattered, there may be delays caused by the excessive travelling ; personally I get on very well with Mr. Park, and I think justice is administered to all ; previous to the last twelve months I have heard selectors addressed in a sharp manner verging on rudeness, and distinct from Mr. Park's manner when addressing squatters.

*To Mr. Thompson:* At the first time of practising I was asked by Mr. Park to produce my authorities when appearing for selectors, but when I became a recognised professional land agent, I was not so asked.

*To Mr. Sly:*—The discrepancies in the rents of leases of the same description of country are great ; inferior country is sometimes rated higher than better country ; conditional lease rents are considerably higher than pastoral leases ; I don't think there is much difference in the quality of the two classes of land mentioned ; I think the leasehold areas are if anything better land ; I think sometimes squatters were allowed greater latitude before the last twelve months than a selector before the Board ; that is in his manner of treating them, but not in his decisions.

*To Mr. Park:*—There is very little difference in the quality of the land in this district ; there is a difference between the Roly Poly plain and the grass plain ; I think a Roly plain not worth more than 1d. per acre a good grass plain at 3½d. per acre ; good salt bush or cotton bush plain I think worth about 3d. per acre.

11th April, 1889.

ROBERT GIBSON.

*Joseph Ede Pearce:*—I am the Police Magistrate at Hay, and member of the Local Land Board Hay ; I was present on the Land Board when George Sides presented the authority from his son ; Mr. Park doubted the genuineness of the signature owing the dissimilarity of the writing ; I saw the writing and I first thought they were not by the same writer, but after hearing Mr. Sides I did think so, as I have known him for years and believe his word ; Mr. Sides was asked to give evidence ; I was satisfied that the signature was genuine from my knowledge of Mr. Sides' character, but could not object to Mr. Park requiring further evidence ; Mr. Park, I think, thought the signature a forgery, and wished Mr. Sides' son called to verify it ; I don't think there was anything improper in Mr. Park's conduct in getting the son in on a subsequent date to swear to the signature ; the son wrote on a separate piece of paper an exact copy of the signature on the authority presented to the father ; I have known Mr. Sides a very long time, and believe his word, I have known him longer than Mr. Park ; I think Mr. Park under the circumstances was right in calling the son, thinking as he did that the signature was a forgery ; when Mr. Gibson appeared for Mr. Sides, and Mr. Sides interrupted, Mr. Park told him that he was represented by an agent, Mr. Park's manner was brusque, it is so naturally ; I have been sitting on the Land Board with Mr. Park a long while, and I have never known him to exhibit any favouritism towards any one ; there have been times when I would not have spoken to a witness as Mr. Park had done, but Mr. Park could uphold the dignity of the Court and I could not ; I don't think there is a more able Chairman in the Colony than Mr. Park ; I think Mr. Park a most conscientious man, who deals justly with those who come before him whether rich or poor.

JOSEPH EDE PEARCE.

Ferdinand

*Ferdinand Habermann* states:—I am a selector residing about 18 miles from Hay, at Benduck; I have been seven years a selector, before that I was a farmer in Victoria, and I am an engineer, a mechanical one; when I made my application Mr. Park was siding with Mr. Ayre, the lessee of the run against me; I made my selection in 1882; Mr. Park sided with Mr. Ayre, and against me from 1887 to now; I think my industry should have been nursed; I made application for a special lease of some land without which my selection was of no use; instead of granting me 320 acres, Mr. Park wanted to give me only 100 acres; Mr. Pearce wanted to grant me the full complement; Mr. Pearce told me so within five minutes after the giving of the decision; I retract the foregoing statement; Mr. Pearce told me to appeal, I saw him in the Board-room, we were alone, he advised me to appeal; he told me he differed from Mr. Park in the decision; in my opinion Mr. Park wanted to favour Mr. Ayre; the day before the Land Board was held, Mr. Park went out with Mr. Ayre to show him the ground; I don't think he had any other business with him; he should have come to me and asked me to show him the land; it was I who wanted the land, not Mr. Ayre; about 160 acres was approved by the Board; I made an appeal; the Board read out their decision to me. [The decision now read out (being the decision signed by the Board does not mention an area, but refers to the tracing showing 200 acres) by the Chairman of the Board of Inquiry]; the case was reopened; I complained to Mr. Park, on May the 18th, that the area granted did not include the dam, and the case was reopened; it is probable that I came in about eleven days after, when the case was reopened; they must have read out a decision; I appealed, and got my rent reduced one-half; I complain that Mr. Park reduced my land from 320 acres to 100 acres, and charged me £30 a year rent; I have laid out £4,000 on my property; I think from the foregoing facts that Mr. Park was favouring the lessee; I make no charge against Mr. Park; I was led into this; I did not come voluntarily; they who knew my case caught hold of me in the street, and brought me here; I did not sign the petition against Mr. Park; I have no other complaint to make; I do not think Mr. Park spoke civilly to me; he spoke harshly; if I had been a prisoner in the dock I could not have been asked more searching questions; his manner when he spoke to me now was different to that in the Land Court.

*To Mr. Thompson*:—When you met me you said, "Now we have got you;" I cannot say what conversation Mr. Park and Mr. Ayre had when they visited the land; they saw me, but I was not with them; I was not within a quarter of a mile of them.

*To Mr. Park*:—I saw you with Mr. Ayre; I did not see you with anyone else; I saw you on the 24th May, the Queen's birthday; I did not see you with Mr. Ayre on any other occasion; it might have been a shooting party; I heard firing; I think you went out to see land, which you were to decide upon next day, and not only to shoot game; I saw you on another occasion.

*To Mr. Sly*:—I only surmised Mr. Park had another object in going to visit the ground.

*To Mr. Park*:—You questioned me very closely about the land; I told you 3 chains was not too wide to lay the piping; I had spent about £150 on the special lease for dam, a portable engine on the land; my plant is worth £2,000; it is on the special lease; the improvements were there when you saw me on the 24th May.

F. HABERMANN.

12th April, 1889.

*Joseph Ede Pearce* makes the following voluntary statement, in Habermann's case:—I disagreed with Mr. Park in his decision, and I said so in open Court; Mr. Park told me I had made a mistake, and I wrote him a letter of apology afterwards; after Mr. Park had left the Bench he retired to the consulting-room, and I left, passing through the Court, when Mr. Habermann addressed me, saying, "The piece you gave me is of no use;" I think this was on the occasion of the second hearing; at the final decision he said the rent was too high, and he could not pay it, and I told him his only course was to appeal; I might have said afterwards that I disagreed with Mr. Park's decision; I might have said, "If I were in your place, I would appeal."

JOSEPH EDE PEARCE.

*Allan Lakeman* states:—I am one of the Members for the district; I am a land agent; I have appeared before Mr. Park for the selectors on many occasions; I was asked to appear at this inquiry by the selectors; in September, 1886, there was a public meeting held at Hillston; this was the first occasion that any public action was taken by the selectors; *re* the action of the Board, it was thought that the selectors were not treated fairly by the Board; I thought at the time that they were not fairly treated; I was present at the meeting; the 1st resolution was, "That this meeting has no confidence in the administration of the Land Board business at Hillston, as shown in certain cases recently heard, wherein it has appeared that the Board, which should be regulated by strict adherence to impartiality, constitutes itself at once judge and prosecutor, by the summoning of witnesses evidently upon information conveyed in an unofficial and irresponsible form"; 2nd resolution, "That this meeting views with alarm the delay in dealing with homestead leases, and expresses an opinion that each case should, as it occurs, be finally dealt with on its own merits"; 3rd resolution, "That, as from the delay at present on the Board's part, the applicants will not get their land until another season is past, this meeting expresses its entire approval of the principle that each applicant should, unless for good reasons to the contrary, appear before the Board for examination, if necessary, and that it regrets that while this course was insisted on in connection with the daughters of certain selectors, it was not adopted by the Board in respect of selections taken up on stations by relatives of the owners or managers"; the meeting was called, not by advertisement, but by a bellman; there were more than fifty people present, townspeople and selectors; that the Land Board, in a case of Laird's, I think, witnesses were summoned by the Land Board's own direction; the inspector should give all the evidence necessary, and I think he should inform the Chairman what witnesses should be called, and that the Chairman should not summon any person he may know that could give any evidence; he should not know officially anything about a case except through his officers; if the witnesses spoke the truth in the matter of residence, the ends of justice would be served by their evidence; I think that it is the officer's duty to suggest the names of witnesses to the Chairman, and not the Chairman to suggest witnesses to the officer; I do not think that Mr. Park gave his decisions on evidence not stated in open Court, but that he called evidence to disprove residence; I do not think that Mr. Park should suggest the names of witnesses to be called, such is the duty of a prosecutor; I think that the report of the Inspector, who should be a practical man, should be sufficient evidence to a person's residence; in Laird's case, I was at the time of opinion that the name of a certain witness was suggested by someone not an officer of the Department; I am of opinion that the Board was unnecessarily inquisitorial in their examinations; I think in some cases the selectors said certain things that they did not intend to, and that the Board drew a wrong conclusion from the evidence; my interests are with the selector; the general charge is that the selectors were treated unfairly; I was of that opinion at the time; I don't think that the complaints have been made so frequently of late; I have been better pleased with the decisions of the Board within the last twelve months; the Board have not been so inquisitorial within the last twelve months, but they have to a certain extent; 2nd resolution.—I don't think this bears so much upon the Land Board, who were not to blame so much; 3rd resolution.—There was an unwritten law that the Board would like to see an applicant once; the meeting fell in with this action and thought it right; the daughters of a selector were required to come in during the wet weather; the son of a squatter was not so required; I think the Court is too red-tapey; I think they stand too much upon form, that matters could be more expeditiously pushed on by the Board; I complain of the general conduct of the Board in the Court; instead of dealing with the case off hand, they go through a lot of forms, and entries have to be made; I think they take too long, that the Chairman could deal with them in half the time, but, not being a Chairman, I do not know how the forms should be curtailed; the inquiry takes too long, there is too much form and too many irrelevant questions asked; when cases are referred to the Board under section 20, too many questions are asked by the Board, irrelevant questions and injustice had been done in so doing; conditional purchase 81-101 and conditional purchase 81-102: Hay,—Lang's cases (2)—I was present in Court and thought injustice was done; Gibson's cases were a similar inquiry to those under the 20th section; I cannot tell any recent inquiry under the 20th section; Gibson's cases—Irrelevant questions were asked and caused injustice, and, also, there were too many questions; I know selectors dread coming before the Court; I don't think the question asked Jas. R. Gibson by the Board as to why he built his house where he did, should have been asked; Mr. T. W. Bennett gave evidence, and I asked him several questions; the Board asked him whether he was a relation of Gibson's; in my opinion the questions asked these people are unnecessarily harsh and inquisitorial; I think that a searching inquiry is never burked, but that it should be made in a proper manner; I complain of the last question asked the witness in Jas. R. Gibson's case; I quote cases in which I differed with the decisions of the Board; John Savage's case—there was a miscarriage of Justice; that the evidence brought forward by John Savage was not sufficient to warrant the Board passing the selection; I was present; conditional purchase 82-146, Hay—Roach—was passed, and should not have been;



been ; they were not *bona fide* ; they were squatters' dummies ; I think the evidence given did not warrant the Board passing the applications ; the residence was complete ; I think dummies have been passed everywhere in the Colony ; I do not blame the Board, as the evidence produced was satisfactory, but in the cases quoted the evidence did not warrant the passing ; Geo. Baillie, the son of the squatter on whose run the selection was taken up—The Board gave special facilities to the applicant in postponing the case, as, by the Inspector's report, the improvements were not complete ; the applicants reported that the improvements were completed, and asked for a postponement ; it may have been proper conduct by the Board under the circumstances, but I do not think so ; J. Allen's case ; conditional purchase S6-46, Hay—In this case I think the decision was harsh under the evidence, viz., to have the conditional purchase recommended for forfeiture ; in Prendergast's case I think remarks made by the Board were uncalled for ; there was a letter from the father to the Member for the district, where the selection was referred to as ours or mine, I think ; I think it was this letter that caused the selection to be forfeited ; what I specially complain of is that the old Act conditional purchase cases are unnecessarily delayed here, and are kept with the Board for inquiry in open Court ; when the Inspector reports fulfilment of conditions, instead of being sent on to Sydney for final action, the securities have been shaken, and the banks will not advance money until the certificates of conformity have been issued, which causes great delay and loss of time ; this is caused by the action of the Land Board keeping the papers back for inquiry that should go on for approval ; the last time I found fault with Mr. Park's manner was in the case of George Sides ; his manner was brusque ; Mr. Park has during the last twelve months, in my opinion, tried to do his duty.

*To Mr. Park* :—I was a speaker at the meeting at Hillston, and an organizer of it ; I was not a Member of Parliament at that time ; it was not an electioneering scheme ; I had put up a year before that for a Member of Parliament, but was rejected ; I was elected on the next occasion ; I would consider the resolution passed at that meeting right in regard to the cases mentioned, even at this time ; Laird's case was the salient case ; I was agent for Laird.

*Question* :—Do you remember my having to reprimand you for remarking on the Board's decision in Laird's case ?  
*Answer* :—I think it was in Laird's case ; I think you summoned a witness in Laird's case ; a constable was called in one case—I think Laird's case—and I do not think that was proper ; his evidence rather favoured Laird's case ; this is the only case where you summoned a witness of your own ; I think it is a miscarriage of justice to forfeit Laird's, but it was not in consequence of the constable's evidence, but by the evidence of another witness, also called by the Board ; the witness I complain of was the witness called by the Board ; not suggested by the Inspector ; I think you were acting in favour of the squatter (Brush) by recommending the forfeiture of Laird's case ; they were old enemies, and there was revenge in the question ; I do not think you knew anything of the ill-feeling between Laird and the squatter (Mr. Brush) ; I cannot quote a case where you have pushed a witness too far in examination, but I have felt it often ; you have often helped a witness who was stupid ; you have gone out of your way in many instances to facilitate them getting their land ; I have no animus against Mr. Wright, a member of the Board, at Hillston ; I think he being biassed in favour of a squatter would tend to influence you as it would anyone against the selectors.

Was there not a petition signed after the meeting referred to equally by squatter and selector, in favour of retaining the services of Mr. Wright as a member of the Land Board ? I do not know of any such petition, but I did see in the paper a notice to the effect ; it was got up by his squatter friends, I believe ; the selector's daughter that I referred to as being brought here in the wet was Miss Cooper, and the squatter's son was Mr. Brewer ; I do not think Mr. Sides' manner very irritating and provoking ; I do not think he was wasting your time in the Court ; I did not bring, nor did any of my friends bring any evidence in Savage's or Roach's cases, to the effect that they were dummies ; we did not help you ; those who murmured at the decisions, may possibly have known that the decisions were wrong ; I do not think any miscarriage of justice occurred in Baillie's case ; the conditional purchase has since been forfeited ; I understand that the Inspector did not make his report till the proper time had expired ; in Prendergast's case, the term family selection was used for the first time to my knowledge.

*Question* :—Did we not allow these selections at the first inquiry ?  
*Answer* :—Yes ; a letter was then brought into the question, and the case was then reopened, and from the evidence elicited in consequence of the letter, these conditional purchases were refused ; I don't think the Board was justified in reversing the first decisions on the strength of the evidence disclosed by the letter ; I don't think that if it had been a squatter instead of a selector, I would have been justified in causing the production of the letter, and acting on it ; I think that as long as the Board have the report of the Inspector, that there is no necessity to delay the issue of the certificate of conformity for hearing at the open Court ; I do not think we were so satisfied with your conduct during the first part of your tenure as with the latter part ; I think that the position of the Chairman of the Local Land Board is a difficult and invidious one ; it is defenceless, inasmuch as you cannot enter into a controversy through the press with an antagonist or anyone, till the Minister orders or directs inquiry ; I have never attacked you, either through the press or privately ; the following is a copy of the shorthand writers report of Mr. Lakeman's remarks before the Appeal Court :—I consider that any Board who would recommend, as in Moritz Hertzell's case, forfeiture on the strength of an Inspector's report that there were £316 of improvements on the land when £320 were required, was incompetent or corrupt ; the report of the shorthand writer of the proceeding in Appeal in Hertzell's case is correct ; I did not see that the improvements were put on after the man's death, and long after the time in which they should have been effected ; I meant the Board and not the Chairman, in my remarks before the Court of Appeal as to the incompetency and corruption ; I do not see how a Board could have come to the decision they did, if they were not biassed in some way ; I looked through the papers, and I thought that the improvements were put on at the proper time ; I based my remarks on this case, Louis Hertzell's, and on that alone ; I do not know whether I came to my decision by mistake, or whether you came to your decision by mistake ; by corruption I mean favouritism, and not the taking of a bribe ; I think that case would show incompetency ; I do not think the Board and Chairman in the district are incompetent.

15 April, 1889.

ALLAN LAKEMAN.

*Robert Gibson states* :—I have to complain of the difficulty one has to get information in this office on any matter ; if I go into the Survey and Lands Office, I see that every facility is given to applicants for information ; but it is not so in the Land Board Office ; in the case of Alexander Brown, who died before the five years of residence had been completed (it had six months to run), I wanted to know, as the land was to be sold, and it was a forced sale, particulars as to the Inspector's reports, &c., as I intended to, perhaps, bid for it myself ; I asked for the papers from Mr. Davies ; he looked up the papers, but would not let me see them ; but referred me to Mr. Park ; I saw Mr. Park, who said he could not give me the information desired, because I would then have an unfair advantage over other members of the public, but I thought that it was information that all of the public should know ; he told me I might telegraph to the Under Secretary and get his authority, but, as the sale was coming off in an hour, that was impossible ; I think such information should be supplied by the Clerks-in-charge to all the members of the public ; the Sheriff's officer had some information, I believe, as he told me that the purchaser would not have to reside, but that was all ; when I want to obtain information for selectors, I have to write a letter here asking for information that could be supplied in a few minutes if the papers were in the office ; I do not get a reply on the average for from two to three weeks ; in the case of Hector Matheson, a homestead lessee, I required information, and, with a neighbour, I went into the office about five or six weeks ago ; I saw Mr. Atterbury, who told me that I would have to make application in writing and I did so, and did not get the information for about three weeks ; there was no attempt to find the papers ; I would rather not come to this office for information, although, in the course of business, I have to do so ; I have preferred to look over plans in the Survey Office which I should be able to get quicker from the Land Board Office ; I have only interviewed Mr. Park personally on the one occasion, which I referred to on official matters, and asked for information ; I think the information should be given verbally ; I notice the difference in the facilities given to those requiring information at the Survey Office and the Land Board Office ; I applied, as agent of J. G. Vagg, for information *re* improvements within the last five weeks ; Vagg was with me in the office, and would like to have got the information at the time ; I saw Mr. Atterbury on that occasion, and he told me to make written application ; I do not think justice was done in the case of the Benerembah stock route ; the selectors petitioned for a stock route, as they had not direct route to the railway sidings ; it was considered by the Land Board ; an alternative route was proposed by the Inspector, though 7 miles longer going to Darlington ; the selectors pointed out that the Benerembah route was a better one ; they really only wanted a road 3 or 5 chains wide, but applied for a stock route in error ; the case came on three times before the Board ; the road they have to go when wishing to reach the railway line is to Darlington, whereas, if they were given the other route, they would have 7 miles less to travel ; so much is the Benerembah route preferred that one selector actually walked into Benerembah rather

rather than go to Darlington; they only wanted a road of access to the Benerembah railway siding; the manager of the station gave evidence that the pine timber which the selectors made so much of was of no value, whereas since that time a saw-mill has been started; the District Surveyor, who reported upon a deviation of the road at the back part, had no evidence to give in the matter of access to the railway siding; it has been asked why selectors do not make more charges against dummies when they know them to be so, but the expenses are too great; in one case a complaint was made against one, Claus Ruinp, and the expense incurred was sufficient to debar anyone else attempting such a thing again; it caused the man who laid the charge over £40, and he won his case; it would have cost him over £100 if he had lost; the case lasted too long, nearly eleven days, and cost in witnesses' expenses on both sides too great an amount; this is not a charge against the Land Board, but only to show the reason why more complaints are not made against those who are known to be dummies; *re* Family Selections—I went into this matter in my former evidence; I do not know of any cases in this district where children have transferred their selections to their parents; *re* Allen and Baillie's cases—I was present in the Court when they were heard; *re* John Allen's case—I think the decision of the Board was hard on Allen in stating that the condition of residence had not been fulfilled, and, in Baillie's case, that the Inspector should have been called to give his evidence.

*To Mr. Sly*:—I do not think as a rule that the Board would be doing wrong in postponing a case, when such postponement was applied for by the selectors; in Allen's case, Allen was present; he was cross-examined severely, and the Board considered that the residence was not properly complied with; Allen, for the first six months, took his breakfast and tea with his brother-in-law; if such decisions were upheld that nine out of any ten in this district would be forfeited; I think that from the evidence given in Allen's case that the Board should have considered the residence fulfilled; he did not apply for a postponement; I think Baillie was given a chance to fulfil his conditions by giving him a postponement, but Allen was not given a chance; he, Allen, did not apply for a postponement; I think the postponement given to Baillie was an equivalent to an extension of time to complete fencing; Baillie with this postponement could have completed his fencing conditions.

*To Mr. Park*:—I recognise the difference between that this is an administrative office, and the survey office an executive one; in one, the information is complete; in this office, the case is not complete, and in the Lands Office the Land Agent is there for the purpose of giving information; I could not say whether the papers of Hector Matheson's homestead lease were in the office when I applied for information; I do not know that in the inquiry office in Sydney that applications are made in writing, and the information given on the next day; Mr. Atterbury told me to write out the application for the information required; I do not think that in family selections the children transfer to their parents; it is not a common case now but it used to be for family selections to be transferred to the one alienee.

*Re the Benerembah stock route.*

It came out in evidence that only ten or twelve different selectors ever used the stock route; also that Grey, one of these selectors, dealt with the stores in Hay, and he took away some parcels in the train; I remember one person, another selector, who had a flower garden, and wished a road to take the flowers to the railway station; Mr. Smythe, the manager of the station, gave evidence that the saw-mill had been started, but it was found that the timber was not of sufficient value, and the saw-mill was abandoned; the selectors had only gone through the run a few times; I do not know what caused the gates to be locked; the trucking-yards at the siding at Benerembah were on private property; the selectors offered to make others, or would apply to the Government to purchase the trucking-yards; I remember that papers from the Railway Department were put in, in which it was stated that the only reason why the siding was made there was for the purpose of obtaining the wool clip of the holding for revenue purposes; the officials all reported against the route; the Stock Inspector was one who reported against the route to Benerembah; the difference in the lengths of the rival stock routes was about 7 miles.

*To Mr. Sly*:—I was at the meeting in Hillston in 1886, *re* the administration of the Land Act; I remember R. W. Stewart appearing at the Land Courts in Hillston; Mr. Stewart generally represented the pastoral lessees and homestead lessees at the Court; I recollect a case where Mr. Stewart represented the lessees of Mossziel Holding in 1886; he had an authority and handed it in on a former occasion; he was asked for his authority, and he told the Board that he had handed it up already; Mr. Park spoke to him very roughly, saying to him "Sit down"; Mr. Stewart was so indignant that he left the Court; Mr. Park made the remark from the Bench; while Mr. Park was trying to find the previous authority, and Mr. Stewart began to address the Bench; Mr. Park then told him to sit down; this, with other things, was the cause of the public meeting being held; the selectors would sooner do anything than appear before the Land Board; the reasons stated by them were that Mr. Park behaved to them in a harsh manner that unless absolutely necessary they would not be present; Mr. Park's manner has made more work for the Land Agents; I think it was the administration and not the law that the selectors were more afraid of; they knew the law when they took the land up.

*To Mr. Park*:—I opened the Land Act and showed Mr. Stewart a clause *re* the duties of agents, and he commenced to read it out in Court; he said enough to show that it was his intention to argue the point with the Bench as to his right to address the Bench without producing an authority.

*To Mr. Sly*:—This information is given in the interests of the Free Selectors Association, and not as an agent for Mr. R. W. Stewart; I have not seen any difficulty lately in the Courts with agents appearing for selectors, but selectors appearing for each other have to produce authorities.

*To Mr. Park*: *Re* the selector who had a flower garden, the selector thought he could find a market for them in Hay, and he intended going into cultivation, *viz.*, hay-growing, and he looked upon the town of Hay as his natural market.

ROBERT GIBSON.

17th April, 1889.

*Abner Haylock* states:—I am a selector and grazier residing at Gunbar; I am desirous of giving evidence before this Board of several complaints; I have been a selector in Gunbar, nearly eleven years before that I was in Victoria as grazier and farmer; in regard to the value of a tank I gave evidence before the Board two or three years ago in Peter Cameron's conditional purchase; the tank was put down by the lessees of Gunbar Station on my pre-emptive lease; the plaintiff in this case was John Harris, whose lease adjoined mine, and the tank was put between them, and wrote to the lessee of Gunbar pointing out that the tank had been put down by their employee; the Peter Cameron was the employee, and he lodged an application for the land, as though the improvements were not of a greater value than £40; Harris was on oath and said the tank was worth £60, and I said it was worth £70; I consider the excavation worth 1s. per yard; Cameron was sworn, and said that he gave Armstrong Brothers, the lessees of Gunbar Holding, £45 for the tank, and he said that I wrote him an insulting letter *re* taking up the land; I stood up and told the Chairman in a respectful manner that I had a copy of that letter at home, and he said, "Sit down," in a rude manner; I complain of his rudeness since that time; Cameron's case came on for hearing last May, and was forfeited by Mr. Park; Mr. Harris had lodged a complaint; I think it should have been forfeited in the first instance; I complain that, at the time Cameron took up the land, that there was more than £40 worth of improvements on it; I think the Board should have assessed the tank at about £60, and not £45, as the balance of evidence was in favour of the first amount being taken; at that time tanks could not be excavated for less than 1s. per yard; in Roger Hargreaves' case, I claim that he should have paid for the improvements to me, and not to the Crown, as they were my improvements; Roger Hargreaves selected land originally held by me as a prelease; the tank was mine, and was worth about £60, 1,200 yards of excavation besides drains; before the new Act came into force I held five pre-emptive leases, and I improved them; of course I could not convert more than two of them into conditional leases; I had a pre-emptive lease of the land in question on the 31st December, 1884; I did not convert it into a conditional lease; I applied for it as an improvement purchase; under similar conditions I appealed to the Minister in another case, and was paid for the improvements; the land had been selected by Roger Hargreaves; the house had been built by Gannon; the case was heard on 21st December, 1886; the hut was appraised at £80; I complain that Hargreaves should have been compelled to pay me for the house on the first occasion when the house was on the ground; after hearing the decision I cannot complain, and withdraw my charge in this last case.

ABNER HAYLOCK.

18th April, 1889.

*Stephen*

*Stephen Thorncroft* states:—I am a constable stationed in Hay, but formerly at Hillston; I was never a selector; I had an opportunity while in Hillston from the first sitting of the Land Board in judging of the character of Mr. Park in acting as Chairman; I do consider that he was very courteous to all, but at times he might have been a little exact in obtaining evidence as to residence: I had an opportunity of knowing who were *bona fide* men, having been living among them for years, and Mr. Park would not; Mr. Park appears to me to treat all parties alike; he did not favour one party against another; he was very painstaking and very exact; persons not knowing who were *bona fide* men and who were not might think that the questions were unnecessary; I do not think any one could complain of Mr. Park's manner; I have had nearly ten years' experience in court matters; I attended officially every day in Hillston while the Land Board sat; I was at Hillston and attended the Courts from the first one held until I left; I attended officially in the morning and sometimes in the afternoon privately; one day there was an altercation in Court in which a person named Carroll appeared, and I think he was very rude to the Bench, and was put out, I think quite justly; he was removed by the Sergeant of Police; I do not remember any cases of uncalled for rudeness on the part of Mr. Park to selectors; I think that selectors are of opinion that if they are *bona fide* that asking them too many questions is rudeness; I make this statement voluntarily; I was not asked by anyone to appear; I knew of the inquiry; I was asked to give evidence in the case by an outside party altogether, and not by Mr. Park or anyone interested in the inquiry.

STEPHEN THORNCROFT.

*John Hanlon* states:—I reside at Boorooban; I am a selector, and live on my selection; I have been a selector in the Murray district since the 1861 Act; this is my second selection; I am unprepared, owing to the short notice, to give evidence I would have liked; I took up land on the 24th September, 1885; it was first heard in Court and approved on 19th January, 1886; it was surveyed on 20th March, 1886, and was not confirmed till 23rd December, 1886; I only complain of the delay in not confirming my conditional purchase till fifteen months after application; I have known people come here with perhaps £2,000 or £3,000, and have gone away after seeing the manner the *bona fide* selectors have been treated by the Chairman of the Land Board; I complain of the Chairman in valuing the selectors' land at a higher rental than the leasehold land held by the squatter; in Florence Porter's case the land was assessed at 5d. per acre, while the pastoral lessees' land adjoining was assessed at 2½d. and 2d.; in Peter Butterworth's case and Mary Porter's the land was assessed at 5d. and the pastoral lessees' land at 3d. or 3½d. per acre; I complain that the selectors' land is assessed at too high a rental, and the pastoral lessees only a fair rental; the squatter takes the best land, the selector takes the refuse; in the cases I mentioned the selector's land was no better than the land held by the squatter; the selector took the best of the land that was left; the instances I refer to are fair samples of a number; I complain of Mr. Park's manner—his rudeness in treating selectors, and I know cases where people arriving here with £2,000 to £3,000 to take up selections, have gone away on seeing the abrupt manner in which the selectors were received; the delay is an important matter.

JOHN HANLON.

18th April, 1889.

[For appendices referred to in appendix to this report, see appendices to No. 115.]

## EXHIBITS TO No. 143.

(A.)

1 October, 1888.

MEMO.—My arrival at this office for the purpose of taking up the duties of Clerk-in-charge, to which position I have recently been appointed is hereby reported.

I take the opportunity of asking for Mr. Chairman Park's kind consideration in the performance of my new duties, and tendering in return my most loyal service.

Mr. Chairman Park.

B. J. ATTERBURY.

(B.)

Hay, 5 November, 1888.

Dear Sir,

I have perused Mr. Atterbury's letter to you, of the 31st ultimo.

Upon the occasion referred to, I confined my remarks to Mr. Atterbury personally, and made no reference to other officers of your Department.

Mr. Atterbury had sent me a verbal message, which seemed to me studiously impertinent. Had the same message come from any other officer of the Department, I should not have thought an affront was intended, but Mr. Atterbury, without the slightest provocation, grossly insulted me in the *Record*, in a letter signed "The Growler." I thought he intended another insult, and went for him.

I regret that I should have manifested an ebullition of temper in an office, in your Department, and will take care that it does not occur again. If Mr. Atterbury wishes to say anything to me about the advice I gave, viz., to try and master the details of his office, and not to waste his time writing anonymous lampoons upon the residents of Hay, he will always be able to find me at my office, between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

I have, &amp;c.,

THOMAS ROBERTSON.

A. J. Park, Esq., Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

To be connected to Mr. Atterbury's letter to me of 31st October, and registered. I understand Mr. Atterbury to state he was not the author of any anonymous local press matter. The matter appears to be more of a personal quarrel than an insult offered to an official. Perhaps Mr. Atterbury would like to make some explanation.—A.J.P., Hay, 5/11/88.

This letter shows a studious disregard for the lines of absolute truth. The visit which caused my complaint was on a purely business matter, and no reference was made by Mr. Robertson to anything which was not official. In any case Mr. Robertson should know that a public office, in office hours, is not the place for the display of what is admitted by him to be an ebullition of temper respecting any private matter in which he may feel aggrieved. Any person who possesses so little control over himself should be the last to attempt to advise another, who, in that respect at least, has shown himself to be much Mr. Robertson's superior. However, as Mr. Robertson has apologised and promised that the cause of complaint shall not occur again, the matter may be allowed to drop, though it is respectfully submitted that copies of the Chairman's minute and my reply thereto should be sent to that gentleman.—B.J.A., 5/11/88.

Mr. Robertson has expressed his regret at the occurrence, and the matter may now be regarded as a by-gone.—A.J.P., Hay, 5/11/88.

[Enclosure.]

Sir,

Local Land Board, Hay, 31 October, 1888.

I regret to inform you that I was this morning subjected to gross insults by Mr. T. Robertson, solicitor, of this town.

The facts of the matter are as follows: Yesterday Mr. Robertson came in with a small tracing, and desired to know whether a road marked thereon was proclaimed.

I at once sent the sketch to the District Surveyor, who sent it back with an intimation to the effect that the information supplied was insufficient to enable him to answer the query; Mr. Robertson having stated that he desired the information as soon as possible, I sent the District Surveyor's memo. to him.

He returned it with a memo., and I forwarded the whole thing again to the District Surveyor.

Mr. Broughton this morning informed me personally that he thought it would be impossible to trace the matter.

A young man came in soon afterwards to know if anything had been done. I told him how the thing stood, and was at some pains to make myself clear. In a little while Mr. Robertson and a gentleman whom I believe to be the manager or lessee of Howlong, came in, and without a word of warning the former gentleman commenced a tirade of abuse and insults, in which he charged me with having "come to Hay to show them such a lot," but that I was "ignorant," "unfit for my position," and asked "was there not a man in the office who had some brains, to whom they could speak, instead of a fellow like me." This was *inter alia*.

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I listened in perfect silence, and when Mr. Robertson had concluded, asked him to "be good enough to see the District Surveyor, who had the matter in hand."

I may add, that privately, I am totally unacquainted with Mr. Robertson, and that when he has been at the office for information I have always treated him, as I do other members of the public, with the greatest courtesy.

I have the honor to ask for your protection against such conduct as that complained of.

The Chairman, Hay.

BASIL J. ATTERBURY,  
Clerk-in-charge.

Mr. Robertson invited to explain, and copies sent.—A.J.P., Hay, 1/11/88.

Dear Sir,

The word confirmed in the fourth line of my letter to you to-day should be confined. Please kindly alter the one for me. I did not notice the mistake until I was reading over the copy of the letter in my letter-book.

A. J. Park, Esq., Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Hay, 5 November, 1888.  
I am, &c.,  
THOMAS ROBERTSON.

Will Mr. Davies be good enough to state what he heard during Mr. Robertson's visit to me this morning.—B.J.A., 31/10/88.

I was in the large room when Mr. Robertson came to the Office this morning, and what I heard was certainly not complimentary to Mr. Atterbury. I could not with accuracy repeat anything that Mr. Robertson said, but I judged from his tone of voice he was speaking in anger, and his abrupt departure from the office, led me to conclude at once that he certainly was so. I heard Mr. Atterbury refer him to the Acting District Surveyor for the information he required.—C.H.D., 31/10/88.

(C.)

Sir,

I am informed that you told Mr. Robertson that I had, on the honor of a gentleman, denied the authorship of the "Growler" letters. I think that you will remember that this was not so, but that, though I apparently very successfully evaded the inquiries made by you, I gave no distinct assertion in any direction.

Leaving aside altogether the question of the propriety of repeating what could only be regarded as a purely private conversation, I trust that you will, as a matter of justice to myself, and at your very earliest convenience, explain the facts of the case to Mr. Robertson.

A. J. Park, Esq., Hillston.

I have, &c.,  
BASIL J. ATTERBURY.

(D.)

Sir,

Though not bound to reply to your note of 21st November, 1888, for you do not disclose the name of your informant, I have no objection to state that I made use of no such expression to Mr. Robertson as you describe, but that I did tell him that you had voluntarily and distinctly told me that you had not written a certain letter which had given Mr. Robertson offence.

Your statement was not evasion of inquiries, for I made none, and I really cannot see how a plain and simple denial of the authorship of an offensive and anonymous letter could be regarded by anyone in the light of private communication.

To satisfy the last part of your note I will show it to Mr. Robertson, together with this note, before posting.

B. J. Atterbury, Esq.

Yours, &c.,  
A. J. PARK.

(E.)

Sir,

In reply to your telegram of yesterday's date, in reference to an allegation by some person unnamed, to the effect that this office had been closed to the public for upwards of a week, I have the honor to state that, though the doors of the building were not closed, still there was no responsible official in attendance to furnish the public with information from Monday morning, the 26th November, 1888, until Friday morning, the 30th of that month, and during which period all correspondence remained unopened and unanswered.

The immediate causes of this state of matters were:—

1. Absence of the Chairman on duty at Hillston.
2. Absence of the Clerk-in-charge on leave.

Respecting the last part of your telegram, I have the honor to request you to be so good as to explain to the Honorable the Minister for Lands that the Chairman's presence was not necessary under the statute, and that his absence was compulsory thereunder, and that he was in no way responsible for the alleged state of disorganisation of his office, consequent upon the absence of a substitute to take the place of the Clerk-in-charge, who was absent on leave, on a date altered from that recommended by the Chairman.

I have, &c.,  
A. J. PARK,  
Chairman.

P.S.—I enclose a letter from the Clerk-in-charge, showing the nature of the special urgency which actuated him in applying for a change of date.—A. J. PARK, 8/12/88.  
The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

(G.)

Telegram from Mr. B. J. Atterbury to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hillston.

IN accordance with Ministerial approval, will be absent from office till Thursday. Office work will not be seriously affected.

Hay, 24 November, 1888.  
B. J. ATTERBURY,  
Clerk-in-charge.

Received 12:55, 24/11/88. Replied to 4:50, 24/11/88.—A.J.P., Hillston, 24/11/88.

[Enclosures.]

Telegram from Mr. B. J. Atterbury to A. J. Park, Esq., Hillston.

HAVE wired Under Secretary Lands as follows:—"Matters special urgency have arisen. Respectfully request leave recommended by Chairman to take effect twenty-sixth instead second proximo." Please support application.

Hay, 22 November, 1888.  
B. J. ATTERBURY.

Received 23/11/88. Has Mr. Atterbury's application for leave been granted; if so, for what dates please. Very urgent.—A. J. PARK, Hillston, 24/11/88. The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

Telegram

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Local Land Board.

CANNOT obtain papers this afternoon, but from memory believe Mr. Atterbury applied for leave from and including to-day on urgent private business. His previous application was for later date. Will advise you on Monday fully. Was application made to your knowledge and with your concurrence?

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

Replied to 4.30, 24/11/88. Reply copy attached.

Telegram from The Chairman, Hillston, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Hillston, 24 November, 1888.

WITHOUT consulting me, Clerk-in-charge telegraphed direct to you for alteration of date of leave I had recommended, and yesterday telegraphed the fact to me inviting my support. No reference from you induced my telegram to you to-day. Glad he should get his leave, but cannot be at Hay to take up his duties on the altered dates, as I am engaged here. Just received telegram from the Clerk-in-charge that he will be absent till Thursday next by Ministerial approval, and that work will not be seriously affected.

A.J.P.

(H.)

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

5 December, 1888.

It has been represented to Minister, that the Hay Local Land Board Office had been closed to public for week or ten days in consequence of your absence, and that of Clerk-in-charge. Mr. Brunner desires an explanation. Directs in future you must avoid repetition of inconvenience and delay which public must suffer from stoppage of business.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary, Lands.

(J.)

New South Wales—Pay Voucher No.

Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.

Claimant:—A. J. Park, Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Period of Service.		No. of Days.	Rate.	Amount.
1888.	For the undermentioned travelling expenses.		Per diem.	£ s. d.
September 1 to 2 .....	From Hay to Deniliquin .....	24	15s.	18 0 0
Do 3 to 21 .....	Holding Court at Deniliquin .....			
Do 22 to 24 .....	From Deniliquin to Hay .....			
Do 28 to 29 .....	Hay, Carrathool—holding Court Carrathool, Hay.....	2	15s.	1 10 0
	Total .....			19 10 0

Signature of Claimant—A. J. PARK.

I Certify that the amount charged in this Voucher as to the computations, castings, and rates is correct, that the service, has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorised in terms of the Audit Act.

Under Secretary for Lands.

I hereby authorise the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to the Australian Joint Stock Bank, Sydney.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

New South Wales—Pay Voucher No.

Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.

Claimant:—A. J. Park, Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Period of Service.		No. of Days.	Rate.	Amount.
1889.	For the undermentioned travelling expense.		Per diem.	£ s. d.
January 28 and 29 .....	From Hay to Balranald—holding Court, Balranald ...	4	15s.	3 0 0
	Total .....			3 0 0

Signature of Claimant—A.J.P.

I hereby authorise the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Australian Joint Stock Bank, Sydney.

New South Wales—Pay Voucher No.

Travelling Expenses—Department of Lands.

Claimant:—A. J. Park, Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Period of Service.		No. of Day s.	Rate	Amount.
1889.	For the undermentioned travelling expenses.		Per diem.	£ s. d.
February 1 to 6 .....	Holding Court at Balranald .....	6	15s.	4 10 0
Do 7 to 10 .....	From Balranald to Wentworth .....	4	.....	3 0 0
Do 11 and 12 .....	From Wentworth to Court .....	2	.....	1 10 0
Do 13 to 15 .....	From Wentworth to Balranald .....	3	.....	2 5 0
Do 16 .....	From Balranald to Court .....	1	.....	0 15 0
Do 17 to 19 .....	From Balranald to Hay .....	3	.....	2 5 0
	Total .....			14 5 0

Signature of Claimant—A.J.P.

I hereby authorise the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Australian Joint Stock Bank, Sydney.

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New South Wales—Pay Voucher No.  
 Claimant :—A. J. Park, Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

Date of Service.		Rate.	Amount.
January, 1889 .....	For the undermentioned services— Equipment allowance .....	£150	£ s. d. 12 10 0
	Total .....	.....	£12 10 0

Signature of claimant—A.J.P.

I hereby authorise the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to Australian Joint Stock Bank, Sydney.

Memo.—  
 (L.B.D., 89-638, Hay).

THE Clerk-in-charge is particularly requested to check all the decision forms as usual sent in late, Hay Court, for clerical errors.

To be registered.

(L.)

A. J. PARK,  
 Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay, 26/1/89.

(M.)

[FOR Exhibit M, see No. 108 of this Schedule.]

(N.)

New South Wales.

Series B.—Contingency Form No. 1.

Pay voucher No.

Head of service .....

[As specified in the Appropriation Act of 188 .]

Payable from Vote of £ : : Item No. of Appropriation Act of 188 .

Contingent expenses.—Department of  
 [Departmental No. Sub-head of Estimate ]

Date or period Supply or of Service.	Claimant (Place or District)	Rate.	Amount.
188 .	For the supply of the undermentioned articles or services.* (Where a Special Authority has been given the nature and date of it must be quoted here.)		£ s. d.
* Supplies of articles or services by a contractor, but not contracted for, are required to be stated separately, with the heading "Not in contract."			
(Signature of Claimant) <i>AS</i>		Total .....	£

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher as to computations, castings, and rates is correct; that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorised in terms of the Audit Act.

Officer incurring the expense.

Head of the Department

I hereby authorise the amount of the above certificate in my favour to be paid on my behalf to †

† Here insert name of party or bank.

Received on the day of 188 , the sum of pounds shillings and pence, sterling.

(Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

(O.)

Memorandum from B. J. Atterbury to J. Broughton, Esq.

24 November, 1888.

I AM informed that you have stated that I emphatically denied being the author the "The Growler" letters. In this, as I explained the other day, you were mistaken. I purposely misled you, and evaded your questions, as I clearly had a right to do in matters of purely private concern. Will you kindly, and as a matter of honor, doing me but fair justice, correct what you may have said to Mr. T. Robertson in particular.

Faithfully yours,  
 B. J. ATTERBURY.

(L.L.B. 89-1,226, Hay.)

(P.)

Memo. from The District Surveyor, Hay, to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

26 February, 1889.

THE attention of the Chairman is invited to the fact that a memo. from the Surveyor-General, marked "Very urgent," with a proof of plan of parish, Carroonboon North, was forwarded to the Local Land Board Office for registration on 22nd instant, and was only returned during the afternoon of this day.

J. BROUGHTON,  
 Acting District Surveyor.

Received by me, 3:30 p.m. this day. I observe from register that the papers referred to were registered and forwarded to the District Survey Office yesterday.—A.J.P., Chairman, Hay, 27/2/89. This and similar delays might not have occurred had Clerk-in-charge attended to his work, instead of writing lengthy essays, and if work is up to date it is by exertion of others.

(Q.)

## Memorandum.

(Q.)

14 March, 1889.

THE Chairman's attention is drawn to the manner in which the attached applications are forwarded to this office, and, as pointed out in previous communications, it is respectfully suggested that all papers forwarded to this office for action be signed by or for the Chairman. In order to prevent any delay in dealing with the attached papers, it is requested that this matter receive early attention.

The Chairman.

J. BROUGHTON,  
Acting District Surveyor.

Special lease application, 89-2, Deniliquin; special lease application, 89-1, Hay.  
Now signed as desired. The omission was not previously noticed.—B.J.A. (*pro* Chairman), 14/3/89.

(R.)

## Memorandum by Chairman.

CALLED in Clerk-in-charge, and he states as follows:—Mr. Volckman present morning of 5th December, 1888. Monday, 26th November, 27th November, 28th November, 29th November, on these dates absent.

Everything had gone straight in absence; the mails were opened. Clerk-in-charge's instructions were to let things go on as usual, and did not give any particular instructions as to the mail.

Has no reason to believe the office was closed during absence; every reason to believe it was open.

Here Mr. Davies and Mr. O'Hanlon were requested to attend.

Mr. Davies says he closed the office at half-past 3 on Wednesday, 28th November, after public hours he and Mr. O'Hanlon each away; no other absence during office hours during Mr. Atterbury's leave.

Mr. Gibson wanted to see Mr. Atterbury privately.

Mr. Lakeman called for official information. He got it from Mr. Davies, who gave it on Mr. Lakeman stating if he could not get it, he would telegraph to the Under Secretary that he could not get it from this office. This was in reference to Parsons' C.P. under 47 section. He wanted to know Board's verdict.

Mr. Robertson wanted information as to whether extension of time had been granted in conditional purchases of Wilson, Rutledge, and Walker.

I told him they had been, in terms of printed letters; these were all the callers; I was at Survey Office when he called, and sent a messenger by my return to the office, that if he called again he could get it; Mr. O'Hanlon told Mr. Robertson have no authority to give information, but would speak to Mr. Davies on his return.

Mr. Davies states the office was not closed during public hours for five minutes.

Mr. O'Hanlon corroborates this.

A.J.P.,  
5/12/88.

The notes made from mouths of the officers examined in presence of each other. (*Vide* 88-6,960.)

(S.)

Crown Lands Act of 1884, sections 13, 14; subsections 1 and 5, 19 and 20—Case for inquiry by Local Land Board at—  
Inquiry in open Court at on 188 .

Departmental Nos.,	L.L.B., Nos.,	name of applicant,	county of	parish of	Notice to appeal
portion No. ; area,	acres; Act of 18 , sec. ; C.P. No. ; made at,	on	18	; run	at Court on
at date of C.P. the property of	; surveyed by L.S. on	, 188	; resident improvements, £	; declaration	188 , posted
for £ due before	, 188 , made on	188 ; extension to	, 188 , applied for on	188 , granted	on
188 ; declaration for £	, due before	188 , made on	188 ; inspected by C.P. inspector,	on	Persons sum-
, 188 ; resident value of improvements, £	; property of	; inspected by C.P. Inspector	on		moned by
, 188 ; resident value of improvements, £	property of	; inspected by C.P. Inspector			Crown.
on	188 ; resident value of improvements, £	property of			Persons sum-
					moned by
					parties.

## Reason for Inquiry by Board.

Subject of Inquiry.—*Vide* Act of 1861, sec. , Act of 1875, sec. , Act of 1880, sec. , Reg. .

Transmitted to the Under Secretary for Lands with the of the Local Land Board at this day  
of , 188 .

Chairman.





1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

## LAND BOARD, DISTRICT OF HAY.

(RETURN OF CASES HEARD BY LOCAL BOARDS WITHIN.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 18 September, 1890.*

[Laid upon the Table in answer to Question No. 2, of 20 August, 1890.]

### Questions.

(2.) LAND COURT, DISTRICTS OF HAY AND DENILIQVIN:—*Mr. Barbour* (for Mr. J. P. ABBOTT) asked THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

- (1.) From the establishment of a Local Land Court for the Hay and Deniliquin Districts, up to the 18th of April last, what was the total number of cases heard by the Board at its various sittings?
- (2.) What number of appeals were made during the same period to the Minister for Lands?
- (3.) How many of such appeals were sustained by the Minister; how many were dismissed; and how many referred back to the Board to take further evidence?
- (4.) What number of appeals were made to the Land Court, in reference to decisions given by the same Boards, up to the 18th April last?
- (5.) How many were sustained by the Land Court; how many referred back for further evidence; and how many were dismissed?
- (6.) What was the percentage of decisions appealed against?
- (7.) What was the percentage of decisions reversed?

### Answers.

RETURN showing the total number of cases heard by the Local Land Boards, for the Land Districts within the Land Board, District of Hay, 1st January, 1885, to 18th April, 1890.

Land District.	Total number of cases heard.	Appeals made to Minister for Lands.			Appeals made to Land Court.			Percentage of decisions appealed against.	Percentage of decisions reversed.
		Sus-tained.	Dis-mitted.	Referred back.	Sus-tained.	Dis-mitted.	Referred back.		
Balranald ...	373	1	3	...	...	1	1	} Cannot be given without referring to the papers in each case brought before the Land Board to ascertain whether decisions had been given or recommendations only made.	
Deniliquin ...	930	32	40	3	...	1	1		
Hay ...	2,736	9	29	1	1	2	...		
Hillston ...	1,051	7	34	6	...	3	...		
Wentworth...	390	3	...	...	...	...	...		



1890.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## LAND COURT.

(RULES AND REGULATIONS OF.)

Presented to Parliament pursuant to Act 53 Vic. No. 21.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 28th February, 1890.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Rules and Regulations under the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," having reference to the Land Court.

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LAND COURT.

1. The official seal of the Land Court shall have a device and impression of the Royal Crown, with a label surrounding the same with this inscription—"The Seal of the Land Court of New South Wales."

2. Every member of the Land Court shall take the Oath of Allegiance and the Judicial Oath as set forth in the "Promissory Oaths Act." Such oaths shall, in the case of the President of the said Court, be taken before any Judge of the Supreme Court, and in the case of any other member thereof shall be taken before any such Judge or before such President.

3. The Registrar and all other officers appointed for the service of the Land Court shall be under its full control, and in the performance of their respective duties shall conform to the directions which the Land Court may from time to time give or cause to be given in that behalf.

4. The Land Court shall cause notice of the times and places at which its sessions will be holden to be published by the Registrar in the *Gazette*; but any such notice may in like manner be varied or withdrawn, and the Court may, notwithstanding any such notice, make such order in the premises as to it may seem expedient.

5. On Monday in each week of the sessions of the Land Court in Sydney, motions and other matters arising out of appeals and references or incidental thereto, shall take precedence, unless the Court shall otherwise order.

6. The Registrar's Office shall be open to the public on all days, not being Sundays or public holidays, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays, when the same shall be closed at 12 noon.

7. Certificates, subpoenas, summonses, and other documents shall be issued at the Registrar's Office on payment of the respective fees contained in the Schedule hereto annexed. Any notices required to be given to the Registrar, and any affidavits or other documents required to be filed with the Registrar, shall be delivered or transmitted to him at such office.

8. Any notice, summons, subpoena, or other similar process of the Land Court shall be sufficiently authenticated if the same be signed by the Registrar and a fac-simile of the seal of the Land Court be stamped upon the same.

9. The Registrar shall keep the following books, that is to say:—

(1.) A register of all appeals and references entered for hearing before the Land Court.

(2.) A register of all deposits and fees paid into the Land Court.

(3.) A minute-book of all proceedings before the Land Court, and of all orders made thereupon.

Such books shall be kept in due and regular form, and the entries therein shall be made at the time when the matter for entry arises.

10. When any case has been heard or dealt with by the Land Court, the Registrar shall report the result thereof to the Minister in such form and manner as the Minister may from time to time direct.

11. Any final order made by the Land Court shall, as between party and party, take effect from the issue of a certificate thereof: Provided that any certificate issued by the Registrar may upon cause shown be rectified or amended by the Land Court.

12. The Registrar shall prepare a draft certificate of any such order as aforesaid, and give notice to the parties concerned of an appointed day when they may attend before him, and if so advised, may take exception to the terms thereof.

13. Upon the day appointed the Registrar shall settle the terms of such certificate, and on issuing a certificate shall sign the same and affix thereto the seal of the Land Court.

14. If a certificate settled by the Registrar as aforesaid does not properly set forth the order made by the Land Court, any party to the proceeding may there and then require the issue thereof to be stayed for seven days and may within such period apply upon motion to have the terms thereof settled by the Court.

15. The formal parts of any such certificate shall be according to Form 1, and the other parts thereof shall be according to the order made in that behalf by the Land Court.

16. A duplicate of every certificate issued as aforesaid shall be filed by the Registrar.

17. In any case which the Minister or a Board has referred or returned to the Land Court or in which the Crown has appeared as a party, the Registrar shall furnish the Minister with a certificate of the order which the Court may have made in respect thereof.

18. No certificate of any order made by the Land Court shall be issued by the Registrar until after the expiration of seven days from the making thereof, or, in the case of any appraisal within the provisions of section 6 of the Act of 1889, until after the expiration of one month from the making of such order; and if a case for the Supreme Court or a reference by the Minister is pending in respect of any order or other matter no certificate shall be issued until the same has been disposed of.

19. Any summons or subpoena issued by the Registrar shall be in Form 2.

20. When any notice of appeal has been received by a Chairman, he shall forthwith forward the same to the Registrar, together with all papers connected with the case. When a Board has referred or returned any matter to the Land Court, the Chairman shall in like manner forward to the Registrar all papers connected with the case.

21. The Registrar shall forthwith forward to the Minister a copy of every notice of appeal received by him; and on any case being referred or returned to the Land Court by a Board the Registrar shall forthwith notify the fact to the Minister.

22. The Minister may refer to the Land Court the decision of a Board in any case in which the rights, interests, or revenues of the Crown may be concerned. Any such reference, and any reference by the Minister in pursuance of section 6 of the Act of 1889, shall be made by giving the Registrar written notice thereof.

23. When the Minister desires to refer any case to the Land Court, otherwise than as aforesaid, he shall give notice of such reference and of the grounds and purposes thereof to the Registrar, and the Registrar shall give not less than seven days' notice in Form 3 to all parties concerned of a day when they will be heard before the Land Court to show cause why such reference should not be entertained.

24. When the Minister gives any notice of reference as aforesaid he, or some authorized officer on his behalf, shall forward all papers connected with the case to the Registrar.

25. When the Minister or a Board has referred or returned any case to the Land Court, the Minister shall be a party to all proceedings taken upon or in connection with such reference.

26. When any case of appeal appears to the Minister to involve any question of law or fact by the decision of which the rights, interests, or revenues of the Crown will be affected, he may, before the hearing, give notice in writing to the Registrar that he claims, as representing the Crown, to be deemed a party thereto; and the Minister shall thereupon become a party to all proceedings that may thereafter be taken in connection with such case: Provided that by leave of the Court, to be obtained upon application in a summary way, the Minister may at any subsequent stage of such proceedings become a party as aforesaid.

27. When the Minister or a Board has referred or returned any case to the Land Court, the parties to such case before the Board may appear and be heard by the Land Court.

28. The Registrar shall in every case cause the Land Court to be supplied with three copies of all the evidence and of all documents referred to therein.

29. On payment of a fee according to the scale given in the Schedule hereto annexed, the Registrar shall supply copies of all evidence and documents relating to a case.

30. The Registrar shall give not less than fourteen days' notice to all parties concerned of the sessions of the Land Court at which any appeal or reference will be heard. Such notice shall be in the form or to the effect of Form 4, and be prepared by the Registrar in duplicate, and the service thereof upon any party other than the Minister shall be effected in the following manner. One copy of such notice shall be served by delivering the same to the person intended to be served, or by delivering the same to some person apparently of the age of fourteen years or upwards, at the usual or last known place of abode or business of the person intended to be served. The person leaving such notice shall indorse on the duplicate copy of the same a statement of the manner in which the service has been effected, or if service has not been effected, a statement of such fact and of the attempts made to effect service, and shall attach to such copy an affidavit or statutory declaration verifying such statement, and shall forthwith transmit such indorsed copy with the affidavit or statutory declaration attached thereto as aforesaid to the Registrar for production before the Land Court.

31. When the place of abode or business of any party concerned in an appeal or reference as aforesaid is not known or cannot be found or where for any other reason service of the aforesaid notice cannot be effected in accordance with the directions hereinbefore given, the Land Court may give such direction for substituted service on any other person, or for the substitution for service of advertisements in one or more newspapers as may in its opinion be best suited to the circumstances of the case, and on any such directions being carried out, service may be deemed to have been effected.

32. Any other notices to be given by the Registrar may be served in the same manner as any notice required to be given by a Chairman; and the President may give directions for substituted service and for the substitution of notice for service in the same manner as a Chairman is empowered to do in respect of any notice required to be given by such Chairman.

33. The procedure of the Land Court on the hearing of any appeal or reference shall, as far as practicable, conform to the procedure of the Supreme Court upon the hearing of appeals from the Equity Court.

34. In any case in which a party other than the Minister desires to be heard by an attorney or agent, not being a barrister or solicitor of the Supreme Court retained for the purpose, an instrument in writing duly appointing such attorney or agent and defining the limits of his authority, if any, to bind such party in respect of the giving of consents and the making of submissions and compromises shall previously be filed with the Registrar.

35. The Land Court may permit, and the President thereof may verify or make, all such amendments as may be permitted before a Board.

36. Whenever the Land Court has made a reference to the Registrar to assess the costs payable to any party under the order of the Court, the same shall be allowed according to the discretion of the Registrar: Provided that any party may apply to the Court for a review of any assessment of costs as aforesaid.

37. Matters of the following kinds may be brought before the Land Court and dealt with on motion:—

- (1.) The settling of the terms of any certificate of the order of the Court.
- (2.) The reviewing of any decision of the Registrar in respect of costs.
- (3.) The settling of the terms of any case for the Supreme Court.
- (4.) The remitting to a Board of any case which is incomplete, or in which it appears that evidence which any party desires to offer ought to be taken before such Board.
- (5.) Any application for leave to adduce fresh evidence before the Court in any matter.
- (6.) Any application that any appeal or reference may be heard elsewhere than may have been previously ordered.
- (7.) Any application to postpone any matter or for further time to comply with any rule or order.
- (8.) Any other matter which the Court may allow so to be dealt with.

38. Not less than seven days' notice of any motion shall be given to the Registrar and to the other parties concerned, and, except in cases 1, 2, and 3, within the last preceding rule, the grounds on which the application is based shall be stated in such notice and be supported by affidavit.

39. The formal parts of any such notice of motion shall be according to Form 5.

40. Any affidavit used in any motion as aforesaid shall be filed with the Registrar, and a copy thereof shall be served on the other parties concerned not less than four days before any such motion comes on to be heard, and affidavits in answer or reply may in like manner be filed and served but without limit as to time.

41. Within seven days from the making of any order or the hearing of any matter, any party may lodge with the Registrar a notice requiring the Land Court to state a case for the Supreme Court. Every such notice shall, except when given by the Minister, be accompanied by a deposit of £20 as security for any costs that the person giving the notice may be ordered to pay. Within seven days thereafter such person shall serve the Registrar with a draft of the case to be thereafter settled by the Land Court, and shall also serve the other party with a copy of such draft.

42. If a person requiring the Land Court to state a case as aforesaid fails to bring the case before the Land Court to be settled without unnecessary delay, or to perform any condition or matter prescribed by the last rule, the Land Court may refuse to state such case, and may order such deposit or any part thereof to be forfeited; and the other parties concerned may thereafter proceed as if the application for a statement of a case had not been made.

43. When the Land Court desires of its own motion to state a case for the Supreme Court, a copy of the case proposed to be stated shall on application be furnished by the Registrar to each of the parties concerned, and the Registrar shall give not less than seven days' notice in Form 6 of the day appointed by the Land Court for the settling thereof, and the Land Court shall thereafter proceed to hear the parties and to settle the terms of such case.

44. When any case has been returned with the decision of the Supreme Court thereon, the Land Court shall appoint a day for the making of any orders which may be proper for the carrying out thereof, and the parties shall be heard as to the nature of the orders which may be required.

45. Any period of time limited by these rules for the performance of any matter may, upon cause shown, be enlarged, shortened, or otherwise varied by the Land Court.

46. In any case in which it may be found that a direction as to procedure is required, and that the provisions of these rules are not applicable or sufficient, the Land Court may in each such case give directions as to the course to be adopted, and the parties shall proceed accordingly.

47. Any appellant may withdraw his appeal by giving notice to the Registrar in Form 7 not less than 21 days before the date fixed for the sessions of the Land Court at which such appeal would in due course come on for hearing, and on receiving such notice the Registrar shall inform the other party or parties concerned and the Chairman of such withdrawal; and the Land Court may make such order in respect of the appellant's deposit as the said Court may think fit.

48. Upon the final disposal of any appeal or reference to the Land Court, the Registrar shall forward to the Minister all papers connected with the case.

49. When the Land Court has ordered any matter to be returned or remitted to the Board, the Registrar shall forward to the Chairman all papers connected with the case, and a minute of the Court's order and direction in that behalf.

50. The Registrar shall allow any officer authorized by the Minister or Under Secretary in that behalf to have access to and to take copies of all papers in his possession connected with any case in respect of which an appeal is pending, or which

has been referred or returned to the Land Court by a Board or the Minister, and if so required shall, without payment of any fee, furnish a copy of all such papers to the Minister.

SCHEDULE.

Scale of fees payable to the Registrar of the Land Court.		s.	d.
On issuing a subpoena .....		0	6
„ issuing a copy of a certificate of an order of the Land Court .....		2	6
„ filing an affidavit or statutory declaration .....		1	0
„ furnishing a copy of the evidence and documents connected with a matter under appeal or reference, at per folio of 72 words .....		0	2
„ furnishing a copy of any form connected with such matter .....		0	6
„ furnishing a copy of a case proposed to be stated by the Land Court on its own motion at per folio of 72 words .....		0	2

Form 1.

*Certificate of the Order of the Land Court.*

IN THE LAND COURT OF }  
NEW SOUTH WALES. }

WHEREAS, on the

day of

(a) Names of parties and nature of the case to be here set out.

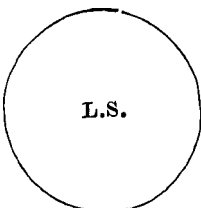
189 , a certain matter, wherein (a)

was brought under the cognizance of the Land Court of New South Wales upon (b)

(b) Particulars of the appeal or reference to be here set out.

AND WHEREAS the Land Court duly heard and determined the said matter, and on the day of 189 , made a final order in respect thereof: THESE ARE THEREFORE TO CERTIFY that the final order of the Land Court in the premises was as follows (c)

(c) Particulars of the order to be here inserted.



THE SEAL of the Land Court was hereunto affixed by me,  
this day of  
189 .

.....  
Registrar.

*Summons and Subpœna.*

NEW LAND COURT OF }  
SOUTH WALES. }

To

of

(a) The nature of  
the matter, names of  
parties, &c., to be  
here set out.

**W**HEREAS, in a certain matter wherein (a)

it hath been made to appear that you are likely to give material evidence touching the said matter: These are therefore to command you, in Her Majesty's name, to be and appear, on

the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ instant,

(b) "Court House  
of the Land Court,"  
or other building, as  
the case may be.

at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at the (b)

(c) Name of Town.

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ street, at (c)

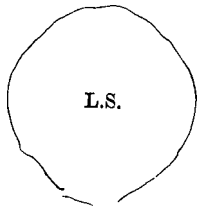
and then and there give such evidence, and testify to what you may know concerning the matter, and produce all books, papers, deeds, and documents, particularly—

which may be in your possession or under your control, having any reference to the matter under investigation, and so attend from day to day until the said matter be disposed of.

SIGNED this

day of

189 .



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Registrar.



*Notice of Case coming on before the Land Court.*

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IN THE LAND COURT OF }  
NEW SOUTH WALES. }

(a) The nature of the case, names of parties, &c., to be here set out.

In the matter of (a)

THE above-mentioned matter having come under the cognizance of the Land Court upon the (b)

(b) Particulars of the appeal or reference to be here set out.

made in respect thereof upon the  
day of 189 , you are hereby notified that  
at the Sessions of the Land Court, to be holden at  
on the day of and  
following days, the said matter will be brought before the Court for  
hearing or otherwise as may be ordered in that behalf.

SIGNED this day of

189 .

L.S.

Registrar.

To .....

OF .....



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Form 5.

*Notice of Motion.*

IN THE LAND COURT OF }  
NEW SOUTH WALES. }

In the matter of. <sup>(a)</sup>

(a) The nature of the case, names of the parties, &c., to be here set out.

the day of  
189 .

**T**AKE NOTICE that, on the day of  
189 , motion will be made to the

(b) Here state on whose behalf the motion is to be made.

Land Court, on behalf of <sup>(b)</sup>

at ten o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as such motion  
can be taken, that <sup>(c)</sup>

(c) Here state the object or objects of the motion.

(d) Here state the grounds of the motion.

upon the following grounds <sup>(d)</sup>

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*(Signature of person giving notice.)*

*Notice of settling Terms of Case for the Supreme Court.*

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IN THE LAND COURT OF }  
NEW SOUTH WALES. }

(a) The nature of  
the case, names of  
parties, &c., to be  
here set out.

In the matter of (a)

**T**AKE NOTICE that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
189 , the Land Court sitting at \_\_\_\_\_  
will, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon,  
or as soon thereafter as practicable, proceed to settle the terms of a  
case stated by it on its own motion for the opinion of the Supreme  
Court, in connection with the above-mentioned matter, and will hear  
you in person, or by your counsel, attorney, or agent, in respect of  
the terms of the aforesaid case.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

189 .

(L.S.)

Registrar.

To \_\_\_\_\_

OF \_\_\_\_\_

*Notice of Withdrawal of an Appeal.*

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IN THE LAND COURT OF }  
NEW SOUTH WALES. }

(a) The nature of the case, names of parties, &c., to be here set out.

In the matter of (a)

(b) Name in full and address to be here stated.

**W**HEREAS I (b)

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ appealed to the Land Court from the decision of the Local Land Board at \_\_\_\_\_ in the above matter.

AND WHEREAS I am desirous of withdrawing the said appeal: Now, I hereby give you notice that I withdraw the said appeal and accept the aforesaid decision of the Local Land Board.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

189 .

.....  
(Signature of Appellant.)

TO THE REGISTRAR OF THE LAND COURT.



1890.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

# CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1889.

(REGULATIONS OF THE LAND COURT UNDER.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 53 Vic. No. 21.

Department of Lands,

Sydney, 8th July, 1890.

His Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council has been pleased to approve of the following Rules and Regulations bearing Nos. 4, 5, 18, 30, and 41, under the Crown Lands Act of 1889, having reference to the Land Court, being substituted for those similarly numbered and notified in a Supplement to the Government Gazette of 23th February last, No. 117.

[Ml. 90-7,559]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

4. The Land Court shall cause notice of the times and places at which its sittings will be holden to be published by the Registrar in the *Gazette*; but any such notice may in like manner be varied or withdrawn, and the Court may, notwithstanding any such notice, make such order in the premises as to it may seem expedient.

5. On Monday in each week of the sittings of the Land Court in Sydney, motions and other matters arising out of appeals and references or incidental thereto, shall take precedence, unless the Court shall otherwise order.

18. No certificate of any order made by the Land Court shall be issued by the Registrar until after the expiration of fourteen days from the making thereof, or, in the case of any appraisal within the provisions of section 6 of the Act of 1889, until after the expiration of one month from the making of such order; and if a case for the Supreme Court or a reference by the Minister is pending in respect of any order or other matter no certificate shall be issued until the same has been disposed of.

30. The Registrar shall give not less than fourteen days' notice to all parties concerned of the sittings of the Land Court at which any appeal or reference will be heard. Such notice shall be in the form or to the effect of Form 4, and be prepared

by the Registrar in duplicate, and the service thereof upon any party other than the Minister shall be effected in the following manner. One copy of such notice shall be served by delivering the same to the person intended to be served, or by delivering the same to some person apparently of the age of fourteen years or upwards, at the usual or last known place of abode or business of the person intended to be served. The person serving such notice shall indorse on the duplicate copy of the same a statement of the manner in which the service has been effected, or if service has not been effected, of the attempts made to effect service, and such statement shall be verified by statutory declaration to be also endorsed on the said duplicate copy of the said notice; and the said copy so indorsed as aforesaid shall be forthwith transmitted to the Registrar for production before the Land Court.

41. Within fourteen days from the making of any order or the hearing of any matter, any party may lodge with the Registrar a notice requiring the Land Court to state a case for the Supreme Court. Every such notice shall, except when given by the Minister, be accompanied by a deposit of £20 as security for any costs that the person giving the notice may be ordered to pay. Within seven days thereafter such person shall serve the Registrar with a draft of the case to be thereafter settled by the Land Court, and shall also serve the other party with a copy of such draft.



1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(INFORMATION RESPECTING PASTORAL HOLDINGS OF PLAINTIFFS IN APPEAL CASE ALISON V. BURNS.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 5 August, 1890.

INFORMATION respecting the Pastoral Holdings of Eliza Alison and others, the Plaintiffs, in the Appeal Case to the Privy Council, Alison v. Burns.

Number and Name of Pastoral Lease	Number and Name of Occupation License	Names of Runs comprised within such Holding	Annual rent of each run prior to Land Board's appraisalment	Annual rent of Pastoral Lease recommended by Land Board	Annual License Fee of Occupation License recommended by Land Board	Annual Rental of Pastoral Lease determined by Minister	Annual License Fee of Occupation License determined by Minister	Area of Pastoral Holding	Rent of Pastoral Holding	Aggregate Area of Combined Holdings	Aggregate Rent of Combined Holdings	Area of Freehold and other Lands alienated from the Crown in the vicinity of such Holdings	
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1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**CONDOBOLIN LAND DISTRICT.**

(RETURN OF UNSURVEYED LANDS IN.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 19 December, 1890.*

*[Laid upon the Table of the House in answer to Question No. 2 of 5 November, 1890.]*

Questions.

- (2.) UNSURVEYED LAND IN CONDOBOLIN DISTRICT:—MR. STOKES *asked* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that at the present time there are 90,000 acres of conditional purchase and conditional lease land in the Condobolin district unsurveyed?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that one surveyor is unable to keep pace with the present weekly alienations?
  - (3.) Will he send an additional surveyor to assist in working up the arrears, that the selectors may proceed with their improvements?

Answers.

LAND DISTRICT OF CONDOBOLIN.

	Acres.
Area of land applied for and unmeasured to the 5th November last, was ...	171,492
Area since applied for to 18th November last ... ..	17,332
Total... ..	188,824
Plans of measurements were received to 18th November last for ... ..	29,360
Leaving a balance of unmeasured land of ... ..	159,464

Mr. Surveyor Busby during last October measured 31,009 acres; Mr. Maitland was also fully engaged all that month, and Mr. Meldrum has also been instructed to proceed to Condobolin, and will remain until all the land recently applied for in that district is measured, which it is anticipated will be within three months or less.



1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SPECIAL AREAS PROCLAIMED FROM 1 MARCH TO 13 SEPTEMBER, 1890, GIVING PRICE AND LOCALITY.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 23 September, 1890.

[Laid upon the Table in answer to Question No. 4 of 18 September, 1890.]

Question.

(4) SPECIAL AREAS PROCLAIMED SINCE FEBRUARY, 1889 :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many special areas have been proclaimed since February, 1889, giving price and locality?

Answer.

RETURN of Special Areas proclaimed from 1st March, 1890, to 13th September, 1890.

County.	Parish	Price.	County.	Parish.	Price.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Townsend	Boree	1 10 0	Clarendon	Houlaghan	2 0 0
Durham	Avenal	2 10 0	Ashburnham	Nanami	1 10 0
Bourke	Derry, &c.	2 10 0	Forbes	Binda	1 10 0
Wakool	Wetuppa	1 10 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Rous	Kynnumboon	2 0 0	Do	Goonigal	1 10 0
Monteagle	Murringo	2 0 0	Durham	Uffington	1 10 0
Urana	Clear Hill	2 0 0	Denison	Boomanoomana	6 0 0
Denison	Denison	2 10 0	Bourke	Cottee, &c.	2 0 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Do	do	2 5 0
Rous	Nullum	2 10 0	Ashburnham	Nungar, &c.	2 0 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Gloucester	Boranel	1 10 0
Bland	Wallundry	1 10 0	Clarke	Lagune	2 10 0
Cumberland	Nelson	2 0 0	Urana	Osborne	2 0 0
Raleigh	Congarina	2 0 0	Courralle	Mungie Bundie	2 0 0
Camden	Lumbertine	2 0 0	Wynyard	Woomahrigong	1 10 0
St. Vincent	Cudmurrrah	1 10 0	Bourke	Lachlan	1 10 0
Rous	Gundurimba	2 0 0	Do	Trickett	1 15 0
Do	Mocball	2 0 0	Do	Berry Jerry	2 0 0
Do	Cudgen	2 0 0	Do	Quandery	2 0 0
St. Vincent	Nowra	2 0 0	Clarendon	Oura	3 0 0
Cumberland	Eckersley	2 0 0	Do	do	3 0 0
Forbes	Eualdrie	2 10 0	Bourke	Ganmain	3 10 0
Rous	Whian Whian	2 10 0	Denison	Mulwala	4 0 0
Do	Clunes, &c.	2 10 0	Durham	Underbank	1 10 0
Do	Dunoon	2 0 0	Rous	Tunsall	3 0 0
Goulburn	Cookardmia	2 0 0	Durham	Wynn	2 10 0
Hume	Morven	1 10 0	Camden	Bargo	1 10 0
Do	Corowa	1 15 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Durham	Ravensworth	2 10 0	Fitzroy	Combaroi	1 10 0
Selwyn	Welaregang	5 0 0	Do	Goff	1 10 0
Rous	Bexhill	2 0 0	Raleigh	Belmore	1 10 0
Urana	Palmer	4 0 0	Gloucester	Sutton	1 10 0
Bland	Wallundry	2 0 0	Rous	Newrybar	2 0 0
Rous	Billinudgel	2 0 0	Do	Byron	2 0 0
Ashburnham	Currajong	1 10 0	Do	Tunstall	2 10 0
Gloucester	Bootoowa	1 10 0	Fitzroy	Wonga Wanga	3 0 0
King	Walalah	1 10 0	King	Boorowa	2 0 0
Clarence	Ulmarrpa	2 10 0	Hume	Hovell	2 0 0
King	Biala	3 0 0	Cumberland	Eckersley	1 10 0
Courralle	Mungie Bundie	2 5 0	Do	Wedderburn	1 10 0
Rous	Dumbible	1 10 0	King	Bunton, &c.	1 10 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Ashburnham	Kamandra	1 10 0
Urana	Waloona	2 10 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Do	Wallandoon	3 0 0	Camden	Bargo	2 0 0
Do	do	3 0 0	Chve	Barley Downs, &c.	1 10 0
Westmoreland	Norway	1 10 0	Sandon	Arding	2 10 0
Townsend	Warbreccan	1 15 0	Rous	Terranora	2 0 0
Murray	Warroo	1 10 0	Bland	Trigalong	1 10 0
Nandewar	Narrabri	1 15 0	Do	Combaning	2 5 0
Harden	Gooramama	3 0 0	Bland	Trigalong	2 10 0
Do	do	3 10 0	Wallace	Bradley	2 0 0
Do	do	4 0 0	Hume	Walla Walla	2 10 0
Do	do	5 0 0	Beresford	The Brothers	2 0 0
Hume	Moorwatha	1 15 0	Courralle	Wathagar	1 10 0
Do	do	3 0 0	Do	do	1 10 0
St. Vincent	Wandrawandian	5 0 0	Do	do	1 10 0

County.	Parish.	Price.	County.	Parish.	Price.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Courallie	King	1 10 0	Bland	Wallundry	1 10 0
Do	Bumble	1 10 0	Cumberland	Nelson	2 0 0
Do	Booloroo	1 10 0	Leichhardt	Keadool	1 10 0
Do	Peacumboul	1 10 0	Nandewar	Tulcumbah	1 10 0
Jamison	Pian	1 10 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Wellesley	Gunning Grach	2 0 0	Waradgery	Toopuntul	1 15 0
Hume	Buckargingah	1 15 0	Bourke	Elliott	2 10 0
Wynyard	Tumut	1 10 0	Bland	Combaning	1 15 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Monteagle	Wambanumba	2 10 0
Hume	Castlestead	2 0 0	Ashburnham	Mumbidgee	1 10 0
Mitchell	Tootcol	2 0 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Urana	Yanko	2 5 0
Wellesley	Hayden	1 10 0	Bland	Dinga Dingi	2 0 0
Courallie	Carore	2 0 0	Courallie	King	1 10 0
Wellesley	Bungee	2 0 0	Boyd	Mycatha	3 0 0
Ewenmar	Umangla	1 10 0	Goulburn	Cookardinia	2 0 0
Urana	Clive	2 0 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Bland	Stockinbingal, &c.	2 10 0	Nandewar	Gunnenbene	2 0 0
Urana	Booroobanilly	3 0 0	Raleigh	Allgomeria	1 10 0
Rous	Clunes	3 0 0	Fitzroy	Moonee	1 10 0
Goulburn	Vautier	1 10 0	Forbes	Binda	1 10 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Cooper	Willimbong	2 0 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Bland	Bundaworrah	2 10 0
Do	do	3 0 0	Denison	Tocumwal	3 10 0
Do	do	4 0 0	Jamison	Dangar	1 10 0
Courallie	King	1 10 0	Nandewar	Tippereena	1 10 0
Bland	Yeo Yeo	1 10 0	Fitzroy	Bardaley	2 0 0
Hume	Thugga	1 15 0	Brisbane	Lincoln	2 0 0
Gregory	Stanhope	1 10 0	Mitchell	Leitch, &c.	3 0 0
Brisbane	Murrurundi	2 0 0	Bourke	Kindra	2 5 0
Bland	Dudauman	2 0 0	Urana	Lockhard	2 0 0
Gregory	Stanhope, &c.	1 15 0	Do	do	2 5 0
Urana	Yathong South	2 10 0	Stapylton	Mayne	2 0 0
Darling	Nandewar	1 10 0	Clarendon	Tenandra	1 10 0
Goulburn	Wyndham	3 0 0	Do	do	4 0 0
Phillip	Wilbertree	1 10 0	Wallace	Belaka	1 15 0
Cumberland	Maroola	2 0 0	Nandewar	Gunnenbene	1 10 0
Darling	Nandewar	1 10 0	Wellington	Copper Hill	3 0 0
Goulburn	Germanton	3 0 0	Murray	Monkellan	1 10 0
Darling	Namoi	1 10 0	Cooper	Bundidgery	2 10 0
Goulburn	Corabobala	3 10 0	Cook	Nepean	1 10 0
Darling	Barraba	2 0 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Parry	Moorowora	1 10 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Pottinger	do	2 0 0	Do	do	4 0 0
Parry	Piallamore	2 10 0	Do	do	4 0 0
Goulburn	Mullangandra	1 10 0	Clarendon	Tenandra	1 10 0
Wynyard	Rowan	4 0 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Fitzroy	Woooolga	1 10 0	Hume	Gcombargama	6 0 0
Forbes	Wongajong	1 10 0	Do	Bulgandry	6 0 0
Goulburn	Mountain Creek	2 0 0	Bourke	Tucket, &c.	2 0 0
Pottinger	Goragilla	1 10 0	Monteagle	Narallen	1 10 0
Murray	Ellendon	1 10 0	Gipps	South Condoublin	1 10 0
Courallie	Noona	1 10 0	Forbes	Eualdrie	1 10 0
Bourke	Cottee	2 0 0	Bligh	Bellaleppa	1 10 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Townsend	Wargam	1 10 0
Bland	Berrigan	2 10 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Do	Palmer	1 10 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Townsend	Nyangay	1 10 0
Benarba	Burrandoon	1 10 0	Dowling	Lachlan	2 0 0
Courallie	Bogree	1 10 0	Urana	Wilson	2 10 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Do	Palmer	2 0 0
Clarendon	Cooba, &c.	2 0 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Mitchell	Leitch	2 0 0
Harden	Cunjegong	1 10 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Gregory	Wundabungay	1 15 0	Goulburn	Little Billabong	3 0 0
Do	Morbella	1 15 0	Mitchell	Buckingbong	2 0 0
Camden	Couridjah	1 10 0	Bourke	Brangalgan	2 0 0
Fitzroy	Bagawa	1 10 0	Do	Lachlan	2 0 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Do	Berry Jerry	2 5 0
Courallie	Noona	1 10 0	Townsend	Coolagali	1 15 0
Wynyard	Borambola	2 0 0	Do	Stanforth	1 10 0
Wallace	Bradley	1 10 0	Do	Barratta	1 15 0
Bourke	Derry	2 10 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Do	Hooke	2 10 0	Bourke	Arlethan	1 10 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Raleigh	North Bellingen	1 10 0
Do	Elliott	3 0 0	Waradgery	Bedarbidgal	1 10 0
Do	Methul	1 15 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Do	Lachlan	2 0 0	Do	Brush	1 10 0
Do	Lupton	2 5 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Do	Lachlan	1 10 0	Do	Burrabogie	1 10 0
Do	Methul	1 15 0	Do	Pembelgong, &c.	1 10 0
Do	Kockibitoo	1 10 0	Do	Wirkenbergal	1 10 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Do	Lupton	2 5 0	Do	Narrawidgery	1 10 0
Cooper	Bogolong	1 15 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Leichhardt	Bulгах	1 10 0	Bourke	Murrulebale	2 0 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Bland	Congon	1 10 0
Bourke	Brangalgan	2 0 0	Do	do	2 5 0
Forbes	Cudgelong	2 0 0	Denison	Wahgunyah	3 0 0

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Jamison	Tulladumia	1 15 0	Wakool	Carbcol	1 15 0
Townsend, &c.	Weraí, &c.	2 10 0	Do	Belmore	1 10 0
Goulburn	Woomargama	2 0 0	Do	Beremegad	1 10 0
Wakool	Moorongatta, &c.	1 15 0	Do	Cobwell	1 15 0
Monteagle	Bribaree	2 0 0	Do	Beremegad	1 15 0
Ewenmar	Killendoon	1 15 0	Rous	Clunes	2 0 0
Wellington	Boomey	1 10 0	Do	do	3 0 0
Cooper	Willimbong	3 0 0	Darling	Baldwin	2 0 0
Lincoln	Terramungamine	1 10 0	Bourke	Lupton	2 5 0
Goulburn	Yarra	2 0 0	Nandewar	Tipperena	1 10 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Auckland	Candelo	6 15 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Rous	Terranora	2 0 0	Mitchell	Cox	2 0 0
Waradgery	East Waradgery	1 10 0	Cooper	Waugh	1 15 0
Bland	Weedallion	1 10 0	Selwyn	Munderoo	2 0 0
Wynyard	Hindmarsh	1 10 0	Denison	Mulwala	4 0 0
Fitzroy	Waihon	2 0 0	Cooper	Waugh	1 10 0
Cooper	North Bolara	2 0 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Wakool	Mallan	1 10 0	Cumberland	Narrabeen	4 0 0
Bourke	Yarrangerry	1 15 0	Urana	Booroobinilly	2 0 0
Urana	Munyabla	2 0 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Murray	Gigerline	1 10 0	Wynyard	Umutbee	2 10 0
Cumberland	Castle Hill	2 0 0	Do	do	2 5 0
Rous	Nimbin	2 0 0	Camden	Cumbertine	2 0 0
Selwyn	Glenken	2 0 0	Hume	Bulgandry	2 10 0
Rous	Jasper	2 0 0	Goulburn	Carabobala	3 10 0
Baradine	Merritomba	1 10 0	Waradgery	Wilgah, &c.	1 10 0
Arrawatta	Dumaresq	1 10 0	Northumberland	Wyong	2 0 0
Bourke	Wallerobie	1 15 0	Bland	Dinga Dingi	1 15 0
Boyd	Wangabawgul	1 15 0	Beresford	The Brothers	1 10 0
Bourke	Lupton	2 10 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Mitchell	Cadell	3 0 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Denison	Narrow Plains	4 0 0	Do	Wallace	1 10 0
Stapylton	Boggabilla	2 0 0	Do	York	1 10 0
Cadell	Yarraman	2 5 0	Do	The Brothers	1 10 0
Do	Burrumbury, &c.	2 5 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Townsend	North Caroonboon	2 0 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Wakool	Miranda	2 0 0	Wallace	Marrnumbla	1 10 0
Nandewar	Narrabri	1 15 0	Do	The Peak	1 10 0
Bourke	Matong	2 0 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Inghis	Burdekin	2 0 0	Do	Matons	1 10 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Do	The Peak	1 10 0
Do	do	3 0 0	Goulburn	Murray	1 10 0
Gipps	South Condoublin	1 10 0	Hume	Burrumbuttock	3 0 0
Waradgery	Toopuntul	1 15 0	Do	Henty	5 0 0
Harden	Bookham	1 15 0	Do	Buckargingah	3 0 0
Townsend	Kerranakoon	1 15 0	Do	Burrumbuttock	3 10 0
Do	Morago	1 15 0	Do	Buckargingah	3 0 0
Do	Kerranakoon	1 15 0	Wynyard	Ellerslie	1 10 0
Beresford	Rose Valley	1 10 0	Buccluch	Goobooralong	1 15 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Beresford	The Brothers	1 10 0
Brisbane	Temí	1 10 0	Wakool	Jimeringle	1 10 0
Goulburn	Woomargama	1 10 0	Sandon	Elton	1 10 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Hume	Buckargingah	3 0 0
Hume	Henty	3 10 0	Bland	Tumbleton	2 10 0
Goulburn	Mountain Creek	1 10 0	Do	do	2 10 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Do	do	2 10 0
Buckland	Borambil	1 10 0	Selwyn	Mate	2 10 0
Bland	Jingerangle	1 10 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Bourke	Lupton, &c.	2 0 0	Bland	Corumbi	2 0 0
Brisbane	Isis	2 0 0	Fitzroy	Coff	1 10 0
Courallie, &c.	Medgun, &c.	1 10 0	Rous	North Casino	2 0 0
Clyde	Buckinguy	2 0 0	Cooper	Bungarbal	1 15 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Harden	Cowcumbla	1 10 0
Do	Grandool	2 0 0	Do	Muttama	1 15 0
Rous	Berwick	2 0 0	Goulburn	Jergyle	1 15 0
Townsend	Weraí	1 15 0	Urana	Yathong	3 0 0
Wakool	Cockran	1 15 0	Do	do	4 0 0
Do	Chowar	1 15 0	Do	do	4 0 0
Do	Nyang	1 15 0	Do	do	4 0 0
Do	Boyd	1 15 0	Do	do	4 0 0
Do	Worobyan	1 15 0	Harden	Cowcumbla	1 10 0
Do	Niemar	1 15 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Do	Mallan	1 15 0	Forbes	Waayourigong	1 10 0
Murray	Jeir	1 10 0	Do	Braulin	1 10 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Do	do	2 10 0	Clarendon	Bute	2 0 0
Do	do	4 0 0	Do	do	2 10 0
Bourke	Drumston	1 10 0	Bland	Culingerai	2 10 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Townsend	Brassi	1 15 0
Harden	Bookham	1 15 0	Monteagle	Cudgy Maguntry	1 10 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Buccluch	Kilhimical	1 10 0
Leichhardt	Thara	1 10 0	Clarendon	Marar	2 10 0
Bourke	Elliott	2 10 0	Do	do	2 10 0
Denison	Tocumwal	4 0 0	Do	do	2 10 0
Sturt	Livingstone	1 10 0	Do	Bourke	2 10 0
Wynyard	Cunningdroo	4 0 0	Bourke	Coolamon	3 0 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Do	do	3 5 0
Urana	Wood	3 0 0	Do	do	3 10 0
Wakool	Carbool	1 10 0	Cooper	Bundidgery	2 10 0

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Bourke	Derry	3 0 0	Bland	Dinga Dingi	1 15 0
Do	Berembed	3 0 0	Do	do	1 15 0
Do	Lupton	3 0 0	Do	do	1 15 0
Do	do	3 0 0	Do	do	1 15 0
Gregory	Northcote	1 15 0	Do	Wallundry	1 15 0
Do	Mount Foster	1 15 0	Do	Dinga Dingi	2 0 0
Rous	Dunbible	1 10 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Selwyn	Ouranee	2 10 0	Do	Corumbi	2 0 0
Goulburn	Yarra Yarra	4 10 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Monteagle	Murringo	2 0 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Young	Monteagle	2 10 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Hume	Mitchell	4 0 0	Do	Dinga Dingi	2 0 0
Clarendon	Nangus	2 15 0	Do	Wallundry	2 0 0
Vernon	Europambela	3 0 0	Do	Moonbuca, &c.	2 0 0
Selwyn	Jingelic East	1 10 0	Do	Wallundry	2 5 0
Do	Munderoo	2 0 0	Do	do	2 10 0
Urana	Yathong South	3 10 0	Do	do	2 10 0
Nandewar	Narrabri	2 10 0	Do	Corumbi	2 10 0
Wallace	Cootralantra	2 0 0	Do	Wallundry	2 15 0
Beresford	Callaghan	2 0 0	Do	do	2 15 0
Denison	Boomanoomana	4 0 0	Do	Corumbi	2 10 0
Do	Osborne	3 0 0	Townsend	Bungooka, &c.	2 0 0
Hume	Lornes	3 10 0	Do	Wonnue	2 0 0
Bland	Stockinbingal	2 10 0	Do	do	2 5 0
Hume	Buckargingah	2 0 0	Northumberland	Vere	2 0 0
Clarendon	Wantool	2 0 0	Harden	Coolac, &c.	3 0 0
Harden	Jindalee	1 15 0	Do	Gobarralong	5 0 0
Bland	Corumbi	1 15 0	Do	Edgeroi	1 10 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Do	Adjungbilly	1 15 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Do	Coonabarrabran	2 0 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Do	Billabung	1 15 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Do	Broadwater	1 10 0
Clarendon	Wantool	2 0 0	Selwyn	Jingelic East	1 10 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Bland	Dinga Dingi	1 10 0
Bland	Stockinbingal	2 0 0	Do	do	1 15 0
Do	Corumbi	2 0 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Do	do	2 0 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Clarendon	Merrybundinah	2 0 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Bland	Tumbleton	1 15 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Goulburn	Jerra Jerra	1 10 0
King	Narrawa	1 10 0	Do	do	3 0 0
Forbes	Wattamondara	1 15 0	Do	Bengan	3 0 0
Rous	Nimbin	1 10 0	Clarendon	Eurongilly	3 0 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Hume	Buckargingah	3 0 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Do	Henty	3 10 0
Buckland	Werrie	2 0 0	Do	Castlestead	4 0 0
Darling	Keepit	3 0 0	Urana	Crommehn	2 10 0
Wallace	Cootralantra	1 10 0	Do	do	3 10 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Fitzroy	Coff	1 10 0
Townsend	Devon	1 15 0	Do	Moonee	1 10 0
Wellesley	Bungee	1 10 0	Vernon	Emu	2 0 0
Brisbane	Murulla	1 10 0	Rous	Roseberry	2 0 0
Darling	Fleming	2 0 0	Do	Jiggi	2 0 0
Do	do	3 0 0	Do	Nimbin	2 0 0
Beresford	Micalago	2 0 0	Clarendon	Tenandra	1 10 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Do	do	3 0 0
Do	Tinderry	2 0 0	Dudley	Oreen	1 10 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Goulburn	Back Creek	5 0 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Wakool	Whymoul	1 15 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Camden	Bangadilly	1 10 0
Beresford	Tinderry	1 10 0	Do	Bargo	2 0 0
Goulburn	Corabobala	1 15 0	Cooper	Brabenah	2 0 0
Courallie	King	1 10 0	Sturt	Tom's Point	3 0 0
Bourke	Lachlan	1 10 0	Mitchell	Tootool	2 0 0
Fitzroy	Woogoolga	1 10 0	Bland	Tumbleton	2 10 0
Rous	Cudgen	1 10 0	Denham	Gorian	1 10 0
Do	Kynnumboon	1 10 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Bland	Berendebba	1 10 0	Do	Murra Murra	1 10 0
Bourke	Bungambal	1 15 0	Do	do	1 10 0
Buckland	Borambal	2 0 0	Harden	Gobarralong	1 10 0
Rous	Billinudgel	2 0 0	Clarence	Coldstream	1 10 0
Camden	Bargo	2 0 0	Beresford	Dangelong	1 10 0
Rous	Coraki	2 0 0	Rous	Coraki	1 10 0
Darling	Veness	2 0 0	Wellesley	Bungee	1 10 0
Forbes	Eualdrie	2 0 0	Beresford	Rivers	2 0 0
Cowley	Taemas	1 10 0	Sturt	Tom's Point	4 0 0
Do	do	2 0 0	Wakool	Cobwall	1 15 0
Monteagle	Brundah	2 10 0	Bland	Culingera	1 10 0
Dudley	Cooroobongatti	2 0 0	Monteagle	Murringo	2 0 0
Bland	Dinga Dingi	1 10 0	Do	Rossi	1 10 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Ashburnham	Bindogandri	1 10 0
Do	do	1 10 0	Bland	Corumbi	2 0 0
Do	Dinga Dingi, &c.	1 10 0	Gipps	South Condoublin	1 10 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Dowling	Lachlan	1 10 0
Do	Corumbi	1 15 0	Rous	Whian Whian	1 10 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Ashburnham	Kamandra	1 10 0
Do	do	1 15 0	Urana	Thurrowa	4 0 0

Total number, 646.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(SALE OF, AT BOURKE.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 13 August, 1890.*

*[Laid upon the Table in answer to Question No. 15, 5 August, 1890.]*

Questions.

15. TOWNSHIP OF BOURKE:—MR. WILLIS *asked* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) What amount of money has been obtained for the sale of Crown Lands within the municipal area of Bourke?
  - (2.) How many allotments of land do the Government own within the township of Bourke?

Answers.

- (1.) £15,658 13s. 3d.
- (2.) 325 allotments in the town of Bourke, and 105 allotments in North Bourke. These numbers are exclusive of those reserved.





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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**CROWN LANDS.**

(RETURN SHOWING CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND CONDITIONAL LEASES APPLIED FOR IN  
CENTRAL DIVISION.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 7 October, 1890.*

[Laid upon the Table in answer to Question No. 1 of 2 October, 1890.]

Question.

(1.) LAND SELECTED AND LEASED IN CENTRAL DIVISION:—MR. STOKES *asked* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

(1.) What is the approximate area of land selected and conditionally leased in virtue thereof in the Central Division of this Colony during three months ending Thursday, 25th September, inclusive?

(2.) The area of land selected and conditionally leased in each Land Office respectively in the Central Division within the same period?

Answer.

RETURN showing the area of land applied for under conditional purchase and conditional lease, in each Land District within the Central Division of the Colony, during the months of July, August, and September, 1890.

Land District.	Area Conditionally Purchased.			Area Conditionally Leased.		
	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.
Balranald .....						
Bingera .....	2,699	0	0	7,837	0	0
Brewarrina E. ....	1,920	0	0	5,760	0	0
Cobar E. ....						
Condobolin .....	28,566	0	0	95,866	0	0
Coonabarrabran .....	1,093	0	0	3,532	0	0
Coonamble .....	8,814	2	0	21,593	1	0
Corowa .....	3,524	2	0			
Deniliquin .....	8,408	1	0	747	1	0
Dubbo .....	18,493	3	0	32,299	0	0
Forbes .....	1,935	1	0	3,942	0	0
Grenfell .....	11,059	3	0	8,391	0	0
Gunnedah .....	3,049	3	16	12,068	3	24
Hay .....	15,437	2	0	24,040	1	20
Hillston .....	3,480	3	0	10,003	1	0
Moree .....	14,587	2	0	28,851	0	0
Narrabri .....	8,922	1	0	21,740	2	0
Narrandera .....	15,257	0	0	31,483	2	0
Parkes .....	11,252	1	0	28,586	2	0
Urana .....	2,954	0	0			
Wagga Wagga .....	13,129	3	0	10,202	2	0
Walgett .....	5,440	0	0	16,567	0	0
Warialda .....	3,670	2	13	8,530	0	0
Total.....	183,695	1	29	372,041	0	4



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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(AREA APPLIED FOR UNDER CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AND CONDITIONAL LEASE WITHIN THE EASTERN DIVISION DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER, 1890.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 5 November, 1890.*

RETURN showing the Area of Land applied for under Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease within the Eastern Division of the Colony during the months of July, August, and September, 1890.

District.	Area applied for under Conditional Purchase.			Area applied for under Conditional Lease.			District.	Area applied for under Conditional Purchase.			Area applied for under Conditional Lease.		
	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.
Albury ...	48,945	3	0	78,738	2	0	Molong ...	36,925	0	35	54,005	1	0
Armidale ...	61,127	1	6	125,865	3	0	Moruya ...	3,446	0	0	2,420	0	0
Bathurst ...	4,010	2	0	8,089	3	0	Mudgee ...	5,093	0	0	2,988	3	0
Bega ...	2,620	0	0	534	0	0	Murrurundi ...	9,819	0	10	19,107	3	0
Bellinger ...	2,151	1	0	4,258	0	0	Murwillumbah ...	2,405	0	0	1,030	0	0
Berrima ...	2,320	0	0	1,300	0	0	Muswellbrook ...	575	0	30	508	0	0
Bombala ...	9,164	1	0	14,337	0	0	Newcastle ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Braidwood ...	1,294	0	0	2,970	0	0	Nowra ...	350	0	0	200	0	0
Burrowa ...	12,693	1	7	39,940	2	0	Orange ...	270	0	0	1,980	0	0
Campbelltown ...	86	0	0	.....	.....	.....	Parramatta ...	320	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Carcoar ...	1,105	2	0	1,690	0	0	Paterson... ..	467	3	0	1,218	0	0
Casino ...	43,509	2	0	55,749	1	0	Penrith ...	173	1	0	.....	.....	.....
Cassilis ...	1,237	0	0	3,487	2	0	Picton ...	1,460	0	0	2,820	0	0
Cooma ...	42,006	2	21	73,110	1	35	Port Macquarie... ..	821	0	0	1,560	0	0
Cootamundra ...	41,821	3	0	47,725	2	0	Queanbeyan ...	14,067	2	0	34,327	1	0
Cowra ...	8,908	0	0	4,962	0	0	Raymond Terrace	730	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Dungog ...	515	1	0	685	0	0	Rylstone... ..	718	0	0	1,320	0	0
Eden ...	2,485	0	0	3,041	3	0	Scone ...	2,182	3	0	5,637	3	0
Glen Innes ...	14,982	3	30	24,049	1	0	Singleton ...	1,713	0	0	3,602	1	0
Gosford ...	260	0	0	.....	.....	.....	Stroud ...	2,035	2	0	480	0	0
Goulburn... ..	2,837	0	0	5,145	2	0	Tamworth ...	35,689	2	0	114,939	0	0
Grafton ...	8,220	0	0	7,015	0	0	Taree ...	1,769	2	0	1,030	0	0
Gundagai ...	15,943	2	19	15,952	1	0	Tenterfield ...	8,829	2	0	17,815	0	0
Gunning ...	3,851	2	0	4,275	0	0	Tumut ...	12,683	3	0	10,664	0	0
Inverell ...	31,675	0	34	54,846	1	0	Walcha ...	49,263	2	11	103,124	2	0
Kempsey ...	15,350	2	0	25,707	0	0	Wellington ...	1,406	1	0	3,837	0	0
Kiama ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Windsor... ..	1,475	0	0	60	0	0
Lismore ...	2,619	1	0	400	0	0	Wollombi ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lithgow ...	840	0	0	1,200	0	0	Wollongong ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liverpool ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yass ...	14,809	2	20	20,555	1	0
Maitland ...	520	0	0	960	0	0	Young ...	40,643	1	0	36,304	3	0
Metropolitan ...	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	Total... ..	633,778	0	23	1,047,809	2	35
Milton ...	495	0	0	240	0	0							

NOTE.—In the Western Division 5,040 acres were selected during the same period, viz., in the Land District of Brewarrina—Conditional leases, nil.



1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVES IN RESUMED AREAS AND IN PASTORAL HOLDINGS.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 10 June, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 11th July, 1889, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A Return showing the number of reserves in resumed areas, and same in pastoral holdings, and also acreage in each Land District, sent to the Local Land Board for report.”

(*Mr. Crick for Mr. Cruickshank.*)

SCHEDULE.

RESERVES in Resumed Areas, and in Pastoral Holdings, in each of the following Land Board Districts—

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1.—RETURN showing the number and area of all Reserves reported on by the Local Land Board in the Armidale District.

Land District.	No. of Reserves.	Area.
Armidale.....	101	Aces. 141,120½
Glen Innes .....	8	21,515
Inverell .....	5	2,629
Tenterfield .....	8	41,676
Walcha .....	29	28,281¼
Total .....	151	235,221¾

Armidale, 2nd December, 1889.

HENRY T. MAKIN,  
Clerk-in-Charge.

No.	Description.	Pastoral holding.	Leaschold and resumed area.	Area.
<i>Land Board District of Bourke.</i>				
1886.				
27 Jan...	Travelling stock reserve from Greenough's Hill to Tilpa. Refused.	.....	.....	.....
29 ,, ...	Travelling stock reserve from Crowl Creek to Nymagee, county of Mouramba. Not recommended.	.....	.....	Area not known.
29 ,, ...	Travelling stock reserve from Bourke to Louth. Not recommended.	.....	.....	"
29 ,, ...	Travelling stock reserve Barnato Lake to Mossgiel. Not recommended.	.....	.....	"
29 ,, ...	Proposed extension of No. 1,344 along railway line, Nyngan to Cobar. Not required.	.....	.....	"
24 Feb...	Proposed reserves on road Nymagee to The Priory. Not required at present.	.....	.....	"
24 ,, ...	Travelling stock and camping reserves along Bogan River, between Gongolgon and Tubba Station. No action necessary.	.....	.....	"
21 July..	Recommend that a camping and travelling stock reserve at Bendermere Tank be proclaimed. Parish of Bendermere, county of Clyde.	Charlton, 236 .....	Leasehold area	320 acres.
4 Sept..	Recommendation of cancellation of camping reserve 1,043 on Beemery holding.	Beemery, 6 .....	"	Area not known.
14 ,, ...	Travelling stock routes from Nymagee to Hall's, and from Muriel Tank to Girilambone. Not recommended.	.....	.....	.....
		Hartwood, 238 .....	Resumed area.	} About 23,200 acres.
		New Babinda, 315 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	
		Hermitage Plains, Block A 2, 677.	Leasehold area	
14 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve from Nymagee to Nyngan and Cobar Road. Recommended.	Trowell Creek, 545...	Leasehold area and resumed area.	
		West Bogan, No. 1, 497	Leasehold area	
		Overflow, 187 .....	Resumed area.	
		Pangee, 175 .....	"	} 650 acres. 257½ acres. 382½ acres.
		Cannonbar, 437 .....	"	
		Thorndale, 385 .....	"	
		Fort Bourke, 46 .....	Leasehold area	
20 Oct...	Cancellation of reserve 3 for camping on Fort Bourke holding. Not recommended.	Fort Bourke, 46 .....	Leasehold area	Area not known
20 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Kerrigundi Tank, parish of Narwarrie, county of Yanda. Recommended.	Wiltagoona, 211 .....	Resumed area	1,280 acres.
20 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at tenant's lease 99, parish of Kaniva, county of Cowper. Recommended.	Compton Downs, 33 .....	"	640 acres.
20 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves within reserve 5, parish of Corella, county of Culgoa. Recommended.	Corella, 32 .....	"	} 351½ acres and 640 acres.
20 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Eighteen-mile Tank, parish of Currindule, county of Culgoa, at public watering-place and tenant's lease 97. Recommended.	Lila Springs, 247 .....	Leasehold area	
20 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Booroomugga Tank, parish of Lambrig, county of Robinson. Recommended.	Meryula, 205 .....	"	1,217 acres.
20 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Ford's Bridge Tank, parish of Coolamon, county of Gunderbooka. Recommended.	Fort Bourke, 46 .....	"	1,280 acres.
20 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Nullamut Tank, parish of Davies, county of Robinson. Recommended.	Meryula, 205 .....	"	1,283 acres.
20 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Muriel Tank, parish of Warong, county of Canbelego. Recommended.	Budgery, 698 .....	Resumed area	1,279½ acres.
20 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Goonery Well Bore, parish of Goonery, county of Barrona. Recommended.	Toorale and Dunlop, 257 .....	.....	1,246 acres.
20 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve and camping reserves at Kerrigundah Tank, parish of Narwarrie, county of Yanda. Recommended.	Wiltagoona, 211 .....	Resumed area	2 areas, 640 acres each.
16 Nov..	Proposed travelling stock reserve from Muriel Tank to Girilambone. Not recommended.	.....	.....	.....
1887.				
18 May..	Proposed travelling stock reserve, from Mungunyah, via Maranoa and Brewarra, to Queensland Border. Not recommended.	.....	.....	Area not known.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Cutagulyaroo Tank, parish of Cutagulyaroo, county of Robinson. Recommended.	Tindayrey, 201 .....	Resumed area	1,279½ acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Thorndale Tank, county of Flinders. Recommended public watering-place 24.	Thorndale, 385 .....	"	1,280 acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Gilgai Tank, county of Flinders. Recommended public watering-place 25.	Pangee, 175 .....	"	1,017½ acres.

No.	Description.	Pastoral Holding.	Leasehold and resumed area.	Area.
1887.				
27 May..	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, at Babinda Tank, county of Flinders. Recommended. public watering-place 26.	New Babinda, 316 .....	Leasehold area	1,280 acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Nymagee Tank, public watering-place 27, county of Mouramba. Recommended.	Within Nymagee temporary common.	.....	836 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Beloura Tank, county of Mouramba, public watering-place 29. Recommended.	Balowra, 123 .....	Leasehold area	1,280 acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Corilla Tank, public watering-place 90, county of Cowper. Recommended.	Yanda, 124 .....	,, ...	1,280 acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Helman's Tank, public watering-place 92, county of Cowper. Recommended.	Curraweena, 209 ; Tindayrey, 201.	,, ...	1,280 acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Curraweena Tank, public watering-place 91, county of Cowper. Recommended.	Curraweena, 209 .....	,, ...	1,280 acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, The Lake Tank, public watering-place 93, county of Gunterbooka. Recommended.	Warraweena, 122 .....	Resumed area	1,250 acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Coarallie Well, public watering-place 95, county of Gunterbooka. Recommended.	Lila Springs, 247 .....	,, ...	1,280 acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Keighran's Tank, county of Mouramba. Recommended.	{ Nymagee, 30 .....	Leasehold area	} 1,279 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.
		{ Priory, 74 .....	Resumed area	
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Priory Tank, county of Mouramba. Recommended.	The Priory, 74 .....	Leasehold area	1,282 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserve, Shearleg's Tank, county of Mouramba. Recommended.	Nullera, 132 .....	,, ...	1,244 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.
		{ Harwood, 238 .....	Resumed area	} About 23,200 acres.
		{ New Babinda, 316 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	
		{ Hermitage Plains, Block A2, 677.	Leasehold area	
		{ Trowell Creek, 545 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	
		{ West Bogan No. 1, 497	Leasehold area	} .....
		{ Overflow, 187 .....	Resumed area	
		{ Canonbar, 437 .....	,, ...	
		{ Thorndale, 335 .....	,, ...	.....
19 July..	Proposed travelling stock reserve, Nymagee to Nyngan and Cobar Road. Recommended.	.....	.....	.....
27 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve, Enngonia to Hungerford. Not recommended.	.....	.....	.....
21 Oct...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Tindayrey Tank, county of Yanda. Recommended.	Tindayrey, 201 .....	Leasehold area	1,280 acres.
16 Dec...	Proposed travelling stock reserve, Keirangundah to Byrock. Not recommended.	.....	.....	Area not known.
1888.				
17 Feb...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Booroondarra Tank, county of Yanda, parish of Wittagoona. Recommended.	Wiltagoona, 211 .....	Leasehold area	1,280 acres.
17 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock and camping reserves, parish of Derrina, county of Yanda, public watering-place 135. Recommended.	Winbar, 260 .....	Resumed area.	1,280 acres.
5 Mar..	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, parish of Toy, county of Robinson. Recommended.	Amphitheatre, 193 .....	,, ...	1,360 acres.
26 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve, Mungunyah to Eighteen-mile Tank, county of Gunterbooka. Refused.	.....	.....	Area not known.
27 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve, Enngonia to Gooriwarra, in lieu of travelling stock reserve 90. Recommended.	{ Multagoona, 228 .....	Resumed area.	} About 33,500 acres.
		{ Lila Springs, 247 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	
		{ Lissington, 90 .....	Leasehold area	
		{ Corella, 32 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Goombalara Tank, counties of Barrona and Fitzgerald. Recommended.	Kallara, 22 .....	Resumed area.	Public watering-place, 117 ; 1,280 acres.
9 July..	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Tinchelooka Bore, county of Barrona. Recommended.	Wanaaring, 250 .....	,, ...	1,063 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.
9 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Grasshut Tank, public watering-place 94, county of Gunterbooka. Recommended.	{ Lila Springs, 247 .....	,, ...	} 1,280 acres.
		{ Warraweena, 122 .....	,, ...	
29 Dec...	Proposed travelling stock reserve, from 88 mile-post on Bourke-Hungerford Road to 70 mile-post on that road, <i>via</i> Mukudjeroo. Recommended.	Maranoa, 62 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	About 9,660 acres.
1889.				
10 April.	Proposed travelling stock reserve, in lieu of driftway reserve 872, county of Gunterbooka. Recommended.	Warraweena, 122 .....	Resumed area.	Not yet notified.
10 ,, ...	Proposed trucking and camping reserves at Bourke, county of Cowper. Recommended.	{ Warraweena, 122 .....	,, ...	} About 18,600 ac. es.
		{ Jandra, 234 .....	,, ...	
11 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve, Byrock to Gongolgon, county of Cowper. Recommended.	.....	.....	Not yet notified, area not known.

No.	Description.	Pastoral Holding.	Leasehold and resumed area.	Area.
1889. 30 May..	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, on Louth to Bourke Road, parish of Boyong, county of Gunderbooka. Recommended.	Fort Bourke, 46 .. .. .	Leasehold area	30 acres.
30 ,, ..	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, on Louth to Bourke Road, parish of Nulty, county of Gunderbooka. Recommended.	Fort Bourke .. . . . . .	„ ..	95 acres.
30 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, on Louth to Bourke Road, parish of Nulty, county of Gunderbooka. Recommended.	„ .. . . . . .	Resumed area.	200 acres.
30 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, Louth to Bourke Road, parish of Aripilis, county of Gunderbooka. Recommended.	„ .. . . . . .	„ ..	95 acres.
27 July..	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Kulkyn Tank, county of Barrona. Recommended.	Nocoleche, 185 .. . . . . .	„ ..	1,593 acres.
25 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Cuttaburra Well, parish of Paroo, counties of Irrara and Barrona. Recommended.	Wanaaring, 250 .. . . . . .	„ ..	1,270 acres.
16 Sept..	Recommending portion 1, parish of Davidson, county of Cowper, be reserved for camping and travelling stock reserves.	Mooculta, 315 .. . . . . .	„ ..	320 acres.
16 ,, ...	Recommending portion 6, parish of Lynch, county of Canbelego, be reserved as a camping and travelling stock reserve.	West Bogan, No. 1, 497	„ ..	143 acres.
28 Oct. . .	Recommended that portion 6, parish of Pera, county of Gunderbooka, be reserved from lease for camping.			
<i>Land District of Brewarrina.</i>				
1886. 18 Feb. . .	Cancellation of that part of travelling stock reserve 1, within portion 8, parish of Richardson, county of Clyde. No objection.	Murrawombie, 253 .. . . . . .	Resumed area	50 acres.
18 ,, ...	Cancellation of that part of travelling stock reserve 967, within portion 3, parish of Bralga, county of Narran. No objection.	Milroy, 125 .. . . . . .	Leasehold area	About 344 acres.
18 ,, ...	Cancellation of that part of travelling stock reserve 377, within portion 7, parish of Cowal, county of Clyde. No objection.	Willie, 700 .. . . . . .	„ ..	About 80 acres.
23 Sept. . .	Application for a reserve from sale for refuge in time of flood. 2,500 acres, not recommended.	Muckewerewa, 121 .. . . . . .	.....	Area not known.
2 Oct. . .	Cancellation of that part of travelling stock reserve 931, within portion 4, parish of .. county of .. (I.P. 83-84); also that part within (I.P. 84-66). Recommended.	Application for cancellation of those parts of this reserve. Subsequently withdrawn. <i>Vide</i> L.B. 86-1,902.		
1 July. . .	Camping and travelling stock reserves at Bendermere Tank, county of Clyde. Recommended.	Charlton, 236 .. . . . . .	Leasehold area	Two of 320 acres each.
1888. 21 Feb. . .	Proposed travelling stock reserve from sale, county of Narran, parishes of Mungrada, Concord, and Wilby. Adjourned.	.....	.....	.....
21 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve and camping reserve, in lieu of travelling stock reserves 1,092, 1,093, water reserve 1,051, reserve 485, part of 283 acres, parishes of Boogenderra and Coobeinda, county of Narran. Recommended.	Brenda, 118 .. . . . . .	Resumed area	About 3,200 acres.
21 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, parishes of Coobeinda and Boogenderra, county of Narran. Recommended between reserve 1,092 and Denman pastoral holding boundary.	„ 118 .. . . . . .	„ ..	Area not known.
21 Mar. . .	Proposed travelling stock reserve, Wilby Wilby to Muckerewa, county of Narran. Recommended.	Bangheet, 110 .. . . . . . Muckerewa, 121 .. . . . . .	Leasehold area „ ..	} „
22 ,, ...	Proposed reserves for travelling stock, Enngonia to Gooriwarra, county of Culgoa, and proposed camping and travelling stock reserves of 640 acres each. Recommended. In lieu of travelling stock reserve 90.			
17 Nov. . .	Travelling stock reserve from Coobung to Wilby Wilby, county of Narran. In lieu of Nos. 735 and 999. Recommended.	Lissington, 90 .. . . . . . Corella, 32 .. . . . . .	Leasehold area Leasehold and resumed areas	} About 3,528 acres.
1889. 3 Aug. . .	Travelling stock reserve proposed from Goodooga to Narran River, county of Narran, in lieu of an existing reserve. Recommended.	Boorooma, 137 .. . . . . . Coobung, 292 .. . . . . . Dumble, 17 .. . . . . . Bogeira Back, 109 .. . . . . .	Resumed area Leasehold area Leasehold area and resumed area. „ ..	
<i>Land District of Cobar.</i>				
1885. 27 Nov. . .	Proposed travelling stock reserve Louth to Barneto. Considered not necessary.	.....	.....	Area not known.
27 ,, ...	Proposed camping reserve, parish of Priory, county Robinson. Recommended.	Meryula, 205 .. . . . . .	Resumed area.	640 and 639½ acres.
1886. 27 Mar. . .	Cancellation of part of reserve 1,949A, parish of Yamma, county of Flinders, within C.P. 84-13. Recommended.	Canonbar, 437 .. . . . . .	„ ..	60 acres.
10 July. . .	Camping and travelling stock reserve, parish of Gidalambone, county of Canbelego. Recommended.	Wilgar Downs, 702 .. . . . . .	Leasehold area	592 acres 3 roods
16 Sept. . .	Camping and travelling stock reserves at Shearleg's Tank, parish Gwynne, county Mouramba. Recommended.	Nullera, 132 .. . . . . .	„ ..	1,244½ acres.



No.	Description.	Pastoral Holding.	Leasehold and resumed area.	Area.
1886. 16 Sept.	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at Keighran's Tank, parishes of Nymagee, &c., county of Mouramba. Recommended.	Nymagee, 30..... Priory, 74.....	Leasehold area Resumed area.	1,279½ acres.
16 „ ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at the Priory Tank, parishes of Evans, &c., county of Mouramba. Recommended.	„ 74.....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	1,242½ acres.
1887. 4 Aug. .	Proposed travelling stock and camping reserve, parishes of Hume, &c., county Mouramba. Recommended.	Wirlong, 230..... North Peak, 312.....	Resumed area. Leasehold area	638 acres.
4 „ ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves on east side of public watering-place and tenant's lease at Amphitheatre Tank, county of Robinson. Not required.	Amphitheatre, 193.....	Resumed area.	Area not known.
1888. 4 Nov. .	Reconsideration of proposed extension of reserve at Eight-mile Tank, Cobar to Wilcannia. Not recommended.	„ 193.....	„ ..	„
24 „ ...	Alteration of travelling stock reserve, 2,028, notified 10th March, 1888, counties of Mouramba and Flinders. Recommended.	Hartwood, 238..... Balowra, 123.....	„ .. Leasehold area and resumed area.	16 square miles cancelled, 9,900 acres notified in lieu.
1889. 11 Feb. .	Travelling stock reserve, Nyngan to Nymagee. Recommended to be reduced to 40 chains width, through Thorndale pastoral holding.	Overflow, 187..... Thorndale, 385.....	Resumed area. „ ..	Area not known. Awaiting survey.
12 „ ...	Travelling stock reserves, 8,169 and 8,170, parish of Willeroon, county of Canbelego. Recommended under 109th section.	Willeroon, 690.....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	3,200 acres.
12 „ ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve, Muriel Tank to Girilambone. Recommended.	Budgery, 698..... Wilgar Downs, 702.....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	On appeal granted, 10 ch. wide. About 2,100 acres.
29 Aug. .	Proposed travelling stock reserve, parishes of Knox and Wills, county of Mouramba, in lieu of travelling stock reserve 3,020. Recommended.	Nymagee, 30..... The Priory, 74.....	Leasehold area Leasehold area and resumed area.	About 2,400 acres.
29 „ ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve, Nymagee and Nyngan Roads to Buggabadah. Recommended in lieu of travelling stock reserve 15, within Land Board District of Bourke.	Overflow, 187..... Pangee, 175.....	Resumed area. Leasehold area and resumed area.	About 28 square miles.
16 Oct. .	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves at public watering-place, and tenant's lease 168, parish of Gidgie, county of Robinson. Recommended.	Honeybugle..... Springfield, 81.....	Leasehold area Resumed area.	640 acres each, two areas.

*Land District of Wilcannia.*

1885. 15 June .	Camping and travelling stock reserves at (1)Capago Dam, (2)Peri Springs, (3)Nipper's Creek, and (4)Momba Dam. Recommended.	Momba, 55..... „ 55.....	Resumed area. „ ..	640 acres each.
17 July .	Proposed deviation of travelling stock reserve 355, county of Menindie. Recommended.	Kincheega, 244.....	Leasehold area	Area not known. Not yet altered
17 „ ...	Proposed revocation of water reserve 462, county of Yantara, and notification of suitable travelling stock and camping reserves in lieu of, postponed.	Yantara, 93.....	„ ..	640 acres.
19 Aug. .	Further consideration of proposed reserves in lieu of water reserve 462, county of Yantara. Not recommended.	„ 93.....	„ ..	640 acres.
20 Oct. .	Menindie temporary common extension. Recommended.	Kincheega, 244.....	Resumed area.	About 2,340 acres.
18 Dec. .	Cancellation recommended of parts of travelling stock reserves 701 and 573, in parish of Bolaira, county of Yancowinna.	Mount Gipps, 20.....	Resumed area and leasehold area.	Area not known.
1886. 30 Mar. .	Cancellation of part of travelling stock reserve, 583, parish of Albermarle, county of Livingstone. Recommended.	Albermarle, 252.....	Resumed area.	About 29½ acres.
3 April .	Travelling stock reserve, from Mokely Water-hole, via Frome's Creek to Lake Pindaroo and Queensland Border, 1 mile wide. Recommended.	Frome's Creek, 40..... Fort Grey, 8.....	Leasehold area „ ..	About 50 square miles.
3 „ ...	Travelling stock reserve, 1 mile wide, from Mokely Water-hole to Yandama Creek, county of Poole. Recommended.	Mokely, 87..... Mount Sturt, 309.....	„ .. Resumed area. Leasehold area Resumed area.	About 30 square miles.
3 „ ...	Travelling stock reserve, from Preservation Creek to the South Australian Border, via Yandama Creek, county of Evelyn. Recommended.	Mount Poole, 239..... „ 239..... Yandama, 164..... Boulka Lake, 249.....	Leasehold area Resumed area. Leasehold area „ .. Resumed area.	About 60 square miles.
3 „ ...	Travelling stock reserve from near the 228 mile-post on the Queensland Border to travelling stock reserve 500, county of Tongowoko.	Olive Downs, 228.....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	Recommended. About 9 square miles.
3 „ ...	Travelling stock reserve from Cobham Lake to the Queensland Border at the Bulloo Road Crossing.	Yantara, 93..... Yancannia, 156..... Mount Wood, 159..... Connulpie Downs, 65..... Olive Downs, 299..... Caryapundy Swamp, 2..... „ 1.....	„ .. Leasehold area Resumed area Leasehold area „ .. „ .. „ ..	Recommended. About 85 square miles.

No.	Description.	Pastoral Holding.	Leasehold and resumed area.	Area.
1886. 3 April	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserve at Tindaroo Water-hole, county of Poole.	Mount King East, 27...	Resumed area	640 acres. Recommended.
29 July..	Travelling stock reserve Milparinka to Wanaaring ...	{ Yantara, 93 ..... Mount Weed, 159 ... Salisbury Downs, 92.. Urisino, 160 .....	Leasehold area " " " " Leasehold area and resumed area.	Recommended. About 135 square miles.
		{ Wanaaring..... Yantara, 93.....	Leasehold area " "	
30 ,, ...	Camping reserve in lieu of water reserve 462, county of Yantara.	Yantara, 93.....	" "	Recommended. 640 acres.
30 ,, ...	Proposed cancellation of that part of travelling stock reserve 500, within the town and suburban boundaries of Milparinka.	Mount Poole, 239 .....	Resumed area	Recommended. About 1,450 acres cancelled.
25 Nov..	Camping and travelling stock reserves at Cobham Lake, county of Yantara.	Cobham Lake, 21 .....	Leasehold area	Recommended. 640 acres each. (2)
18 Dec...	Travelling stock reserve through the counties of Yantara and Fitzgerald, from Murlippa Tank to the travelling stock reserve from Wilcannia to Milparinka, Tongo Station.	{ Mordern, 213..... Yancannia, 156.....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	Recommended. About 57,600 acres.
		{ Monolon, 5, 204 ..... Momba, 55.....	Leasehold area Resumed area	
18 ,, ...	Camping and travelling stock reserves, parish of Manara, county of Manara.	Mount Manara, 143 .....	Leasehold area	640 acres. Recommended.
18 ,, ...	Camping reserve, parish of Kerpa, county of Woore, at Twelve-mile Government Tank.	Teryawynia, 29 .....	Resumed area	640 acres. Recommended
18 ,, ...	Cancellation of travelling stock reserves through Mount Poole holding.	Mount Poole, 239 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	.....
18 ,, ...	Camping and travelling stock reserves, parish of Manara, county of Manara.	Mount Manara, 143 .....	Leasehold area	640 acres. Recommended
18 ,, ...	Camping and travelling stock reserves, parish of Hudson, county of Livingstone.	Teryawynia, 29 .....	Resumed area	640 acres. Recommended.
1887.				
13 Jan...	Travelling stock reserve Pooncaira to Barnato Lake, counties of Perry, Manara, Woore, and Booroodarra.	*.....	*.....	Recommended.
26 ,, ...	Travelling stock reserve 700. Modification of, county of Yancowinna.	Thackaringa, 190 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	Recommended. 17½ square miles.
26 ,, ...	Cancellation of part of travelling stock reserve 700.	" 190 .....	" "	Recommended.
26 ,, ...	Cancellation of part of travelling stock reserve 252, counties of Yancowinna, Tandora, and Menindie.	" 190, &c. ....	" "	Recommended. About 47½ square miles.
18 Feb...	Travelling stock reserve from Tibooburra to the travelling stock reserve from Wanaaring to Milparinka, county of Tongowoko.	†.....	†.....	†.....
18 ,, ...	Inquiry concerning travelling stock reserves on Mount Poole holding, 1,990 in particular.	Mount Poole, 239 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	.....
12 May..	Travelling stock reserve from Wallace Lake to the Darling River at Albermarle head station, county of Livingstone, parish of Boonditti, &c.	{ Tolarno, 58 ..... Albermarle and Victoria Lake, 252.	Leasehold area Resumed area	Recommended. About 20 square miles.
19 July..	Camping reserve, parish of Cowary, county of Werunda. Recommended.	Teryawynia, 29 .....	" "	
19 ,, ...	Camping Reserve, parish of Burndoo, county of Livingstone. Recommended.	" 29 .....	" "	640 acres.
5 Dec...	Travelling stock and camping reserves at Milparinka Well, county of Evelyn. Recommended.	Within Milparinka temporary common.	.....	640 acres.
5 ,, ...	Travelling stock reserves from sale, lease, and license, in lieu of reserves 401, 401 extension, and part 653, county of Young. Recommended.	Momba, 55 .....	Resumed area	581 acres and 640 acres.
5 ,, ...	Travelling stock and camping reserves from sale, lease, and license, county of Yungnulgra, in lieu of 456, and parts of 500 and 42.	" 55 .....	" "	640 acres each (2). Recommended.
5 ,, ...	Travelling stock and camping reserve, parish of , county of Werunda. Recommended.	Billila, 229 .....	" "	640 acres.
5 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock and camping reserves (2) at public watering-place and tenant's lease 70, Dry Lake Tank, county of Young. Recommended.	Menamurtee, 217 .....	Leasehold area	640 acres each (2).
5 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock and camping reserves (2) at public watering-place and tenant's lease 73, Tarena Tank, county of Yungnulgra, parish of Yerndambool. Recommended.	Tarella, 2.....	" "	640 acres each (2).
5 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock and camping reserves at public watering-place and tenant's lease 74, the Peak Government Tank, county of Yungnulgra, parish of Williams. Recommended.	Noonthorungee, 15.....	" "	640 acres each (2).
5 ,, ...	Proposed travelling stock and camping reserves at public watering-place 119, Yantabangee Tank, county of Fitzgerald.	Momba, 55 .....	" "	640 acres (2). Recommended.
5 ,, ...	Proposed camping and travelling stock reserves, counties of Ularara and Yantara. Recommended.	{ Yantara, 93 ..... Urisino, 160 .....	Resumed area " "	640 acres each (4).
3 April	Camping and travelling stock reserves (2) recommended at Mulga Valley Well, parishes of Brougham and Wilcannia, county of Young.	{ Menamurtee, 217 ..... Momba, 55.....	Leasehold area Resumed area.	

\*Route recommended, and papers recommended to be forwarded to Bourke Land Board for their action. Not yet notified. † Recommended by Board, but action with a view to notification has not yet been completed.

No.	Description.	Pastoral Holding.	Leasehold and resumed area.	Area]
1888. 3 April	Camping and travelling stock reserves recommended at Nine-mile Tank, parish of Cobrilla, county of Young.	Momba, 55 .....	Resumed area.	Two of 640 acres each.
3 „ ..	Camping and travelling stock reserves at Horse Lake Tank recommended, parish of Silistria, county of Tandora.	Kinchega, 244 .....	Leasehold area	Two of 640 acres each.
3 „ ...	Conversion of police paddock at Wilcannia into a camping and travelling stock reserve recommended, and new site for police recommended in lieu of present one.	Within the suburban boundaries of Wilcannia.	.....	About 480 acres.
3 „ ...	Camping and travelling stock reserves at public watering-place and tenant's lease 75, J.K. Waterhole, parishes of Yeiltara and Kayrunera, county of Yungnulgra. Recommended.	{ Wonominta, 135 ..... Yancannia, 156 .....	Leasehold area „ ..	{ Two of 640 acres each.
14 „ ...	Camping and travelling stock reserves recommended at public watering-place and tenant's lease 130, Monka Monka Tank, county of Yancowinna.	Kinchega, 244 .....	„ ..	Two of 640 acres each.
13 „ ...	That travelling stock reserves 1,991 and 1,992 in the north-west corner of the Colony remain unimpaired.	{ Mokely, 87 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	} About 80 square miles.
		Mount King East, 27 .....	Resumed area.	
		Frome's Creek, 40 .....	Leasehold area	
		Fort Grey, 8 .....	„ ..	
18 „ ...	Travelling stock reserve from Warri Warri to Yalpunga. Not recommended.	{ Mount Sturt, 309 .....	Resumed area.	} Area not known.
		Mount Poole, 239 .....	„ ..	
18 „ ...	Application for alteration of travelling stock reserve 1,990 by the lessees of Mount Poole holding. Not recommended.	{ Olive Downs, 229 .....	Leasehold area	} „
		Onepar, 223 .....	„ ..	
18 „ ...	Travelling stock reserve from Tibooburra, via Mount Stuart, to travelling stock reserve 1,994, at Mount Wood Station, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide. Recommended.	{ Whittabranah, 262 ... Mount Stuart, 283 ... Mount Wood, 159 ... Onepar, 223 .....	„ .. „ .. „ .. Leasehold area and resumed area.	} About 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ square miles.
		Whittabranah, 262 ...	„ ..	
23 „ ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve from Yalpunga, via Tibooburra to Milparinka. Not recommended.	{ Mount Stuart, 283 ... Warrata, 259 .....	Leasehold area Leasehold area and resumed area.	} Area not known.
		Mount Poole, 239 .....	Leasehold area	
23 „ ...	Proposed travelling stock reserve from Tibooburra to Wyjonta. Not recommended.	.....	.....	„
1889. 17 June	Travelling stock reserve, 40 chains wide from Silverton to Menindie. Recommended.	{ Mundi Mundi, 95 .....	Resumed area.	} About 80 square miles.
		Mount Gipps, 20 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	
17 „ ...	Travelling stock reserve from Wentworth towards Wilcannia and Silverton within the Land District of Wilcannia. Recommended.	{ Kinchega, 244 .....	„ ..	} About 90 square miles.
		Ophara, 279 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	
		Burta, 130 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	
18 „ ...	Travelling stock reserve from The Four-mile to the head of Stephens' Creek, county of Yancowinna. Not recommended.	{ Buckalow, 67 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	} Area not known.
		Cuthro, 214 .....	Leasehold area and resumed area.	
18 „ ...	Camping and travelling stock reserves from sale, lease, and license, parish of Umberumberka, county of Yancowinna. Recommended.	Mundi Mundi, 95 .....	Resumed area.	640 acres each.

### 3.—Land Board District, Cooma.

RETURN showing the number of Reserves in Resumed Areas and same in Pastoral Holdings, and also acreage in each Land District, sent to Local Land Boards for report.

	District of Cooma.			District of Bombala.			District of Queanbeyan.			District of Bega.			District of Eden.			
	No. of Reserves.	Area.		No. of Reserves.	Area.		No. of Reserves.	Area.		No. of Reserves.	Area.		No. of Reserves.	Area.		
		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
Resumed areas ...	8	3,036	3	0	3	584	0	0	2	705	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pastoral holdings (leasehold areas).	7	3,256	0	0	2	940	0	0	1	640	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....

## 4.—Land District of Coonamble.

SCHEDULE of Areas (approximate only) of Reserves specified in the attached Return furnished by the Chairman, as dealt with by the Local Land Board, Dubbo, up to 1st August, 1889.

NOTE.—There are more reserves specified in this Schedule than in the Chairman's Return, is due to the fact that one entry in the latter in several cases includes a considerable number of distinct areas.

Reserve.	Area.	County.	Parish.	Leasehold Area. Approximate only.	Resumed Area. Approximate only.	Remarks.
	Acres.			Acres.	Acres.	
T.S.R. 858 Ex.	480	Gowen .....	Terrabile .....	80	400	
16	2,850	} Leichhardt.. {	Toooloom .....	1,425	1,425	
C.R. 1,296	2,240		Eulah .....		2,240	
T.S.R. 361	250		Moranbilla .....			250 acres, within population boundary and permanent common, Coonamble.
661	130		" .....	Warrena .....		130 acres, within population boundary and permanent common, Coonamble.
1,900	760	" .....	Gidginbilla .....		760	
16	5,280	Gregory .....	Murimba .....		5,280	
6,649	2,300	" .....	" .....		2,300	
R. 1,577	200	Gowen .....	Galargambone .....		200	
C.R. 3,975	150	" .....	" .....		150	
Pors. 71, 72, and 73	120	Ewenmar .....	Bourbah .....		120	Travelling Stock Reserves, 3,873, 3,874, 3,875.
C.R. 1,360	80	" .....	Galargambone .....	80		
1,379	1,400	" .....	Gewah .....		1,400	
4,202	640	} Leichhardt.. {	" .....		640	Coonamble to Mundooran, see Reserves 4,138 to 4,146.
1,343	1,270		" .....	Qoonmoona .....		1,270
R. 5,611	200	" .....	Gelambula .....	200		
P.W.P. 104	640	Gregory .....	Mellerstain .....		640	
C.R. 1,358	270	Ewenmar .....	Healy .....			
T.S.R. 16	3,400	} Gregory... {	Nimby and Boka- } more. {	350	270	
W.R. 1,245	600		Leichhardt .....	Moranbilla .....		3,050
F.R. 1,355 Ex.	1,920	Gregory .....	Gandymungydel .....	320	600	
	350	Leichhardt .....	Yoece .....		1,600	Coonamble to Youie.
P.W.P. 104	245	Ewenmar .....	Bullagreen .....		350	
6,759	395	" .....	" .....		245	
6,760	640	" .....	" .....		395	
6,761	760	" .....	" .....		640	
P.T.S.R. 1,501	760	" .....	" .....		760	
6,762	1,280	" .....	" .....		1,280	
T.S.R. 8,104	650	Gregory .....	Nimby .....		650	
8,105	360	" .....	Bookamo .....	360		
8,106	3,100	" .....	Nimby .....	320	2,780	
3,102	1,730	Leichhardt .....	Ulundry .....	1,530	200	
3,103	90	" .....	" .....		90	
3,104	320	" .....	" .....		320	
3,105	190	" .....	Moolumbong .....		190	
3,106	1,700	" .....	Moorambilla .....		1,700	
3,107	22	" .....	" .....		22	
3,108	970	" .....	" .....	700	270	
3,109	1,230	" .....	Yuma .....	1,230		
3,110	150	" .....	" .....	150		
3,111	470	" .....	" .....	470		
3,112	1,120	" .....	Toolara .....	1,120		
3,113	1,900	" .....	Collinouie .....		1,900	
3,101	340	Gowen .....	Galargambone .....	340		
3,100	1,350	" .....	Callangoan, &c. ....	400	950	
3,099	1,550	" .....	" .....	1,150	400	
3,098	170	" .....	Eringanerin .....	170		
3,097	500	Ewenmar .....	Bobarah, &c. ....		500	
4,141	80	Leichhardt .....	Carwel .....	80		
4,140	2,150	" .....	Mungery, &c. ....	2,150		
4,139	1,900	" .....	Mungery .....	1,900		
4,138	540	" .....	Magomelon .....	540		
4,142	290	Gowen .....	Gummin .....	10	280	
4,145	900	" .....	Tunderbrine .....		900	
4,143	60	" .....	Tooraveneah .....		60	
4,144	180	" .....	" .....		180	
4,146	1,250	" .....	" .....	400	850	
661	440	Leichhardt .....	Collinnie .....			
661	400	" .....	Tobin .....	400		
1,549	990	" .....	Yuma .....	990		
860	210	Gowen .....	Wilber .....	210		
1,513	80	" .....	" .....	80		
T.C. & W.R. 1,355	2,150	Gregory .....	Gandymungydel .....		2,150	
F.R. 28	2,500	} Leichhardt and {	Tallegar & Nimby	2,500		
			Gregory .....	Gandymungydel .....		
1,167	2,240	Leichhardt .....	Nimby .....	1,440	800	

The above return of reserves within the Land District of Coonamble, reported upon by the Local Land Board, has been prepared with the assistance of the District Surveyor, and as directed by circular letter of 29th July last, No. 89-5,757.—W. C. CARDEW, Chairman, B.C., Dubbo, 29/8/89. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Land District of Dubbo.

SCHEDULE of Areas (approximate only) of Reserves specified in the attached Return furnished by the Chairman, as dealt with by the Local Land Board, Dubbo, up to 1st August, 1889.

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Reserve.	Area.	County.	Parish.	Leasehold Area Approximate only.	Resumed Area Approximate only.	Remarks
T.S.R.	Acres.			Acres.	Acres.	
1,540	160	Gregory	Murimba	160	....	Between travelling stock reserves 1,362 and 16, about 16 miles long; area cannot be given.
...	1,320	"	Gunnell	690	570	From Warren to Eringainen Total length, about 55½ miles; 60 acres within population area. Vide reserved Nos 3,093 to 3,097, and 3,097 to 3,113 L D, Coonamble.
3,093	4,250	Lincoln, &c.	Daley, &c.	4,250	4,250	
3,094	1,250	"	"	1,250	1,250	
3,095	1,830	Ewenmar	Eumungerie, &c.	1,430	400	
3,096	3,030	"	Emu, &c.	2,870	160	
3,097	1,260	"	Boberah, &c.	710	250	
998	800	Oxley	Warren	800	800	
710	354	Lincoln	Cobbarah	60	260	Also part in population area.
566	470	"	Blackheath	420	...	
2,784	780	"	"	480	300	
2,200	3,200	"	" &c.	1,410	7,800	On west of road from Cobbarah to Gulgong, 80 chains.
1,788 Ex.	400	Gregory	Boonum	400	400	
1,025	2,930	Ewenmar	Coolbaggie	1,000	1,930	
R. 250	247	"	Eurombedah	247	247	
T.S.R. 7,434	2,000	"	"	1,000	1,000	
1,240	520	Gregory	Canonba	520	520	
1,362	400	"	Buttabone	400	400	
1,320	48	Lincoln	Barbigal	48	...	
940	10,000	Narromine	Wentworth, &c.	320	9,680	
P.W.R. ....	100	Oxley	Garule	...	...	Within temporary common at Nevertine.
T.S.R. 1,542 Ex.	1,000	"	Carwal	1,000	1,000	
2,037	1,295	"	"	1,295	1,295	
1,161	220	"	Tabratong	220	...	
1,161	38	Narromine	Yarridgeie	38	...	
867 Ex.	386	Oxley	Gunningbar	...	386	
865	250	"	"	...	250	
2,063	1,500	"	Terangom	...	1,500	
865	250	"	Belleringar	...	250	
2,824	2,900	Narromine	Gin Gin, &c.	1,500	1,400	Trangee to Gin Gin.
1,433	3,900	Oxley	Ganalgang	640	3,260	
1,225 Ex.	1,550-540	Narromine	Gilmour	300	1,790	
3,259	1,900	"	Gandong, &c.	300	1,600	
1,113	300	Lincoln	Murrungundee	300	...	
3,178	400	"	"	400	...	
C.R. 1,324	370	Ewenmar	Beemunnell	...	370	
T.S.R. 16	100	"	"	...	100	
1,025	2,930	"	Coolbaggie, &c.	1,000	1,930	
1,542	1,000	Oxley	Carwel	...	1,000	
2,037	1,295	"	"	...	1,295	About 30 miles, area cannot be stated Proposed travelling stock reserve, along Macquarie River from Maria Creek to Barrow
W.R. 1,843	1,560	Narromine	Deiribong	...	1,560	
T.S.R. 362	170	Lincoln	Ben	...	170	
1,056	110	"	"	...	110	
T.L. 136	651	Narromine	Deiribong	...	651	
T.S.R. 1,235	5,600	Gordon	Gullengambel	5,600	...	
927	5,900	Gordon & Narromine	Dubbo, Dungary, &c.	140	5,760	Also part of travelling stock reserve 732, cancelled.
5,719	380	"	"	...	...	Between 1,225 and 666, village of Cobbarah, within population area
5,720	20	Lincoln	Cobbarah	...	...	
3,158	60	Oxley	Garule	...	...	Within temporary common.
6,390	60	"	"	...	...	" "
W.R. 1,843	1,560	Narromine	Deiribong	...	1,560	
2,649	1,000	"	"	...	1,000	
C.R. 3,159	640	"	"	...	640	
T.S.R. 1,921	480	"	Terribung	...	480	
927	5,900	Gordon	Dubbo	140	5,760	
732	800	"	"	...	800	
16	5,280	Gregory	Menambah	...	5,280	
6,640	2,300	"	"	...	2,300	
P.W.P. ....	640	Narromine	Gundong	...	640	
P.W.P. & T.L.	68½	"	"	...	68½	
R. 1,542 Ex.	1,000	Oxley	Cawal	...	1,000	
T.S.R. 732	550	Dubbo	Gordon	...	...	Within population boundary.
W.R. 574 Ex.	960	Lincoln	Goonoo	...	960	
T.S.R. 6,888	220	Oxley	Darouble	...	230	
R. 5	184	Narromine	Mullah Back	...	...	Within suburban boundary of Nevertine.
10	136	"	Trangie	...	...	" "
11	32½	"	Tiangi	...	...	" "
Part of 1,399	1,050	"	Goan	...	1,050	
T.S.R. 8,049	380	Oxley & Gregory	Boonum	...	380	
8,541	380	Oxley	Tabratong	...	380	
T.S.R. ....	65	Lincoln	Daley	...	65	Between travelling stock 16 and Mount Harris, about 16 miles long, area cannot be stated.
1,047	2,600	"	"	...	2,600	
1,338	2,450	Ewenmar	Emu, &c.	...	2,450	
1,334	2,450	"	"	...	2,450	

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5.—RETURN showing areas of Reserves in resumed and leasehold parts of Pastoral Holdings reported on by the Land Board at Forbes.

Leasehold Area				Resumed Area			
Condobolin.	Forbes	Glenfell	Parkes	Condobolin	Forbes	Glenfell	Parkes
acres. 56,821	acres. 20,621	acres. 8,326	acres. 66,275	acres. 65,876	acres. 21,365	acres. 15,144	acres. 33,773

17th August, 1889.

G. H. SHEAFFE, D.S.

6.

The District Surveyor at Goulburn to The Chairman of the Local Land Board at Goulburn.

APPENDED is a statement showing the number and area of Reserves in Resumed Areas and Pastoral Holdings in each Land District, sent to the Local Land Boards for report as required by circular letter of 29th ultimo. Ml. 89-5,737.  
W. D. ARMSTRONG,  
pro Act. Dis. Sur.

No and description of Reserve.	Land District	County.	Parish.	No of Resumed or Pastoral Holding.	Area.
Water reserve 809	Young	Bland	Milong	R. A. 202	acres. 640
Timber " 1,831	"	"	Weedallion	218 & 202	3,635
Water " 1,186*	"	"	"	{ R. A. 202 } { L. A. 202 }	686
" " 244	Borrowa	Harden	Malong	" 203	980
" " 259	"	"	"	" 203	
" " 799	"	"	"	" 203	
" " 286	"	"	Bookham	R. A. 181	495
" " 192	"	"	"	L. A. 181	605
Reserve pre-emptive lease 44	"	Monteagle	Geegullalong	" 342	493
Total..					7,534

\* 300 acres of this reserve is in leasehold area 202.

The Under Secretary for Lands.—A.O.M., B.C., 6 August, 1889.

7.—RETURN Showing the number of Reserves in Resumed Areas, and same in Pastoral Holdings, and also acreage in each Land District sent to Local Land Board, Grafton, for report.

District.	Reserve	Area	Resumed area.	Area.	Leasehold area
Kempsey	48	acres.		acres.	
"	98	120	Bell Brook P. H., 301	520	Bell Brook P. H., 301
"	98		"	55	" 301
"	101	7,530	"	281	Yarabandinni P. H., 281
Casino	8,616			3,100	Woorooloolgan P. H. 292
"	8,616			1,100	Tabulam P. H., 136
"	8,617			270	Woorooloolgan P. H., 292
"	8,619			640	" 292
"	8,620			640	Tabulam P. H., 166
"	8,902	200	Cheviot Hills and Callanynot		
"	8,902	550	Fairfield P. H., 536		
"	8,902	250	Tabulam P. H., 166		
"	4,441	168	Woorooloolgan P. H., 292		
Grafton	420	90	Nymboida P. H., 129		
"	420	265	Ramornie P. H., 265	385	Ramornie P. H., 385
Casino	8,618		Not in any holding		
"	8,621		"		

8.—LAND BOARD DISTRICT, HAY. Return referred to. L.B. 89-3,816.

District	Resumed area	Acreage	Pastoral Holding.	Acreage.	Remarks.
Balranald	}	.	.	.	.
Denilquin					
Hay					
Hillston					
Wentworth					

12th September, 1889.

A. J. PARK,  
Chairman, L.L.B., Hay.

## 9.—SCHEDULE of Reserves heard by the Local Land Board, Moree Board District.

Reserve No.	Land District.	County.	Parish.	Acreage.		Remarks.
				Resumed Area.	Leasehold Area.	
C.R. 2,010.....	Moree .....	Benarba .....	Mongyer .....	acres.	acres.	Proposed notification.
Pt. T.S.R. 657a .....	" .....	" .....	Umbri .....	300	625	" revocation.
1,292.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	100	"	" "
T.S.R. 8.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	950	"	" notification.
C.R. 9.....	" .....	" .....	Dindierna.....	500	"	" "
T.S.R. 4.....	" .....	Stapylton.....	Tulloona, &c..	3,840	"	" "
Pt. T.S.R. 1,328.....	" .....	Benarba .....	Boronga .....	"	140	" revocation.
W.R. 232.....	" .....	Stapylton.....	Willimill .....	"	640	" "
774.....	" .....	Benarba .....	Boronga .....	"	325	" "
T.S.R. 2,785.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	"	160	" notification.
2,798.....	" .....	" .....	Boonangar ..	1,340	"	" "
Pt. V.R. 1,962.....	" .....	Courallie .....	Bumble.....	275	"	" revocation.
Pt. T.S.R. 1,071.....	" .....	Benarba .....	Oreel, &c.....	240	3,120	" "
C.R. 7,139.....	" .....	" .....	Oreel.....	"	425	" notification.
7,130.....	" .....	" .....	Markham.....	"	520	" "
T.S.R. 7,125.....	" .....	" .....	Oreel, &c.....	290	4,730	" "
1,328.....	" .....	Benarba and Stapylton.....	Boronga .....	280	3,020	" revocation.
1,329.....	" .....	Stapylton.....	Paleranga and Willimill.....	"	1,600	" "
2,785.....	" .....	Benarba .....	Boronga .....	"	160	" "
4,227.....	" .....	Benarba and Stapylton.....	" &c.....	560	10,250	" notification]
4,228.....	" .....	Benarba .....	Boronga and Kunopia.....	"	450	" "
Pt. 657.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	"	450	" revocation.
C.R. 4,229.....	" .....	Stapylton.....	Kinnimo .....	"	606	" notification.
4,231.....	" .....	" .....	Paleranga.....	"	640	" "
4,230.....	" .....	" .....	Gunnayanna ..	495	"	" "
Pt. T.S.R. 657a.....	" .....	Benarba .....	Cook and Ka- milaroi.....	1,920	"	" revocation.
T.S.R. 4,200.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	1,920	"	" notification.
Pt. T.S.R. 656.....	" .....	" .....	Collymongool, &c.	3,284	1,136	" revocation.
T.S.R. 4,263.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	3,625	1,635	" notification.
C.R. 4,260.....	" .....	" .....	Greenaway ..	640	"	" "
4,261.....	" .....	" .....	Wirrir North ..	640	"	" "
T.S.R. 1,292.....	" .....	" .....	Umbri, &c. ...	4,480	"	" re-notifica- tion.
Proposed T.S.R.....	" .....	Burnett and Courallie.....	Berrygill, &c.	7,680	5,120	" notification.
T.S.R. 4.....	" .....	Stapylton.....	Tulloona .....	3,840	"	" revocation.
7,800.....	" .....	" .....	Willimill, &c.	5,000	"	" notification.
7,801.....	" .....	" .....	Warra War- rama and Tulloona.....	"	4,300	" "
C.R. 8,101.....	" .....	Benarba .....	Currygundi ..	400	"	" "
T.S.R. 2.....	" .....	" .....	Yarrol .....	"	330	" revocation.
1,293.....	" .....	" .....	Meroe, &c. ...	1,270	3,370	" "
8,102.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	2,418	3,582	" notification.
465 Ex.....	" .....	Courallie .....	Bumble.....	38	"	" revocation.
357.....	" .....	" .....	Burrabah and Bumble.....	830	"	" "
Pt. T.S.R. 465.....	" .....	" .....	Gordon, &c....	510	"	" "
766.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	1,060	"	" "
766 Ex.....	" .....	" .....	Gordon .....	12	"	" "
T.S.R. 8,724.....	" .....	" .....	" &c. ...	2,420	"	" notification.
C.R. 8,723.....	" .....	" .....	Burrabah ..	600	"	" "
Pt. T.S.R. 355a.....	" .....	" .....	Mungie Bundie	60	"	" revocation.
T.S.R. 8,308.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	90	"	" notification.
W.R. 43.....	" .....	" .....	Bogree .....	640	"	" revocation.
Pt. T.S.R. 427.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	265	"	" "
766.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	175	"	" "
690.....	" .....	Benarba .....	Numby .....	480	360	" "
			Numby and Neargo.....	"	"	" "
Proposed T.S.R.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	480	360	" notification.
T.S.R. ....	" .....	Courallie .....	Wathagar.....	30	90	" "
Pt. T.S.R. 746.....	" .....	" .....	Berrygill .....	4,000	"	" revocation.
T.S.R. 4,027.....	" .....	Stapylton.....	Carroby .....	160	"	" notification.
4,026.....	" .....	" .....	Canary and Paleranga.....	3,625	1,375	" "
C.R. 4,022.....	" .....	" .....	Carroby .....	320	"	" "
4,023.....	" .....	" .....	Canary and Paleranga.....	490	"	" "
T.S.R. 657.....	" .....	" .....	Paleranga.....	600	700	" revocation.

## SYNOPSIS.

46 reserves, Moree Land District, comprising 63,172 acres on resumed areas.  
29 " " " " 50,219 " " leasehold areas.





Reserve No.	Land District.	County.	Parish.	Acreage.		Remarks.
				Resumed Area.	Leasehold Area.	
C.R. 1,404 W. Ex.	Walgett	Leichhardt	Mourabie	45	155	Proposed revocation.
1,404 E. Ex.	"	"	"	"	250	" "
1,404	"	"	"	"	2,120	" "
1,405	"	"	Brewan	1,800	"	" "
1,434	"	"	"	2,300	"	" "
T.S.R. 1,644	"	"	" &c.	1,440	"	" "

SYNOPSIS.

23 reserves, Walgett Land District, comprising 34,280 acres on resumed areas.  
13 " " " " 20,795 " leasehold areas.

Proposed C.R. ....	Walgett (North)	Finch	Burrandown ..	640	...	Proposed notification.
Pt. T.S.R. 320	"	"	Gorie Gorie, &c.	6,880	3,840	" revocation.
320	"	"	Combadero and Scott.	4,800	.....	" "
321	"	"	Scott	100	.....	" "
W.R. 318	"	"	Borah, &c.	.....	2,560	" "
C.R. 609	"	"	Borah	.....	2,560	" "
T.S. and C.R. 3,996	"	"	Gooraway	.....	640	" notification.
8,919	"	"	Borah	.....	200	" "
W.R. 201	"	"	Euminbah	3,200	.....	" revocation.
T.S.R. 4,511	"	"	Yeranbah	.....	1,440	" notification.
Pt. T.S.R. 509	"	"	"	.....	66	" revocation.
T.S.R. 2,140	"	"	"	.....	451	" "
Proposed T.S.R. 238 Ex.	"	"	Gooningerie	96	.....	" notification.
Pt. T.S.R. 242	"	"	Birben, &c.	1,880	5,420	" revocation.
242 Ex.	"	"	"	3,760	10,840	" "
T.S.R. 7,433	"	"	"	4,000	11,360	" notification.
Pt. T.S.R. 242	"	"	Wamell	.....	35	" revocation.
C.R. 680 Ex.	"	"	Milrea, Eales, and Lolley's.	4,320	.....	" "
Access R. 12	"	"	"	4,600	.....	" notification.
Proposed C.R.	"	"	Burran Burran	640	.....	" "
T.S. and C.R. 7,623 Sale..	"	"	Cumborah	640	.....	" "
7,624 Lease	"	"	"	640	.....	" revocation.
W.R. 153 Sale..	"	"	"	640	.....	" "
26 Lease	"	"	"	640	.....	" "
Pt. W.R. 785	"	"	"	640	.....	" "
Pt. T.S.R. 321	"	"	"	600	.....	" "
T.S. and C.R. 7,848 Sale..	"	"	Cumborah and	640	.....	" notification.
7,850 Lease	"	"	Bunghill.	640	.....	" "
T.S. and C.R. 7,849 Sale..	"	"	"	640	.....	" "
7,851 Lease	"	"	"	805	.....	" revocation.
Pt. T.S.R. 321	"	"	Cumborah and	1,320	.....	" "
Pt. W.R. 785	"	"	Bunghill.	800	.....	" "
W.R. 77 Lease	"	"	"	25	.....	" "
Pt. R. 105	"	"	Bunghill	.....	.....	" "
T.S. and C.R. 7,244 Sale..	"	"	Mebea	605	35	" notification.
7,245 Lease	"	"	"	.....	640	" "
7,246 Sale..	"	"	"	.....	.....	" "
7,247 Lease	"	"	"	.....	.....	" "
Pt. T.S.R. 242	"	"	"	193	193	" revocation.
242 Ex.	"	"	"	413	413	" "
Pt. V.R. 615	"	"	"	296	490	" "
615 Ex.	"	"	"	.....	165	" "
Pt. R. 2 Lease	"	"	"	156	580	" "

SYNOPSIS.

27 reserves, Walgett (North) Land District, comprising 43,329 acres on resumed areas.  
19 " " " " 41,928 " leasehold areas.

GENERAL SYNOPSIS.

46 reserves,	Moree	Land District,	comprising 63,172 acres on resumed areas.
29	"	"	50,219 " leasehold "
1 reserve,	Bingara	"	27 " resumed "
5 reserves,	"	"	5,230 " leasehold "
17	Warialda	"	15,169 " resumed "
15	"	"	20,436 " leasehold "
23	Walgett	"	34,280 " resumed "
13	"	"	20,795 " leasehold "
27	Walgett (North)	"	43,329 " resumed "
19	"	"	41,928 " leasehold "

10.—SCHEDULE showing Reserves in Resumed Areas of Pastoral Holdings in the Orange Land Board District which have been recommended for revocation, and present state of action.

No. of Reserve.	Parish.	County.	Resumed Area.	Area.	Gross Area.	Present state of Action.
<i>Molong Land District.</i>						
W.R. 403	Edinburgh and Canobolas.	Ashburnham..	Davy's Plains and forfeited run.	480	480	Received for cancellation, letter 88-75, of 6th April. Part also received for early cancellation, letter, 89-181, of 13th June
Pt. T.S.R. 633	Goimbla and Nanami.	„	Nanima.....	2,160	2,160	As advised by Land Board, 6th May, 1887, L.B.D., 87-1,641. Original papers lost. Fresh action taken by recommendation, June, 1889, B.C.
Pt. R. from C.P.	Nangar and Toogong.	„	Toogong .....	2,435	2,435	Included in preceding area.
Pt. T.S.R. 1,568	Nangar .....	„	„ .....	335	.....	Recommended by letter, 88-74, of 6th April. Decision not yet communicated.
W.R. 1,276	Goimbla .....	„	Nanima.....	320	320	Recommended by letter, 88-96, of 14th April.
Pt. F.R. 1,096	Strathorn and Wagstaff.	Gordon.....	Wandao Wondong.	6,600	6,600	Subdivided. Plan under examination.
W.R. 1,289	Burrawong .....	„	Burrawong and forfeited run.	640	640	Plan approved. Recommendation forwarded, 22nd July, 1889.
1,010	Catombal .....	„	Loombah .....	972	972	Subdivided. Plan under examination.
1,278	„ .....	„	Loombah and forfeited run.	640	640	Recommendation forwarded, letter, 88-94, of 14th April. Decision not yet communicated.
2,119	Wagstaff .....	„	Wandao Wondong.	240	240	
Total .....				14,822	14,487	
<i>Cowra Land District.</i>						
Pt. T.S.R. 2,806	Wattamondara...	Forbes .....	Bang Bang .....	54	54	Subdivided. Plan under reference.
2,804	„ .....	„ .....	Wattamadara .....	60	60	„ .....
T.S.R. 1,835	„ .....	„ .....	Wattamadara and Bang Bang	1,365	1,365	„ .....
W.R. 2,440	„ .....	„ .....	Cowra Rocks and forfeited run.	350	350	„ .....
2,439	Mulyan.....	„ .....	Forfeited run .....	470	470	Subdivided. Plan approved, 7th January, 1889. Papers, L.B.D., 88-6,738.
1,986	Cudgelong .....	„ .....	Neila .....	1,150	1,150	Subdivided. Plan under reference.
Total .....				3,449	3,449	
Grand Total.....				18,271	17,936	

Compiled 23 July, 1889. Forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands with my memo. of the 23 July, 89-230.—H. A. CROUCH, C.S.

11.—RESERVES in Pastoral Holdings in the Metropolitan Survey District—Land District of Moruya.

	In Leasehold Areas.	In Resumed Areas.	Totals.
Travelling stock and camping .....	6 of 906 acres.....	3 of 510 acres.....	acres. 1,416
Railway .....			
Water .....	4 of 658 acres.....	5 of 785 acres.....	1,443
Timber .....			
Mining .....			
Reserves from conditional purchases within gold-fields .....			
Towns and villages .....			
Commons .....			
Population areas .....			
Reserves from sale pending legislation (forfeited C.P's.).....	1 of 160 acres..		160
Miscellaneous reserves .....			
Totals .....	11 of 1,724 acres.....	8 of 1,295 acres.....	3,019
Actual geographical area reserved .....	1,724 acres.....	1,295 acres.....	3,019

Of the above only 6 travelling stock reserves, of a total area of 1,195 acres, have been sent to the Local Land Board for report, and of these 2 are partly (to the extent of 177 acres) within resumed areas.

## 12.—RETURN showing number and area of Reserves sent to the Tamworth Local Land Boards for report.

District.	In Resumed Area.		In Pastoral Holding.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Coonabarabran .....	99	a. r. p. 114,015 0 0	18	a. r. p. 26,233 0 0
Gunnedah .....	31	29,989 1 23	8	4,314 0 0
Murrurundi .....	16	5,236 3 0	.....	.....
Narrabri .....	156	159,477 3 0	58	62,470 0 0
Tamworth .....	97	90,702 0 0	13	17,513 3 0

W. ARDILL.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 28th August, 1889.

## 13.—RETURN showing number of Reserves in Resumed Areas and Pastoral Holdings, and also Acreage in each Land District sent to Local Land Board, Wagga Wagga, for report.

District.	No. of Reserve.	Resumed Area.	Pastoral Holding.	Acreage.
Gundagai .....	W.R. 513.....	No. 399E .....	Mingay .....	51 acres.
" .....	" 1,957 .....	No. 267E .....	Mooney Mooney .....	2½ "
" .....	Proposed T.S. Reserve .....	(Balance of W.R. 1,957 (100 acres), within leasehold area of Muttama, No. 239E). Cannot determine.		
Cootamundra .....	W.R. 620.....	No. 199E .....	Partly within Stockingal, partly undivided.	160 "
" .....	Proposed C. and T.S.R. ....	No. 41E .....	Narraburra .....	185 "
Urana .....	Thurrova Village Reserve..	Within leasehold area of Colombo Creek, No. 154c.		800 "
" .....	{ Proposed T.S.R., Jerilderie, towards Darlington Pt.	{ No. 604c.....	{ Bundure .....	{ 50 "
" .....	{ T.S.R. 1,214 .....	{ (Part of this reserve falls within Yanko leasehold area (50 acres), No. 421c.)	{ Jerilderie .....	{ 786 "
" .....	{ Proposed C. and T.S.R. ....	{ No. 210c .....	{ Cannot determine.	{
Narrandera .....	T.S.R. 1,167 .....	Within leasehold area of Kooba, No. 634c.		1,240 acres.
" .....	Mount Elliott and Pulletop Tanks.	Cannot determine.		
" .....	Grong Grong Temporary Common.	No. 204c .....	Berrembed .....	499½ "
" .....	T.S.R. 773A.	No. 26c.....	Narrandera .....	2,560 "
" .....	W.R. 1,256 .....	Within leasehold area of Brewarrena, No. 329c.		620 "
" .....	{ T.S.R. 1,167 .....	{ Within leasehold area of Kooba, No. 634c.	{	{ 1,240 "
" .....	{ R. 392 (from lease).....	{	{	{
" .....	Part T.S.R. 2,084 .....	No. 298c .....	Ballandry .....	1,440 "
Wagga .....	W.R. 2.....	(Part of this reserve is within Conapaira leasehold area (8,760 acres), No. 196c.)		
" .....	" 10 .....	No. 176c .....	Pomingalarna .....	640 "
" .....		No. 438c .....	Umutbee and Toonga..	105½ "
" .....				290 acres in leasehold area of Houlaghan's Creek North, No. 419c; 1,790 acres, Houlaghan's Creek South, No. 644c; 360 acres in North Junee, No. 622c; 1,720 acres, Junee, No. 147c.
" .....	T.S.R. 547 .....	{ 420 acres in R.A., Combanning, No. 440E. 850 acres in R.A., North Junee, No. 662c. 1,740 acres in R.A., Eunonyhareenyha, No. 466c.		
" .....	T.S.R., Adelong to Kyeamba	Cannot determine.		
" .....	R. 61.....	No. 466c .....	Eunanoreenyha .....	290 acres.
" .....	(Now T.S. and C. 5,884.)			
" .....	Proposed C. and T.S.R. ....	Within leasehold areas, Nos. 624 and 456c.	Humula and Kyeamba,	500 "
" .....	W.R. 317 .....	No. 241c .....	Sandy Creek and Wagga.	640 "
" .....	R. 220 .....	No. 96c.....	Ganmain .....	140 "
" .....	R. 466 .....	No. 241c .....	Sandy Creek and Wagga.	200 "
" .....	P.W.P. 164 .....	Within leasehold area, Kindra Creek, No. 699c.		130½ "
" .....	T.L. 164 and T.L. 164 ex....	No. 699c .....	Kindra Creek .....	263½ "
" .....		(Partly within leasehold area of Kindra Creek, No. 699c, 279½ acres.)		
" .....	P.W.P. 145.....	Within leasehold area of Houlaghan's Creek South, No. 644c.		320 "
" .....	" 148 .....	No. 470E .....	Bethungra .....	204 "
Albury .....	R. 3,051 .....	Within leasehold area, Jingelli, No. 435E.		140 "
" .....	R. 3,094 ex.....	No. 320E .....	Ten-mile Creek .....	48 "
" .....	R. 3,094 .....	No. 320E .....	" .....	500 "
" .....	" 554 .....	Within leasehold area,	Billabong, No. 291E.	240 "
" .....	" 558 .....	No. 291E .....	Billabong .....	100 "
" .....	" 608 .....	No. 291E .....	" .....	240 "
" .....	" 643 .....	No. 291E .....	" .....	79½ "

District.	No. of Reserve.	Resumed Area.	Pastoral Holding.	Acreage.
Albury	R. 19	Cannot determine.		
"	T.S.R. 3,209	Undivided.		80 acres.
"	Proposed roadway	No. 102E	Walla Walla	40 "
"	Part R. 853	Cannot determine.		
"	" T.S.R. 1,782A	No. 299E	Glenroy	100 "
"	R. 1,482	Undivided.		325 "
"	" 1,504	Undivided.		657 "
"	Part T.S.R. 2,127	Cannot determine.		
"	W.R. 38	Undivided.		90 "
"	" 56	Undivided.		340 "
"	T.S.R. 3,089	Within leasehold area, Jerra Jerra, No. 73E.		200 "
"	R. 162	No. 265E	Gerogery	320 "
"	T.S.R. 2,002	No. 515E, within leasehold area, Walbundrie.		750 "
"	Proposed T.S.R.	90 acres, within leasehold area, Walbundrie, No. 515E; 95 acres, within leasehold area, Walla Walla, No. 102E; 85 acres, within reserved area, Walla Walla, No. 102E.		
"	P.W.P., Horseshoe Lagoon	Undivided.		8a. 1r. 34p.
"	R. 2,886	600 acres, within leasehold area of Woomargama, No. 392E; 120 acres, within resumed area of Annandale, No. 373E.		
"	C.R. 3,559	No. 265E	Gerogery	320 acres.
"	R. 1,659	No. 97E	Brown's Springs	375 "
"	W.R. 644A	No. 162E	Round Hill	520 "
"	" 645A	No. 162E	"	460 "
"	" 1,150 ex.	Within leasehold area of Round Hill, No. 162E.		180 "
"	" 536	No. 438E	Dudal Comer	640 "
"	" 646A	Undivided.		92 "
"	Part F.R. 2,382	Cannot determine.		
"	Morven, Temporary Common.	Undivided.		950 "
"	Part W.R. 249	Within leasehold area of Ouranee, No. 14E.		360 "
"	W.R. 329	Undivided.		320 "
"	" 1,780	Undivided.		70 "
"	T.S.R. 2,002	No. 515E, within leasehold area, Walbundrie.		750 "
"	Prop. exten. of T.S.R. 2,127	Cannot determine.		
"	T.L. 172	No. 102E	Walla Walla	640 "
"	R. 141	Undivided.		960 "
"	Prop. T.S.R. from Dixon's Swamp to Dora Dora.	Cannot determine.		
"	Prop. T.S.R. at Germanton Common.	Undivided.		30 "
"	Prop. deviation T.S.R. 2,127	Cannot determine.		
"	R. 1,598	Undivided.		90 "
"	R. 2,888	Undivided.		65 "
"	Prop. extension of Jindera Temporary Common.	Undivided.		180 "
"	Prop. T.S.R. around Tumbarumba.	Cannot determine.		
"	R. 17	Undivided.		200 "
"	R. 2,528	No. 288E	Dora Dora	40 "
"	R. 2,656	Cannot determine.		
"	Reserves around Walla Walla Tank.	Cannot determine.		
Corowa	P.W.P. Carson's Swamp, now T. S. and C.R.	583c	Quat Quatta	16 "
"	R. 140	Within leasehold area of Collendina, No. 357c.		660 "
"	S.L. 85'2	No. 507c	Coreen	640 "
"	S.L. 85'3	No. 381c	Buraja	640 "
"	P.W.P. Murray Hut	No. 160c	Tuppall	252 "
"	W.R. 103A, part W. R. 103	Within leasehold areas of Coreen and Wangamong, Nos. 507 and 104c., and within resumed area of Ringwood, No. 369c, and resumed and leasehold areas of Bull Plain and Tarramia, Nos. 152 and 164c.		2,750,,
"	Govt. well, Murray Hut	No. 160c	Tuppall	1,280 "
"	R. 109A	Cannot determine.		
"	R. 1,044	No. 160c	Tuppall	1,500 "
"	R. 1,460	Within leasehold area, Murray, No. 351c.		860 "
"	Prop. T.S.R. Coreen to Mulwala.	This is a renotification of W.R. 103 and 103A.		
Tumut	Prop. C.R.	511c	Oberne	198 "
"	W.R. 1,174, now T.S.R. 4	Undivided.		100 "
"	Prop. T.S.R.	(This area is within the Gundagai District; the balance, 200 acres, within leasehold area, Brungle, No. 55E.)		
"	W.R. 2,780, now T.S. and C.R. 9,330.	Cannot determine.		
"	W.R. 3, now W.R. 9,328.	Undivided.		256 "
"	T.S.R. 3,141, now T.S. and C.R. 9,329.	18 and 443E	West Blowering and Snubba.	225 "
"		443E	Snubba	130 "

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVES ON RUNS IN GLEN INNES, INVERELL, MOREE, AND WARIAALDA LAND DISTRICTS.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 11 December, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 6th August, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A Return of all reserves on existing and expired leasehold areas of runs in the  
“ Glen Innes, Inverell, Moree, and Warialda Land Districts, and the same with  
“ regard to resumed areas; such Returns to supply the number of the reserve,  
“ estimated area, the character (whether for camping, water, mining, or other-  
“ wise), the name of the run on which they are situated; also, the parish, county,  
“ and Land District.”

(Mr. Cruickshank.)

No. of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
LEASEHOLD AREAS—GLEN INNES LAND DISTRICT.						
6,369	Forest .....	4,500	Cooraldool .....	Puhoi.....	Drake ...	1,760 acres of this reserve also within R.R. 1,690. 530 acres of this also resumed as W.R. 350. 110 acres also reserved as T.S R. 375.
1,690	Railway .....	5,270	„ .....	Cooraldooral and Barool...	Drake and Gresham	
824	Water .....	160	Marowan .....	Fletcher.....	Gough ...	
12,239	Pending survey .....	320	„ .....	Marowan .....	„	
11,635	„ .....	125	„ .....	Ben Lomond.....	„	
788	Water .....	360	„ .....	Marowan .....	„	
2,077	Camping .....	123	„ .....	Llangothlin .....	„	
811	Water .....	280	„ .....	„ .....	„	
375	Travelling stock.....	210	„ .....	Ben Lomond .....	„	
11,427	Camping .....	60	„ .....	„ .....	„	
1,262	Water .....	440	„ .....	„ .....	„	
1,085	Forest .....	370	Ben Lomond .....	Mount Mitchell .....	„	
1,071	Camping .....	240	„ .....	Llangothlin .....	„	
970	Pound .....	55½	„ .....	Bagot.....	Clarke	
1,081	Water .....	2,900	„ .....	„ .....	„	440 acres of this reserved from lease, No. 55A.
1,082	„ .....	640	„ .....	„ .....	„	

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No. of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
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RESUMED AREAS—GLEN INNES LAND DISTRICT.

No. of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
1,543	Water .....	820	Cooraldooral .....	Wellington .....	Gresham.	10,865 acres of this also part of Cangí Gold-field; 400 acres also reserved from C.P., reserved as W.R. 1,543; 720 acres reserved as W.R. 1,544; 240 acres reserved as W.R. 1,545; 6,720 acres reserved as R.R. 1,690.
6,369	Forest .....	12,880	" .....	Puhoi and Cangí .....	Drake ...	
Cangí Gold-field.	Gold-field reserve for C.P.	1,920	" .....	" .....	" .....	
1,690	Railway .....	1,185	" .....	Cangí .....	" .....	
1,544	Water .....	640	" .....	Cowan .....	Gresham.	
1,545	" .....	120	" .....	" .....	" .....	
1,250	" .....	120	Marowan .....	Ben Lomond.....	Gough.	
5,127	Railway .....	35	" .....	Ben " .....	" .....	
375	Travelling stock .....	420	" .....	Ben Lomond, Llangothlin .....	" .....	
1,541	Trigonometrical .....	45	" .....	Ben Lomond.....	" .....	
1,213	Water .....	605	" .....	" .....	" .....	
375	Travelling stock .....	1,000	Ben Lomond .....	Ryanda and Ben Lomond.	Clarke & Gough.	
1,228	Recreation .....	100	" .....	Ryanda .....	Clarke.	
1,541	Trigonometrical .....	15	" .....	" .....	" .....	
1,530	Camping and water..	115 $\frac{3}{4}$	" .....	Ben Lomond.....	Gough.	

LEASEHOLD AREAS—INVERELL LAND DISTRICT.

No. of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
1,066	Water .....	68	Abington .....	Laura .....	Hardinge	210 acres of this also reserved as W. and C.R. 247 from sale and R. 97 from lease.
1,207 ex.	Travelling stock .....	1,240	" .....	" .....	" .....	
247	Water and camping..	50	" .....	" .....	" .....	
1,261	Timber .....	3,550	Cope's Creek .....	New Valley, Single & Clerk .....	" .....	
3	" .....	1,280	" .....	Single and Clerk .....	" .....	
1,034	Water .....	300	" .....	New Valley .....	" .....	
1,034 S. ex.	" .....	535	" .....	" .....	" .....	
9,751	Railway .....	1,875	" .....	" .....	" .....	
1,653	Water and camping..	2,020	" .....	" .....	" .....	
125	Water .....	640	Byron .....	Byron .....	Arrawatta	
979	Public purposes .....	20	" .....	" .....	" .....	Reserved from lease as No. 132. Exclusive of population areas, Inverell & Byron.
978	" .....	30	" .....	" .....	" .....	
5	Travelling stock .....	290	" .....	" .....	" .....	
126	Water .....	400	" .....	Champagne .....	" .....	

RESUMED AREAS—INVERELL LAND DISTRICT.

No. of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
9,751	Railway .....	1,225	Cope's Creek .....	Cope's Creek.. ..	Hardinge	400 acres of this also reserved as T.S.R. 771; 790 acres reserved as R. 9,749; 350 acres reserved as R. 160; 40 acres reserved as W.R. 279.
2,537	Gold-fields reserve ...	5,245	" .....	Single and Swinton.....	" .....	
1,630	Camping .....	270	" .....	New Valley .....	" .....	
525	Water .....	230	Byron .....	Champagne .....	Arrawatta	Population area of Bundarra excluded. Reserved from lease as R. 136.
976	" .....	34	" .....	Burgundy .....	" .....	
1,473	Village of Wandera..	640	" .....	Wandera .....	" .....	

LEASEHOLD AREAS—MOREE LAND DISTRICT.

Existing on 6th August, 1890.

No. of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.
98 ex.	Water .....	20	Goonal .....	Tollaraga .....	Benarba
98	" .....	1,050	" .....	" .....	" .....
396	" .....	452	" .....	Tiela .....	" .....
396 N. ex.	" .....	352	" .....	" .....	" .....
772	" .....	553	" .....	" .....	" .....
350 ex.	" .....	780	" .....	Carbeenbri .....	" .....
350A	" .....	310	" .....	" .....	" .....
345	" .....	20	" .....	" .....	" .....
87	" .....	280	" .....	Meero .....	" .....
756	" .....	66	" .....	" .....	" .....
396	" .....	200	" .....	" .....	" .....
396 ex.	" .....	1,172	" .....	" .....	" .....
772	" .....	515	" .....	" .....	" .....
347	" .....	160	" .....	" .....	" .....
470	" .....	88	" .....	" .....	" .....
470 ex.	" .....	176	" .....	" .....	" .....

No. of Reservo.	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
LEASEHOLD AREAS—MOREE LAND DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>						
		acres.				
1,219	Water .....	11	Goonal .....	Meero .....	Benarba	
350A	" .....	346	" .....	" .....	"	
656	Travelling stock .....	526	" .....	" .....	"	
87 N. ex.	Water .....	740	" .....	Meroe .....	"	
87	" .....	376	" .....	" .....	"	
345	" .....	210	" .....	Single .....	"	
1,268	" .....	350	" .....	Tellaraga .....	"	
348	" .....	88	" .....	" .....	"	
656	Travelling stock .....	425	" .....	" .....	"	
396 fur. ex.	Water .....	640	Currugundi and Goonal .....	Tiela .....	"	
531	" .....	1,280	Currugundi .....	" .....	"	
974	" .....	132	" .....	Currugundi .....	"	
974	" .....	1,496	" .....	Gin .....	"	
1,062	" .....	575	" .....	Meroe .....	"	
1,347	" .....	700	Boronga .....	Tycannah .....	"	
633	" .....	336	" .....	" .....	"	
633 ex.	" .....	100	" .....	" .....	"	
4,228	Travelling stock .....	346	" .....	Kunopia .....	"	
1,328	" .....	570	" .....	" .....	"	
633	Water .....	150	" .....	" .....	"	
633 ex.	" .....	1,480	" .....	" .....	"	
4,228	Travelling stock .....	106	" .....	Boronga .....	"	
645	Crossing .....	130	" .....	" .....	"	
1,348	Water .....	500	" .....	" .....	"	
4,227	Travelling stock .....	1,600	" .....	" .....	"	
1,328	" .....	480	" .....	" .....	"	
2,122	Forest .....	4,064	" .....	" .....	"	See sheet 17.
2,122	" .....	2,614	Boronga and Kunopia .....	Tyrrell .....	"	
633 N. ex.	Water .....	1,050	Kunopia .....	" .....	"	
653	" .....	184	" .....	" .....	"	
653	" .....	72	" .....	Boronga .....	"	
653 ex.	" .....	486	" .....	" .....	"	
1,282	" .....	580	" .....	Bundori .....	"	
2,122	Forest .....	1,360	" .....	" .....	"	
1	Water .....	144	" .....	Cowmerton .....	"	
653	" .....	223	" .....	Coolabong .....	"	
10	Travelling stock .....	1,020	" .....	Kunopia .....	"	
2,122	Forest .....	3,908	" .....	" .....	"	
167	Water .....	167	" .....	Newcastle .....	"	
10	Travelling stock .....	116	" .....	" .....	"	
1	Water .....	3,174	" .....	" .....	"	
2,122	Forest .....	5,840	" .....	" .....	"	
303	Water .....	1,080	Welbendungah .....	Tyrrell .....	"	
303 ex.	" .....	1,840	" .....	Whalan .....	"	
1,338	" .....	456	" .....	" .....	"	
303 ex.	" .....	760	" .....	Brigalow .....	"	
135	" .....	320	" .....	Balerang .....	"	
135 ex.	" .....	960	" .....	" .....	"	
1,338	" .....	598	" .....	Cooloobong .....	"	
1,338	" .....	792	" .....	Greaves .....	"	
1,184	" .....	1,280	Bunarba .....	Turrawah .....	"	
1,184 ex.	" .....	800	" .....	" .....	"	
934	" .....	261	" .....	" .....	"	
361	Travelling stock .....	680	" .....	Bunarba .....	"	
216	Water .....	640	" .....	Dindierna .....	"	
934	" .....	330	" .....	Bunarba .....	"	
921	" .....	540	" .....	" .....	"	
427	Travelling stock .....	495	Bunarbra .....	Gil Gil .....	"	
124A	Water .....	512	" .....	Bohmuckledi .....	"	
124 ex.	" .....	486	" .....	" .....	"	
1,063	" .....	1,396	" .....	Boyanga .....	"	
397	" .....	640	Midkin .....	Tillaloo .....	"	
397 ex.	" .....	1,920	" .....	" .....	"	
939	" .....	1,625	" .....	" .....	"	
131	" .....	320	" .....	Wadden .....	"	
131 ex.	" .....	960	" .....	" .....	"	
1,209	" .....	48	" .....	" .....	"	
657	" .....	880	" .....	" .....	"	No. 116 from lease.
1,188	" .....	576	" .....	Wandoona .....	"	
291	" .....	640	" .....	Wirrit .....	"	
291 ex.	" .....	130	" .....	Wandoona .....	"	
939	" .....	300	" .....	Wirrit .....	"	
939 ex.	" .....	975	" .....	" .....	"	
1,231	" .....	352	" .....	" .....	"	
974	" .....	1,271	" .....	Gin .....	"	
1,218	" .....	440	" .....	Gingham .....	"	
1,188	" .....	1,248	" .....	" .....	"	
312A	" .....	640	" .....	Moorina .....	"	
312A ex.	" .....	1,280	" .....	" .....	"	
310 ex.	" .....	2,720	" .....	" .....	"	
689 ex.	Refuge .....	640	" .....	Cudgilgool .....	"	
689	" .....	640	" .....	" .....	"	
1,231	Water .....	880	" .....	" .....	"	
812	" .....	960	" .....	" .....	"	
310	" .....	480	" .....	Baroona .....	"	
310 ex.	" .....	1,050	" .....	" .....	"	
310 N ex.	" .....	1,050	" .....	" .....	"	See sheet 15.
54	" .....	3,608	Mungyer .....	Uranbah .....	"	

No. of Reserve	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
LEASEHOLD AREAS—MOREE LAND DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>						
		acres				
55	Water	1,690	Mungyer	Uranbah	Benarba	
1,311	"	1,211	"	Wolginba	"	
1,310	"	195	"	Mallowa	"	
1,310	"	3,680	"	Moomin	"	
1,310	"	920	"	Markham	"	
1,688	"	497	"	"	"	
1,776	"	1,930	"	"	"	
54	"	104	"	"	"	
5,942	"	270	"	Mongyer	"	
53	"	640	"	"	"	
2,010	Camping	625	"	"	"	
55	Water	304	"	"	"	
54	"	624	"	Millebee	"	
1,375	"	370	"	"	"	
1,374	"	540	"	"	"	
1,311	"	169	"	"	"	
1,289	"	52	"	Bunna Bunna	"	
637A	Travelling stock	580	Weirina	Werrina	"	See sheets 7 and 8.
4,263	"	1,168	Collymongool	Wirrur North	"	
757 ex.	Water	370	"	"	"	
757	"	280	"	"	"	
1,008 ex	"	840	"	"	"	
428	Travelling stock	400	"	Keeelo	"	
15 ex.	Water	850	"	"	"	
428	Travelling stock	1,610	"	Banarway	"	
434	"	589	"	"	"	
814	Timber	2,163	"	"	"	
815	Water	420	"	"	"	
1,008	"	631	"	Birroo	"	
814	Timber	256	"	Myall	"	
815	Water	66	"	"	"	
815 ex	"	146	"	"	"	
1,233	"	1,040	"	Pearse	"	
1,264	"	1,583	Yarrowah	Yarioll	"	
1,264 ex	"	318	"	"	"	
933	"	487	"	Gill Gill	"	
427	Travelling stock	200	"	"	"	
1,061	Water	540	"	"	"	
63	"	368	"	"	"	
66	"	1,200	"	"	"	
970	"	670	"	Colyu	"	
129	Refuge	160	"	Boolmuckledi	"	
1,249	"	640	"	Boyanga	"	
1,085	Water	960	"	"	"	
66	"	1,354	"	Narrawall	"	
68	"	268	"	"	"	
1,341	"	324	Wirrah	Young	"	
690	Travelling stock	350	"	"	"	
690	"	40	"	Dundunga	"	
1,276	Water	1,860	"	"	"	
1,015	"	1,360	"	"	"	See sheet 8.
1,343A	"	640	"	Collyu	"	
1,202	Travelling stock	1,539	"	Narrawall	"	
1,288	Refuge and travelling stock.	480	"	"	"	
1,248	Water	600	"	"	"	
1,015	"	301	"	"	"	
1,276	"	1,232	"	"	"	
1,276	"	508	"	Gil Gil	"	
7,125	Travelling stock	5,020	Oreel	Oreel, &c.	"	
7,129	Camping	425	"	Oreel	"	
1,242	Water	900	"	Gorman	"	
1,812	"	1,363	"	Mungi	"	
51	"	634	"	Mallowa	"	
1,842 ex	"	144	"	Oreel	"	
657	Travelling stock	49	"	"	"	
1,842	Water	1,650	"	"	"	
246	"	640	"	"	"	
246 ex	"	608	"	"	"	
1,688	"	216	"	"	"	
7,130	Camping	520	Minnammane	Markham and Neargo	"	
605	Water	1,920	"	Kruu	"	
1,226	"	320	Caidmurra	Buroo	"	
1,381	Forest	880	"	Boonery	"	
1,286	Water	990	"	"	"	
126 ex	"	342	"	"	"	
1,285	"	105	"	"	"	
428	Travelling stock	2,354	"	Caidmurra	"	
432	"	157	"	"	"	
318	Water	560	"	"	"	
433	"	960	"	"	"	
126	"	640	"	"	"	
126 ex.	"	560	"	"	"	
1,297	Forest	630	"	"	"	
690	Travelling stock	195	"	Coonalgra	"	
778	Water	276	"	"	"	
778 ex.	"	272	"	"	"	
126 ex.	"	560	"	Myall	"	



No of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
LEASEHOLD AREAS—MOREE LAND DISTRICT-- <i>continued.</i>						
		acres.				
1,286	Water .....	1,176	Caidmurra .....	Myall .....	Benarba	
1,297	Forest ...	105	" .....	" .....	"	
690	Travelling stock .	140	" .....	Numby Numby .....	"	
778 ex.	Water .....	871	" .....	" .....	"	
778	" .....	865	" .....	" .....	"	
1,266	" .....	320	" .....	" .....	"	
10,326	Travelling stock ..	330	Caidmurra and Burrandoon.	Numby Numby and Burrandoon.	"	
535	Water .....	600	Burrandoon .....	Numby Numby .....	"	
531 ex.	" .....	40	" .....	" .....	"	
534	" .....	920	" .....	" .....	"	
533	" .....	664	" .....	Direlmabildi .....	"	
770	" .....	520	" .....	Cruolme .....	"	
992	" .....	130	" .....	" .....	"	
769	" .....	848	" .....	" .....	"	
1,356	Refuge .....	39	" .....	" .....	"	
1,010	Water ...	170	Telleraga .....	Single .....	"	
1,010 ex	" .....	75	" .....	" .....	"	
1,339	Travelling stock ..	975	" .....	" .....	"	
1,217	Water .....	448	" .....	" .....	"	
1,376	" .....	125	" .....	" .....	"	
1,339	Travelling stock ....	90	" .....	Krui .....	"	
1,010	Water .....	106	" .....	" .....	"	
1,311A	" .....	720	Werrina .....	Cowmerton .....	"	See sheet 14.
224	" .....	640	" .....	Boomi .....	"	See sheet 4.
231	" .....	128	" .....	" .....	"	
225	" .....	640	" .....	Bundori .....	"	
4,263	Travelling stock	128	Meroc .....	Meioe .....	"	
1,361	Refuge ..	1,280	" .....	" .....	"	
87 ex	Water .....	680	" .....	" .....	"	
1,361	Refuge ...	205	" .....	Direlmabildi .....	"	
4,263	Travelling stock	230	" .....	Burrandoon .....	"	
699	Water .....	356	" .....	" .....	"	
1,361	Refuge ..	152	" .....	" .....	"	
657A	Travelling stock ..	660	Werrina .....	Noora .....	"	
1,246	Water .....	38	" .....	" .....	"	See sheets 4 and 7.
774	" .....	337	Whalan .....	Boronga .....	"	
1,180	" .....	800	" .....	Cooloobong .....	"	
1,147	" .....	1,280	" .....	" .....	"	
427	Travelling stock ..	240	Conbail .....	Goocalla .....	"	See sheet 15.
428	" .....	1,440	Wirrah .....	Galloway .....	"	
690	" .....	240	" .....	" .....	"	
1,288	" .....	962	" .....	" .....	"	See sheet 5.
548	Water .....	4	Tareelari .....	Ardgowan .....	Courallie	
548 ex.	" .....	160	" .....	" .....	"	
835	" .....	640	" .....	Harvey .....	"	See sheet 17.
304	" .....	33	Bogamildi .....	Ardgowan .....	"	
881	Travelling stock ..	450	" .....	Paramellowa .....	"	
10,044	Public purposes .	52	" .....	" .....	"	
10,285	Access ..	20	" .....	" .....	"	
10,930	Travelling stock .	80	" .....	" .....	"	
10,931	Camping ..	280	" .....	" .....	"	
468	Travelling stock	249	Gurley .....	Barton .....	"	See sheets 15 and 16.
1,157	" .....	1,322	" .....	Boo-Boo .....	"	
297	Water .....	368	" .....	Gurrygedah .....	"	
296	" .....	320	" .....	Gurley .....	"	
296 ex	" .....	320	" .....	" .....	"	
760	" .....	562	" .....	" .....	"	
1,088	Travelling stock .	140	" .....	Peacumboul .....	"	
718	" .....	240	" .....	" .....	"	
376B	" .....	435	" .....	" .....	"	
1,157	" .....	960	" .....	Windoondilla .....	"	
709	Water .....	100	" .....	" .....	"	
348 ex	" .....	238	" .....	" .....	"	
348B	Travelling stock .	720	" .....	" .....	"	
318B ex.	" .....	140	" .....	" .....	"	
376B	" .....	194	" .....	Wirrigurdonga .....	"	
298	Water .....	184	" .....	" .....	"	
298 ex.	" .....	13	" .....	" .....	"	
297	" .....	816	" .....	" .....	"	
297 ex.	" .....	920	" .....	" .....	"	
468	Travelling stock	298	" .....	Yatta .....	"	
468 ex.	" .....	40	" .....	" .....	"	
453	Camping .....	370	" .....	" .....	"	
543	Water .....	440	" .....	" .....	"	
912	" .....	560	Gurley and Tycannah	Wirrigurdongah .....	"	
882	" .....	91	Tycannah .....	" .....	"	
1,944	Railway .....	1,477	" .....	Tycannah .....	"	
848	Water .....	285	" .....	" .....	"	
902	" .....	817	" .....	" .....	"	
839	" .....	1,000	" .....	" .....	"	
761	" .....	717	" .....	Menadool .....	"	
1,240	" .....	30	" .....	" .....	"	
811	Travelling stock ..	348	" .....	Moocce .....	"	
886	" .....	120	" .....	" .....	"	
883	Camping & travelling stock .	764	" .....	" .....	"	
1,172	Travelling stock ..	520	Rocky Creek .....	Berrygill .....	"	

No. of Reservc.	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
		acres.				
468	Travelling stock.....	770	Rocky Creek .....	Duckhole .....	Courallie	
868	" .....	660	Biniguy .....	Biniguy .....	"	
876	" .....	1,360	" .....	" .....	"	
610	Water .....	35	" .....	" .....	"	
672	Camping .....	140	" .....	" .....	"	
877	Water .....	35	" .....	" .....	"	
598	" .....	300	" .....	" .....	"	
1,035	" .....	290	" .....	" .....	"	
1,035 ex.	" .....	20	" .....	" .....	"	
1,035 ex.	" .....	26	" .....	" .....	"	
1,060	" .....	300	" .....	" .....	"	
878	Travelling stock.....	224	" .....	" .....	"	
606	Water .....	580	" .....	" .....	"	
606 ex.	" .....	172	" .....	" .....	"	
424	" .....	1,120	Booloroo .....	Bogree .....	"	
424 ex.	" .....	403	" .....	" .....	"	
113	" .....	92	" .....	" .....	"	
425	" .....	164	" .....	" .....	"	See sheet 17.
1,366	Driftway .....	225	" .....	" .....	"	
1,263	Water .....	1,440	" .....	Booloroo .....	"	
425	" .....	782	" .....	" .....	"	
858	" .....	4	" .....	" .....	"	
1,262	" .....	600	" .....	" .....	"	
862	" .....	27	" .....	" .....	"	
1,366	Driftway .....	82	" .....	" .....	"	
427	Travelling stock .....	324	" .....	Carore .....	"	
425	Water .....	290	" .....	" .....	"	
2,364	Forest .....	3,441	Terry-hie-hie .....	Bowman .....	"	
201 ex.	Water .....	640	" .....	" .....	"	
1,110	" .....	161	" .....	Bundoowithidie .....	"	
166	" .....	640	" .....	" .....	"	
2,364	Forest .....	2,664	" .....	Ellis .....	"	
2,364	" .....	9,794	" .....	Fletcher .....	"	
797	Water .....	700	" .....	Gurrygedah .....	"	
714	" .....	216	" .....	" .....	"	
714 ex.	" .....	66	" .....	" .....	"	
1,021	Public purposes .....	243	" .....	Gyan .....	"	
714	Water .....	360	" .....	" .....	"	
820	" .....	35	" .....	" .....	"	
762	Travelling stock.....	750	" .....	" .....	"	
284	Water .....	60	" .....	" .....	"	
4	Forest .....	50	" .....	Weah-Waa .....	"	
1,300	" .....	1,270	" .....	" .....	"	
1,300 ex.	" .....	1,050	" .....	" .....	"	
164	" .....	120	" .....	" .....	"	
836.	" .....	960	" .....	" .....	"	
896	" .....	500	" .....	" .....	"	
346A	Travelling stock.....	207	" .....	" .....	"	
948	Timber .....	280	Mungiebundie.....	Bundoowithidie .....	"	
948 ex.	" .....	50	" .....	" .....	"	
784	Water .....	320	" .....	Menadool .....	"	
463	" .....	90	" .....	Mia-Mia .....	"	
463 ex.	" .....	33	" .....	" .....	"	
381A	Refuge .....	508	" .....	" .....	"	
968A	Water .....	19	" .....	" .....	"	
736 ex.	" .....	120	" .....	Mungiebundie .....	"	
948	Timber .....	78	" .....	" .....	"	
1,280	Travelling stock .....	200	" .....	" .....	"	
735	Water .....	40	" .....	" .....	"	
355 ex.	Travelling stock .....	18	" .....	" .....	"	
180	Water .....	390	" .....	Weebullabulla .....	"	
397A	" .....	940	" .....	" .....	"	
355A ex.	Travelling stock .....	46	" .....	" .....	"	
866	Water .....	700	" .....	" .....	"	
949	Timber .....	1,260	" .....	" .....	"	
948	" .....	520	" .....	" .....	"	
784	" .....	640	" .....	" .....	"	
355A	Travelling stock .....	1,172	Weebollabolla and Mungiebundie.	" .....	"	
179	Water .....	476	" .....	Mia-Mia .....	"	
848	" .....	360	Weebollabolla .....	Menadool .....	"	
480	Refuge .....	1,920	" .....	Mia-Mia .....	"	
670	Travelling stock .....	842	" .....	Morce .....	"	
399	Water .....	320	" .....	" .....	"	
355A	Travelling stock .....	160	" .....	" .....	"	
1,243	Camping .....	100	" .....	Tycannah .....	"	
861	Water .....	620	Combaddello and Nepickalina.	Combaddello .....	"	
861 ex.	" .....	1,500	" .....	" .....	"	
861 ex.	" .....	236	" .....	" .....	"	
630	" .....	500	" .....	" .....	"	
468	Travelling stock .....	660	" .....	" .....	"	
620	Water .....	230	" .....	Minnaminane .....	"	
619	" .....	170	" .....	" .....	"	
628	Travelling stock .....	120	" .....	" .....	"	
399A	Water .....	150	" .....	Nepickalina .....	"	
399 ex.	" .....	125	" .....	" .....	"	
344B	Travelling stock .....	890	" .....	" .....	"	

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		acres.				
468	Travelling stock .....	200	Combadello and Nepickalina	Nepickalina .....	Courallie	
630	Water .....	140	" "	" "	" "	
630 ex.	" .....	640	" "	" "	" "	
622	" .....	115	" "	" "	" "	
402	" .....	160	" "	" "	" "	
400	" .....	320	" "	Smart .....	" "	
400 ex.	" .....	280	" "	" "	" "	
726	" .....	480	Tyreel .....	Greenbah .....	" "	
388A	" .....	320	" "	" "	" "	
612	Crossing .....	60	" "	" "	" "	
612 ex.	" .....	86	" "	" "	" "	
725	Water .....	560	" "	" "	" "	
1,029	" .....	300	" "	" "	" "	
1,028	" .....	100	" "	" "	" "	
1,027	" .....	120	" "	" "	" "	
220	" .....	800	" "	" "	" "	
220 ex.	" .....	480	" "	" "	" "	
391A	" .....	160	" "	" "	" "	
441	" .....	515	" "	" "	" "	
977	Travelling stock .....	600	" "	" "	" "	
977 ex.	" .....	102	" "	" "	" "	
889	" .....	778	" "	" "	" "	
217	Water .....	640	" "	" "	" "	
889	" .....	256	" "	Moree .....	" "	
656A	Travelling stock .....	290	" "	Wathagar .....	" "	
219	Water .....	640	" "	" "	" "	
219 ex.	" .....	38	" "	" "	" "	
656	Travelling stock .....	1,290	" "	Whittaker .....	" "	
1,023	Water .....	502	" "	" "	" "	
218	" .....	430	" "	" "	" "	
218 E. ex.	" .....	1,225	" "	" "	" "	
859	" .....	55	" "	" "	" "	
351B	Camping .....	1,280	" "	" "	" "	
747	Water .....	310	" "	" "	" "	
1,369	Water and camping..	130	" "	Moree .....	" "	
9,607	Public purposes .....	60	" "	" "	" "	
10,325	Travelling stock .....	76	" "	Wathagar .....	" "	
394	Water .....	972	Telleraga .....	Smart .....	" "	
10,949	Camping .....	608	" "	Wathagar .....	" "	See sheet 7.
808	Water .....	880	Wathagar .....	" "	" "	
1,034A	" .....	66	" "	" "	" "	
656A	Travelling stock .....	284	" "	" "	" "	
930	Water .....	1,568	Welbon .....	Adams .....	Stapylton	
1,186	Travelling stock .....	1,800	" "	Careunga .....	" "	
1,306	Timber .....	320	" "	" "	" "	
1,186	Travelling stock .....	1,600	" "	Douro .....	" "	
919	Water .....	120	" "	" "	" "	
978	Water and camping..	45	" "	" "	" "	
1,041	Public purposes .....	560	" "	Gunnyanna .....	" "	
1,206	Travelling stock .....	2,190	" "	Moppin .....	" "	
429	" .....	292	" "	" "	" "	
795	Water .....	1,050	" "	" "	" "	
430	Travelling stock .....	520	" "	" "	" "	
1,186	" .....	1,750	" "	Welbon .....	" "	
1,186 ex.	" .....	350	" "	" "	" "	
935	Water .....	511	" "	" "	" "	
928	" .....	180	" "	" "	" "	
928 ex.	" .....	168	" "	" "	" "	
926	" .....	680	" "	" "	" "	
686	" .....	960	" "	" "	" "	
427	Travelling stock .....	1,430	Coubail .....	Bengerang .....	" "	See sheet 7, Warialda L.D.
941	Water .....	450	Midkin .....	" "	" "	See sheet 8.
1,209	" .....	270	" "	" "	" "	
905 ex.	" .....	308	" "	" "	" "	
787	" .....	1,000	" "	" "	" "	
427	Travelling stock .....	476	" "	Coorara .....	" "	
905 ex.	Water .....	316	" "	" "	" "	
1,227	" .....	1,212	" "	" "	" "	
781	" .....	960	Bogamildi .....	" "	" "	See sheet 4.
967	" .....	140	" "	Bryanungra .....	" "	
923	" .....	60	" "	" "	" "	
917	" .....	610	" "	Denebry .....	" "	
1,030	" .....	200	" "	" "	" "	
149	" .....	800	" "	" "	" "	
149 ex.	" .....	2,720	" "	" "	" "	
151	" .....	640	" "	" "	" "	
920	" .....	549	" "	Melleallina .....	" "	
924	" .....	675	" "	" "	" "	
925	" .....	245	" "	Tantarana .....	" "	
1,326	" .....	285	" "	" "	" "	
1,244	" .....	810	" "	" "	" "	
150	" .....	840	" "	Tuncooey .....	" "	
152	" .....	160	" "	" "	" "	
153	" .....	280	" "	" "	" "	
8,673	" .....	140	Carbucky .....	Carraby .....	" "	See sheet 9.
4,227	Travelling stock .....	748	Sandholes .....	Gunnyanna .....	" "	See sheet 1, Warialda L.D.
1,041	" .....	475	" "	" "	" "	

No. of Reserve	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
LEASEHOLD AREAS—MOREE LAND DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>						
		acres.				
1,039	Water .....	1,143	Sandholes and Welbon	Kinnimo .....	Stapylton	
4,227	Travelling stock ..	2,860	Sandholes and Whalan	" .....	"	
1,040	Water .....	1,228	" .....	" .....	"	
4,229	Camping .....	320	Whalan .....	" .....	"	
4,227	Travelling stock .....	1,920	" .....	Willmull .....	"	
570	Water .....	300	" .....	" .....	"	
774	" .....	1,691	" .....	" .....	"	
2,122	Forest .....	848	" .....	" .....	"	
1,270	Travelling stock .....	1,967	Tulloona .....	Lay Green .....	"	
1,269	" .....	60	" .....	" .....	"	
498	Water .....	279	" .....	" .....	"	
498 ex.	" .....	900	" .....	" .....	"	
215	" .....	160	" .....	Illingrammudi ..	"	
1,078	" .....	153	" .....	" .....	"	
498 ex.	" .....	1,320	" .....	Mount Pleasant ..	"	
1,269	Travelling stock .....	160	" .....	" .....	"	
1,078	" .....	325	" .....	Tulloona .....	"	See sheet 2, Warialda, L.D.
540	Water .....	720	" .....	" .....	"	
540 ex.	" .....	450	" .....	" .....	"	
1,269	Travelling stock .....	2,856	" .....	Warra Warrama ..	"	
830	Water .....	132	" .....	" .....	"	
370	" .....	465	" .....	" .....	"	
368	" .....	337	" .....	" .....	"	
369	" .....	206	" .....	" .....	"	
522	" .....	120	" .....	" .....	"	
532 ex.	" .....	30	" .....	" .....	"	
913	" .....	280	Tareelari .....	Harvey .....	"	See sheet 9.
4,227	Travelling stock .....	1,810	Boronga .....	Paleranga .....	"	
4,026	" .....	1,511	" .....	" .....	"	
4,231	Camping .....	167	" .....	" .....	"	
2,122	Forest .....	161	" .....	" .....	"	See sheet 2.
1,367	Water .....	37	Booloroo ..	Wallon .....	"	See sheet 10.
829	" .....	160	Coppymurrumbil ..	Wonga .....	"	
1,185	Travelling stock .....	737	" .....	" .....	"	See sheet 2, Warialda L.D.

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Existing on 6th August, 1890.

197	Water .....	160	Terry-hie-hie .....	Berrygill .....	Courallico
2,336	Forest .....	2,750	" .....	" .....	"
1,172	Travelling stock .....	200	" .....	" .....	"
1,177	Camping .....	326	" .....	Bombell .....	"
407	Water .....	120	" .....	" .....	"
204	" .....	660	" .....	" .....	"
329 ex.	" .....	320	" .....	Bowman .....	"
694	Travelling stock .....	1,150	" .....	Campbell .....	"
636	" .....	398	" .....	" .....	"
468	" .....	80	" .....	" .....	"
329	Water .....	380	" .....	" .....	"
200	" .....	100	" .....	" .....	"
200 ex.	" .....	80	" .....	" .....	"
763	" .....	600	" .....	" .....	"
468	Travelling stock .....	320	" .....	Downs .....	"
759	Water .....	320	" .....	" .....	"
764	" .....	320	" .....	" .....	"
2,335	Forest .....	3,773	" .....	" .....	"
694	Travelling stock .....	280	" .....	" .....	"
763	Water .....	102	" .....	" .....	"
468	Travelling stock .....	600	" .....	Duckhole .....	"
203	Water .....	320	" .....	" .....	"
2,335	Forest .....	5,150	" .....	Pringle .....	"
199 ex.	Water .....	220	" .....	" .....	"
199	" .....	204	" .....	" .....	"
1,172	Travelling stock .....	2,260	" .....	Terrergee .....	"
2,336	Forest .....	3,105	" .....	" .....	"
1,176	Water .....	360	" .....	" .....	"
204	" .....	380	" .....	" .....	"
198	" .....	640	" .....	" .....	"
201	" .....	160	" .....	Terry-hie-hie .....	"
201 ex.	" .....	960	" .....	" .....	"
694	Travelling stock .....	500	" .....	" .....	"
8,335	Forest .....	2,530	" .....	" .....	"
764	Water .....	620	" .....	Yatta .....	"
801	" .....	438	Terry-hie-hie and Gurley	Bombell .....	"
1,806	Camping .....	176	Gurley .....	Boo Boo .....	"
1,172	Travelling stock .....	1,312	" .....	Bombell .....	"
1,086	Water .....	96	" .....	Burranbah .....	"
1,233	Water and camping	220	" .....	" .....	"
299	Water .....	812	" .....	" .....	"
708	" .....	609	" .....	" .....	"
1,158	Village .....	1,813	" .....	" .....	"
1,962	Village extension ..	1,257	" .....	" .....	"
1,944	Railway .....	1,832	" .....	" .....	"
710	Water .....	806	" .....	" .....	"
1,088	Travelling stock .....	72	" .....	Peacumboul .....	"
721	" .....	1,422	" .....	" .....	"

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No of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
		acres.				
349A	Travelling stock...	96	Gurley .....	Peacumboul ...	Couralhe	
379A	" .....	70	" .....	" .....	"	
843	Water .....	110	" .....	" .....	"	
710	" .....	638	" .....	" .....	"	
1,944	Railway .....	1,527	" .....	Windoondilla	"	
927	" .....	494	" .....	" .....	"	
1,234	Water .....	274	" .....	" .....	"	
324	Water and camping	23	" .....	Yatta .....	"	
1,172	Travelling stock	148	" .....	" .....	"	
8,723	Camping	640	" .....	Burrambah .....	"	
8,724	Travelling stock	2,000	" .....	" .....	"	
10,680	Railway .....	607	" .....	Peacumboul .....	"	
427	Travelling stock	1,560	Midkin .....	Bogree .....	"	
430	" .....	260	" .....	" .....	"	
430 ex	" .....	254	" .....	" .....	"	
766	" .....	86	" .....	" .....	"	
401A	Water .....	581	" .....	" .....	"	
169	" .....	468	" .....	" .....	"	
424 ex	" .....	165	" .....	" .....	"	
427 ex	Travelling stock	123	" .....	" .....	"	
308	Water .....	600	" .....	Bullerana .....	"	
1	" .....	112	" .....	" .....	"	
120	" .....	640	" .....	Carore .....	"	
903	" .....	72	" .....	" .....	"	
1,059	Forest .....	2,700	" .....	" .....	"	
130	Water .....	464	" .....	" .....	"	
766	Travelling stock	590	" .....	" .....	"	
427	" .....	285	" .....	" .....	"	
427 ex	" .....	90	" .....	" .....	"	
1,208	Crossing .....	36	" .....	Medgun .....	"	
443	Water .....	151	" .....	" .....	"	
444	" .....	88	" .....	" .....	"	
374	" .....	640	" .....	Noona .....	"	
1,342A	" .....	2,705	" .....	Talmoi .....	"	
308	" .....	640	" .....	" .....	"	
7,134	Pending legisla <sup>o</sup> ion ..	1,676	" .....	Yarraman .....	"	
444	Water .....	108	" .....	" .....	"	
444 ex	" .....	43	" .....	" .....	"	
2,847	" .....	52	" .....	" .....	"	
3,498	" .....	120	" .....	" .....	"	
8,858	Pending legislation.	160	" .....	Talmoi .....	"	See sheets 12 and 14.
3,028	Water .....	640	Booloroo	Booloroo .....	"	See sheet 15.
3,544	" .....	440	Malaway and Milhe North.	Booramne .....	"	
3,545	" .....	480	" .....	" .....	"	
628	Travelling stock	210	" .....	" .....	"	
942	Water .....	1,600	" .....	" .....	"	
942 ex	" .....	940	" .....	" .....	"	
943	" .....	1,440	" .....	" .....	"	
1,962	Town extension	1,651	" .....	Bumble .....	"	
628	Travelling stock	640	" .....	Gordon .....	"	
888	Crossing .....	10	" .....	" .....	"	
3,544	Water .....	600	" .....	Minnaminane .....	"	
8,724	Travelling stock	100	" .....	Gordon .....	"	
8,724	" .....	360	" .....	Bumble .....	"	
2	Village .....	640	" .....	Gordon .....	"	From lease.
11,535	Railway .....	1,266	" .....	Bumble .....	"	See sheet 11.
994	Access .....	125	Tyreel .....	Bullerana .....	"	See sheet 9.
524	Water .....	18	Tareelan .....	King .....	"	
356	" .....	2,960	" .....	" .....	"	See sheet 15.
628	Travelling stock	360	Combaddello & Nepickalma	Minnaminane .....	"	
620	Water .....	216	" .....	" .....	"	
620 ex	" .....	460	" .....	" .....	"	
628 ex	Travelling stock	640	" .....	" .....	"	
619	Water .....	148	" .....	" .....	"	
8,724	Travelling stock	1,100	" .....	Bumble .....	"	
11,097	Railway .....	1,219	" .....	" .....	"	
10,733	" .....	270	" .....	" .....	"	
10,563	" .....	430	" .....	" .....	"	
9,873	" .....	1,650	" .....	" .....	"	
10,681	" .....	703	" .....	" .....	"	
11,095	" .....	1,273	" .....	" .....	"	
12,345	" .....	226	" .....	" .....	"	
5	" .....	510	Weebollabolla .....	Mooce .....	"	
465	Travelling stock	191	" .....	" .....	"	
766	" .....	764	" .....	" .....	"	
427	" .....	210	" .....	Mooce .....	"	
684A	Water .....	227	" .....	" .....	"	
4,036	Bridge, &c. ....	120	" .....	" .....	"	
1,052	Camping .....	40	" .....	" .....	"	
700	Crossing .....	20	" .....	" .....	"	
1,944	Railway .....	303	" .....	" .....	"	
10,959	Travelling stock	220	" .....	" .....	"	
6,284	Camping .....	54	" .....	" .....	"	
8,924	Aboriginal .....	70	" .....	" .....	"	
11,247	Railway .....	338	" .....	" .....	"	
11,377	" .....	48	" .....	" .....	"	
11,235	Access .....	23	" .....	" .....	"	

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RESUMED AREAS—MOREE LAND DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>						
		acres.				
178	Water . . . . .	320	Mungiebundie . . . . .	Mungiebundie . . . . .	Comalle	
178 ex.	" . . . . .	96	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,280	Travelling stock . . . . .	712	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
355A	" . . . . .	800	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
8,308	" . . . . .	92	Mungiebundie & Biniguy	" . . . . .	"	
656	" . . . . .	412	Telleraga . . . . .	Wathagar . . . . .	"	
1,034	Water . . . . .	70	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	See sheet 9.
11,096	Railway . . . . .	657	Tycannah . . . . .	Wallamoll . . . . .	"	
796 ex	Water . . . . .	95	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,230	" . . . . .	14	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
886	Travelling stock . . . . .	1,323	" . . . . .	Peacumboul . . . . .	"	} Situated on a forfeited run.
883	Travelling stock and camping.	168	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
468	Travelling stock . . . . .	200	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
11,474	Railway . . . . .	404	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
10,325	Travelling stock . . . . .	40	Wathagar . . . . .	Wathagar . . . . .	"	
123 ex.	Water . . . . .	88	Bunarbra . . . . .	Yarrol . . . . .	Benarba	
1,379	Refuge . . . . .	320	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
427	Travelling stock . . . . .	1,606	" . . . . .	Ballalla . . . . .	"	
123	Water . . . . .	640	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
123 S. ex.	" . . . . .	3,104	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,340	" . . . . .	1,280	Caidmurra . . . . .	Young . . . . .	"	
432	Travelling stock . . . . .	160	" . . . . .	Caidmurra . . . . .	"	
127	Water . . . . .	207	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
428	Travelling stock . . . . .	600	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
6,334	Water . . . . .	640	" . . . . .	Coonalgra . . . . .	"	
1,265	" . . . . .	640	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
690	Travelling stock . . . . .	445	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
773	Water . . . . .	600	" . . . . .	Bibble . . . . .	"	
127	" . . . . .	240	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
428	Travelling stock . . . . .	977	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,382	Forest and refuge . . . . .	1,320	" . . . . .	Boonery . . . . .	"	
1,285	Water . . . . .	2,895	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,381	Forest and refuge . . . . .	520	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,341	Water . . . . .	120	Wnah . . . . .	Ycung . . . . .	"	
10,914	Refuge . . . . .	10	" . . . . .	Umbri . . . . .	"	
1,353	Water and camping . . . . .	9,732	" . . . . .	Yarouah . . . . .	"	
1,014	Water . . . . .	960	" . . . . .	Boonery . . . . .	"	
428	Travelling stock . . . . .	1,408	" . . . . .	Gattoway . . . . .	"	
1,341	Water . . . . .	1,065	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,014	" . . . . .	100	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
11,784	Access . . . . .	25	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,014	Water . . . . .	192	" . . . . .	Bibble . . . . .	"	
1,247	Travelling stock . . . . .	1,840	" . . . . .	Bucknel . . . . .	"	
1,294	" . . . . .	1,232	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
10,788	Water . . . . .	640	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
642	" . . . . .	1,600	Werrina . . . . .	Werrina . . . . .	"	
231	" . . . . .	512	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
657A	Travelling stock . . . . .	1,060	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
638	Water . . . . .	640	" . . . . .	Winslow . . . . .	"	
639	" . . . . .	480	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
3,254	Refuge . . . . .	272	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,292	Travelling stock . . . . .	1,760	" . . . . .	Umbri . . . . .	"	
1,292 ex.	" . . . . .	383	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
657A	" . . . . .	460	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
5,362	Refuge and forest . . . . .	1,568	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
6,779	Travelling stock . . . . .	80	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
3,254	Refuge . . . . .	3,552	" . . . . .	Dindieina . . . . .	"	
8	Travelling stock and camping.	617	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
677A	Travelling stock . . . . .	778	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
657	" . . . . .	450	" . . . . .	Boroo . . . . .	"	
657A	" . . . . .	920	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
8	" . . . . .	240	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
4,189	Refuge . . . . .	300	Welbendungah . . . . .	Whalan . . . . .	"	
1,312	Water . . . . .	1,760	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,311	" . . . . .	560	" . . . . .	Coumerton . . . . .	"	
295	" . . . . .	520	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
295 N. ex.	" . . . . .	480	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
295 S. ex.	" . . . . .	1,320	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
4,189	Refuge . . . . .	885	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
295 S. ex.	Water . . . . .	1,000	" . . . . .	Coubal . . . . .	"	
4,263	Travelling stock . . . . .	400	Collymongool . . . . .	Wirir North . . . . .	"	
4,261	Camping . . . . .	344	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,008	Water . . . . .	368	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,008 ex.	" . . . . .	856	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
278	" . . . . .	640	" . . . . .	Wirir South . . . . .	"	
278 ex.	" . . . . .	610	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
757	" . . . . .	480	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,004	" . . . . .	592	" . . . . .	Pearse . . . . .	"	
658 ex.	" . . . . .	100	" . . . . .	Greenaway . . . . .	"	
659 ex.	" . . . . .	40	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
4,261	" . . . . .	1,370	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
4,260	Camping . . . . .	570	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,004	Water . . . . .	323	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,004 ex.	" . . . . .	1,000	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,332	" . . . . .	1,220	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
428	Travelling stock . . . . .	80	" . . . . .	Keelo . . . . .	"	

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		acres.				
435	Travelling stock	324	Collymongoul	Keelo	Beniar' a	
11,153	Pending survey	6,600	"	Collymongoul	"	
11,880	Access	305	"	"	"	
12,366	"	550	"	"	"	
49	Water	3,680	Mungyer	Willalee	"	See sheets 10 and 12.
49 ex.	"	150	"	"	"	
50	"	3,680	"	"	"	
51	"	1,280	"	Mallowa	"	
1,309	"	432	"	"	"	
1,309	"	1,496	"	Moomin	"	
1,310	"	130	"	"	"	
1,205	Travelling stock	1,680	Yarrowah	Yarouah	"	
62	Water	2,170	"	"	"	
45	"	148	"	"	"	
67	"	640	"	Turrawah	"	
1,061	"	695	"	"	"	
1,013	Refuge	270	"	"	"	
65	Water	2,060	"	Umbri	"	
1,202	Travelling stock	45	"	Narrawall	"	
427	"	1,404	"	"	"	
45	Water	292	"	"	"	
66	"	1,363	"	"	"	
1,292	Travelling stock	2,520	"	Hamilton	"	
64	Water	384	"	"	"	
63	"	640	"	"	"	
538	"	532	Burrandoon	Neargo	"	
4,263	Travelling stock	1,490	"	"	"	
293	Water	512	"	"	"	
539	"	440	"	"	"	
4,263	Travelling stock	950	"	Burrandoon	"	
537	Water	640	"	"	"	
323	"	1,400	"	"	"	
10,236	Travelling stock	500	"	Numby Numby	"	
1,354	Camping	100	Telleraga	Tellaraga	"	
656	Travelling stock	1,104	"	"	"	
1,307	Refuge	960	"	"	"	
1,002	Water	1,555	"	"	"	
1,217	"	360	"	"	"	
1,217 E. ex.	"	131	"	"	"	
1,217 N. ex.	"	111	"	"	"	See sheet 5.
382A fur. ex.	"	784	Tyreel	"	"	See below Kunopia.
2,798	Travelling stock	205	Kunopia	Tycawina	"	
657A	"	540	"	Boonanga	"	
2,798	"	890	"	"	"	
167	Water	32	"	"	"	
116 S. ex.	"	4,670	"	"	"	
116	"	640	"	"	"	
382A	"	320	Tyreel	Boonadon	"	See sheet 10 <sup>a</sup>
382A S. ex.	"	640	"	"	"	
382 fur. S. ex.	"	1,144	"	"	"	
968	"	171	"	"	"	
259	"	800	"	"	"	
259 S. ex.	"	1,443	"	"	"	See sheet 4.
13	"	41	Goonal	Meroc	"	
1,062	"	132	"	"	"	
656	Travelling stock	1,294	"	Meero	"	
13	Water	200	"	"	"	
88	"	245	"	"	"	
656 ex.	Travelling stock	30	"	"	"	
846	Water	70	"	"	"	
355 ex.	"	50	"	"	"	
1,005	Camping	180	"	"	"	
1,006	Water	96	"	"	"	
355	"	640	"	"	"	
355A ex.	"	540	"	"	"	
1,225	Camping	31	"	Carbeenbri	"	
350A	Water	360	"	"	"	
991	"	640	"	Derra	"	
344	"	80	"	"	"	
1,003	"	520	"	"	"	
354A	"	380	"	"	"	
354A ex.	"	1,400	"	"	"	
1,050	Public purposes	84	"	"	"	
844	Water	160	"	Burragillo	"	
478 N. ex.	"	100	"	"	"	
478	"	1,300	"	"	"	
347	"	250	"	"	"	
347 S. ex.	"	245	"	"	"	
847	"	220	"	"	"	
845	"	900	"	"	"	
8,102	Travelling stock	6,000	"	Meroc, &c.	"	
1,246	Water	1,824	Kunopia	Noora	"	
657A	Travelling stock	370	"	"	"	
1,364	Water	1,760	"	"	"	
658	"	420	Collymongoul	Keelo	"	
658 ex.	"	86	"	"	"	
428 ex.	Travelling stock	279	"	"	"	See sheets 8 and 12.
435	"	577	"	Collymongoul	"	

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		acres.				
658	Travelling stock.	8,000	Oreel . . . . .	Meei . . . . .	Benarba	
1,252	Camping . . . . .	70)	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,842	Water . . . . .	1,120	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
4,200	Travelling stock . . . . .	1,098	" . . . . .	Kamilaroi . . . . .	"	
240	" . . . . .	600	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
428	" . . . . .	1,200	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
276	Water . . . . .	330	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	R. 93 from lease.
276 ex.	" . . . . .	63	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	R. 92 from lease.
436	Travelling stock . . . . .	148	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
5	Water . . . . .	750	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,365	Camping . . . . .	394	" . . . . .	Gunathera . . . . .	"	
719	Water . . . . .	830	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
719 ex.	" . . . . .	680	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,213	" . . . . .	560	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,242	" . . . . .	1,265	" . . . . .	Gorman . . . . .	"	
4,200	Travelling stock . . . . .	980	" . . . . .	Cook . . . . .	"	
4,201	Water . . . . .	98	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
658	Travelling stock . . . . .	1,224	" . . . . .	Dangar . . . . .	"	
657	" . . . . .	220	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
237	Water . . . . .	132	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,934	Camping . . . . .	840	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,339	Travelling stock . . . . .	150	Minnaminane . . . . .	Kru . . . . .	"	
395	Water . . . . .	52	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
3,544	" . . . . .	323	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,289	" . . . . .	423	Bunna Bunna . . . . .	Bunna Bunna . . . . .	"	
1,268	" . . . . .	1,960	Malaraway & Millie North	Doorabeeba . . . . .	"	See sheet 4.
1,355	" . . . . .	210	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
4,227	Travelling stock . . . . .	88	Sandholes . . . . .	Greaves . . . . .	"	
1,290	Water . . . . .	1,328	Coubal . . . . .	Goocalla . . . . .	"	See sheet 14.
7,113	Pending survey . . . . .	1,361	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,359	Water . . . . .	640	Bunarba . . . . .	Dinderna . . . . .	"	
122 ex.	" . . . . .	140	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
449	" . . . . .	1,280	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
449 ex.	" . . . . .	896	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
449 ex.	" . . . . .	338	" . . . . .	Bunarba . . . . .	"	
122	" . . . . .	640	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
122 ex.	" . . . . .	2,504	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
657	" . . . . .	620	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,187	" . . . . .	480	Midkin . . . . .	Carraa . . . . .	"	
1,189 ex.	" . . . . .	720	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,342	" . . . . .	1,950	" . . . . .	Boonoona . . . . .	"	
1,315	" . . . . .	101	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
445	" . . . . .	34	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
850	" . . . . .	1,500	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
850 ex.	" . . . . .	1,530	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
942 W. ex.	" . . . . .	170	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,344	" . . . . .	237	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	See sheets 3 and 14.
436	Travelling stock . . . . .	1,045	Collymongoul . . . . .	Collymongoul . . . . .	"	
436 ex.	" . . . . .	500	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
428	" . . . . .	1,924	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
702	Village . . . . .	712	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
656	Travelling stock . . . . .	195	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
658	" . . . . .	471	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
4,263	" . . . . .	328	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
659	Water . . . . .	160	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,051	" . . . . .	680	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
659 ex.	" . . . . .	126	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	See sheets 8 and 10.
770	" . . . . .	120	Currugundi . . . . .	Crinoline . . . . .	"	
992	" . . . . .	54	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
769	" . . . . .	440	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
528	" . . . . .	1,112	" . . . . .	Currugundi . . . . .	"	
8,101	Camping . . . . .	400	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
8,092	Water . . . . .	280	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
11,929	Refuge . . . . .	2,560	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
918	Water . . . . .	332	Welbon . . . . .	Adams . . . . .	Stapylton	
1,335	Camping . . . . .	527	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,306	Timber . . . . .	1,700	" . . . . .	Caieunga . . . . .	"	
498	Water . . . . .	62	" . . . . .	Lay Green . . . . .	"	
793	Travelling stock . . . . .	60	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
920	Water . . . . .	91	" . . . . .	Melleallina . . . . .	"	See sheet 6, Waiialda Land District.
927	" . . . . .	720	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
1,207	Travelling stock . . . . .	360	Midkin . . . . .	Benson . . . . .	"	
438	Water . . . . .	150	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
438 ex.	" . . . . .	117	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
927 ex.	" . . . . .	108	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
905	" . . . . .	640	" . . . . .	Goorara . . . . .	"	
427 ex.	Travelling stock . . . . .	60	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
427	" . . . . .	1,029	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
430	" . . . . .	120	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
942	Water . . . . .	960	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
942 ex.	" . . . . .	1,290	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
795	" . . . . .	340	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
4,227	Travelling stock . . . . .	1,146	" . . . . .	Gunnyanna . . . . .	"	
1,041	Public purposes . . . . .	77	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	
340	Travelling stock and camping . . . . .	470	" . . . . .	Moppin . . . . .	"	
1,207	Travelling stock . . . . .	630	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	"	



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		acres.				
429	Travelling stock ....	905	Midkin .. . . . .	Moppin ... . . . .	Stapylton	
444	Water .....	83	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
444 ex.	" .. . . . .	155	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
445 ex.	" .. . . . .	260	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
445	" .. . . . .	320	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
952	" .. . . . .	201	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
795	" .. . . . .	600	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
795 ex.	" .. . . . .	138	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
427	Travelling stock ...	474	Coubail .. . . . .	Bengerang .. . . .	"	
1,314	Camping .....	27	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
1,290	Water .....	1,237	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
292	" .. . . . .	336	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	See sheet 11.
4,026	Travelling stock ...	2,423	Boronga .. . . . .	Canary .. . . . .	"	
634	Water .....	920	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
1,350	" .. . . . .	3,420	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
4,023	Camping .....	90	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
1,351	Water .....	1,116	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
4,023	Camping .....	204	" .. . . . .	Paleranga .. . . .	"	
4,026	Travelling stock ....	1,200	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
2,122	Timber .....	110	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
582	Water .....	2,460	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
583	" .. . . . .	2,272	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
4,022	Camping .....	320	Carbucky .. . . . .	Carroby .. . . . .	"	
4,027	Travelling stock ...	160	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
894	Water .....	738	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	See sheet 16.
215	" .. . . . .	480	Tulloona .. . . . .	Illingrammindi .. .	"	
215 ex.	" .. . . . .	1,380	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
880 ex.	" .. . . . .	114	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
1,186	Travelling stock ...	420	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
1,185	" .. . . . .	2,214	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
1,186	" .. . . . .	1,668	" .. . . . .	Careunga North ..	"	
1,308	Water .....	60	" .. . . . .	Yooloobil .. . . .	"	
1,186	Travelling stock ..	480	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	See sheet 16.
914	Water .....	340	Tareolari .. . . . .	Harvey .. . . . .	"	
915	" .. . . . .	740	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	See sheet 4.
916	" .. . . . .	630	Booloroo .. . . . .	Wallon .. . . . .	"	See sheet 3.
4,227	Travelling stock	569	Whalan .. . . . .	Willmill .. . . . .	"	
2,122	Forest .....	1,328	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
1	Water .....	1,440	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
664	" .. . . . .	180	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
776	" .. . . . .	64	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
570	" .. . . . .	320	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
7,800	Travelling stock ...	5,000	Tulloona and Whalan	Illingrammindi, Willmill, and Yooloobil.	"	
10,120	Pending survey ..	16,860	Tulloona .. . . . .	Illingrammindi, Yooloobil	"	
10,121	" .. . . . .	72,000	" .. . . . .	Illingrammindi, Paine, Tulloona, and Careunga North.	"	
10,122	" .. . . . .	3,680	" .. . . . .	Yooloobil, Illingrammindi, and Careunga North.	"	
10,123	" .. . . . .	1,200	" .. . . . .	Yooloobil .. . . . .	"	See sheet 15.
10,118	" .. . . . .	840	Whalan and Tulloona	Willmill and Yooloobil	"	
10,117	" .. . . . .	880	Whalan .. . . . .	Willmill .. . . . .	"	
10,119	" .. . . . .	320	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"	
8,673	Water .....	140	Carbucky .. . . . .	Carroby .. . . . .	"	See sheet 15.

## LEASEHOLD AREAS—WARIALDA LAND DISTRICT.

Existing on 6th August, 1890.

71	Water .. . . . .	2,040	Yetman .. . . . .	Blue Nobby .. . . .	Stapylton
3,856	Travelling stock ..	1,248	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
3,863	Camping .. . . . .	416	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
1,077	Water .. . . . .	1,260	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
244	" .. . . . .	920	Yetman and Myall Downs	" .. . . . .	"
744	" .. . . . .	756	" .. . . . .	Tubblegah .. . . .	"
745	" .. . . . .	336	Myall Downs .. . . .	" .. . . . .	"
780	" .. . . . .	920	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
644	Travelling stock ..	200	Merriwa .. . . . .	Boggabilla .. . . .	"
800	" .. . . . .	70	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
800	" .. . . . .	1,460	" .. . . . .	Merriwa .. . . . .	"
333	Water .. . . . .	252	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
333 ex.	" .. . . . .	132	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
171c	" .. . . . .	160	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
171 ex.	" .. . . . .	113	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
172	" .. . . . .	519	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
172 ex.	" .. . . . .	164	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
1,049	" .. . . . .	517	" .. . . . .	Whalan .. . . . .	"
800	Travelling stock	580	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
3,905	Travelling stock and camping.	440	Boonal .. . . . .	Boonal .. . . . .	"
358	Travelling stock ...	840	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
1,115	Water .. . . . .	680	" .. . . . .	Tucka Tucka .. . . .	"
1,115 ex.	" .. . . . .	1,448	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
330	" .. . . . .	462	" .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"
358	Travelling stock ..	2,360	Boonal and Tucka Tucka	" .. . . . .	"
214	Water .....	376	Tucka Tucka .. . . . .	" .. . . . .	"

No of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
LEASEHOLD AREAS—WARIALDA LAND DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>						
		acres.				
213	Water	280	Tucka Tucka	Tucka Tucka	Stapylton	
213 ex.	"	700	"	"	"	
3,876	Camping	336	"	"	"	See sheet 8.
626	Water	160	Carbucky	Boobora	"	
554	"	150	"	"	"	
4,025	Travelling stock	2,773	"	"	"	
341	Water	340	"	"	"	
4,025	Travelling stock	1,123	"	Trinkey	"	
4,024	Camping	300	"	"	"	
869	Water	85	"	"	"	See sheet 16, Moree L. D.
370	"	1,125	Tulloona	Toongcooma	"	
830	"	208	"	"	"	
368	"	182	"	"	"	
369	"	285	"	"	"	
371	"	1,320	"	Coolanga	"	
1,271	Travelling stock	1,380	"	Currumbah	"	
413	Water	1,856	"	"	"	
1,273	"	300	"	Limebon	"	
215 ex.	"	800	"	"	"	
532	"	300	"	Toongcooma	"	See sheet 16, Moree L. D.
371 ex.	"	1,017	Tulloona and Coppymurrumbil.	Coolanga	"	
1,271	Travelling stock	720	"	"	"	
904	Water	160	"	Limebon	"	
1,185	Travelling stock	3,280	"	"	"	
1,187	"	1,300	Coppymurrumbil	Browne	"	
133	Water	320	"	"	"	
981	"	250	"	Coolanga	"	
656	"	360	"	Limebon	"	
655	"	640	"	"	"	
1,284	"	1,375	"	"	"	
450	"	80	"	"	"	See sheet 17, Moree L. D.
1,186	Travelling stock	540	Welbon	Finley	"	See sheet 15, Moree L. D.
1,033	Water	1,612	Mungle and Wallah	Mungle	"	
1,316	"	704	"	"	"	
1,373	Forest	864	Gineroi	Adams	Burnett	
1,373 ex.	"	297	"	"	"	
3	Water	520	"	Clare	"	
3	"	148	"	Gineroi	"	
363A	Travelling stock	260	"	"	"	
5	Water	545	"	"	"	
821	"	54	"	"	"	
662 ex.	Travelling stock	670	"	"	"	
662A	"	374	"	"	"	
70	Water	650	"	"	"	
352B	Travelling stock	576	"	"	"	
405A	Water	405	"	Singapoora	"	
662A	Travelling stock	460	"	"	"	
1,011	Water	127	"	"	"	
662	Travelling stock	270	"	"	"	
92	Water	1,310	"	"	"	
1,069	"	200	Gournama	Boobah	"	
352B	Travelling stock	147	"	"	"	
352B	"	1,760	"	Gournama	"	
1,334	Water	300	"	"	"	
1,333	"	863	"	"	"	
505	"	260	"	"	"	
157 ex.	"	260	"	"	"	
157	"	320	"	"	"	
157 ex.	"	100	"	"	"	
782	"	450	"	"	"	
1,154	Travelling stock	682	"	"	"	
1,082	Water	317	"	"	"	
1,154	Travelling stock	1,654	"	Gugumburia	"	
352B	"	796	"	"	"	
592	Water	50	"	"	"	
398	"	20	"	"	"	
782	"	420	"	"	"	
893	"	120	Yetman	Blue Nobby	"	
3,856	"	418	"	"	"	See sheet 9.
352B	Travelling stock	404	Trigimon	"	"	See sheet 8.
732	Water	100	Blue Nobby	"	"	
3,856	Travelling stock	1,165	"	Elhs	"	
82	Water	920	"	"	"	
82 ex.	"	1,550	"	"	"	
512 ex.	"	51	"	"	"	
3,856	Travelling stock	403	Gunyerwarildi	Russel	"	
3,861	Camping	240	"	Boyanga	"	
3,856	Travelling stock	1,230	"	Rocky Hole	"	
1,193	"	965	"	"	"	
1,193 ex.	"	25	"	"	"	
957	Water	454	"	"	"	
963	"	231	"	"	"	
1,154	Travelling stock	898	"	Stuart	"	
1,018	Water	200	"	"	"	
947	"	300	"	"	"	
1,017	"	12	"	"	"	
1,045	"	208	"	Strathmore	"	

No of Reserve	Kind	Estimated Area	Name of Area	Parish	County.	Remarks.
LEASEHOLD AREAS—WARRIALDA LAND DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>						
		acres				
793	Travelling stock	1,273	Gunyevaraldi & Oregon	Strathmore	Burnett	
1,236	Water	45	Coolatai	Codrington	"	
505	"	960	"	"	"	
352B	Travelling stock	2,160	"	"	"	
95	Water	720	"	"	"	
352B	Travelling stock	1,132	"	Mandoe	"	
512	Water	952	"	"	"	
512 ex	"	412	"	"	"	
508	"	1,400	"	"	"	
507	"	700	"	"	"	
663	"	420	"	"	"	
85	"	660	"	"	"	
1,251	Trigonometrical	88	"	"	"	
352B	Travelling stock	95	"	Parkhurst	"	
733	Water	250	"	"	"	
1,251	Trigonometrical	288	"	Peppercor	"	
487	Water	220	Coolatai and Yallaro	"	"	
3,856	Travelling stock	835	Yallaro	Gill	"	
1,171	"	130	"	"	"	
3,857	Camping	315	"	"	"	
660	Water	1,230	"	"	"	
459	"	74	"	"	"	
1,051	"	122	"	"	"	
309	"	20	"	"	"	
493	"	157	"	"	"	
1,162	"	96	"	Mitchell	"	
3,856	Travelling stock	500	"	Muscle	"	
504	Water	109	"	"	"	
851	Camping	969	"	"	"	
1,521	Camping and water	233	"	"	"	
1,066	Water	167	"	Peppercor	"	
485	"	322	"	"	"	
841	"	160	"	Stevenson	"	
413	"	40	"	"	"	
755	"	336	"	"	"	
755 ex	"	288	"	"	"	
3,856	Travelling stock	421	"	Yallaro	"	
514	Water	1,000	"	"	"	
404	"	139	"	"	"	
494 ex	"	70	"	"	"	
1,033	"	119	"	"	"	
1,055	"	300	"	"	"	
1,016	"	312	Oregon	Glenalvon	"	
542	"	459	"	"	"	
577	"	32	"	"	"	
1,151	"	87	"	Coolong	"	
1,047	"	250	"	"	"	
4,510	"	8	"	"	"	
355A	Travelling stock	600	"	"	"	
793 ex	"	60	"	Strathmore	"	
609	Crossing	16	"	"	"	
1,014	Water	33	"	"	"	
611	"	60	"	"	"	
632	"	37	"	"	"	
601	Crossing	46	"	"	"	
256	Water	432	Gragin and Garaman	Gulluaguta	"	
258	"	649	"	"	"	
576	"	46	"	"	"	
1,305	"	765	"	Gunnec	"	
360A	"	310	"	"	"	
872	"	620	"	"	"	
364 ex	"	135	"	Gragin	"	
352A	"	320	"	"	"	
1,287	Travelling stock	248	"	"	"	
1,154	"	486	"	"	"	
1,154 ex	"	103	"	"	"	
1,320	Camping	100	"	"	"	
1,256	"	62	"	"	"	
7,003	Travelling stock	300	"	"	"	
1,154	"	236	"	Myalla	"	
1,270	Water	220	"	"	"	
907	"	194	"	Ottily	"	Sec sheet 9.
518	"	320	"	"	"	
662A	Travelling stock	1,142	Yagaba	Gravesend	"	
1,192	Water	423	"	"	"	
1,214	"	315	"	"	"	
624	"	812	"	"	"	
1,215	"	360	"	"	"	
1,079	"	246	"	"	"	
405A	"	130	"	"	"	
1,155	Crossing	21	"	"	"	
1,101	"	9	"	"	"	
1,195	Camping	50	"	"	"	
81	Water	310	Bangheet	Singapocra	"	
1,057	"	50	"	"	"	
359A	Travelling stock	320	Tucka Tucka	Barden	Arrawatta	
591	Water	148	"	"	"	
477	"	400	"	"	"	

No of R. serie	Kind	Estimated Area	Name of Area	Parish	County.	Remarks
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LEASEHOLD AREAS—WARIALDA LAND DISTRICT—*continued.*

		acres				
688	Water	10	Tucka Tucka	Anderson	Arrawatta	See sheet 1.
986	"	122	Bengalla	Bebo . . .	"	
102	"	640	"	"	"	
103	"	640	"	"	"	
48	"	1,280	"	"	"	
768	"	640	"	"	"	
3,877	Travelling stock	507	Trigamon	Bunal	"	
3,877	"	273	"	Ena	"	
879	Camping	17	"	"	"	
1,258	Water	247	"	Trigamon	"	
1,257	"	1,130	"	"	"	
353	Travelling stock	79	"	"	"	
3,877	"	555	"	"	"	
208	Water	320	"	"	"	See sheet
362A	Travelling stock	90	Wallangra	Cucumber	"	
372	"	1,160	"	"	"	
577A	"	168	"	"	"	
99 ex	Water	1,152	"	"	"	
514	"	52	"	"	"	
577A	Travelling stock	531	"	Russell	"	
514	Water	63	"	"	"	
687	"	1,200	"	"	"	
345A	"	1,410	"	"	"	
407	"	67	"	"	"	
94	"	640	"	"	"	
3,877	Travelling stock	190	"	Wallangra	"	
578	"	725	"	"	"	
399A	"	290	"	"	"	
372	"	436	"	"	"	
86	Water	1,280	"	"	"	
8 ex	"	1,248	"	"	"	
86 ex	"	45	"	"	"	
97	Travelling stock	60	Graceland Giaman	Giaman	"	
680 ex	Water	80	"	"	"	
680	"	58	"	"	"	
2,173	Travelling stock	49	"	Redbank	"	See sheet 6.
358	"	1,524	Yetman	Holdfast	"	
471	Water	25	"	"	"	
3,904	Camping	640	"	"	"	
358	Travelling stock	2,129	"	Yetman	"	
41	Water	942	"	"	"	See sheet 4.

## RESUMED AREAS—WARIALDA LAND DISTRICT.

Existing on 6th August, 1890

1,048	Water	904	Myall Downs	Blue Nobby	Stapylton
988	"	483	Coppymurrumbil	Bogabilla	"
1,200	"	81	"	"	"
1,201	"	180	"	"	"
350B	Crossing	1,100	"	"	"
403A	Water	90	"	"	"
1,198	"	240	"	"	"
800	Travelling stock	693	"	"	"
830 ex	"	273	"	"	"
644	"	500	"	"	"
1,187	"	315	"	"	"
547	Water	120	"	"	"
557	"	75	"	"	"
1,187	Travelling stock	536	"	Browne	"
366 ex	Water	212	"	"	"
365	"	105	"	"	"
133	"	172	"	"	"
134	"	400	"	Cook	"
739	"	737	"	"	"
3,540	"	296	"	"	"
1,033	"	640	"	Coolanga	"
739	"	472	"	Coppymurrumbil	"
899	"	50	"	"	"
1,033	"	210	"	Currumbah	"
482	"	100	"	Mayne	"
1,316	"	576	"	Mungle	"
1,033	"	525	"	"	"
900	"	130	"	"	"
699	"	120	"	"	"
551	"	50	"	Morella	"
4,025	Travelling stock	200	"	"	"
239A	Water	316	"	"	"
237A ex	"	50	"	"	"
133 ex	"	332	"	"	"
510	"	640	"	"	"
779	"	400	"	"	"
629	"	114	"	"	"
557	"	164	"	"	"
525	"	138	"	"	"
358	Travelling stock	1,380	Boonal	Boonal	"
172 ex	Water	1,300	"	Whalan	"

See sheet 3

No of Reserve	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area	Parish.	County	Remarks.
		acres.				
172 ex.	Water	660	Boonal	Whalan	Stapylton	
800	Travelling stock	165	"	"	"	
643	Water	325	Tucka Tucka	Boonanga	"	
363	"	276	"	Tubblegah	"	
362	"	247	"	"	"	See page 3.
867	"	1,440	Yallalon	Holmes	"	
461	"	80	"	"	"	
461 ex.	"	324	"	"	"	
982	"	243	"	"	"	
1,273	"	590	Tulloona	Limebon	"	
1,187	Travelling stock	2,482	Merriwa	Mayne	"	
174	Water	320	"	"	"	
174 ex.	"	50	"	"	"	
332	"	160	"	"	"	
603	"	55	"	"	"	
1,037	"	138	Mungle and Wallah	"	"	
1,037	"	982	"	Mingan	"	
950	"	200	"	Mobindly	"	
635	"	320	"	"	"	
895	"	1,120	Carbucky	Stapylton	"	
4,025	Travelling stock	772	"	Trinkev	"	
6,729	Water	332	Tucka Tucka	Tubblegah	"	See sheet 2.
10,575	Camping	70	Coppymurumbil	Bogabilia	"	
10,531	Water	44	"	"	"	See sheet 2
963	"	238	Gunyerwarildi	Abercrombie	Burnett.	
1,154	Travelling stock	626	"	"	"	
488A	Water	965	"	"	"	
448	"	188	"	"	"	
448 ex.	"	50	"	"	"	
1,236	"	225	"	"	"	
892	Trigonometrical	160	"	"	"	
3,856	Travelling stock	63	"	Burona	"	
3,856	"	1,806	"	Cox	"	
3,859	Camping	430	"	"	"	
1,386	Water	210	"	"	"	
1,335	"	81	"	"	"	
1,339	"	562	"	"	"	
1,338	"	220	"	"	"	
993	"	662	"	"	"	
901	"	134	"	"	"	
901 ex.	"	30	"	"	"	
901 ex.	"	37	"	"	"	
1,154	Travelling stock	60	"	Glenalvon	"	
958A	Water	40	"	Gournama	"	
958A	"	168	"	Codrington	"	
1 236	"	65	"	"	"	
1,385	"	134	"	Gill	"	
1,372	"	83	"	"	"	
887 ex.	"	107	"	"	"	
3,856	Travelling stock	290	"	"	"	
1,154	"	1,470	"	Stuart	"	
1,164	Water	126	Ginerol	Adams	"	
1,191	Travelling stock	176	"	"	"	
1	Water	26	"	"	"	
1,148	"	650	"	"	"	
1,163	"	560	"	Clare	"	
363A	Travelling stock	850	"	"	"	
352B	"	1,220	"	"	"	
363A ex	"	160	"	"	"	
1,164	Water	270	"	"	"	
405A	"	1,033	"	Gravesend	"	
336 ex	"	200	"	Vicars	"	
336	"	182	"	"	"	
903	"	360	"	Wanalda	"	
1,191	Travelling stock	504	"	"	"	
1,373	Forest	12,929	Ginerol and Bangheet	Adams	"	
1,373	"	1,891	Gragen and Graman	"	"	
380A	Water	312	"	Balfour	"	
252	"	640	"	"	"	
159	"	37	"	"	"	
360A	Travelling stock	1,202	"	"	"	
360A ex.	"	120	"	"	"	
157 ex.	Water	190	"	Gournama	"	
1,368	"	70	"	"	"	
737	"	43	"	"	"	
256	"	172	"	Gullungutta	"	
1,109	Trigonometrical	320	"	"	"	
1,152	Water	240	"	Hollingsworth	"	
1,212	"	320	"	"	"	
254	"	610	"	"	"	
254 ex.	"	166	"	"	"	
380A	"	320	"	Myalla	"	
316A	"	30	"	"	"	
378	"	150	"	"	"	
1,237	"	192	"	"	"	
357	"	360	"	"	"	
1,154	Travelling stock	1,392	"	"	"	
1,238	"	220	"	"	"	

No of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
RESUMED AREAS—WARIALDA LAND DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>						
		acres				
907	Water	215	Gragen and Graman	Ottley	Burnett	
1,146	"	113	Yallaroi	Baroma	"	
982	"	390	"	Kiga	"	
979	"	720	"	"	"	
983	"	90	"	"	"	
462	"	263	"	"	"	
976	Travelling stock	245	"	"	"	
748	Water	650	"	Mitchell	"	
501	"	200	"	"	"	
987	"	320	"	"	"	
1,095	"	26	"	"	"	
1,094	"	38	"	"	"	
1,146	"	577	"	Murgo	"	
1,171	Travelling stock	135	"	"	"	
3,856	"	66	"	"	"	
793	"	80	"	Stack	"	
3,856	"	437	"	"	"	
461	Water	860	"	Tackinbri	"	
982	"	525	"	"	"	
501	"	352	"	Tullin Tulla	"	
980	"	225	"	"	"	
460	"	135	"	"	"	
976	Travelling stock	215	"	"	"	
1,171	"	304	"	"	"	
793	"	3,222	Yallaroi and Welbon	Baroma	"	
462	Water	617	"	"	"	
983	"	20	Welbon	"	"	
957	"	116	"	Boyanga	"	See sheet 14, Moore L.D.
159	"	270	Gournama	Boobah	"	
826	"	376	"	"	"	
1,068	"	600	"	"	"	
398	"	78	"	"	"	
352B	Travelling stock	1,435	"	"	"	
1,046	Water	200	"	Goalonga	"	
826	"	100	"	Gugumburra	"	
352B	Travelling stock	760	Yetman	Blue Nobby	"	See sheet 10.
1,194	Water	840	Bogamildi	Boyanga	"	
147	"	640	"	"	"	
3,856	Travelling stock	1,147	"	"	"	
1,291	Camping	246	"	Bogamildi	"	
884	Travelling stock	140	"	"	"	
3,856	"	651	"	"	"	
1,196	Water	180	"	"	"	
355A	Travelling stock	2,240	"	Bledger	"	
550	Water	660	"	"	"	
549 ex.	"	149	"	"	"	
146	"	120	"	Bullalla	"	
549 ex.	"	615	"	"	"	
1,254	"	676	"	"	"	
1,142	"	240	"	"	"	
549	"	2,400	"	"	"	
550	"	175	"	"	"	
3,856	Travelling stock	1,336	"	"	"	
1,092	Water	56	"	Hadleigh	"	
84	"	80	"	"	"	
100	"	80	"	"	"	
600	"	1,113	"	Eales	"	
1,215	"	634	"	"	"	
1,000	"	80	"	"	"	
305	"	480	"	Hadleigh	"	
355A	Travelling stock	3,040	"	Nunga Nunga	"	
1,197	Water	30	"	"	"	
890	"	90	"	"	"	
1,044A	"	597	"	Strathmore	"	
1,045	"	75	"	"	"	
599	"	1,600	"	Yagobe	"	
1,042	"	200	"	"	"	
545	"	54	"	"	"	
1,291	Camping	507	"	"	"	
5	Water	750	"	Goorabil	"	
542	"	142	Oregon	Glenalvon	"	
355A	Travelling stock	1,248	"	Oregon	"	
793	"	100	"	"	"	
618	Water	95	"	"	"	
1,181	"	320	"	"	"	
1,213	"	360	"	"	"	
593	"	666	"	Stanley	"	
1,043	"	270	"	"	"	
793	Travelling stock	1,200	"	"	"	
355A	"	560	"	Vicars	"	
1,145	Water	480	"	"	"	
662A	Travelling stock	555	Yagaba	Gravesend	"	
911	Water	100	"	"	"	
422	"	840	"	"	"	
617	"	40	"	"	"	
878	"	155	"	"	"	
606	"	480	"	"	"	
96	"	200	Coolatai	Codrington	"	

No. of Reserve.	Kind.	Estimated Area.	Name of Area.	Parish.	County.	Remarks.
RESUMED AREAS—WARIALDA LAND DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>						
97	Water .....	1,584	Coolatai .....	Coolatai.....	Burnett	
352B	Travelling stock .....	980	" .....	" .....	"	
3,877	" .....	230	" .....	" .....	"	
369A	" .....	520	" .....	" .....	"	
879	Camping .....	20	" .....	" .....	"	
352B	Travelling stock .....	25	" .....	Mandoe .....	"	
352B	" .....	1,480	" .....	Parkhurst .....	"	
3,877	" .....	256	" .....	" .....	"	
879	Camping .....	515	" .....	" .....	"	
740	Water .....	594	Blue Nobby.....	Russell .....	"	
512 ex.	" .....	1,180	" .....	" .....	"	
767	" .....	1,920	Bengalla .....	Anderson .....	Ararawatta	
238	" .....	640	" .....	Bengalla .....	"	
891	" .....	660	" .....	" .....	"	
359A	Travelling stock .....	352	" .....	" .....	"	
362A	" .....	145	" .....	" .....	"	
104	Water .....	640	" .....	Gordon .....	"	
1,113	" .....	1,600	Texas .....	Borah.....	"	
986	" .....	438	" .....	Bebo .....	"	
986	" .....	1,040	" .....	Borah.....	"	
678	" .....	50	" .....	Ellis .....	"	
680	" .....	100	" .....	Holmes .....	"	
5,353	" .....	640	Texas and Trigamon .....	" .....	"	
337	" .....	960	Trigamon .....	Bunal.....	"	
210	" .....	320	" .....	Campbell .....	"	
211	" .....	320	" .....	" .....	"	
206	" .....	320	" .....	Mandoe .....	"	
207	" .....	240	" .....	" .....	"	
205	" .....	160	" .....	" .....	"	
39	" .....	1,440	Yetman .....	Dight.....	"	
803	" .....	1,800	" .....	" .....	"	
1,239	Camping .....	1,080	" .....	East Yetman .....	"	
3,856	Travelling stock .....	452	" .....	Trigamon .....	"	
352B	" .....	1,440	" .....	" .....	"	
358	" .....	660	" .....	" .....	"	
3,856	" .....	480	" .....	Yetman .....	"	
358	" .....	920	" .....	" .....	"	
1,258	Water .....	227	" .....	Trigamon .....	"	See sheet 7.
838	" .....	1,200	Boonal .....	Dumaresq .....	"	
358	Travelling stock .....	1,021	Tucka Tucka .....	Holdfast .....	"	
440	Water .....	86	" .....	" .....	"	
440 ex.	" .....	278	" .....	" .....	"	





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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**CROWN LANDS.**

(RETURN SHOWING RENTS OF PASTORAL LEASES AND RESUMED AREAS RECOMMENDED BY LOCAL LAND BOARDS, AND AMOUNT OF INCREASE OR DECREASE DETERMINED BY THE MINISTER.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 20 August, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 13th August, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A Return showing the rents of all pastoral leases and resumed areas recommended by the Local Land Boards, and the amount of increase or decrease in each case determined by the Minister, showing respectively those dealt with by Mr. Copeland and by Mr. Garrett.”

(Mr. Copeland.)

EASTERN DIVISION.

LEASEHOLD AREAS.

No.	Name of Leasehold Area.	Rate per acre recommended by Board.	Rate per acre fixed by Minister.	Amount of Increase per acre.	Amount of Decrease per acre.	Minister determining Rate.
1	Kangaroo Hills ... ..	Pence. 1	Pence. 2	Pence. 1	Pence. Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
2	Emu Creek ... ..	1	1½	¼	do	do
3	Balala ... ..	1½	2	¾	do	do
4	Durham Court ... ..	1½	2	¾	do	do
6	Upper Tia ... ..	1½	2	¾	do	do
7	Moonba ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
8	Rockvale ... ..	1½	2	¾	do	do
9	Bang Bang... ..	2¾	3½	¾	do	do
10	Waterloo ... ..	2	3½	1½	do	do
11	Barraba ... ..	1½	1½	do	do	do
12	North Talbingo ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
13	Doughboy Hollow... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
14	Ouranee ... ..	4½	6	1½	do	do
16	North Barraba ... ..	1½	1½	do	do	do
17	Wantabadgery ... ..	6	9	3	do	do
18	West Blowering ... ..	2½	2½	do	do	do
19	Bibbenluke ... ..	5½	6	½	do	do
20	Gug Fawkes River ... ..	1½	1½	do	do	do
21	Borah Creek ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do

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No.	Name of Leasehold Area.	Rate per acre recommended by Board.	Rate per acre fixed by Minister.	Amount of Increase per acre.	Amount of Decrease per acre.	Minister determining Rate.
22	Ellerslie ... ..	Pence. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	Pence. 3	Pence. $\frac{1}{4}$	Pence. Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
23	Kibeau ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
24	The Junction ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
25	Kyogla ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
26	Tantangara ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	4	1 $\frac{9}{10}$	do	do
27	Ingebirah ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
28	Etterick Forest ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
29	Yarrangobilly ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
30	Rosebrook ... ..	3 $\frac{3}{10}$	5 $\frac{1}{10}$	1 $\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
31	Cambalong ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
32	Carrot ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
33	Mooki Springs ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
34	Ingeegoodbee ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
35	Sandilands ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
36	Nanima ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
37	Mundowey ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
38	Rocky Plain ... ..	1 $\frac{2}{10}$	2	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
39	Gadara ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
40	Lyndhurst ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{4}{5}$	do	do
43	Neila ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
44	Swamp Oak Creek ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
46	Orroral ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
47	Yulgilbar ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
48	Bimben West ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
49	Boleroe ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{10}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{7}{20}$	do	do
50	The Midall Cotter North ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
51	Quirindi Creek ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
52	Warren's Corner ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
53	Bulgar Creek ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2	$\frac{4}{5}$	do	do
54	Moles ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	3	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
56	Rampsbeek ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
57	West Point or Triangle ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
59	Maffra ... ..	2	4	2	do	do
62	Birthing ... ..	8	9	1	do	do
64	Mount Adra ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
65	Numeralla ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
67	Clifton ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
68	Bolivia ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
69	Gunningrach ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
71	Anembo ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
72	Greekle ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{10}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{4}{10}$	do	do
73	Jerra Jerra ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
74	Gobbin ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
75	Yarrara ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2	$\frac{4}{5}$	do	do
76	Adelong ... ..	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
77	Bungarby ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
78	Long Reach ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
79	Myalla ... ..	5	7	2	do	do
82	Stockyard Flat ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
83	Runbanda ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
84	Black Range ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
85	Cowra ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	do	do
86	Yabtree ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
87	Yerra Yerra ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
88	Bringenbrong ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
89	Mingoola ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
90	Nimmo ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
92	Terrible Vale ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
93	Kiah Lake ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	2	$\frac{9}{10}$	do	do
94	Wollondibby ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
95	Long Plain ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	4	1 $\frac{8}{10}$	do	do
96	Mowenbah ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	3	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
97	Kulki ... ..	1 $\frac{5}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
98	Nottingham Forest ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
99	Dungowan ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
100	Europambela ... ..	2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
102	Walla Walla ... ..	3	4	1	do	do
103	Leybourne ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
104	Biggam and Eucumbene ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	4	1 $\frac{9}{10}$	do	do
105	Boggy Plain ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
106	Moredun ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	2	$\frac{7}{8}$	do	do

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107	Attunga ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
108	Stonehenge ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
109	Alfreda ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
111	Opossum Point ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
112	North Cuerindi ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
113	Kiandra ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
114	Aberbaldie ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
117	Congi ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
118	Surveyor's Creek ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
120	Burrow ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	do	do
121	Glen Ferneigh ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
122	Bukkulla ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
124	Brymedura ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
125	Ukolen or Cuerindi ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
127	Eatonswill ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
128	Qwyarigo ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
129	Nymboida ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
131	Burmina ... ..	5	7	2	do	do
132	Cocomingla ... ..	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
133	Mullion ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{5}$	2	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
134	Mount Cooper ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	4	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
136	Glen Elgin and Morven ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
138	Gezezerick ... ..	2 $\frac{2}{5}$	4	1 $\frac{3}{5}$	do	do
139	Boraig ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
140	Denison Reserve ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	3	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
141	Dyraaba ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
142	Caddigat Creek ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{10}$	4	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
143	Wambrook and Island Lake ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{5}$	3	1 $\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
144	Salisbury ... ..	3	6	3	do	do
145	Nanangroe ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
146	Geegarow ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
147	Chidowla ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
148	Aberfoyle ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
149	Snow Vale ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
150	Memagong ... ..	8 $\frac{2}{5}$	9 $\frac{0}{10}$	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
151	Native Dog Flat ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	3	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
152	Mihi Creek ... ..	2	4	2	do	do
153	Currawang ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
155	Cove Flat and Curradigby ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	3	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
156	Greenwich ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
157	Argalong ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
158	Glenreagh West ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
159	Hillgrove ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
161	Maharatta ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
162	Round Hill ... ..	5	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
163	Boco Creek ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{5}$	4	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
164	Taemas ... ..	8	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
165	Snowy River ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
166	Tabulam ... ..	1 $\frac{5}{8}$	2	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
167	Tindreys ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{10}$	2	$\frac{7}{10}$	do	do
168	Chidowla ... ..	2 $\frac{2}{5}$	3 $\frac{2}{5}$	1	do	do
169	Bredbo North ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{5}$	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{0}{10}$	do	do
170	Dry Plains ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
171	Booroombi ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
172	Dandelong ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
173	Peak Back ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
174	Greenland ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
175	Coolringdon ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{10}$	5	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
176	Manus ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
177	Stoney Creek ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	3	1 $\frac{4}{5}$	do	do
178	Bungalal B... ..	2	3	1	do	do
179	Bonyeo ... ..	6	9	3	do	do
180	Woolgarlo ... ..	2	4	2	do	do
181	Bogolong ... ..	4	6	2	do	do
183	Belubula ... ..	4	5	1	do	do
184	Bumbowlee ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
185	Buckaringah ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	do	do
186	Bogolong ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
187	Mugmugwug ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
189	Enmore ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
190	Klori ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do

No.	Name of Leasehold Area.	Rate per acre recommended by Board.	Rate per acre fixed by Minister.	Amount of Increase per acre.	Amount of Decrease per acre.	Minister determining Rate.
		Pence.	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.	
191	Toomoorooma ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
192	Little Tindreys ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
193	Tara ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	do	do
195	Bendemeer ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
196	Grosse's Plain ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
197	Brown's Springs ... ..	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
198	Ranger's Valley ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
199	Stockingbingal ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
200	Toomoorooma ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
201	Tiengah ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
202	Milong ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	do	do
203	Bendenine ... ..	4 $\frac{10}{10}$	6 $\frac{10}{10}$	2	do	do
204	Tumbleton Station ... ..	7 $\frac{10}{10}$	11 $\frac{10}{10}$	4	do	do
205	Cucumgilliga ... ..	3	3 $\frac{5}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
207	Micalago ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
208	Longford ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
209	Frying-pan Creek ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
210	Coolamatong ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{16}$	2 $\frac{5}{16}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
211	Tyringham ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
212	Rosewood ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
213	Narrallen ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
215	Bolero ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
216	Bald Hills, or the Gullies ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
217	Addicumbene ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
218	Moonbucca ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{5}$	3 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
221	Lower Belco Creek ... ..	2 $\frac{10}{10}$	3 $\frac{5}{5}$	1 $\frac{5}{5}$	do	do
222	Bolero ... ..	3 $\frac{10}{10}$	4	$\frac{10}{10}$	do	do
223	Biggam ... ..	1 $\frac{10}{10}$	2 $\frac{5}{5}$	1 $\frac{5}{5}$	do	do
224	Marengo ... ..	1 $\frac{5}{5}$	3	1 $\frac{5}{5}$	do	do
226	Bummyumbla ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
227	Cumbermurra ... ..	6	9	3	do	do
228	Illunie ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
229	Yarrowyck ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	do	do
230	Spring Mount ... ..	1 $\frac{5}{5}$	2	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
231	Shannon Vale ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
232	Jacob's River ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
233	Woolingmurah ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
234	Gudgenby ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
235	Ganowra ... ..	1 $\frac{10}{10}$	2	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
236	West Pinbeyan ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
237	Willis ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
238	Mylora ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
239	Muttama ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
240	Bald Rock ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
241	Urayarra ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
242	Eversleigh ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
243	Yellowin ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
245	Beverley ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	2	$\frac{7}{8}$	do	do
246	Upper Goobaragandra ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
247	Marranumbla ... ..	2 $\frac{10}{10}$	3 $\frac{5}{5}$	1 $\frac{5}{5}$	do	do
250	Moparrabah ... ..	1	1 $\frac{8}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
251	Cootamundra ... ..	3	3 $\frac{5}{5}$	$\frac{5}{5}$	do	do
252	Koreelah ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	2	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
255	Little Plains ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
256	Four-mile Creek ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
257	Wabbra ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
258	Shaking Bog ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
260	Bogalara ... ..	4 $\frac{12}{12}$	4 $\frac{7}{12}$	$\frac{5}{12}$	do	do
261	Jumenbuen ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
262	Crowther ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{7}$	2 $\frac{1}{7}$	1	do	do
263	Bookookoorara ... ..	1	1 $\frac{16}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	do	do
264	Elsineur ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
265	Gerogery ... ..	3	3 $\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	do	do
266	Hillside ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	3	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	do	do
267	Mooney Mooney ... ..	6	9	3	do	do
268	Rocky Plain ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
269	Countegany ... ..	2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
270	Toorumbec ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
271	Wallabadah ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	2	$\frac{7}{8}$	do	do
272	Undercliffe and Rivertree West ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
273	Bondi ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do

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274	Bondo ... ..	1½	2	½	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
275	Tumut Plains ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
276	Boboyan ... ..	1½	1¾	1 1/10	do	do
277	Kentucky ... ..	2	3¼	1¼	do	do
278	New Koreelah ... ..	1¼	1¼	½	do	do
280	Auburn Vale ... ..	1¼	1½	¼	do	do
283	Curry Flat ... ..	5	7	2	do	do
285	Nulla Nulla ... ..	1	1¼	¼	do	do
287	Craigie ... ..	1¾	2	¼	do	do
288	Dora Dora ... ..	1¼	2	¾	do	do
289	Queengallery ... ..	1¾	2½	¾	do	do
290	Coppabella ... ..	2½	3½	1	do	do
291	Billabong ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
292	Wooroowoolgen ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
293	Ironmungy Minor... ..	1¾	2½	¾	do	do
296	Blowering ... ..	1	1¼	¼	do	do
298	Davy's Plains ... ..	1¾	2½	¾	do	do
299	Glenroy ... ..	2¼	2½	¼	do	do
300	King's Plains ... ..	1¾	1¾	½	do	do
301	Bell Brook ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
303	Yarra ... ..	1¼	2	¾	do	do
304	Mole River... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
305	Willie Ploma ... ..	2¼	2½	¼	do	do
306	Ramornie ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
307	Black Jack... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
308	Newbold Grange and Cangai ... ..	1 1/10	1½	¼	do	do
310	Tooma ... ..	1¾	2	¼	do	do
311	Coura Rocks ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
312	Burra ... ..	1¾	2	¼	do	do
313	Sherwood ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
314	Stony Batter .. ..	1 1/8	2	¾	do	do
315	Jindabyne West ... ..	1¼	1½	¼	do	do
318	Miller's Creek ... ..	2	3¼	1¼	do	do
319	Thalgarah ... ..	1 5/8	2¼	5/8	do	do
320	Ten-mile Creek ... ..	8	9	1	do	do
321	Wiangerie ... ..	1¼	1¾	½	do	do
322	Kalkite ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
323	Waterloo ... ..	2	3½	1½	do	do
325	Newstead ... ..	2	2½	½	do	do
326	Bald Hills ... ..	1¼	3	1¾	do	do
328	Lanark Lodge ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
329	Casino ... ..	3	6	3	do	do
330	Danabilla ... ..	1	2½	1½	do	do
331	Cubmurra ... ..	1½	2¾	1 1/10	do	do
332	Ollera ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
333	Annandale ... ..	1¼	1¾	½	do	do
334	Gostwyck ... ..	2½	4	1 7/8	do	do
335	Gingary ... ..	2½	3½	1	do	do
336	Tiara ... ..	1¼	1¾	½	do	do
337	Broula ... ..	2	2½	½	do	do
338	Looanga ... ..	1¼	2	¾	do	do
340	Head of the River... ..	1	1¾	¾	do	do
341	Mount Mitchell West ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
342	Gugullalong ... ..	2¾	4 1/10	1½	do	do
343	Muluerindi .. ..	1¼	2½	1¼	do	do
344	Acacia Creek ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
345	Cheeseman's Creek ... ..	2¾	3	¼	do	do
346	Little River ... ..	1	1¾	¾	do	do
347	Laura ... ..	1½	2	¾	do	do
348	Currangorambla West ... ..	2½	4	1 5/8	do	do
349	Bergen-op-Zoom ... ..	2	3½	1½	do	do
350	Bogolong ... ..	4	5	1	do	do
351	Dilga ... ..	1¼	1½	¼	do	do
352	Rocky River ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
353	Walcha ... ..	2	3½	1½	do	do
354	Ironbark Creek ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
355	Kenyu ... ..	3¾	4¾	¾	do	do
356	Mogong and Tilga... ..	2	2½	½	do	do
357	Moona Plains ... ..	1	1¼	¼	do	do
358	Middlingbank ... ..	2½	4½	2	do	do
359	Cooleman ... ..	2	2½	½	do	do

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361	Toooloom and Woodenbong ... ..	1 $\frac{5}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
362	Woolomin ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
363	Currangorambla ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{5}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
364	Cavan ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
365	Head of Curry Flat ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
367	Billylingera ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	3	$\frac{9}{10}$	do	do
368	Gyra or Gara ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
369	Lowry Creek ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
370	Bobundara ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
371	Breakfast Creek ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{6}$	3 $\frac{1}{6}$	1	do	do
372	Kimo ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
373	Annandale ... ..	2	4	2	do	do
375	Bungawaulbyn ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
376	Oban ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
377	Bangus ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
379	Copabella ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
380	Bobundra ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
381	Bullanwang ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
382	Lismore ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
383	Conwarrah ... ..	1 $\frac{7}{10}$	2 $\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{9}{10}$	do	do
384	Herbert Park ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
386	Logan ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
388	Maryland ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
389	Red Hill ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
390	Deepwater ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{10}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
391	Greenhills ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
392	Woomargama ... ..	2	4	2	do	do
393	Bouralong ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
395	Retreat ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
396	Bective ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
398	Cuppacumbalong ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
400	Yaouk ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	3	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
401	Barney Downs ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
402	Wangrah Creek ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
403	Glen Barra ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
404	Balblair ... ..	1 $\frac{5}{8}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
406	Summer Hill ... ..	1 $\frac{9}{10}$	2 $\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{7}{10}$	do	do
407	Dutzon ... ..	3	4	1	do	do
409	Winscombe ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
411	Wombramura ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
412	Camira ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
413	Creewah ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
414	Woolway and Arable ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
415	Couradigbee ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
416	Bannockburn ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
418	Barraba Creek ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
420	Bumbalong ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
421	Mount Mitchell ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
422	Roseberry ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
423	Wollomumbi ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
424	Canomodine ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
426	Jeremiah and Bongongo ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
427	Ann's Vale, or Cungera ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
428	Kydra ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
429	Little Billabong and The Falls ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
431	Bulderudgera ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
434	Burramunda Troy ... ..	1	3	2	do	do
435	Jingellic ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
436	Torryburn ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
437	Temora ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
438	Dudal Comer ... ..	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
439	Gunnee, or Reedy Creek ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
440	Combanning ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
441	Piallaway and Walhallow ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
444	Wattamadara ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
445	Kickerbell ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
450	Jeolga ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
452	Coaldale ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
453	Merriganowry ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
454	Delegate ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
455	Canimbla ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do

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456	Whit Whittal ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
457	Branga Park ... ..	2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
458	Demandering ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
459	Deligate ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
460	Upper Balabla ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{8}$	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
461	Ward's Mistake ... ..	1 $\frac{5}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	do	do
462	Calabash ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
463	Tareela ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
465	Jugiong ... ..	6	9	3	do	do
466	Kingstown ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
467	Cookardinia ... ..	3	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
469	Branga Plains and Callaghan's Swamp ...	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
472	Jindabyne East ... ..	1 $\frac{7}{10}$	2 $\frac{3}{5}$	1 $\frac{6}{10}$	do	do
473	Cotter Falls ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
474	Cheviot Hills South and Fairfield South	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
475	Coomoo Coomoo ... ..	3	4	1	do	do
476	Reidy Creek ... ..	3	4	1	do	do
479	Gonimbla ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
480	Burrawong ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
481	Rose Valley and Breadbo South ...	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
483	The Bramina ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
484	Hanning ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
489	Nimitabelle ... ..	5	9	4	do	do
490	Clerkness ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
491	Pedee Creek ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
492	Keepit ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{16}$	2 $\frac{1}{16}$	1 $\frac{1}{16}$	do	do
493	Yarrow Creek and Kingsgate ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
494	Brawlin ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
495	Kangaroooby ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
496	Newrea or Noory ... ..	3	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
497	Stony Creek ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
498	Merrybindinah ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
499	The Gulf ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
500	Gabramatta ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	2	1 $\frac{9}{10}$	do	do
501	Head of Bribaree ... ..	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
502	Nangus ... ..	4	6	2	do	do
503	Tomalla ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
504	Yullundry ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	do	do
505	Gordon Brook ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	2	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	do	do
508	Kikiamah ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{7}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
509	Moura ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
515	Walbandrie ... ..	7	9	2	do	do
518	Hernani ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{10}$	do	do
519	Matong ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
521	Thoko ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
522	Abington ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
524	Bangaroo ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
525	Numbla ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{9}{10}$	do	do
526	Orraba ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
527	Numarella and Mowles Gully ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
528	Ironmungie ... ..	3	4	1	do	do
529	Taloumbi ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
530	Currangorambla South ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	3 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
531	Greenlands ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
532	Burrangandra ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
533	Moppity ... ..	8	12	4	do	do
535	Arramagong East ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
537	Serpentine River and Lower Styx ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
538	Gobarrolong ... ..	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
539	Moonbar ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
540	Cope's Creek ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
541	Menedebri ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
543	Byron ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
544	Tenterfield and Boura Boura Creek ...	1	1 $\frac{1}{16}$	1 $\frac{1}{16}$	do	do
545	Bucklong ... ..	6	7	1	do	do
546	Wellington Vale ... ..	1 $\frac{2}{5}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{10}$	do	do
547	Bendarbo ... ..	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
548	Marowan ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
549	Ben Lomond ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
550	Adaminaby ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
551	Rock Forest ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{9}{10}$	do	do

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552	Cheviott Hills and North Callanyn ...	1	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
553	Cunningham Creek ...	6	9	3	do	do
554	Good Good... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
555	Brungle ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
557	Ingalba and Glen Morrison ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
558	Boorook ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
561	Baker's Swamp ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
562	Barraba Detached... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
563	Bostobrick ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
566	Tillbuster ... ..	1	2	1	do	do
569	Glenriddle ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
570	Manilla ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
575	Blair Hill ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
576	Blair Hill West ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
577	Paradise Creek ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
578	Paradise Creek East ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
579	Talbingo ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
580	Talbingo West ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do

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3	Wagingoberemby ... ..	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
5	Binnia ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
6	Gurley ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	4	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
7	Combadello and Nepicalina ... ..	2 $\frac{2}{8}$	3	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
9	Gournama ... ..	2 $\frac{2}{8}$	3	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
10	Calga ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
12	Kunopia ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	2	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
14	Mulwala and Savernake ... ..	3	6	3	do	do
15	Caragabal ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
16	Marrar ... ..	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
17	Womboin ... ..	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	2	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
18	Belaringar ... ..	2 $\frac{7}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
21	Wandary ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{10}$	1 $\frac{1}{20}$	do	do
22	Peter Duffity ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
23	Benduck ... ..	2 $\frac{9}{10}$	3	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
24	South Condobolin ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
26	Narranderā ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
28	Cadow ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
29	Kerri Kerri ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
30	Oregon ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
31	Boomanoomana ... ..	5	9	4	do	do
33	Kiacatoa ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
34	Bogamildi ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	do	do
35	Bundulla ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
36	Caigan ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
38	Kialgara ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	3	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
39	Buckawidgee ... ..	3 $\frac{2}{5}$	4	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
40	Telleraga ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
41	Balgay ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
42	Mullengudgery ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
44	Gorian ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	3 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
45	Youngee Plain ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
47	Ballaree ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
48	Bland ... ..	1 $\frac{2}{3}$	2 $\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	do	do
49	Gumin Gumin ... ..	1 $\frac{2}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
50	Gundare ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
51	Coradgery ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{20}$	do	do
52	Tyreel ... ..	2 $\frac{7}{10}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
53	Yarragrīn ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
54	West Mandamah ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
58	Dobikin ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
59	Gralgumbone ... ..	2 $\frac{2}{5}$	3 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
60	Bone and Premer ... ..	2 $\frac{25}{25}$	2 $\frac{25}{25}$	$\frac{0}{25}$	do	do
61	Billabong ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
63	Four-bob Camp ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{20}$	do	do
64	Native Dog... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{20}$	do	do



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66	Blue Nobby ... ..	$2\frac{3}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
67	Belubula ... ..	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
69	Spicer's Creek ... ..	$2\frac{3}{8}$	3	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
70	North Molonga ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
72	Pevensey ... ..	$2\frac{4}{5}$	3	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
73	Uabba ... ..	$1\frac{3}{5}$	$1\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
75	Tregalana ... ..	$1\frac{3}{5}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	do	do
77	Chah Sing ... ..	$2\frac{4}{5}$	3	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
80	Weebollabolla ... ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
81	Wondoo-bar ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
84	Brogan Plains ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
85	Mumblebone ... ..	$2\frac{3}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
88	Goonal ... ..	$2\frac{3}{5}$	3	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
89	Mooloomoon ... ..	$2\frac{2}{5}$	3	$\frac{3}{5}$	do	do
91	Burdenda ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
92	Gillendoon ... ..	$2\frac{5}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
93	Nebea ... ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
94	Weelah, or Gradgery ... ..	$2\frac{3}{5}$	3	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
95	Garrawilla ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
96	Ganmain ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
98	Buddabadah ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
100	Esperance ... ..	$1\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
101	Kildary ... ..	2	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
104	Wangamong Plains ... ..	$5\frac{1}{8}$	8	$2\frac{7}{8}$	do	do
106	Bugilbone ... ..	$2\frac{2}{5}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{7}{10}$	do	do
107	Welbungah ... ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
108	Nyang ... ..	$3\frac{3}{5}$	$3\frac{7}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
110	North Gogeldrie ... ..	2	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
112	Colliburl ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
114	Bundilla ... ..	$2\frac{7}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
115	Milby ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
116	Tonderberine ... ..	$2\frac{3}{5}$	$2\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
119	Warry ... ..	3	4	1	do	do
121	Wilewa ... ..	$1\frac{5}{8}$	2	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
124	Booabula ... ..	$2\frac{7}{10}$	$3\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
125	Barmedman ... ..	$1\frac{7}{11}$	2	$\frac{4}{11}$	do	do
126	Bolagamy ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
127	Bulgandramine ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
128	Wolla Wolla ... ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
129	Quambone ... ..	$1\frac{3}{5}$	2	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
130	Flagstone Creek ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
131	Moroco ... ..	$3\frac{2}{5}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
134	Borambil ... ..	2	$2\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	do	do
135	Belgoreen ... ..	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
136	Upper Merry Merry ... ..	$2\frac{3}{5}$	3	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
138	Warragan ... ..	2	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
139	Haddon Rigg ... ..	$2\frac{7}{8}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
140	Gineroi ... ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
141	Bogewong ... ..	$1\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
142	North Yanco ... ..	3	4	1	do	do
143	Back Esperance ... ..	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
144	Liewah ... ..	$2\frac{3}{5}$	3	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
145	Nyngan East ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
146	Minna Minane ... ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
147	Junee ... ..	$4\frac{1}{2}$	6	$1\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
149	Geeron or Derangibal ... ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
150	Ellengerah ... ..	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
152	Bull Plain ... ..	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{4}$	3	do	do
156	Murrulebale ... ..	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
157	Tregalana East ... ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
158	South Yathong ... ..	$5\frac{1}{2}$	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
160	Tuppal ... ..	$5\frac{1}{2}$	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
161	Quambone ... ..	$2\frac{3}{5}$	$3\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
163	North Yathong ... ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	4	$1\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
164	Turramia ... ..	6	9	3	do	do
165	Cocketgedong ... ..	6	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
166	Cremorne ... ..	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$	1	do	do
170	Gorman's Hill West ... ..	$1\frac{3}{5}$	2	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
172	Drildool ... ..	$2\frac{3}{5}$	3	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
173	Carwell ... ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
174	Wingadee ... ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do

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176	Pomingalarna ... ..	6	8	2	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
177	Nelgowrie ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
179	Merebone ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
181	Warroo ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
183	Yallaroi ... ..	3 $\frac{3}{10}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
184	Baronga ... ..	1 $\frac{7}{10}$	2	$\frac{3}{10}$	do	do
186	Booolooroo ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
188	Centre Block No. 3 ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
190	Burran ... ..	2 $\frac{7}{10}$	3	$\frac{3}{10}$	do	do
191	Malaraway and Millie North ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
192	Barbigal ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
195	Urawilkey ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
197	Werrina ... ..	1 $\frac{7}{10}$	2	$\frac{3}{10}$	do	do
198	Carabost ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
199	Wallamgambone ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	3	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
200	Widgiewa ... ..	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
201	Caidmurra ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
204	Berrembed ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	6	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
205	Woodlands ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
206	Kucargo or Tory Wee Waa ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
207	Bomely ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
210	Jerilderie ... ..	4	5	1	do	do
212	Milkengowrie ... ..	2 $\frac{10}{10}$	3 $\frac{2}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
213	Geurie ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
214	Bando ... ..	3 $\frac{3}{10}$	6 $\frac{1}{5}$	3 $\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
215	Yamma ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
216	Gulgo South ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
217	Oxley ... ..	2 $\frac{10}{10}$	3	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
218	The Troffs ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
220	Bygoo ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
221	Bundalla ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
222	Coubail ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
223	New Myregall ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	do	do
225	Balagula ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
226	Orange Plains ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
232	Carlinda ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
233	Berrembed North ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
234	Ullinda ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
235	Beremegad ... ..	3	3 $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
236	Neinby (Upper) ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
237	Armatree ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
238	North Goonambil ... ..	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	6	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
242	Barooga ... ..	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	8	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
243	Coolatai ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
244	Nowley ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	3 $\frac{7}{10}$	$\frac{6}{10}$	do	do
246	Bokemer ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
247	Melrose Block D ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
248	Weemabah ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	do	do
249	Spring Creek ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
250	Terramungamine ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
251	Oreel ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
252	Buttabone ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
254	Coonimbia ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{5}{10}$	do	do
255	Mungyer ... ..	2	2 $\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
256	Canoon Point ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{5}$	3	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
257	Caroonboon ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
258	Buckinguy ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
260	Tabratong ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	4	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
261	Waterloo ... ..	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
262	Tucklan and Yarrah Creek ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
263	Momalong ... ..	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	do	do
264	Binya ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
267	Yaddra ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
268	Narrow Plains ... ..	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	8	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
269	Wardry ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
271	Gennaren ... ..	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
272	Tharambone ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	3	$\frac{7}{8}$	do	do
273	Merrigal Back ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
274	Mount Harris ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
275	Butherwah ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
276	Carinda ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do

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277	Cobbadah ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
279	Merrybone ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
280	Moulmain ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
281	Derra Derra ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
282	Werai ... ..	3 $\frac{9}{10}$	4	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
283	Burren ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	do	do
285	Trialgara ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
286	Upper Daroolbalgie ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
287	West Bland Plains ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
288	Emu Plains ... ..	3	4	1	do	do
289	Wentworth Gully... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
291	Mimosa West ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
292	Bent's Hill ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
293	Coolah ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
294	Murgah ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
295	Ulumbarella ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
296	Yagaba ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
298	Ballandry ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
299	Murray Downs ... ..	4 $\frac{1}{10}$	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{40}$	do	do
300	Wooloondool ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
301	Wirrah ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
302	Crown Camp ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
305	Bunarba ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
306	Billeroy ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
307	Goobang ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
308	Coppymurrumbil ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
309	Tourable ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
310	Burrel or Gunnable ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
312	Queensborough ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
313	Boona West ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
314	Calimo ... ..	4 $\frac{1}{10}$	5	$\frac{7}{10}$	do	do
317	Welbon ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
318	Pullingawarina ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
319	Gillinghall ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
320	New Kirban ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
321	Upper Boomley ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
323	Armitree ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
325	Sandholes ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
326	Gunningbar ... ..	2 $\frac{7}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
328	Pine Ridge ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
330	Biniguy ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
331	Yarrowah ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
334	Pullanaming ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
335	Burrongong ... ..	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	6	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
336	Terry-Hie-Hie ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
337	Gunnibong... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
338	Myall Plains ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
340	Wowingragong ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
341	Marthaguy Creek... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
343	Perricoota ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{8}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{7}{10}$	do	do
344	Collymongool ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
345	Brewon ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
346	O'Brien's Creek ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
349	Bulgandra ... ..	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
350	Aratula ... ..	3 $\frac{7}{10}$	4	$\frac{3}{10}$	do	do
351	Murray ... ..	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
352	Pier Pier ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
353	North Beanbah ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
354	North Wakool ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{10}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	do	do
357	Collindina ... ..	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
358	South Urana ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
359	Bimble ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
360	Malonga ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
361	Geramy ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
362	Merrigal ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{5}{4}$	do	do
364	Grawhey ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
365	Euglo ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	do	do
366	Qabothoo ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
367	Bundy ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
368	Kerriwah ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
369	Ringwood ... ..	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	do	do

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371	Warbreccan ... ..	6 $\frac{2}{3}$	6 $\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
373	Sandridge ... ..	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
374	The Boebung Swamp ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
375	Howlong ... ..	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
376	Coree ... ..	6	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
377	Half Moon Plain ... ..	2 $\frac{7}{8}$	4	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
378	Medway and Gamber Gamber West ... ..	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
379	Cowel Murryan ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
381	Buraga ... ..	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	9	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
382	Eugeldry ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
383	Narromine ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
384	Back Tenandra ... ..	2 $\frac{7}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
386	Merryanbone ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
387	Pallal ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
388	Buckingbong ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
391	Cullengally ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
392	Wee Waa South ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
393	Zara ... ..	3 $\frac{10}{10}$	4	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
394	Bodangora ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
395	Bangheet ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
396	Wangagong ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	4 $\frac{5}{8}$	1 $\frac{10}{10}$	do	do
398	Bartley's Creek ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	do	do
399	Parmidman ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
401	Cornalla ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	do	do
404	Tareelari ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
406	Barratta ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	do	do
407	Banna Bunna ... ..	2 $\frac{7}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
409	Hartwood ... ..	4 $\frac{5}{8}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
411	Grahweed ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
412	Murrill Creek ... ..	3	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
413	Curraburrama ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
414	Tulloona ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
415	Moonagee ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	do
416	Bulbodney ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
418	Yamma ... ..	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	4	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
419	Houlaghan's Creek North ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
421	Yanko ... ..	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
423	Cumbooglecumbong ... ..	1 $\frac{5}{8}$	2	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	do
424	South Thononga ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	3	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
425	Tooloon ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
426	Opposite Coonamble, or Euramie ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
428	Quonmoona or Geanmoney ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
429	Lalaltee South ... ..	5	7	2	do	do
431	Kulki ... ..	6	7	1	do	do
432	Willan ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
433	Middle Field ... ..	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	2	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
434	Cathundril No. 2 ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
435	West Bogan Nos. 2 and 3 ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
436	Lower Ningear ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
437	Canonbar ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
438	Umutbee and Toonga ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
442	Yerra Yerra ... ..	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	2	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
446	Bundaburrah ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
447	Nevertire ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
450	Cambarra ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
452	Kentucky ... ..	7	9	2	do	do
454	Goree ... ..	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
456	Kyeamba ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
457	Tin-pot Alley ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
458	Midkin ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
459	Nangerybone ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
463	Gunambil ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{3}$	3	$\frac{1}{3}$	do	do
464	Gandymungydel ... ..	2 $\frac{2}{3}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	do	do
466	Eunonyhareenyha ... ..	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
467	Burbugate ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
468	Merrigal Marthaguy ... ..	2 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
470	Bundyulumblah ... ..	3	4	1	do	do
471	West Bogan No. 7 ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
472	Pilliga ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
473	Brookong ... ..	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
475	Bourbah ... ..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do

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477	Callubri ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
478	Derribong ... ..	3	3½	½	do	do
479	Mittagong ... ..	3	3½	½	do	do
480	Tabrabong West ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
481	Youie ... ..	2½	3⅛	⅝	do	do
483	Micabil ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
484	Success ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
485	Barellan ... ..	2	2¼	¼	do	do
487	Back Wardry ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
489	Ooma ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
490	The Meadows ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
492	Waree ... ..	2½	3¼	¾	do	do
493	Boooloola ... ..	3	3½	½	do	do
494	Morago ... ..	3¼	3½	¼	do	do
495	Gregadoo ... ..	4¼	4½	¼	do	do
496	Burrandoon ... ..	1½	2¼	¾	do	do
497	West Bogan No. 1 ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
498	Barrawang ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
499	Palisthon ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
500	Colli ... ..	2½	3¼	¾	do	do
501	Bungle Gully ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
502	Mimosa ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
504	Terembone ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
506	Slaughter-house Plains ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
507	Coreen ... ..	6½	8	1½	do	do
508	Kookaburragong ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
509	Arramagong West ... ..	2¼	2½	¼	do	do
510	New Geralgambone ... ..	2¼	2¾	¼	do	do
511	Gunnegaldra ... ..	1½	3	1½	do	do
512	Monument Flats ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
513	Genanagie ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
515	Mungary West ... ..	2½	3¼	¾	do	do
516	Mungiebundie ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
518	Moombooldool ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
521	Back Yamma ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
522	Old Biamble ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
525	Goolgumbra ... ..	5	6	1	do	do
526	Quiamong ... ..	3½	4½	1	do	do
527	The Springs ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
530	Narraway ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
532	More Devil ... ..	2½	3½	1	do	do
534	Merri Merri ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
535	Gobbagombalin and Tooyal ... ..	2	2½	½	do	do
536	Yalcogrin ... ..	2½	3½	1	do	do
537	Carroll ... ..	1½	2¼	¾	do	do
538	Ginghet ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
540	Gunyer Warildi ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
541	Mandamah ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
542	Moonbi or Bogandillon ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
543	Youngara Creek ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
544	Tarriaro ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
546	Burra Burra ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
548	Boree Creek ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
549	Bocabigal ... ..	1½	3	1½	do	do
551	Dandaloo ... ..	2½	3¼	¾	do	do
554	Walla Walla ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
555	Lower Balabla ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
556	Balladoran ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
557	Oura ... ..	3½	4	½	do	do
562	Whalan ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
563	Edgeroi ... ..	2½	3¼	¾	do	do
565	Carnerney ... ..	4	5	1	do	do
567	Carbucky ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
568	Lower Droubalgie ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
569	Trinkey ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
570	Walla Walla and Carangatel ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
571	Galaragambone ... ..	2½	3⅛	⅝	do	do
572	Egelabra ... ..	2¼	3¼	½	do	do
574	Bongcabong ... ..	2	2½	½	do	do
575	Cowabee ... ..	2	2½	½	do	do
576	Timberrybungan ... ..	2½	3½	1	do	do

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577	Grubben Plains ... ..	2	2½	½	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
578	Canonbar ... ..	2½	5½	3	do	do
581	Millie ... ..	2½	6	3½	do	do
582	Kerarbury ... ..	7	8	1	do	do
583	Quat Quatta ... ..	6	9	3	do	do
585	Iandra ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
587	Buddigower ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
591	Towyal ... ..	3½	3½	0	do	do
592	Budgeon ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
593	Nanima ... ..	1½	2¼	¾	do	do
594	Burroway ... ..	2¼	3	¾	do	do
595	Hoblingrah ... ..	1½	1¼	¾	do	do
596	Terrangan ... ..	2¼	4	1¼	do	do
597	Bygaloree ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
598	Bundemar ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
599	Wonbobbie ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
600	Wambangalang ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
601	Mundawaddera ... ..	3½	4	½	do	do
603	Mathoura ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
605	Warrana ... ..	2½	2¾	¼	do	do
606	Buddabudah ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
608	Boberah or Morbi ... ..	1½	1¼	¾	do	do
609	Boolcarrol ... ..	2¾	4	1¼	do	do
611	Tenandra ... ..	2½	3¼	¾	do	do
612	Wyabray ... ..	1¼	2	¾	do	do
613	Opposite Derribong ... ..	2	2¾	¾	do	do
615	Mellool ... ..	3½	4	½	do	do
616	Boonal ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
617	Tycannah ... ..	3	4	1	do	do
619	Moirra ... ..	3½	3¾	¼	do	do
620	Tubbo ... ..	5½	6	½	do	do
621	Wathagar ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
623	Merringreen ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
624	Humula ... ..	1¼	2	¾	do	do
625	Enaweena ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
627	Ariah ... ..	3½	4	½	do	do
630	Yarrabee ... ..	3½	4	½	do	do
632	Back Daroualgie ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
633	Milton Vale ... ..	2½	3¼	¾	do	do
634	Kooba ... ..	3¼	3¾	¼	do	do
635	Nangunia and Warmatta ... ..	8	9	1	do	do
637	Ghoolendaadi ... ..	1½	2¼	¾	do	do
639	Bunarbra ... ..	2½	2¾	¼	do	do
640	Breeza ... ..	2	3¼	1¼	do	do
641	Triangular Plain ... ..	4	8	4	do	do
643	Gunnedah Station ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
644	Houlaghan's Creek South ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
645	Illumurgalia East ... ..	2½	3½	1	do	do
646	Bengalla ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
647	Bandon ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
648	Condobolin ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
649	Morangarell and Narraburra Creek ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
651	Barham ... ..	3½	4¼	¾	do	do
652	Mungerbumbone ... ..	2	2¼	¼	do	do
653	Tomanbil ... ..	3	4½	1½	do	do
654	Wooyeo ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
655	Murrumbidgee ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
658	Pullitop ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
660	Narran ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
661	Mullah ... ..	3¼	3½	¼	do	do
662	North Junee ... ..	3¼	4	¾	do	do
663	Tulcumbah ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
664	Ulonga ... ..	2½	2½	0	do	do
665	Dundullamel ... ..	1½	2½	1	do	do
667	Merool Baale Creek ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
668	Billabong West ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
669	New Gradgery ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
670	Mungle and Wallah ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
672	Cobran ... ..	4½	4¾	¼	do	do
673	Noweronie ... ..	4½	5	½	do	do
674	Tongamba ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do

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679	Trigamon ... ..	1½	2½	1	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
680	Murrungundy ... ..	1½	2¼	¾	do	do
681	Gragen and Gramen ... ..	2¾	3	¼	do	do
682	South Mahonga Forest ... ..	6¼	9½	3¼	do	do
685	Kolkibertoo North ... ..	2	2¼	¼	do	do
686	Merah ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
688	Warwillah ... ..	2½	3	½	do	do
689	Melrose ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
690	Willeroon ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
691	Wallangra ... ..	2¾	3	¼	do	do
692	Wallandoon ... ..	3¾	4	¼	do	do
693	Goolhi ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
694	Bald Hills and Warraderry ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
695	Wanganilla ... ..	3	3½	½	do	do
696	Gowang ... ..	1¾	2	¼	do	do
700	Willie ... ..	2¾	2¾	0	do	do
701	Lake Cowal ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
707	Oberne ... ..	2	2½	½	do	do
709	Obella ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
710	Wandoo Wandong ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
715	Elong Elong ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
719	Cobrauraguy ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
722	Piedmont ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
723	West Bogan No. 6 ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
726	Nelungaloo ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
728	Gonn ... ..	3½	4	½	do	do
736	Coombogolong ... ..	2¾	3	¼	do	do
737	Culmier ... ..	2¾	3	¼	do	do
740	Wallanbillan East... ..	2	3	1	do	do
741	Wallanbillan ... ..	2	3	1	do	do
742	Euroka North ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
743	Euroka South ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
744	Wheoga ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
745	Bogo Bogolong ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
168	Warrowrie ... ..	2	2½	½	do	do
68	Nap Nap ... ..	2½	2	Nil.	do	do
117	Toogimbie ... ..	2½	2	do	do	do

WESTERN DIVISION.

LEASEHOLD AREAS.

1	Wangaroa ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
3	Weilmoringle ... ..	1½	1½	0	do	do
7	Wilga ... ..	1	1¾	¾	do	Mr. Copeland.
13	Nelyambo ... ..	1¼	1¾	¾	do	do
17	Dumble ... ..	1½	2	½	do	Mr. Garrett.
24	Coan Downs ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
38	Gurrera ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
39	Til Til ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
52	Tarcoon ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	Mr. Copeland.
55	Momba ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	Mr. Garrett.
70	Nullawa ... ..	1½	1½	0	do	do
75	East Bogan No. 15 ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
78	Moothumbil ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
83	Yarrowin ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
97	Burtundy ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
98	Mullingawarrina ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	Mr. Copeland.
99	Wallandra ... ..	1½	2	½	do	Mr. Garrett.
100	Wyandra ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
103	Marra ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do
107	Wilkie Plains ... ..	1½	1½	0	do	Mr. Copeland.
111	Sussex ... ..	1	1½	½	do	Mr. Garrett.
112	Boondarra ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
116	Murrin ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
117	Mondadoo ... ..	1¾	2	¼	do	do
118	Brenda ... ..	1¾	2	¼	do	do
121	Muckerawa ... ..	1½	2	½	do	do
124	Bunneringee ... ..	1	1½	½	do	do
128	Toulby ... ..	1½	1¾	¼	do	do

No.	Name of Leasehold Area.	Rate per acre recommended by Board.	Rate per acre fixed by Minister.	Amount of Increase per acre.	Amount of Decrease per acre.	Minister determining Rate.
		Pence.	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.	
132	Nillera or Canyonboon ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{20}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	Nil.	Mr. Copeland.
134	Florida ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{50}$	$\frac{1}{50}$	do	do
135	Wonominta ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	do	do
137	Boorooma ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
138	Alma ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	2	$\frac{9}{10}$	do	do
140	Wirchilleba ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
147	Booroomugga ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{50}$	$\frac{1}{50}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
148	Golgol ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
152	Angledool ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
162	Dine Dine ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
165	North Abbotsford... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	do
174	Avoca ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{1}{32}$	do	do
179	Booberoi ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
180	Dungalear ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
197	Urella Downs ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
208	Gingie ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
212	Conoble ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
214	Cuthro ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{64}$	$\frac{1}{64}$	do	do
216	Bundinbarrina ... ..	1 $\frac{5}{16}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
218	Mulgah ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
219	Moolbong ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
222	Eremeran ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
224	North Merrowie ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	2	$\frac{5}{8}$	do	do
229	Billilla ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	do	do
232	Bedooba ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{20}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
234	Jandra ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
236	Charlton ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
242	Llanillo ... ..	1 $\frac{5}{16}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
245	Willandra ... ..	1 $\frac{6}{15}$	2	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
246	Mossgiel ... ..	1 $\frac{2}{5}$	2	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
253	Murrawombie ... ..	2 $\frac{2}{15}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{7}{60}$	do	do
254	Wamell ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
255	Mourabilla ... ..	1 $\frac{2}{3}$	2	$\frac{1}{3}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
256	Tara ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
264	Coolahbah ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
266	Billybinbone ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{3}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
267	East Bogan No. 17 ... ..	1 $\frac{7}{10}$	2 $\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	do	do
269	Erinbendery ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{5}$	2	$\frac{4}{5}$	do	do
270	Tom's Lake ... ..	1 $\frac{2}{5}$	2	$\frac{3}{5}$	do	do
274	Kayrunnera ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
282	East Bogan No. 16 ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
286	Huaba ... ..	1	1 $\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	do	do
294	Willybingbone ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	do
296	Gumanaldry ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{50}$	$\frac{1}{50}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
303	Grawin South ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	do	do
304	East Bogan No. 14 ... ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
308	Moongulla West ... ..	1	1 $\frac{1}{50}$	$\frac{1}{50}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
311	Euabalong ... ..	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	do	Mr. Garrett.
178	Cultowa ... ..	1.09	1 $\frac{1}{11}$	$\frac{1}{110}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
36	Culpaulin ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{100}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nil.	$\frac{1}{50}$	do
199	Yeranbah ... ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	$\frac{1}{20}$	do
271	Burrandoon ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1	do	$\frac{3}{8}$	do
302	Lower Nilgie ... ..	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	do	$\frac{5}{4}$	do



## EASTERN DIVISION.

## RESUMED AREAS.

No.	Name of Resumed Area.	Rate per section recommended by Board.	Rate per section fixed by Minister.	Amount of Increase per section.	Amount of Decrease per section.	Minister determining Rate.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Kangaroo Hills... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
2	Emu Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
3	Balala ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
4	Durham Court ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
7	Moonbi ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
8	Rockvale ... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
9	Bang Bang ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
10	Waterloo ... ..	5 6 8	5 13 4	0 6 8	do	do
11	Barraba ... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
12	North Talbingo... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
13	Doughboy Hollow ... ..	2 5 0	3 0 0	0 15 0	do	do
14	Ouranee... ..	7 0 0	8 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
15	Toolong ... ..	2 2 6	2 13 4	0 10 10	do	do
16	North Barraba ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
17	Wantabadgery ... ..	12 13 4	13 0 0	3 6 8	do	do
18	West Blowering ... ..	4 13 4	5 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
20	Guy Fawkes River ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
21	Borah Creek ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
22	Ellerslie ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
23	Kybean ... ..	4 10 0	5 6 8	0 16 8	do	do
24	The Junction ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
25	Kyogle ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
26	Tantangara ... ..	3 10 0	7 0 0	3 10 0	do	do
28	Ettrick Forest ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
29	Yarrangobilly ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
30	Rosebrook ... ..	5 1 4	8 0 0	2 18 8	do	do
31	Cambalong ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
32	Carrot ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
33	Mooki Springs ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
35	Sandilands ... ..	2 5 0	2 13 4	0 8 4	do	do
36	Nanima ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
37	Mundowey ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
38	Rocky Plain ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
39	Gadara ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
40	Lyndhurst ... ..	2 13 4	5 6 8	2 13 4	do	do
43	Neila ... ..	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
44	Swamp Oak Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
47	Yulgilbar ... ..	2 7 6	2 13 4	0 5 10	do	do
48	Bimben West ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
49	Bolero ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
50	The Middle Cotter North ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
51	Quirindi Creek ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
53	Bulgar Creek ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
54	Moles ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
56	Rampsbeck ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
57	Waste Point or Triangle ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
59	Maffra ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
61	Green Hills ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
62	Berthong ... ..	10 13 4	16 0 0	5 6 8	do	do
64	Mount Adra ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
65	Numeralla ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
67	Clifton ... ..	2 6 8	2 13 4	0 6 8	do	do
68	Bolivia ... ..	3 0 0	3 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
69	Gunninggrach ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
71	Anembo ... ..	2 10 0	3 0 0	0 10 0	do	do
72	Geekle ... ..	3 9 4	4 0 0	0 10 8	do	do
73	Jerra Jerra ... ..	3 10 0	4 0 0	0 10 0	do	do
74	Cobbin ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
75	Yarrara ... ..	2 5 0	3 0 0	0 15 0	do	do
76	Adelong... ..	10 0 0	13 6 8	3 6 8	do	do
77	Bunganby ... ..	3 4 0	4 0 0	0 16 0	do	do
78	Long Reach ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
79	Myalla ... ..	3 0 0	5 6 8	2 6 8	do	do
82	Stockyard Flat ... ..	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
83	Rimbanda ... ..	2 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	do	do
85	Cowra ... ..	2 10 0	3 0 0	0 10 0	do	do
86	Yabtree ... ..	5 14 3	9 6 8	3 12 5	do	do

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87	Yarra Yarra ... ..	3 5 0	4 0 0	0 15 0	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
90	Mimmo ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
91	Narrogal ... ..	6 0 0	7 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
93	Riah Lake ... ..	2 8 0	3 0 0	0 12 0	do	do
94	Wollondilly ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
95	Long Plain ... ..	4 0 0	7 0 0	3 0 0	do	do
96	Mowenbah ... ..	5 1 4	5 6 8	0 5 4	do	do
98	Nottingham Forest ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
99	Dungowan ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
100	Europambela ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
101	Karoola ... ..	3 0 0	3 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
102	Walla Walla ... ..	8 0 0	12 0 0	4 0 0	do	do
104	Biggan and Eucumbene ... ..	4 10 8	6 0 0	1 9 4	do	do
105	Boggy Plain ... ..	2 18 8	3 6 8	0 8 0	do	do
106	Moredun ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
107	Attunga ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
108	Stonehenge ... ..	5 6 8	6 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
109	Alfreda ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
112	North Cuerindi ... ..	2 5 0	2 13 4	0 8 4	do	do
113	Kiandra ... ..	3 6 8	5 6 8	2 0 0	do	do
114	Aberbaldie ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
115	Little Burrangong ... ..	2 0 0	16 0 0	14 0 0	do	do
116	Tumberumba ... ..	2 5 0	2 13 4	0 8 4	do	do
117	Congi ... ..	2 13 4	6 0 0	3 6 8	do	do
118	Surveyor's Creek ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
120	Burrow ... ..	4 10 8	5 6 8	0 16 0	do	do
121	Glen Fernaigh ... ..	2 2 6	3 0 0	0 17 6	do	do
122	Bukkulla ... ..	3 13 4	4 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
123	Tom Groggin ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
124	Buymedura ... ..	2 6 8	2 13 4	0 6 8	do	do
125	Ukolan or Cuerindi ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
127	Eatonswill ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
128	Qwyarigo ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
130	Blair Hill ... ..	6 0 0	6 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
132	Cocomingla ... ..	8 10 0	10 0 0	1 10 0	do	do
133	Mullion ... ..	2 8 0	4 0 0	1 12 0	do	do
136	Glen Elgin ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
138	Gezezerick ... ..	3 4 0	4 13 4	1 9 4	do	do
139	Boraig ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
140	Denison Reserve ... ..	5 6 8	6 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
141	Dyraaba ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
142	Caddigat Creek ... ..	5 1 4	6 10 0	1 8 8	do	do
143	Wambrook and Island Lake ... ..	4 5 4	5 6 8	1 1 4	do	do
144	Salisbury ... ..	6 0 0	9 6 8	3 6 8	do	do
145	Nanangroe ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
147	Chidowla ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
148	Aberfoyle ... ..	5 6 8	6 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
149	Snow Vale ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
150	Memagong ... ..	3 12 0	5 12 0	2 0 0	do	do
152	Mihi Creek ... ..	5 0 0	5 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
153	Currowang ... ..	3 4 0	4 0 0	0 16 0	do	do
155	Cave Flat and Cowradigby ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
156	Greenwich ... ..	3 0 0	3 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
157	Argalong ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
159	Hillgrove ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
160	Tooma Falls ... ..	2 5 6	2 13 4	0 7 10	do	do
161	Maharatta ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
162	Round Hill ... ..	8 0 0	12 0 0	4 0 0	do	do
164	Taemas ... ..	21 5 0	21 6 8	0 1 8	do	do
165	Snowy River ... ..	5 1 4	6 13 4	1 12 0	do	do
166	Tabulam ... ..	2 17 6	3 0 0	0 2 6	do	do
167	Tinderays ... ..	3 14 0	4 6 8	0 12 8	do	do
168	Childowla ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
169	Bredbo North ... ..	2 18 8	3 6 8	0 8 0	do	do
170	Dry Plains ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
171	Booroombi ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
172	Dangelong ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
173	Peak Back ... ..	3 6 8	5 6 8	2 0 0	do	do
175	Coolingdon ... ..	7 0 2	8 17 6	1 17 4	do	do
177	Stoney Creek ... ..	2 13 4	5 6 8	2 13 4	do	do
178	Bungalal B. ... ..	7 5 4	7 12 0	0 6 8	do	do

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		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
179	Bonyeo ... ..	16	13	4	17	6	8	0	13	4	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
180	Woolgarlo ... ..	3	1	4	3	14	8	0	13	4	do	do
181	Bogolong ... ..	10	13	4	12	0	0	1	6	8	do	do
183	Pelubua ... ..	8	0	0	9	6	8	1	6	8	do	do
184	Bennbowlee ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
185	Buckargingah ... ..	6	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	do	do
186	Bogolong ... ..	5	6	8	6	6	8	1	0	0	do	do
187	Mugmugwug ... ..	2	13	4	3	6	8	0	13	4	do	do
188	Neurenmerremang ... ..	2	7	6	2	13	4	0	5	10	do	do
189	Enmore ... ..	2	0	0	3	6	8	1	6	8	do	do
190	Klori ... ..	3	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	do	do
191	Toomoorooma ... ..	3	6	8	4	0	0	0	13	4	do	do
192	Little Tinderrys ... ..	3	14	8	4	0	0	0	5	4	do	do
193	Tara ... ..	3	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	do	do
195	Bendemeer ... ..	3	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	0	do	do
196	Grosse's Plain ... ..	3	2	3	3	6	8	0	4	5	do	do
197	Brown's Springs ... ..	7	10	0	9	6	8	1	16	8	do	do
198	Rangers' Valley ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
200	Toomoorooma ... ..	3	6	8	4	0	0	0	13	4	do	do
201	Tiengah ... ..	3	6	8	4	0	0	0	13	4	do	do
202	Milong ... ..	2	0	0	5	6	8	3	6	8	do	do
204	Tumbleton Station ... ..	12	10	0	16	0	0	3	10	0	do	do
206	Talbingo... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
207	Micalago ... ..	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	do	do
209	Fryingpan Creek ... ..	3	14	8	5	0	0	1	5	4	do	do
210	Coolamabong ... ..	3	10	8	5	0	0	1	9	4	do	do
212	Rosewood ... ..	2	2	6	2	13	4	0	10	10	do	do
213	Narallen... ..	4	3	4	4	16	8	0	13	4	do	do
215	Bolero ... ..	2	0	0	3	6	8	1	6	8	do	do
216	Bald Hills or The Gullies ... ..	3	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	do	do
217	Addicumbene ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
218	Moonbuca ... ..	4	0	0	4	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
222	Bolero ... ..	6	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	do	do
223	Biggam ... ..	2	8	0	3	0	0	0	12	0	do	do
227	Cumbermurra ... ..	10	13	4	12	0	0	1	6	8	do	do
228	Illunie ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
231	Shannon Vale ... ..	2	13	4	3	0	0	0	6	8	do	do
232	Jacob's River ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
233	Woolingmurah ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
235	Gonowra ... ..	4	10	8	5	0	0	0	9	4	do	do
236	West Pinbeyan... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
237	Willis ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
238	Mylora ... ..	6	13	4	8	0	0	1	6	8	do	do
239	Muttama ... ..	5	6	8	6	13	4	1	6	8	do	do
240	Bald Rock ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
241	Urayarra ... ..	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	do	do
242	Eversleigh ... ..	4	5	0	4	13	4	0	8	4	do	do
243	Yellowin ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
244	Upper Indi ... ..	2	5	0	2	13	4	0	8	4	do	do
245	Beverley... ..	2	13	4	3	0	0	0	6	8	do	do
246	Upper Goobaragandra .. ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
247	Marranumbla ... ..	10	8	0	12	0	0	1	12	0	do	do
248	Walaregang North ... ..	4	0	0	4	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
250	Moparrabah ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
252	Koreelah ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
255	Little Plains ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
256	Four-mile Creek ... ..	3	15	0	4	13	4	0	18	4	do	do
257	Wabbra ... ..	2	0	0	3	6	8	1	6	8	do	do
258	Shaking Bog ... ..	3	6	8	4	0	0	0	13	4	do	do
261	Jumenbuen ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
262	Crowther ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
263	Bookookoorara ... ..	2	0	0	2	6	8	0	6	8	do	do
264	Elsineur ... ..	2	5	0	2	13	4	0	8	4	do	do
265	Gerogery ... ..	5	5	0	5	6	8	0	1	8	do	do
266	Hillside ... ..	2	5	0	3	6	8	1	1	8	do	do
267	Mooney Mooney ... ..	8	13	4	10	13	4	2	0	0	do	do
268	Rocky Plain ... ..	2	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	do	do
269	Countegany ... ..	4	10	0	5	6	8	0	16	8	do	do
270	Toorumbec ... ..	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do
271	Wallabadah ... ..	2	13	4	4	0	0	1	6	8	do	do
272	Undercliffe and Rivertree West	2	0	0	2	13	4	0	13	4	do	do

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273	Bondi ... ..	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
274	Bando ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
276	Boboyan ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
277	Kentucky ... ..	5 0 0	6 13 4	1 13 4	do	do
278	New Koreelah ... ..	2 6 8	3 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
280	Auburn Vale ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
283	Curry Flat ... ..	11 4 0	13 6 8	2 2 8	do	do
285	Nulla Nulla ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
287	Craigie ... ..	4 13 4	5 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
288	Dora Dora ... ..	2 10 0	3 6 8	0 16 8	do	do
289	Queengallery ... ..	3 14 8	5 0 0	1 5 4	do	do
290	Coppabella ... ..	2 0 0	4 13 4	2 13 4	do	do
291	Billabong ... ..	2 10 0	2 13 4	0 3 4	do	do
292	Wooroowoolgan ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
293	Ironmungy Minor ... ..	2 8 0	3 6 8	0 18 8	do	do
294	Glenbog ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
296	Blowering ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
299	Glenray ... ..	3 5 0	3 6 8	0 1 8	do	do
301	Bell Brook ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
302	Frazer's Creek ... ..	3 6 8	3 13 4	0 6 8	do	do
303	Yarra ... ..	3 7 4	4 0 0	0 12 8	do	do
304	Mole River ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
307	Black Jack ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
308	Newbold Grange and Cangai ... ..	2 1 3	3 0 0	0 18 9	do	do
310	Tooma ... ..	2 15 0	3 0 0	0 5 0	do	do
311	Cowra Rocks ... ..	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
312	Burra ... ..	2 15 0	3 0 0	0 5 0	do	do
314	Stony Batter ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
315	Jindabyne West ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
318	Miller's Creek ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
320	Ten-mile Creek ... ..	10 5 0	12 0 0	1 15 0	do	do
321	Wiangerie ... ..	2 5 0	2 13 4	0 8 4	do	do
322	Kalkite ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
323	Waterloo ... ..	4 0 0	5 13 4	1 13 4	do	do
325	Newstead ... ..	4 0 0	5 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
326	Bald Hills ... ..	2 5 0	4 0 0	1 15 0	do	do
328	Lanark Lodge ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
329	Casino ... ..	2 10 0	5 6 8	2 16 8	do	do
330	Dananbilla ... ..	3 3 9	5 3 6	1 19 9	do	do
331	Cubmurra ... ..	3 4 0	5 6 8	2 2 8	do	do
332	Ollera ... ..	5 0 0	5 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
333	Annandale ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
337	Broula ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
338	Looangra ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
340	Head of the River ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
341	Mount Mitchell West ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
342	Geegullagong ... ..	5 6 8	6 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
343	Muluerindie ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
345	Cheeseman's Creek ... ..	3 12 0	4 13 4	1 1 4	do	do
347	Laura ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
348	Currangorambla West ... ..	4 0 0	7 0 0	3 0 0	do	do
349	Bergen-op-Zoom ... ..	4 0 0	6 13 4	2 13 4	do	do
350	Bogolong ... ..	9 0 0	10 13 4	1 13 4	do	do
351	Dilga ... ..	2 6 8	2 13 4	0 6 8	do	do
353	Walcha ... ..	5 6 8	6 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
354	Ironbark Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
357	Moona Plain ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
359	Cooleman ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
361	Tooloom and Woodenbong ... ..	2 17 6	4 0 0	1 2 6	do	do
362	Woolomin ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
363	Currangorambla ... ..	5 1 4	7 0 0	1 18 8	do	do
365	Head of Cherry Flat ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
367	Billylingera ... ..	5 1 4	6 10 0	1 8 8	do	do
368	Gyra or Gara ... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
369	Lowry Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
370	Bobundara ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
371	Breakfast Creek ... ..	4 17 10	4 19 2	0 1 4	do	do
372	Kimo ... ..	6 0 0	8 13 4	2 13 4	do	do
373	Annandale ... ..	4 0 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
375	Bungawalbyn ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
376	Oban ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do

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377	Bangus	3 11 0	4 0 0	0 9 0	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
379	Copabella	3 5 0	4 0 0	0 15 0	do	do
380	Bobundra	7 13 4	8 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
381	Bullanamang	3 7 4	4 0 0	0 12 8	do	do
382	Lismore	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
383	Congwarrah	2 13 8	3 6 8	0 8 0	do	do
384	Herbert Park	3 0 0	3 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
386	Logan	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
387	Yarrowitch	2 6 8	2 13 4	0 6 8	do	do
388	Maryland	2 6 8	3 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
389	Red Hill	5 6 8	6 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
391	Green Hills	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
392	Woomargama	4 0 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
393	Bouralong	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
396	Bective	3 13 4	4 13 4	1 0 0	do	do
398	Cuppacumbalong	3 1 4	4 0 0	0 13 8	do	do
399	Mingay	5 0 0	6 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
400	Yaouk	3 6 8	5 6 8	2 0 0	do	do
401	Barney Downs	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
402	Wangrah Creek	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
404	Balblair	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
406	Summer Hill	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
407	Dutzon	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
409	Winscombe	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
410	Paradise Creek	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
411	Wombramurra	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
412	Camira	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
413	Creewah	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
415	Cowradigbee	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
416	Barnockburn	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
418	Barraba Creek	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
420	Bumbalong	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
421	Mount Mitchell	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
422	Roseberry	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
423	Wollonumbi	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
424	Canomodine	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
426	Jeremiah and Bongongo	4 19 6	5 6 8	0 7 2	do	do
429	Little Billabong and The Falls	3 15 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
431	Burrumunda Troy	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
435	Jingellie	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
436	Torryburn	2 6 8	2 13 4	0 6 8	do	do
437	Tomora	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
438	Dudal Comer	7 10 0	9 13 4	2 3 4	do	do
441	Piallaway and Walhallow	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
444	Wattamadara	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
445	Kickerbill	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
446	Toogong	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
447	Manilla and Glenriddle	2 10 0	3 0 0	0 10 0	do	do
451	Darbalara	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
453	Merriganowry	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
454	Delegate	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
456	Whit-Whittal	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
457	Branga Park	4 13 4	5 13 4	1 0 0	do	do
458	Demandering	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
459	Deligate	2 5 0	3 6 8	1 1 8	do	do
460	Upper Balabla	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
461	Ward's Mistake	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
463	Tarecla	3 10 0	4 0 0	0 10 0	do	do
465	Jugiong	16 0 0	18 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
466	Kingstown	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
467	Cookardinia	3 5 0	4 0 0	0 15 0	do	do
468	Atkins Flat and Maidenhead	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
469	Branga Plains and Callaghan's Swamp.	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
471	Head of Richmond	2 10 0	2 13 4	0 3 4	do	do
472	Jindabyne East	3 14 8	4 6 8	0 12 0	do	do
474	Cheviot Hills South and Fairfield South.	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
475	Coomoo Coomoo	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
479	Gonimbla	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
481	Rose Valley and Bredbo South	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do

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482	Bonshaw ... ..	3 0 0	3 6 8	0 6 8	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
483	The Bramina ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
486	Gunnong Jugrawah ... ..	3 8 7	4 0 0	0 11 5	do	do
488	Strathbogie and Rocky Creek...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
489	Nimitabelle ... ..	13 6 8	16 0 0	2 13 4	do	do
490	Clerkness ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
491	Pedee Creek ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
492	Keepit ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
493	Yarrow Creek and Kingsgate...	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
495	Kangaroooby ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
496	Newrea or Noory ... ..	5 6 8	6 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
497	Stony Creek ... ..	2 6 8	3 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
499	The Gulf ... ..	6 0 0	8 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
500	Gabramatta ... ..	2 18 8	3 6 8	0 8 0	do	do
501	Head of Bribaree ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
502	Nangus ... ..	8 7 5	12 0 0	3 12 7	do	do
503	Tomalla ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
505	Gordon Brook ... ..	2 12 6	3 0 0	0 7 6	do	do
511	Oberne ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
512	Keera ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
513	Obella ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
514	Wandoo Wondong ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
518	Hernani ... ..	3 0 0	3 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
519	Meatong ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
521	Thoko ... ..	4 13 4	5 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
522	Abington ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
523	Southgate and Blake's Creek ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
525	Numbla ... ..	2 18 8	4 0 0	1 1 4	do	do
526	Orraba ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
527	Numeralla and Moule's Gully...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
528	Ironmungie ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
529	Talumbi ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
530	Currangorambla South ... ..	6 16 0	7 16 0	1 0 0	do	do
531	Greenlands ... ..	4 13 4	5 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
533	Moppity... ..	21 6 8	24 0 0	2 13 4	do	do
534	Guy Faux ... ..	3 0 0	3 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
538	Gobarralong ... ..	4 9 7	8 0 0	3 10 5	do	do
539	Moonbar ... ..	4 16 0	5 6 8	0 10 8	do	do
540	Cope's Creek ... ..	2 13 4	3 13 4	1 0 0	do	do
541	Menedebri ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
543	Byron ... ..	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
544	Tenterfield and Bowra Bowra Creek.	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
546	Wellington Vale ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
548	Marowan ... ..	6 0 0	6 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
549	Ben Lomond ... ..	5 6 8	6 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
550	Adaminaby ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
551	Rock Forest ... ..	5 1 4	5 6 8	0 5 4	do	do
553	Cunningham Creek ... ..	10 13 4	12 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
555	Brungle ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
557	Ingalba and Glen Morrison ...	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
558	Boorook ... ..	2 6 8	3 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
560	Cardington ... ..	6 2 8	6 16 0	0 13 4	do	do
563	Bostobrick ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
566	Tilbuster ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
5	Weejasper ... ..	8 8 0	5 6 8	Nil.	3 1 4	do
84	Black Range ... ..	8 8 0	6 13 4	do	1 14 8	do
219	Cooradigbee ... ..	8 8 0	5 6 8	do	3 1 4	do
230	Springmount ... ..	4 15 0	4 13 4	do	0 1 8	do
364	Cavan ... ..	8 8 0	5 6 8	do	3 1 4	do

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3	Wagingoberemby ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
5	Binnia ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
6	Gurley ... ..	4 0 0	6 13 4	2 13 4	do	do
7	Combadello and Nepickalina ...	4 13 4	5 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
9	Gournama ... ..	3 5 0	3 6 8	0 1 8	do	do

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10	Calga ... ..	3 13 4	5 6 8	1 13 4	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
12	Kunopia... ..	4 10 8	4 13 4	0 2 8	do	do
14	Mulwala and Savernake ... ..	6 13 4	9 6 8	2 13 4	do	do
15	Caragabal ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
16	Marrar ... ..	5 0 0	5 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
17	Womboin ... ..	3 1 8	4 0 0	0 18 4	do	do
18	Belaringar ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
19	Coonabarrabran ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
21	Wandary ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
22	Peter Duffity ... ..	4 0 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
24	South Condoumlin ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
25	Campbell's Island ... ..	7 14 8	8 0 0	0 5 4	do	do
26	Narrandera ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
28	Cadow ... ..	2 7 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 6 8	0 19 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	do	do
29	Keri Keri ... ..	3 14 8	4 0 0	0 5 4	do	do
30	Oregon ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
31	Boomanoomana... ..	10 0 0	16 0 0	6 0 0	do	do
32	Bullenbong ... ..	8 13 4	9 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
33	Kiacatoo ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
34	Bogamildi ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
35	Bundulla ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
36	Caigan ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
37	Upper Wyalong No. 3 ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
38	Kialgara... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
39	Puckawidgee ... ..	7 4 0	9 6 8	2 2 8	do	do
40	Telleraga ... ..	4 0 0	5 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
41	Balgay ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
42	Mullengudgery ... ..	3 0 0	4 13 4	1 13 4	do	do
44	Gorian ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
45	Youngee Plain ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
47	Ballaree ... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
48	Bland ... ..	2 5 4	3 5 4	1 0 0	do	do
49	Gumin Gumin ... ..	2 10 0	3 6 8	0 16 8	do	do
50	Gundare ... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
51	Coradgery ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
52	Tyreel ... ..	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
53	Yarragrinn ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
54	West Mandamah ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
56	South Balladoran ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
58	Dobikin ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
59	Gralgumbone ... ..	3 0 0	5 6 8	2 6 8	do	do
60	Bone and Premer ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
61	Billabong ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
62	Yarringerry ... ..	3 10 11	3 13 4	0 2 5	do	do
63	Four-bob Camp... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
64	Native Dog ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
66	Blue Nobby ... ..	3 5 0	4 0 0	0 15 0	do	do
67	Belubula ... ..	6 8 4	8 0 0	1 11 8	do	do
69	Spicer's Creek ... ..	3 0 0	3 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
70	North Malonga... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
71	Berida ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
73	Uabba ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
74	Boyd ... ..	2 5 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2 7 3	0 2 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	do	do
75	Tregalana ... ..	2 2 8	3 0 0	0 17 4	do	do
76	Yanda ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
77	Chah Sing ... ..	6 1 6	6 13 4	0 11 10	do	do
80	Weebollabolla ... ..	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
81	Wondoobar ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
84	Bogan Plains ... ..	2 6 8	4 0 0	1 13 4	do	do
85	Mumblebone ... ..	3 15 0	4 13 4	0 18 4	do	do
88	Goonal ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
89	Mooloomoon ... ..	7 14 8	8 0 0	0 5 4	do	do
91	Burdenda ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
92	Gillendoon ... ..	3 0 0	6 0 0	3 0 0	do	do
93	Nebea ... ..	3 6 8	5 0 0	1 13 4	do	do
94	Weelah or Gradgery ... ..	3 0 0	6 0 0	3 0 0	do	do
95	Garrawilla ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
96	Ganmain ... ..	7 8 6	8 0 0	0 11 6	do	do
98	Buddabadah ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
99	Mungranby and Baurbeen ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
100	Esperance ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do

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102	Tootal ... ..	3 17 4	4 0 0	0 2 8	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
103	Merri Merrigal ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
104	Wangamong Plains ... ..	11 6 8	13 6 8	2 0 0	do	do
105	Cocopara East ... ..	2 0 0	2 5 0	0 5 0	do	do
106	Bugilbone ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
108	Nyang ... ..	6 8 0	8 0 0	1 12 0	do	do
112	Colliburl... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
113	Yarraldool ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	Mr. Copeland.
114	Bundilla... ..	3 13 4	6 0 0	2 6 8	do	Mr. Garrett.
115	Milby ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
116	Tonderburine ... ..	3 13 4	4 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
118	Killarncy ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
119	Warry ... ..	6 13 4	8 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
121	Willewa ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
124	Booabula ... ..	2 17 6	3 6 8	0 9 2	do	do
125	Barmedman ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
126	Bolagamy ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
127	Bulgandramine ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
128	Wolla Wolla ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
129	Quambone ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
130	Flagstone Creek ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
132	Egan Creek ... ..	10 0 0	11 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
133	Ungaree... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
134	Borambil ... ..	2 6 8	2 13 4	0 6 8	do	do
135	Belgoreen ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
136	Upper Merry Merry ... ..	3 6 8	5 0 0	1 13 4	do	do
139	Haddon Rigg ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
140	Gineroi ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
141	Bogewong ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
142	North Yanco ... ..	5 16 8	6 13 4	0 16 8	do	do
143	Back Esperance ... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
144	Liewah ... ..	7 4 0	8 0 0	0 16 0	do	do
145	Nyngan East ... ..	2 13 4	6 0 0	3 6 8	do	do
146	Minna Minnane ... ..	4 13 4	5 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
147	Junea ... ..	14 13 4	16 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
149	Geeron or Darangibal ... ..	3 17 6 <sup>11</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	4 0 0	0 2 5 <sup>11</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	do	do
150	Ellengerah ... ..	3 10 0	5 0 0	1 10 0	do	do
152	Bull Plain ... ..	10 13 4	13 6 8	2 13 4	do	do
153	Colane ... ..	3 15 0	4 0 0	0 5 0	do	do
154	Colombo Creek ... ..	10 0 0	10 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
156	Murrulebale ... ..	10 0 0	10 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
157	Tregalana East ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
158	South Yathong ... ..	12 13 4	13 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
159	The Brigalows ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
160	Tuppal ... ..	11 14 6	12 0 0	0 5 6	do	do
161	Quambone ... ..	3 6 8	5 0 0	1 13 4	do	do
163	North Yathong... ..	3 0 0	5 6 8	2 6 8	do	do
164	Tarramia ... ..	12 0 0	16 0 0	4 0 0	do	do
165	Cocketgedong ... ..	6 13 4	10 13 4	4 0 0	do	do
166	Cremorne ... ..	3 0 0	5 6 8	2 6 8	do	do
168	Warrowrie ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
169	Haddon Riggs ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
170	Gorman's Hill West ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
172	Drildool ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
173	Carwell ... ..	3 13 4	5 6 8	1 13 4	do	do
174	Wingadee ... ..	3 16 8	4 13 4	0 16 8	do	do
176	Pomingalarna ... ..	12 0 0	16 0 0	4 0 0	do	do
177	Nelgowrie ... ..	3 16 8	5 6 8	1 10 0	do	do
179	Merebone ... ..	4 0 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
181	Warroo ... ..	3 11 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 0 0	0 8 10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	do	do
182	Ford's Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
184	Boronga... ..	3 6 8	4 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
185	Bomera ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
186	Booloroo ... ..	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
187	The Overflow ... ..	2 0 0	2 16 8	0 16 8	do	do
188	Centre Block No. 3 ... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
190	Burran ... ..	3 16 8	4 13 4	0 16 8	do	do
191	Malaraway and Millie North ... ..	3 15 0	5 6 8	1 11 8	do	do
192	Barbigal... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
193	Derri Derri ... ..	5 0 0	5 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
194	Oakey Creek ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do



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195	Urawilkey ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
198	Carabost... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
199	Wallamgambone ... ..	3 10 0	4 0 0	0 10 0	do	do
200	Widgiewa ... ..	8 0 0	9 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
201	Caidmurra ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
202	Tyrie ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
205	Woodlands ... ..	2 0 0	2 16 8	0 16 8	do	do
206	Kucargo or Tory Wee Waa ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
207	Bomely ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
210	Jerilderie ... ..	3 11 0	6 13 4	3 2 4	do	do
212	Milkengowrie ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
213	Gewrie ... ..	2 10 0	4 0 0	1 10 0	do	do
214	Bando ... ..	2 6 11	5 13 7	3 6 8	do	do
215	Yamma ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
216	Gulgo South ... ..	3 0 0	4 13 4	1 13 4	do	do
217	Oxley ... ..	4 10 8	6 8 0	1 17 4	do	do
218	The Troffs ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
221	Bundalla ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
222	Coubail ... ..	4 0 0	5 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
223	New Myregall ... ..	3 16 8	6 0 0	2 3 4	do	do
224	Colombo Plain ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
225	Balagula... ..	3 16 8	4 3 4	0 6 8	do	do
226	Orange Plains ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
230	Gillenbine and Gobondry ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
232	Carlinda ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
233	Berembed North ... ..	5 14 3	6 0 0	0 5 9	do	do
234	Ulinda ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
235	Beremegad ... ..	6 9 7	7 0 0	0 10 5	do	do
236	Neinby (Upper) ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
237	Armatree ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
238	North Goonambil ... ..	6 13 4	9 6 8	2 13 4	do	do
241	Sandy Creek and Wagga Wagga ... ..	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
242	Barooga ... ..	8 13 4	12 0 0	3 6 8	do	do
243	Coolatai ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
244	Nowley ... ..	4 5 0	5 6 8	1 1 8	do	do
245	Quilbone ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
246	Bokemer ... ..	3 6 8	5 6 8	2 0 0	do	do
247	Melrose Block D ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
248	Weemabah ... ..	4 0 0	6 13 4	2 13 4	do	do
249	Spring Creek ... ..	2 5 0	3 6 8	1 1 8	do	do
250	Terramungamine ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
251	Oreel ... ..	3 6 8	4 2 2	0 15 6	do	do
252	Buttabone ... ..	4 5 0	6 0 0	1 15 0	do	do
254	Coonimbia ... ..	3 16 8	5 0 0	1 3 4	do	do
255	Mungyer ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
256	Canoon Point ... ..	5 12 0	6 8 0	0 16 0	do	do
257	Caroonboon ... ..	5 4 0	5 6 8	0 2 8	do	do
259	Cryon ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	Mr. Copeland.
260	Tabratong ... ..	4 0 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	do	Mr. Garrett.
262	Tucklan and Yarrow Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
263	Momalong ... ..	10 0 0	12 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
264	Binya ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
267	Yaddra ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
268	Narrow Plains ... ..	14 3 4	16 0 0	1 16 8	do	do
269	Wardry ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
270	Dubbo ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
271	Gennaren ... ..	2 7 4 <sup>8</sup>	4 0 0	1 12 7 <sup>9</sup>	do	do
272	Tharambone ... ..	2 0 0	3 13 4	1 13 4	do	do
273	Merrigal Back ... ..	3 10 0	5 0 0	1 10 0	do	do
274	Mount Harris ... ..	4 0 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
275	Butherwah ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
276	Carinda ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
277	Cobbadah ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
279	Merrybone ... ..	3 0 0	6 13 4	3 13 4	do	do
280	Moulmain ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
283	Burren ... ..	3 0 0	5 6 8	2 6 8	do	do
285	Trialgara ... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
286	Upper Daroobalgie ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
287	West Bland Plains ... ..	5 11 0	6 2 8	0 11 8	do	do
288	Emu Plains ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
289	Wentworth Gully ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do

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291	Mimosa West ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
293	Coolah ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
294	Murgah ... ..	7 14 8	8 6 8	0 12 0	do	do
296	Yagaba ... ..	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
298	Ballandry ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
299	Murray Downs ... ..	4 10 8	5 6 8	0 16 0	do	do
301	Wirrah ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
302	Crown Camp ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
304	Bolaro ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
305	Bunarba ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
306	Billeroy ... ..	3 13 4	4 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
307	Goobang ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
308	Coppymurrumbil ... ..	2 13 4	5 6 8	2 13 4	do	do
309	Tourable ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
310	Burrall or Gunnible ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
312	Queensborough ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
313	Boona West ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
317	Welbon ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
318	Pullingawarrina ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
319	Gillinghall ... ..	2 10 0	4 0 0	1 10 0	do	do
320	New Kirban ... ..	2 13 4	4 6 8	1 13 4	do	do
321	Upper Boomley ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
323	Armitree ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
324	Sandy Camp ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
326	Gunningbar ... ..	4 10 0	4 13 4	0 3 4	do	do
328	Pine Ridge ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
330	Biniguy ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
331	Yarrowah ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
333	Gidgenboyne ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
334	Pullanming ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
335	Burrangong ... ..	9 6 8	10 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
336	Terry-Hie-Hie ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
337	Gunnibong ... ..	3 16 8	5 3 4	1 6 8	do	do
340	Wowingragong ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
341	Marthaguy Creek ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
343	Perricoota ... ..	5 6 8	10 13 4	5 6 8	do	do
344	Collymongool ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
345	Brewon ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
346	O'Brien's Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
349	Bulgandra ... ..	5 0 0	5 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
350	Aratula ... ..	8 16 0	9 0 0	0 4 0	do	do
351	Murray ... ..	6 5 0	12 0 0	5 15 0	do	do
352	Pier Pier ... ..	4 0 0	5 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
353	Beanbah ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
354	North Wakool ... ..	6 18 8	7 0 0	0 1 4	do	do
355	South Merrowie ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
356	Cobar ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
357	Colindina ... ..	15 7 6	16 0 0	0 12 6	do	do
359	Bimble ... ..	3 16 8	5 6 8	1 10 0	do	do
360	Malonga ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
362	Merrigal ... ..	4 0 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
364	Grawhey ... ..	5 6 8	6 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
365	Euglo ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
366	Quabothoo ... ..	3 6 8	4 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
367	Bundy ... ..	3 16 8	5 6 8	1 10 0	do	do
368	Kerriwah ... ..	2 0 0	2 16 8	0 16 8	do	do
369	Ringwood ... ..	16 0 0	17 13 4	1 13 4	do	do
371	Warbreccan ... ..	13 12 0	14 0 0	0 8 0	do	do
373	Sandridge ... ..	5 0 0	6 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
374	The Boebung Swamp ... ..	3 13 4	5 6 8	1 13 4	do	do
375	Howlong ... ..	15 0 0	16 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
376	Coree ... ..	6 13 4	8 13 4	2 0 0	do	do
377	Halfmoon Plain ... ..	4 10 0	6 13 4	2 3 4	do	do
378	Medway and Gamber Gamber West.	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
379	Cowel Murreyan ... ..	3 13 4	5 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
381	Buraga ... ..	10 13 8	16 0 0	5 6 4	do	do
382	Eugeldry ... ..	3 15 0	6 0 0	2 5 0	do	do
383	Narromine ... ..	3 0 0	5 6 8	2 6 8	do	do
384	Back Tenandra ... ..	4 10 0	6 0 0	1 10 0	do	do
386	Merryanbone ... ..	3 15 0	4 13 4	0 18 4	do	do

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387	Pallal ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
388	Buckinbong ... ..	5 0 0	5 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
389	New Breealong ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
391	Cullengally ... ..	3 10 0	5 0 0	1 10 0	do	do
392	Wee Waa South ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
393	Zara ... ..	6 13 3	8 0 0	1 6 9	do	do
394	Bodangora ... ..	2 10 0	3 6 8	0 16 8	do	do
395	Bangheet ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
396	Wongagong ... ..	2 0 0	4 5 0	2 5 0	do	do
398	Bartley's Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
399	Parmidman ... ..	3 0 0	5 6 8	2 6 8	do	do
400	Old Harbour ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
401	Cornalla ... ..	4 5 4	5 6 8	1 1 4	do	do
404	Tareelari ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
405	Huntawang ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
406	Barrata ... ..	4 5 4	5 0 0	0 14 8	do	do
407	Bunna Bunna ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
408	Toole's Creek ... ..	7 9 4	8 0 0	0 10 8	do	do
411	Grahweed ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
412	Murrill Creek ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
413	Curraburrama ... ..	3 0 0	3 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
414	Tulloona ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
415	Moonagee ... ..	4 0 0	6 13 4	2 13 4	do	do
416	Bulbodney ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
418	Yamma ... ..	9 6 8	10 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
419	Houlaghan's Creek North ... ..	5 12 0	6 0 0	0 8 0	do	do
420	Cowl Cowl ... ..	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	do
422	Berry Jerry and Arajoel ... ..	10 2 8	10 13 4	0 10 8	do	do
423	Cumbooglecumbong ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
425	Tooloon ... ..	3 13 4	4 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
426	Opposite Coonamble or Euramie ... ..	3 13 4	4 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
428	Quonmoona or Geanmoney ... ..	3 0 0	3 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
429	Lalaltee South ... ..	8 0 0	9 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
431	Kulki ... ..	10 13 4	12 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
432	Willan ... ..	4 0 0	5 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
433	Middle Field ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
434	Cathundriel No. 2 ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
435	West Bogan Nos. 2 & 3 ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
436	Lower Ningear ... ..	3 16 8	5 0 0	1 3 4	do	do
437	Canonbar ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
438	Umutbee and Toonga ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
442	Yerra Yerra ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
443	Greenbar Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
446	Bundaburrah ... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
447	Nevertire ... ..	3 0 0	4 13 4	1 13 4	do	do
448	Currugundi ... ..	4 4 6	4 10 8	0 6 2	do	do
449	Youlbung ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
450	Cambara ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
452	Kentucky ... ..	14 10 0	16 0 0	1 10 0	do	do
456	Kyeamba ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
457	Tin-pot Alley ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
458	Midkin ... ..	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
459	Nangerybone ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
462	Mangoplah ... ..	10 0 0	11 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
463	Gunambil ... ..	5 6 8	6 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
464	Gandymungydel ... ..	3 13 4	4 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
466	Eunonyhareenyha ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
467	Burbugate ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
468	Merrigal, Marthaguy ... ..	3 10 0	5 6 8	1 16 8	do	do
469	Albert Waterhole ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
470	Bundyulumblah ... ..	5 6 8	6 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
471	West Bogan No. 7 ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
472	Pilliga ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
473	Brookong ... ..	3 16 2	9 6 8	5 10 6	do	do
475	Bourbah ... ..	3 13 4	4 13 4	1 0 0	do	do
477	Callubri ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
478	Derribong ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
479	Mittagong ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
480	Tabratong West ... ..	2 0 0	2 16 8	0 16 8	do	do
481	Youle ... ..	3 6 8	5 6 8	2 0 0	do	do
482	Bundidgery ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do

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483	Micabel ... ..	2 4 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3 6 8	1 2 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
484	Success ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
485	Barellan... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
486	Gunning East ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
487	Back Wardry ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
489	Ooma ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
490	The Meadows ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
491	Yetman ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
492	Warree ... ..	3 13 4	4 13 4	1 0 0	do	do
493	Boooloola... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
494	Morago ... ..	6 2 8	6 13 4	0 10 8	do	do
496	Barradoon ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
497	West Bogan No. 1 ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
498	Barrawang ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
499	Palisthon ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
500	Colli ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
501	Bungle Gully ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
502	Mimosa ... ..	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
504	Terembone ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
505	Bogo Bogolong... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
506	Slaughter-house Plains ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
507	Coreen ... ..	8 13 4	13 13 4	5 0 0	do	do
508	Kookaburragong ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
509	Arramagong West ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
510	New Geralgambone ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
511	Gunnegaldra ... ..	2 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	do	do
512	Monument Flats ... ..	2 2 8	2 6 8	0 4 0	do	do
513	Genanagic ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
515	Mungary West... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
516	Mungiebundie ... ..	3 6 8	4 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
517	Lower Mithal Creek ... ..	7 13 7	8 0 0	0 6 5	do	do
518	Moombooldool ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
521	Back Yamma ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
522	Old Biamble ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
523	Arrarownie ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
526	Quiamong ... ..	11 9 4	12 0 0	0 10 8	do	do
527	The Springs ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
528	Coombogolong ... ..	3 6 8	4 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
530	Naraway ... ..	3 13 4	5 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
531	New Wyregall ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
532	More Devil ... ..	6 0 0	6 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
534	Merri Merri ... ..	2 3 4	4 0 0	1 16 8	do	do
535	Gobbagombalin and Tooyal ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
536	Yalcogrin ... ..	2 13 4	4 6 8	1 13 4	do	do
537	Carroll ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
538	Ginghet ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
539	Naradhan ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
540	Gunyer Warildi ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
541	Mandamah ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
542	Moonbi or Bogandillon ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
543	Youngara Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
544	Tarriaro ... ..	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
546	Burra Burra ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
548	Boree Creek ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
549	Bocabigal ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
551	Dandaloo ... ..	2 5 0	4 0 0	1 15 0	do	do
554	Walla Walla ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
555	Lower Balabla ... ..	2 0 0	2 19 2	0 19 2	do	do
556	Balladoran ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
558	Euroka ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
559	Brundah... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
562	Whalaa ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
563	Edgcroi ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
564	Binda ... ..	2 8 0	3 0 0	0 12 0	do	do
566	Tchelery... ..	5 1 4	5 6 8	0 5 4	do	do
567	Carbucky ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
568	Lower Droubalgie ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
569	Trinkei ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
570	Walla Walla and Carangatell... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
571	Bilaragambone ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
572	Egelabra ... ..	3 10 0	5 0 0	1 10 0	do	do

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573	Bald Ridge ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	Nil.	Mr. Garrett
575	Cowabee... ..	5 0 6	5 6 8	0 6 2	do	do
576	Timberbybunyan ... ..	3 0 0	5 6 8	2 6 8	do	do
578	Canonbar ... ..	3 15 0	8 0 0	4 5 0	do	do
580	Belar ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
581	Millie ... ..	4 0 0	6 13 4	2 13 4	do	do
583	Quat Quatta ... ..	11 2 6	16 0 0	4 17 6	do	do
585	Jandra ... ..	2 4 5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 0 0	0 15 6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	do	do
587	Buddigower ... ..	2 0 0	2 5 0	0 5 0	do	do
591	Towyal ... ..	2 2 8	2 13 4	0 10 8	do	do
592	Budgeon... ..	3 13 4	4 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
593	Nanima ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
594	Burroway ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
595	Hoblingrah ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
596	Terrangan ... ..	3 15 0	6 0 0	2 5 0	do	do
597	Bygaloree ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
598	Bundemar ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
599	Wonbobbie ... ..	2 0 0	4 13 4	2 13 4	do	do
600	Wambangolang... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
601	Mundawaddera... ..	7 8 0	8 0 0	0 12 0	do	do
603	Mathowra ... ..	5 17 4	6 0 0	0 2 8	do	do
605	Warrana ... ..	3 16 8	4 13 4	0 16 8	do	do
606	Buddabudah ... ..	2 0 0	2 16 8	0 16 8	do	do
609	Boolcarrol ... ..	4 10 0	6 0 0	1 10 0	do	do
611	Tenandra ... ..	3 16 8	5 6 8	1 10 0	do	do
612	Wyabray ... ..	3 11 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 0 0	0 8 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	do	do
613	Opposite Derribong ... ..	2 13 4	4 0 0	1 6 8	do	do
614	Walianbillan ... ..	2 7 4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	4 0 0	1 12 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	do	do
615	Mellool ... ..	8 0 0	9 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
616	Boonal ... ..	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
617	Tycannah ... ..	4 13 4	5 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
618	Curra and Currawinia ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
619	Moira ... ..	5 13 6	6 13 4	1 0 0	do	do
620	Tubbo ... ..	9 6 8	10 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
621	Wathagar ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
622	Grong Grong ... ..	8 0 0	10 13 4	2 13 4	do	do
623	Merringreen ... ..	3 0 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 0 0	0 19 4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	do	do
624	Humula ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
625	Eenaweena ... ..	3 6 8	4 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
627	Ariah ... ..	4 9 7	5 6 8	0 17 1	do	do
629	Myall Downs ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
632	Back Daroualgie ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
633	Milton Vale ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
634	Kooba ... ..	2 10 0	3 0 0	0 10 0	do	do
635	Nungunia and Warmatta ... ..	14 0 0	16 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
636	Bumbaldry ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
637	Ghoolendaadi ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
640	Breeza ... ..	5 13 4	6 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
641	Triangular Plain ... ..	8 0 0	12 0 0	4 0 0	do	do
643	Gunnedah Station ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
644	Houlaghan's Creek South ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
645	Illumurgalia East ... ..	3 16 8	5 6 8	1 10 0	do	do
646	Bengalla... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
647	Bandon ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
648	Condobolin ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
649	Morangarell and Narraburra Creek.	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
651	Barham ... ..	8 2 1	9 6 8	1 4 7	do	do
652	Mungerbumbone ... ..	3 0 0	3 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
653	Tomanbil ... ..	2 0 0	5 6 8	3 6 8	do	do
654	Wooyeo ... ..	2 4 10	2 18 2	0 13 4	do	do
655	Murrumbidgee ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
656	Engowra... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
658	Pullitop ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
660	Narran ... ..	2 5 0	2 13 4	0 8 4	do	do
661	Mullah ... ..	3 0 0	5 6 8	2 6 8	do	do
662	North Junee ... ..	3 6 8	5 6 8	2 0 0	do	do
663	Talcumbah ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
664	Ulonga ... ..	4 10 8	5 6 8	0 16 0	do	do
665	Dundullamel ... ..	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
666	Mereyula ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do

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667	Merool Baale Creek ...	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
663	Billabong West... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
669	New Gradgery ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
672	Cobran ... ..	7 9 4	8 0 0	0 10 8	do	do
673	Noweronie ... ..	9 6 8	10 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
674	Tongamba ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
676	Bumbaldry (Upper) ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
679	Triganon ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
680	Murrungundy ... ..	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
681	Gragen and Graman ...	3 5 0	3 6 8	0 1 8	do	do
682	South Mahonga Forest	13 8 4	16 0 0	2 11 8	do	do
683	Mahonga ... ..	7 4 0	8 0 0	0 16 0	do	do
685	KolkiBERTOO North ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
686	Merah ... ..	2 5 0	4 0 0	1 15 0	do	do
689	Melrose ... ..	2 0 5	2 13 9	0 13 4	do	do
690	Willeroon ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
315	Uardry ... ..	7 14 8	7 9 4	Nil.	0 5 4	do
361	Geramy ... ..	6 13 4	6 5 0	do	0 8 4	do
691	Wallangra ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	Nil.	do
692	Wallandoon ... ..	6 1 7	6 13 4	0 11 9	do	do
694	Bald Hills and Warraderry	2 0 0	2 14 9	0 14 9	do	do
695	Wanganella ... ..	5 17 3	6 13 4	0 16 1	do	do
696	Gowang ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
700	Willie ... ..	3 16 8	4 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
701	Lake Cowal ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
704	Kikiamah ... ..	4 0 0	5 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
705	Moura ... ..	3 6 8	4 0 0	0 13 4	do	do
711	Walbandrie ... ..	5 6 8	7 0 0	1 13 4	do	do
713	Arramagong East ... ..	4 0 0	4 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
714	Burombedah ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
719	Cobrauraguy ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
722	Piedmont ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
723	West Bogan No. 6 ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
724	Borambola ... ..	5 6 8	6 13 4	1 6 8	do	do
726	Nelangaloo ... ..	2 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	do	do
728	Gonn ... ..	7 0 0	8 0 0	1 0 0	do	do
729	Noorong ... ..	7 4 0	7 6 8	0 2 8	do	do
730	Tannabar ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
732	Barraba Detached ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
733	Bunglegumby ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
734	Bundybundally ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
735	Mogong ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
WESTERN DIVISION.						
RESUMED AREAS.						
1	Wangaroa ... ..	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	do
7	Wilga ... ..	2 0 0	2 0 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 0 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
11	Ticehurst ... ..	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
17	Dumble ... ..	2 18 6	3 6 8	0 8 2	do	do
24	Coan Downs ... ..	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
29	Teryawynia ... ..	2 0 0	2 0 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 0 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	do	Mr. Copeland.
38	Gurrera ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
39	Til Til ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
44	Quantambone ... ..	3 1 9	3 6 8	0 4 11	do	do
50	Borgeira East ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
52	Tarcoon ... ..	2 3 4	2 13 4	0 10 0	do	Mr. Copeland.
54	Trida ... ..	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
55	Momba ... ..	2 0 0	2 4 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 4 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	do
59	Gunninguldrie ... ..	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
66	Gnomery ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
70	Nullawa ... ..	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
75	East Bogan No. 15 ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
76	Collywarry ... ..	2 7 5	3 0 0	0 12 7	do	do
79	Keewong ... ..	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	do
83	Yarrawin ... ..	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
97	Burtundy ... ..	2 0 0	2 1 8	0 1 8	do	do
98	Mullingawarrina ... ..	2 4 5	2 5 0	0 0 7	do	Mr. Copeland.
99	Wallandra ... ..	4 4 3	5 0 0	0 15 9	do	Mr. Garrett.

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100	Wvadra ...	3 14 8	5 0 0	1 5 4	Nil.	Mr. Garrett.
105	Milrea ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Copeland.
107	Wilkie Plains ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
108	Marooba ...	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
109	Bogeira Back ...	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
110	Bangheet ...	2 0 0	3 6 8	1 6 8	do	do
111	Sussex ...	2 0 0	2 0 6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	0 0 6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	do	Mr. Copeland.
115	Roto ...	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
116	Murrin ...	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	do
117	Mondadoo ...	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
118	Brenda ...	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	do
121	Muckewerawa ...	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
124	Bunneringee ...	2 0 0	2 1 8	0 1 8	do	do
125	Milroy ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
128	Toulby ...	2 0 0	2 6 8	0 6 8	do	do
134	Florida ...	2 0 0	2 0 6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	0 0 6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	do	Mr. Copeland.
135	Wonominta ...	2 0 0	2 0 6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	0 0 6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	do	do
137	Boorooma ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
140	Wirchilleba ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
144	Uranaway ...	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	do
145	Yallock ...	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	do
147	Booroomugga ...	2 0 0	2 0 6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	0 0 6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	do	Mr. Copeland.
150	Tibora ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
152	Angledool ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Copeland.
162	Dine Dine ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
165	North Abbotsford ...	2 8 6	3 0 0	0 11 6	do	do
169	Kajuligah ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
174	Avoca ...	2 0 0	2 1 8	0 1 8	do	do
179	Booberoi ...	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	do
180	Dungalear ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Copeland.
188	Talawanta ...	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	Mr. Garrett.
196	Murtee ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
208	Gingie ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Copeland.
212	Conoble ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
214	Cuthro ...	2 0 0	2 0 10	0 0 10	do	do
216	Bundinbarrina ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Copeland.
218	Mulgah ...	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
219	Moolbong ...	3 18 11	4 0 0	0 1 1	do	do
222	Eremaran ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	do
224	North Merowie ...	2 6 4	2 13 4	0 7 0	do	do
233	Yathong ...	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	do
234	Jandra ...	2 18 0	3 6 8	0 8 8	do	do
236	Charlton ...	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
242	Llanillo ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Copeland.
243	Thule ...	2 0 0	2 3 4	0 3 4	do	Mr. Garrett.
245	Willandra ...	3 9 4	4 13 4	1 4 0	do	do
246	Mossgiel ...	2 1 0	2 13 4	0 12 4	do	do
253	Murrawombie ...	2 13 4	3 6 8	0 13 4	do	do
254	Wamell ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Copeland.
255	Mourabilla ...	2 13 4	3 0 0	0 6 8	do	Mr. Garrett.
256	Tara ...	2 0 0	2 13 4	0 13 4	do	Mr. Copeland.
264	Coolabah ...	2 0 0	2 2 8	0 2 8	do	do
315	Moooculta ...	2 5 0	2 13 4	0 8 4	do	do
6	Beemery ...	3 11 0	2 13 4	Nil	0 17 8	do
89	Weinteriga ...	2 0 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 0 6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	do	0 0 1 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>25</sub>	do
101	Bundabulla ...	3 5 8	3 0 0	do	0 5 8	Mr. Garrett.
261	Para ...	2 1 0	2 0 0	do	0 1 0	do





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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**CROWN LANDS.**

(RETURN SHOWING SELECTIONS TAKEN UP IN THE EASTERN DIVISION.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 20 August, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 31st July, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

“The number of selections taken up in the Eastern Division on the 17th instant, with the acreage; distinguishing the original conditional purchases, the additional conditional purchases, and the conditional leases.”

(*Mr. Ryrie.*)

RETURN showing the number of selections taken up in the Eastern Division of the Colony on the 17th July last, with the acreage; distinguishing the original conditional purchases, the additional conditional purchases, and the conditional leases.

Original Conditional Purchases.			Additional Conditional Purchases.			Conditional Leases.			Total number and area of Conditional Purchases.		
No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.		No.	Area.	
	ac.	r. p.		ac.	r. p.		ac.	r. p.		ac.	r. p.
350	84,136	2 22	391	55,274	1 13	455	209,845	1 0	741	139,410	3 35



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(CONDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT PURCHASE BY W. H. WILLIAMS, AT ALBURY.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 7 May, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order*, made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 11th December, 1889, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all papers and other documents in connection with the conditional improvement purchase No. 78, 140 acres, portion 13, County of Goulburn, applied for by W. H. Williams, at Albury, on the 3rd September, 1875.”

(*Mr. Lyne.*)

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### No. 1.

#### Application by W. H. Williams.

B. [Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875.]

Conditional Improvement Purchase 78, 11th September, 1875.

Application for the purchase of Crown lands in virtue of intended improvements by the holders thereof, under a lease or promise of lease for pastoral purposes.

Received by me, with a deposit of £140, this 3rd day of September, 1875,—

EDWARD BROWN,

Land Agents 75-3.

Agent for the sale of Crown Lands at Albury.

Sir,

Albury, 3 September, 1875.

I hereby apply to purchase, without competition, under the provisions of the 31st Clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, the Crown land described hereunder, on which I intend to erect the improvements detailed below, and I herewith tender the sum of £140 being a deposit of £1 per acre on the area for which I apply.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS.

The Crown Lands Agent, Albury.

Name of Run—Falls.

County Goulburn, parish Little Billabong, 140 acres. Bounded on the north by the Billabong Creek, and on the east by T. Hudson's conditional purchase of 40 acres, other lines to include area.

Intended Improvements—Dam, sheep yard, and grubbing.

Forwarded to the Occupation Branch, with a view to the name of the lessee, and the area, of Little Billabong Run being stated. Mr. Pretious, 13/9/75. Little Billabong Run, district of Murrumbidgee, John How and George Day lessees; estimated area 10,000.—A.O.P., Occupation of Lands, 22/9/75. The run in virtue of which this application is made is not held under promise of lease by the applicant.—28/9/75. Inform, and say that the application will be treated as if made on behalf of the lessees.—29/9/75. Mr. Williams, 14/10/75.

### No. 2.

#### Application by W. H. Williams.

B. [Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875.]

Conditional Improvement Purchase 79, 11th September, 1875.

Application for the purchase of Crown lands, in virtue of intended improvements by the holders thereof, under a lease, or promise of lease, for pastoral purposes.

Received by me, with a deposit of £40, this 3rd day of September, 1875,—

EDWARD BROWN,

Land Agents, No. 75-4.

Agent for the sale of Crown Lands at Albury.

Sir,

Albury, 3 September, 1875.

I hereby apply to purchase, without competition, under the provisions of the 31st Clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, the Crown lands described hereunder, on which I intend to erect the improvements detailed below, and I herewith tender the sum of £40 being a deposit of £1 per acre on the area for which I apply.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS.

The Crown Lands Agent, Albury.

Description.

40 acres, county Goulburn, parish Carabost, Falls Run, in virtue of clearing and grubbing. Bounded on the north by the Billabong Creek, on the west by T. J. Hudson's conditional purchase, 100 acres other lines to include area.

Referred

Referred to the Occupation Board for the name of the lessee, and area, of the Falls Run within which the land applied for is stated to be situated. Mr. Pretious, 13/9/77. The Falls Run, district of Murrumbidgee, William Henry Williams, lessee; estimated area 12,000 acres.—A.O.P., Occupation of Lands, 22/9/75.

Herewith is conditional improvement purchase 79, with reference to the disposal of which there are no instructions. Applicant applied to withdraw it in favour of conditional improvement purchase 78 (herewith now refused). I presume it should be ascertained whether the land applied for by conditional improvement purchase 79, is subject to the 5 miles square disability, as of course the applicant would press that application if it did not clash with conditional improvement purchase 78 (now refused). Herewith is also a letter respecting a conditional purchase which clashes with these conditional improvement purchases. That should probably be brought under notice of Mr. Blackman before forwarding these papers to the Charting Branch.—H.W.H.S., 24/9/77. Mr. Donovan.

Look into the case, and do whatever is necessary please.—E.B., 17/12/77. Mr. Long. Does the land applied for by conditional improvement purchase 79, come within a block of 5 miles square leasehold?—W. Long, 17/12/77. Mr. Bransby wishes these to be returned to him.—C.E.E., 23/1/78.

### No. 3.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. H. Williams.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 October, 1875.

With reference to your application dated the 3rd September last, to purchase under the 31st Clause of the Land Acts Amendment Act of 1875, a portion of land, containing 140 acres, in the parish of Little Billabong, county of Goulburn, I am directed to inform you, that the Little Billabong Run, in virtue of which the land in question is applied for, is under lease to the gentlemen named in the margin, in whose favour the application must therefore be dealt with.

Messrs. John  
How and  
George Day.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN,

Under Secretary.

### No. 4.

Office Memorandum.

Application for the purchase of Crown lands in virtue of intended improvements by the holder thereof under a lease or promise of lease for pastoral purposes.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 1 November, 1875.

PARTICULARS are appended of an application under the 31st clause of Land Acts Amendment Act, 1875, and it is requested that a report and survey may be made as early as practicable.

J. S. T.

The Surveyor-General.

(For the Under Secretary).

Dated, 3rd September, 1875. Registration No., conditional improvement purchase, 75-78; name of applicant, William Henry Williams; John How and George Day, lessees; name of run or nature of holding, Little Billabong Run.

Description.

County of Goulburn, parish of Little Billabong, 140 acres; bounded on the north by the Billabong Creek, and on the east by T. Hudson's conditional purchase of 40 acres, other lines to include area. Intended improvements—dam, sheep-yards and grubbing.

J. M. McDonald to measure if unobjectionable.—G.L. (for Surveyor-General), 15/11/75. Plan by letter, 76-111, of 31 October.—J.M.M'D., Licensed Surveyor.

### No. 5.

Mr. J. Dwyer to the Under Secretary for Lands.

Conditional Improvement Purchase, 75-78.

Sir,

Albury, 24 November, 1875.

I have the honor to inform you in reply to your memo. of the above number, and of date the 14th October ultimo, which Mr. Williams has handed to me, that Messrs How and Day transferred the Little Billabong Run to Mr. W. H. Williams by transfer dated 29th April, 1875; and it was owing to an inadvertence on my part that the transfer was not duly registered.

As Mr. Williams' application was made subsequent to that date, I trust that this explanation will be considered satisfactory.

Yours, &c.,

JOSEPH DWYER

(Per J. W.)

Occupation Branch.—Who is now the recognized lessee of the Little Billabong Run?—23/12/75. Little Billabong Run, district of Murrumbidgee; William Henry Williams, lessee; estimated area, 9,500 acres.—A.O.P., Occupation of Lands, 8/2/76.

### No. 6.

Application by W. H. Williams.

B.

[Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875.]

Crown Lands Office, Albury.

No. 76-18.

Application for the purchase of Crown Lands, in virtue of intended improvements by the holder thereof, under a lease or promise of lease for pastoral purposes.

Received by me, with a deposit of £100, this 2nd day of August, 1876,—

EDWARD BROWN,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Albury.

Sir,

Sir,  
I hereby apply to purchase, without competition, under the provisions of the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875, the Crown land described hereunder, on which I intend to erect the improvements detailed below, and I herewith tender the sum of £100, being a deposit of £1 per acre on the area for which I apply.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS  
(By his agents, MOORE AND WALLER).

The Crown Lands Agent, Albury.

Description of Land:—(See Regulations Nos. 7 and 8 at back hereof), Little Billabong Run. County of Goulburn, parish of Carabost. Bounded on the west by my freehold, of 160 acres; on the north by the Tumbarumba Road; on east by T. E. Hudson's additional conditional purchase of 48 acres. Describe intended improvements in detail, dams, clearing and ringing.

Purchases in virtue of Intended Improvements Regulations.

7. Every application must set forth the improvements intended to be effected, and must contain a clear description of the locality and boundaries of the land applied for, referring to the nearest conspicuous natural feature, or some known or determined point on the nearest frontage or measured portion, and describing, so as to admit of ready identification, the starting point, together with the direction and approximate length of the respective boundaries; which, with the exception of frontage, if any, must be directed to the cardinal points by compass.

8. Land measured by the authority of the Government must be taken in portions as measured, but application for part of a portion may, subject to the approval of the Minister for Lands, be made on payment, in addition to the price of the land, of the estimated cost of subdivision. Measured land, if having frontage to any river, creek, road, or intended road, shall, within the first-class settled districts, have a depth of not less than 20 chains, and if in the second-class settled or unsettled districts, of not less than 60 chains; but no boundary shall exceed 80 chains in a direct line.

Little Billabong Run, district of Murrumbidgee, William Henry Williams, lessee; estimated area, 2,603 acres; date of last appraisalment, 19th July, 1875.—G. M., Occupation of Lands, 3/9/76. Submitted that this application be refused and the deposit be refunded, right of purchase under the 31st clause in virtue of Little Billabong Run being already exhausted.—E.B., 2/10/76. Approved.—T.G., 5/10/76. Treasury, applicant, and Land Agent.—M.D., 16/10/76.

#### No. 7.

#### Application by T. E. Hudson.

G.

[Alienation Act, section 21.]  
No. 235 of 1876.

District of Albury.

Application by Thomas Eugene Hudson for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 102 acres unimproved Crown land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. Now 100 acres. (*Vide* 76-10,989, Miscellaneous.)

Received by me, with a deposit of £25 10s., this 10th day of August, 1876, at 10-22 o'clock,—

EDWARD BROWN,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Albury.

10 August, 1876.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 102 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 48 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years, and I herewith tender the sum of £25 10s., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional

I am, &c.,

T. E. HUDSON,

Little Billabong.

purchase of 320 acres.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Albury.

Description.

County of Goulburn, parish of Carabost, 102 acres: To start from the north-west corner of additional conditional purchase of 48 acres running south along the western boundary of said additional conditional purchase of 48 acres; thence west; thence north; thence east, to point of commencement fronting the Tumbarumba Road.

Original application unsigned.—E.B., Crown Land Agent, B.C., 21/8/76. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor J. M'Donald. To measure if first conditional purchase is unobjectionable.—A.P.M. (*pro* Surveyor-General), B.C., 20/12/76, No. 143. This land was previously applied for by Mr. W. H. Williams, under section 31 of Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed. Plan by letter, 76-108, of 31st October, 1876.—J.M.M'D., Licensed Surveyor, 16/4/77.

#### No. 8.

#### Application by T. E. Hudson.

E.

[Alienation Act—Sections 21 and 22.]  
Amended application herewith, No. 235 of 1876.

Application by Thomas Eugene Hudson for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 102 acres unimproved Crown land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £25 10s., this 10th day of August, 1876, at 10-20 o'clock,—

EDWARD BROWN,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Albury.

Sir,

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. Acres.
75-964	18 Nov., 1875.	320
75-982	9 Dec., 1875.	48
76-235	10 Aug., 1876.	102
Total area..		470

Sir,

10 August, 1876.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 102 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 320 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years, and I herewith tender the sum of £25 10s., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 320 acres.

I am, &amp;c.,

(Unsigned),

Little Billabong.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Albury.

## Description.

County of Goulburn, parish of Carabost, 102 acres: To start from the north-west corner of my additional conditional purchase of 48 acres running south along the western boundary of said additional conditional purchase of 48 acres; thence west; thence north; thence east; to point of commencement, fronting the Tumbarumba Road.

Should not applicant for conditional purchase under 21st section be present in person at the time of making application? Submitted. Mr. Blackman, 5/9/76.

Need not be present, if the original was made under the Act of 1875. If made under the Act of 1862, applicant must be present unless the Land Agent knows as a matter of fact that he is 16 years of age or upwards. The Land Agent should not again accept and send to this Department applications unsigned.—W.B. (for Under Secretary), B.C., 14/9/76.

The Land Agent, Albury, with reference to above memo.—Signature not given.

The applicant was present when the original application was lodged, but it was discovered the document was not signed the next day, and a fresh form sent him for signature. The applicant is over 21 years of age, and also lodged the duplicate application in person.—E.B., Crown Land Agent, B.C., 4/10/76.

## No. 9.

Messrs. Moore and Waller to the Crown Land Agent, Albury.

Sir,

Albury, 2 September, 1876.

On the 3rd September, 1875, we, as agents for Mr. W. H. Williams, applied for 40 acres, under the 31st Clause, situated on the Falls Run, as per Land Agent's receipt No. 115,629.

It is now found that a previous application we made on the same date for 140 acres, under the same clause, on the Billabong Run, turns out to be also on the Falls Run. Receipt 115,628.

We are therefore instructed to request that the £40 paid for the application of 40 acres on the Falls Run may be returned, as Mr. W. H. Williams has improved the 140 acres to the value of £140, and to-day made declaration to this effect, which declaration we have duly forwarded.

We have, &amp;c.,

MOORE AND WALLER.

Submitted, 26/9/76. How do the cases stand? 16/10/76, Mr. Bransby. Please say to whom instructions (survey) were issued, and if any reply has been received.—E.B., 18/10/76. Instructions issued to J. M. Macdonald (licensed surveyor), 5/11/75. No reply yet.—R.G.S.B., 18/10/76. Submitted, 18/10/76.

76-7,665 Ms., and 76-8,420 Ms. Mr. Williams made two conditional improvement purchases on the 3rd September, 1875, No. 78 and 79. He described 78 as being on Little Billabong, and 79 as on the Falls Run. On the 2nd August, 1876, he made another selection, No. 883, on the Little Billabong; this was refused on account of exhausted rights. He now states (76-7,665 Ms.) that both 78 and 79 are on the Falls Run, and asks that the deposit of 79 may be refunded. Can this shifting be allowed, it will have the effect of restoring the cancelled conditional improvement purchase No. 883. Better get a tracing locating these selections, and showing the dividing boundary of the two runs.—W.M. LONG, 20/10/76.

See action on conditional improvement purchase 79. Mr. Bransby, 6/11/76.

## No. 10.

Messrs. Moore and Waller to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Albury, 2 September, 1876.

We have the honor to enclose statement of Mr. W. H. Williams, together with his declaration referring to application for 140 acres (one hundred and forty) under the 31st Section.

We have, &amp;c.,

ED. THOMSON

(For Moore and Waller).

[Enclosures.]

Sir,

Albury, 2 September, 1876.

In accordance with the regulations advertised in *Gazette*, of 27th August, 1875, I hereby beg to state that I, on the 3rd September, 1875, applied for 140 acres, under the 31st Clause of Land Act, and that I have put the following improvements on the said 140 acres, viz.:—

Sheep yards, value .....	£
Dam, value .....	60
Clearing and fencing, value .....	50
	30

Total .....£140

And I have also made a declaration to this effect, and have attached the same to this statement.

I have, &amp;c.,

WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS.

The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

[Schedule

[Schedule U.]

I, WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS, of Little Billabong, do sincerely and solemnly declare, that the statement marked A and attached to this declaration is true in every particular, and that the improvements on the 140 acres applied for by me, under the 31st Clause of the Land Act, on the 3rd September, 1875, are to the value of £140; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Made and signed before me, at Albury, }  
this 2nd day of September, 1876. }

Signature of Magistrate,—THOMAS D. McLENNAN, J.P.

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

No. 11.

Mr. T. E. Hudson to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Albury, 18 September, 1876.

Mr. Williams, of the Little Billabong, has taken up three pieces of land under the 31st clause, on his run at the Little Billabong, which I think is contrary to the Act.

Will you please look into the matter and see if he is entitled to them, as one of the blocks clashes with a conditional purchase made by me on the 10th August, 1876.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS E. HUDSON

(Per J. ADAMS).

No. 12.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Albury.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 October, 1876.

C.I.P. 883; 2nd  
August, 1876;  
W. H. Williams;  
100 acres;  
parish of Carabost;  
county of Goulburn,  
Albury.

I am directed to inform you that the application under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, of which particulars are given in the margin, has been refused, and I am to request that you will be good enough to erase the notation from the office map, and note the refusal in the register in which the application is recorded.

I have, &c.,

LINDSAY G. THOMPSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 13.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 October, 1876.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to refund to Mr. William Henry Williams (or upon his order), of Albury, the sum of £100, credited at the Treasury, 14th August, 1876, being the deposit paid on application made by him on the 2nd August last at Albury, to purchase under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 100 acres, in the parish of Carabost, county of Goulburn, on the Little Billabong run, which has been refused.

I have, &c.,

LINDSAY G. THOMPSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 14.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Revenue Refunded.

Sir,

Lands Department, Sydney, 16 October, 1876.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to refund to Mr. William Henry Williams, of Little Billabong, the sum of £100, credited at the Treasury, on the 11th August, 1876, being a deposit on conditional improvement application made by the above.

I have, &c.,

LINDSAY G. THOMPSON

(Pro Under Secretary).

No. 15.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. H. Williams.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 October, 1876.

C.I.P., 883;  
date of selection,  
2nd August,  
1876; nature of  
holding, Little  
Billabong;  
county, Goulburn;  
parish, Carabost;  
area,  
100 acres.

I am directed to inform you that your application, particularized in the margin hereof, to purchase certain land under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, cannot be complied with, as it has been found that such land is not situated within a block of land 5 miles square wholly on one run.

2. I am to say that the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, who has been authorized to refund to you £100, paid on the application in question, will communicate with you when the amount is ready for payment.

I have, &c.,

LINDSAY G. THOMPSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 16.



## No. 16.

J. M'Elhone, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 18 October, 1876.

I have the honor to call your attention to the case of T. E. Hudson, who took up a conditional purchase; also to the fact that W. H. Williams claims this land under the 31st clause of the Land Act, and that W. H. Williams had taken up three blocks close to one another, under the 31st clause, which is illegal.

I have the honor to request that you will take immediate steps to cancel Mr. W. H. Williams' portions, taken up under 31st clause.

Also, that you will be pleased to allow Mr. Hudson to amend his description, as per letter enclosed.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. M'ELHONE.

It is evident Mr. Williams' application under 31st cannot be entertained. Get papers, and have them dealt with at once, when Hudson's conditional purchase application can be accepted.—T.G., 19/10/76. Mr. Rutter,—The enclosed sketch shows approximately the run boundary, the estimated area of which is 9,500 acres, less than 16,000 acres.—A.B., 20/12/76.

Mr. Rutter,—Mr. Williams made two applications under 31st clause on Little Billabong Run, which contains 9,500 acres. The second, that is, the one said to clash with Hudson's conditional purchase, was immediately refused the right under that clause, having been exhausted by the first application. The land was, however, measured, 76-10,169. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Macdonald, herewith.—R.G.S.B., 13/3/77.

[[Enclosure.]

Dear Sir,

Albury, October.

Please find tracing showing land applied for by T. Hudson, tinted blue, and also land applied for by W. H. Williams, under 31st clause, tinted red.

You will perceive that Williams has applied for three portions under the 31st clause, and one of them clashed with mine.

Please see if Williams is entitled to them, and especially portion (not given), which clashes with my application.

Yours, &amp;c.,

T. HUDSON

(Per J. ADAMS).

J. M'Elhone, Esq., M.P.

## No. 17.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Macdonald to The Surveyor-General.

No. 76,108.

Sir,

Camberoona, 31 October, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 100 acres, numbered 8, in the parish of Carabost, county of Goulburn, applied for by William Henry Williams, under the 31st section of the Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1875, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated No.

As there was only one line of this portion to run, after I had surveyed portion No. 7, I surveyed this portion while on the spot to save another journey there.

There are no improvements on this land at present.

I have, &amp;c.,

JNO. M. MACDONALD.

Conditional improvement purchase 883 was refused, being the second application made in virtue of Little Billabong Run (9,500 acres estimated area).—J.D.D., 13/3/77.

[Enclosure.]

Extract from 76-7,665, Ms.

Sir,

Albury, 2 September, 1876.

On the 3rd September, 1875, we, as agents for Mr. W. H. Williams, applied for conditional improvement purchase C.P., of 79-40 acres, under the 31st clause, situated on the Falls Run, as per land agent's receipt No. 115,629. It is now found that a previous application we made on the same date for conditional improvement purchase of C.P. 78-140 acres, under the same clause, on the Billabong Run, turns out to be also on the Falls Run.

We are, therefore, instructed to request that the £40 paid for the application of 40 acres on the Falls Run may be returned, as Mr. W. H. Williams has improved the 140 acres to the value of £140, and to-day made declaration to this effect, which declaration we have duly forwarded.

We have, &amp;c.,

MOORE AND WALLER.

It has been recommended, on 76-10,171 Ms., that the conditional improvement purchase 78 should be disallowed, as the area required (140 acres) is not within a block of 5 miles square under leasehold, and is, moreover, partly within (greater part) the Falls Run, and not wholly within the Billabong Run, as applied for. The conditional improvement purchase No. 79 has been refused upon papers 76-10,172 Ms., as the run (Falls) of area 17,000 acres, does not admit of the 5-mile test.—F. W. RUTTER, 7/7/77.

## No. 18.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor J. M. Macdonald to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Camberoona, 31 October, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land containing 140 acres, numbered 13, in the parish of Carabost, county of Goulburn, applied for by William Henry Williams under the 31st section of the Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1875, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated 15th November, No. 75-198.

The

The improvements on this land consist of sheep drafting yards, £80; dam, £40; fence, £15; and clearing, £15.

The greater part of this portion is on the Falls Run, and not in Little Billabong Run, as described by applicant.

I have, &c.,

J. M. MACDONALD,  
Licensed Surveyor.

Charting Branch. Mr. Long.—M. O'C. BLAKE, 5/6/77. Send memo., asking Mr. J. Macdonald to show the position of the south-east corner of portion 33, which adjoins this measurement.—A.G., 24/1/77. Memo. sent accordingly.—R.B.McR., 25/1/77. First reminder sent 23rd April, 1877.—T.W.W. (*pro* M. O'C. BLAKE). Mr. Bransby. The land applied for in this case does not come within a block of 5 miles square leasehold; it is also situated in two runs.—A.B., 5/7/77.

It is recommended that this application be not entertained, the land applied for not being within a block of 5 miles square leasehold. (The run contains more than 16,000 acres.) It is also situated on two runs. Applicant might be informed that he can apply for this land under 2nd clause, having improved it to the extent of £1 per acre.—R. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 2/8/77.

Return to Charting Branch. Approved.—T.G., 21/8/77.

### No. 19.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor J. M. Macdonald to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Cameroona, 31 October, 1876.

I have the honor to return you herewith an application to purchase under the 31st section of the Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1875, 40 acres, parish of Carabost, county of Goulburn, by William Henry Williams, and to report that the land applied for is in the Falls Run, and Mr. Williams has another application for 140 acres in the same run, under the same section, which does not join the land now applied for.

The area of the run is about 16,000 acres; therefore I do not think he can hold the two portions of land under the same section, in the same run.

There are no improvements on the 40 acres now applied for.

I have, &c.,

JOHN M. MACDONALD,  
Licensed Surveyor.

### No. 20.

Mr. W. H. Williams to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Little Billabong, *via* Tarcutta, 21 November, 1876.

I am just in receipt of an advice circular from the Treasury, informing me that £100 will be refunded me, which I had paid for 100 acres at Little Billabong, the application for which land has been refused.

Before I return the printed form sent I shall feel extremely much obliged if you will apprise me why my application for the land has been refused, as the 100 acres named comprise all the land I have taken up, under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, on this station; and on it I have recently put improvements, which have cost me over £60, towards the full amount to be expended on it; and I have contracted for further improvements of the value of £40, which I shall have to pay whether the land be forfeited or not.

I trust you will take the matter into consideration, and as I was not forbidden by the Government to improve the land, allow me under the circumstances to retain it.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

The writer made two (conditional improvement purchases, 78 and 883) applications under 31st clause, on Little Billabong Run, the estimated area of which is 9,500 acres. The second—that is the one said to clash with Hudson's conditional purchase—was immediately refused, the right under that clause having been exhausted by the first application.—R.G.S.B., 30/5/77.

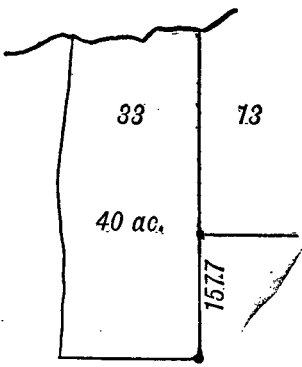
The conditional improvement purchase application was refused, on the ground that the area of the run only permitted of one application being made, and consequently that this application in virtue of the same run was inadmissible. The Surveyor, in ignorance of the foregoing, has measured an area of 100 acres in the position applied for by T. E. Hudson, under 21st clause, on 10th August, 1876 (76-235, Albury), for 102 acres. It is submitted that the plan of the above area be accepted as in satisfaction for that conditional purchase, rather than a resurvey should be made for the difference (2 acres only) of the area, subject to valuation stated to have been made on portion.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 30/5/77. Approved.—R.D., 30/5/77.

The Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales; then to Miscellaneous Branch as to the above and the other papers.—23/6/77. Conditional Sales Branch and Miscellaneous Branch, for action accordingly. The conditional purchase 76-233, Albury.—F.W.R., 1/7/77. Return for notation and charting application now herewith.—N. PARON, 9/7/77. Mr. Yorke, for refund of deposit on 2 acres, then to Miscellaneous Branch.—C.N., 1/8/77. Applicant with refund order; Agent and Treasury informed, 11/8/77; then to Miscellaneous Branch.

No. 21.  
Office Memorandum.

Charting Branch—R. B. McR.—25 January, 1877.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion No. 13, parish of Carabost, county of Goulburn, transmitted by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor J. M. Macdonald's letter No. 76,111, of 31st October, 1876, and on which Mr. Macdonald's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.	Report.
<p>Mr. Macdonald has neglected showing the south-east corner of No. 33, which adjoins this measurement.</p> <p>R. D. FITZGERALD (For Surveyor-General).</p>	 <p>Distance 1,577 links from south-west corner of No. 13 to south-east corner of No. 33.</p> <p>J. M. MACDONALD, L.S. 26/4/77.</p>

Reply noted, 8/5/77.

No. 22.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Macdonald.

Sir, Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 28 April, 1877.

I have to refer you to my memorandum dated 25th day of January, 1877, respecting your survey of portion No. 13, parish of Carabost, county of Goulburn, and to request that the matter may receive your early attention.

2. Should there be any cause of delay you will please explain it, and at the same time state when it is probable that the information required will be supplied.

I am, &c.,  
M.O'C.B.  
(For Surveyor-General).

To be returned with reply.  
This memo. has been replied to.—J.M.M'D., Licensed Surveyor.

No. 23.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. T. E. Hudson.  
(C.P. 76,235.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 August, 1877.

With reference to your conditional purchase at Albury on the 10th August, 1876, I am directed to inform you that the area of the portion selected having been found to be only 100 acres instead of 102 acres, as stated in your application, you are entitled to a refund of 10s., being the amount of deposit on the extra acres, paid in excess.

Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up and forwarded to the Treasury, with the authority signed by you, will enable that Department at once to refund the amount.

I have, &c.,  
WM. BLACKMAN  
(For the Under Secretary).

[Enclosure.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to Thomas Eugene Hudson.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 11th August, 1877.

	Amount to be refunded.	Cancelled.
	£ s. d.	
For the following refund, viz.—Mis. 76-10,989; C.P. No. 76-235. Land Office at Albury; date of selection, 10th day of August, 1876; deposit paid on 102 acres.		
Selection withdrawn or void to the extent of 2 acres.....	0 10 0	
Deposit to be refunded on 2 acres.....£	0 10 0	

No. 24.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.  
Conditional purchase.—Revenue refunded.  
(C.P. No. 76,235.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 11 August, 1877.

I am directed to inform you that the area of the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, having been reduced from 102 acres to 100 acres, you will be good enough to refund the amount of deposit, viz., 10s., on the area paid for in excess.

District, Albury; name, Thomas E. Hudson; date of selection, 10th August, 1876; amount, 10s.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,  
WM. BLACKMAN  
(For Under Secretary.)

## No. 25.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Albury.

[C.P. 76-235]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 11 August, 1877.

With reference to T. E. Hudson's conditional purchase of the 10th August, 1876, I desire to inform you that the area thereof having been found, on measurement, to be only 100 acres, instead of 102 acres, as stated in his application, he has been informed that he is entitled to a refund of 10s., the amount of deposit upon the two extra acres paid in excess. for which the necessary refund form has been forwarded.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Under-Secretary).

## No. 26.

Mr. W. H. Williams to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Little Billabong, *via* Tarcutta, 14 December, 1877.

I am somewhat surprised that you have not yet favoured me with a reply to my correspondence respecting the 100 acres of land on this run which I took up under the 31st clause.

I may remind you that I have been lessee of this run off and on since 1855, and have never yet had a pre-emptive right, and I thought I had a perfect right to take up the 100 acres in question, and your officer at the Albury Land Office must have held the same opinion, or he would not have taken my money for the land. The improvements, value £100, were contracted for before Hudson selected the land, and I, of course, was obliged either to carry out the contract, or pay the men for nothing; consequently, as the money laid out on the land has been for ringbarking, grubbing, and making a dam and tank, none of which can be removed, I respectfully submit that the case will be a very hard one for me, and I shall consider myself treated with great injustice if you give my £100-worth of improvements to Hudson or any other person, after your own officer has conditionally sold it to me under the amended Land Act last passed, and if it be decided that I am not to be allowed to retain the land in question, I decidedly think the nearest approach to right and fair dealing will be by putting the 100 acres up to public auction.

I shall be much obliged by the favour of an early reply.

I am, &amp;c.,

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

## No. 27.

Office memorandum.

On the 3rd September, 1875, W. H. Williams made two applications for conditional improvement purchases, one for 40 acres on the Falls Run (conditional improvement purchase, 75-79), the other for 140 acres, on the Little Billabong Run. Subsequently, it was found that the greater part of the 140 acres was on the Falls Run and not the Little Billabong. Williams then applied for a refund of £40, deposited with application, 75-79, and asked to retain the 140 acres, in virtue of his right as lessee of the Falls Run (2nd September, 1876); on 2nd August, 1876, he made application for 100 acres on Little Billabong Run (conditional improvement purchase, No. 76-883).

This application was refused on the ground that the area of the run only permitted of one application being made, but it will be seen now that Williams had not exhausted his right, as he did not apply for the 100 acres till after it had been discovered that the 140 acres was on the Falls Run. The conditional improvement purchase application, 883, should therefore not have been refused on the ground stated above, and should now be reconsidered in connection with T. E. Hudson's conditional purchase application, No. 76-235, of 10th August, 1876. Williams' conditional improvement purchase application is dated 2nd August, 1876, eight days prior to Hudson's.

Should Williams' application, 76-883, conditional improvement purchase, be entertained, T. E. Hudson's conditional purchase, No. 76-235, should at once be declared void.

M. O'C. BLAKE.

Mr. Bransby,--Is there any reason why conditional improvement purchase application, No. 76-883, should not be entertained?—M. O'C. BLAKE, 7/3/78. I am not aware of any, if the statutory declaration as to improvements required by regulation 11, be furnished. The necessary improvements appear to have been effected. *See* 77-14,140, Ms. (herewith).—R.G.S.B., 7/3/78. The declaration has not been received.—J.D.D., 13/3/78. For refusal.—L.G.T., 18/3/78. Approved.—J.S.F., 25/3/78.

The facts were not properly before the Minister when he gave his decision. The applicant will be hardly treated if his application is refused, and more so if he is mulcted in 25 per cent. He should be asked to send in his declaration, and if he can make it, his case should be resubmitted for consideration.—L.G.T., 22/8/78.

Mr. W. H. Williams informed, 6/9/78.

## No. 28.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. H. Williams.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 September, 1878.

Referring to your application of the 2nd August, 1876 (conditional improvement purchase, 883), under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, to purchase 100 acres in the county of Goulburn, on the Little Billabong Run, I am directed to invite your attention to the fact that you have not yet furnished a statutory declaration, as required by the regulations, to the effect that improvements were effected upon the land in question within a period of twelve months from the date of application; and I am to say that if such a declaration is received within one month from this date your claim to the land referred to will be further considered.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 29.

## No. 29.

Messrs. T. F. Waller &amp; Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Little Billabong, 14 September, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge your circular (number as per margin) of the 6th instant, and beg to state that I was improving the land referred to prior to receiving the said letter, but that on receiving from the Government a letter cautioning me not to improve, I at once desisted, and now send you a statutory declaration of the improvements put on by me, and beg to state that I am prepared to put on the balance if required to the extent of £100.

I have, &amp;c.,

WILLIAM HY. WILLIAMS

(By his agents, T. F. WALLER &amp; Co.)

Records papers, please.—J.D.D., 19/9/78.

Enclosed is a declaration to the effect that improvements to the value of £79 had been effected on 100 acres, taken up under the 31st clause, on the 2nd August, 1876. As there was some misunderstanding as to the run upon which the land is situated, the application was refused, on the ground that he had exhausted his right by previous application. It appears that on date of receipt of our letter the improvements (value £79) had been made. Upon receipt of our communication the work of completing the improvements was stopped. It was afterwards found that the land was on a different run to that stated in the application. The application was the only one in virtue of the run. Meanwhile, the time within which the improvements should have been completed had expired; and the question whether the application should be cancelled for non-receipt of declaration was raised. We communicated with the applicant, asking him to furnish the declaration. He states that on receipt of our letter refusing his application he allowed the land to remain in its partially improved state. Under the circumstances, it would hardly be fair to cancel the 31st clause application, as it was through no fault of the applicant's that the improvements were not completed.—J.D.D., L.G.T., 27/9/78.

I do not see how this conditional improvement purchase can be sustained with only £79 worth of improvements on 100 acres. Perhaps the applicant might have the option of increasing the value of the improvements to £100, and applying under the 2nd clause, deposit on former application being refunded.—W.W.S., 27/2/79.

Yes, if no other interest have arisen in the interim.—J.H., 28/2/79. Mr. Bransby,—Can you state if the land has been taken up during the interim.—J.D.D.

## [Enclosure.]

I, WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS, of Little Billabong, in the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—That I have erected the following improvements upon the conditional improvement purchase (883) applied for by me under the 31st clause of the Lands Amendment Act of 1875, for which I applied to purchase 100 acres in the county of Goulburn, Little Billabong Run, viz:—

500 trees grubbed, at 1s. each .....	£25
100 ringbarked, at 1s. each .....	5
600 yards tank work, 1s. 2d. per yard .....	35
Trenching .....	3
Piling dead timber .....	11
	£79

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty intituled, "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Subscribed and declared at Albury, this 14th day of }  
September, 1875, before me,—

T. F. WALLER, J.P.

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

## No. 30.

Messrs. T. F. Waller &amp; Co. to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Albury, 5 December, 1878.

We have the honor to refer you to our letter of 14th September, as agents for Mr. W. H. Williams, in reference to his conditional improvement purchase of 2nd August, 1876.

We, at the same time, forwarded his statutory declaration that he had improved to the extent of £79, and his assurance that he was prepared to complete the improvements up to the required amount.

He has been waiting for the required permission to continue the improvements he was intending to complete when cautioned by your department not to improve.

We shall be obliged by your forwarding us authority for him to proceed, that he may secure the 100 acres he applied for.

We have, &amp;c.,

T. F. WALLER &amp; Co.

(Per ED. THOMSON),

Agents for W. H. WILLIAMS.

## No 31.

## Office Memorandum.

MR. RUTTER,—As the enclosed conditional purchase 76-235 was applied for subsequent to the conditional improvement purchase, should it not (the conditional purchase) be cancelled?—R.G.S.B., 4/4/79.

With reference to the Secretary for Lands' conditional approval of the conditional improvement purchase in question, 76-18 (Albury), of 2nd August, 1876, it appears that that land was applied for as soon after as the 10th August of that year, as an additional conditional purchase, by T. E. Hudson. Conditional purchase 76-235 herewith.—F. W. RUTTER (for Surveyor-General), 8/4/79. The Under Secretary for Lands.

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For decision, see previous minutes on paper enclosed.—W.W.S., 5/5/79.

As the subject matter of these papers has reference to a conditional purchase, as well as a conditional improvement purchase application, I wish to be furnished with a report from the Chief Commissioner upon the subject.—J.H., 9/5/79.

It appears that the conditional improvement purchase made on 2nd August, 1876, was refused, on grounds since found to have been erroneous. It was therefore a valid purchase at the date, 10th August, 1876, if the conditional purchase of T. E. Hudson, which latter should have been cancelled, and therefore should not prevent the treatment of the former application, as regards the completion of the improvements on the proper merits.—A.O.M., 17/5/79.

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No. 32.

Office Memorandum.

Conditional Improvement Purchase 883.

AFTER a careful perusal of the papers in reference to this case, I see no other course open than to declare the conditional improvement purchase application of W. H. Williams of 100 acres, dated 18th August, 1876, on the Little Billabong Run, forfeited, on account of the required improvements, viz., £100 in value, not having been completed within twelve months from the date of application.

No doubt the department was blameworthy in notifying to applicant that his previous application to purchase in virtue of intended improvements would not be allowed as the right to purchase under the provisions of the 31st section had been exhausted; but, nevertheless, I do not consider that any mistakes or laches of the department would warrant or justify my allowing the application to stand good, seeing that on the applicant's own showing he had only effected improvements thereon, on 14th September, 1878, of the value of £79 or upwards of thirteen months after the date of application, and seeing that the words of the 31st section of the Act of 1875 are, to my mind, very clear on this point, viz., "that provided improvements of the value of £1 per acre shall not be made within one year from date of application, twenty-five per cent. of the deposit shall be forfeited and the balance refunded and the said land shall become Crown land."

The additional conditional purchase application of Hudson must also be declared void, and the deposit he paid returned, as, at the time the land was applied for by him, viz., on 10th August, 1876, the Crown had lawfully contracted for one year to sell the same to Williams, subject, of course, to his compliance with the conditions prescribed by the 31st section, hence, at the time Hudson applied, this land was not open to conditional purchase.

For the reasons I have previously stated, and because I am of opinion that applicant is entitled to some consideration from the Government, I direct that the deposit paid by Williams shall not be forfeited, but returned to him, and that the land be submitted for sale by auction, with the value of the improvements added thereto, and if not purchased by Williams, the proceeds of the sale of such improvements returned to him.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 26th May, 1879.

J.H.

Received, 27th. W. H. Williams informed, 28/5/79. Conditional Sales Branch, 28/5/79  
Mr. Lackey. Applicant, care of G. Day, Esq., M.P., with refund order. Agent and Treasury informed 5/6/79. Miscellaneous Branch.

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No. 33.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. H. Williams.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 May, 1879.

In reference to the correspondence respecting your application of the 2nd August, 1876, to purchase under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, of 1875, the land specified in the margin.

I am directed to inform you that notwithstanding the fact that a misunderstanding had been caused through the correct name of the run not having been given, the Secretary for Lands has decided that your application must be refused, as the law allows him no alternative in the matter; the necessary improvements not having been effected within the prescribed time.

As, however, Mr. Hoskins is of opinion that you are entitled to some consideration at the hands of the Government, he has directed that the land be submitted to sale by auction, with the value of improvements added thereto, and that, in the event of your not being the purchaser, the proceeds of the sale of such improvements shall be returned to you.

I may state that the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade was, on the 16th October, 1876, authorized to refund to you, or upon your order, the deposit of £100 lodged with your application.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

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No. 34.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. T. E. Hudson.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney 2 June, 1879.

Referring to your conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to warn you that the final declaration and balance, or interest thereon, will become due on the 10th August, 1879, and that if not duly lodged with the Land Agent on or before the 10th day of November next, the selection will revert to Her Majesty, and the deposit will become forfeited.

2. Should you be desirous of obtaining an extension of time for making improvements to three years from the survey of the land, application to that effect should be made to accompany the declaration of residence and payment of balance or interest.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

(Per V. H.)

No. 35.

C.I.P. 883; area  
100 acres; area  
county Goul-  
burn, parish  
Carabost

C.P. 76, 235; 100  
acres; selected  
at Albury, 10th  
August, 1876, by  
Mr. T. E. Hudson

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No. 35.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. T. E. Hudson.

(C.P. No. 76-235.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 5 June, 1879.

Deposit paid, £25

I desire to inform you that the application made by you, at Albury, on the 10th August, 1876, for the conditional purchase of 100 acres of land, is void, as the land was not open to selection at date of application.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Under Secretary).

[Enclosure.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 5 June, 1879.

	Amount to be refunded.	Cancelled.
	£ s. d.	
For the following refund, viz. :—Ms. No. 78-10572, C.P. No. 76-235.		
Land Office at Albury ; date of selection, 10th day of August, 1876 ; deposit paid on 100 acres .....	25 0 0	
Selection withdrawn or void to the extent of 100 acres, as the land was not open to selection at date of application.		
Deposit to be refunded on 100 acres.....£	25 0 0	

No. 36.

The Under Secretary for Lands to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase.—Revenue refunded.

(C.P. No. 76-235)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 5 June, 1879.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the land was not open to selection at date of application, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of twenty-five pounds, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

District, Albury; name, T. E. Hudson; date of selection, 10th August, 1876; area, 100 acres; deposit, £25.

No. 37.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Albury.

(C.P. No. 76-235.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 5 June, 1879.

I desire to inform you that the application of Thomas Eugene Hudson on the 10th August, 1876, for the conditional purchase of 100 acres of land is void, as the land was not open to selection at date of application.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 38.

Mr. W. H. Williams to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Little Billabong, via Tarcutta, 11 June, 1879.

With regard to your favour of the 28th ultimo, concerning the land specified in the margin, I have to apprise you that I accede to your arrangement that the land shall be sold by auction, and if I be not the purchaser the proceeds of the sale of my improvements shall be remitted to me; but I respectfully request that, as I have lain out of my money for improvements so long, the auction sale may take place as soon as practicable.

Will you please forward me a voucher to enable me to apply for the refund of £100 deposit lodged with my application.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

Place with 79-28,449, C.S.—J.D.D. Mr. Blake. Required, plan G. 1,603-1,475.—J.S., 16/2/80. Mr. Sangster,—Plans G. 1,603, and 2,052-1,475 herewith.—M.O.C.B., 2/4/80. Records,—To await reference to Mines on Aln. 80-3,229.—J.S., 3/5/80. Mr. Sangster,—Perhaps there need not now be any further delay in dealing with this case.—M.O.C.B., 3/9/80.

Area, 100 acres; county Goulburn, parish Carabost.

No. 39.

## No. 39.

Mr. W. H. Williams to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Little Billabong, 13 June, 1879.

Area, 140 acres;  
31st clause,  
Albury, 3rd  
September, 1875

On 3rd September, 1875, I purchased, under the 31st clause of the Land Act, 140 acres of land on the Falls Run, in the parish of Carabost and county of Goulburn, and before the prescribed time expired I had put on the necessary improvements, consisting of a dam, sheep-yards, fencing, and clearing.

Will you please let me know if the deeds are ready, and when I can get them. I have not made a declaration of the improvements on the land, nor do I know that one will be required; but if it be, and you will inform me, I will make one without delay.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. H. WILLIAMS.

Mr. Blake.—J.M.M'G., 19/8/80. The only improvement purchase I can trace is 75-1,799, 16/8/75, 50 acres, on Little Billabong.—M.C.B., 26/6/79. Mr. M'Guinn.

## No. 40.

Mr. J. Adams to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Albury, 3 July, 1879.

Please inquire into the matter of T. E. Hudson, and see how the affair stands.

Hudson selected the land referred to in both of the enclosed documents; has had possession of it ever since; and now he received one notice for a refund of the deposit paid, and another notice telling him to make the necessary declaration.

There is no valid reason why Hudson should not have the land.

Yours truly,

J. ADAMS.

Return the refund voucher, the land not being available for the reason therein stated, having been previously selected by Mr. Williams. The intimation as to transmission of declaration was dated prior to the cancellation, and forwarded—as of routine—in view of the approval of the time for transmission of the declaration.—A.O.M., 8/7/79.

Mr. J. Adams informed; voucher returned, 23/7/79.

## No. 41.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Adams.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 July, 1879.

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant respecting the selection noted in the margin, I am now directed to return the voucher for the refund of the deposit paid thereon by T. E. Hudson, inasmuch as the land is not available for the reason therein stated, having been previously selected by Mr. Williams.

The intimation as to transmitting the declaration was made at a date prior to the cancellation, and forwarded in accordance with routine in view of the approval of time for transmission of the declaration.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

Enclosed voucher, £25.

Albury, C.P. 76-  
235, 100 acres.

## No. 42.

The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Charting Branch, Auction.

(Papers No. 79-7,240 Ms.; G. 1,608-2,052-1,475.)

Surveyor General's Office, 29 April, 1880.

It is recommended that the accompanying tracing be forwarded to the Under Secretary for Mines, with the request that the Department of Mines will report as to whether any objections exist in respect of gold-mining interest to the alienation of the portion of land indicated thereon, under the 23rd section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

T. H. LEWIS

(For Surveyor-General).

The Under Secretary for Mines.—JNO. G. BLAXLAND (for Under Secretary). Lands, B.C., 8/5/80. The Geological Surveyor for report.—H.W., B.C., 12/5/80. There is no objection to the alienation of this land, subject to the provisions of the 29th section of the Lands Act Further Amendment Act of 1880.—C.S.W., 6/3/81. Mines, 6/3/82. Submitted.—H.W., 6/3/82. Approved.—A.R., 7/3/82. The Under Secretary for Lands.—G.E.H., B.C., 8/3/12. Mr. Hall,—As to pre-leases.—C.C.B. (*pro* J. SANGSTER), 17/5/82. No prelease.—W.H.H., 6/6/82. Mr. Geo. Lewis for inspection.—C.C.B. (*pro* J. SANGSTER), 7/6/82. Mr. Sangster, 22/6/82. Mr. Blaxland,—The portions are not available for sale, being partly within travelling stock reserve 1,781, notified 27 June, 1877.—J.S., 28/6/82. Miscellaneous Branch,—Has refund of deposit on conditional improvement purchase been made to Williams, as decided within?—J.G.B., 7/7/82. The refund was authorized on the 16th October, 1876.—J.D.D. (*pro* F. H. WILSON), 14/7/82. Mr. Blaxland.

## No. 43.

Mr. W. H. Williams to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Little Billabong, *via* Germanton, 6 June, 1882.

Area, 100 acres;  
county Goul-  
burn, parish  
Carabost,

In reference to your letter of the 28th May, 1879, concerning the land noted in the margin, which you stated it was your intention to submit for sale by public auction, I have to request you to do so without further delay, as I am afraid the matter has been overlooked by your Department.

An early reply is respectfully solicited.

I am, &amp;c.,

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

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On this further request, my minute within is submitted for instructions.—J.G.B., 4/8/82. Survey Office, as to how alienation of portion would affect the travelling stock reserve.—J.G.B., 30/9/82. Mr. Jno. Robert. To Mr. District-Surveyor Wood for consideration and report (Instruction No. 233).—G. LEWIS (for Surveyor-General), 19/6/83. First Clerk.—23/6/83. District-Surveyor Wood. The alienation of portion 8, of 100 acres, will not materially affect the travelling stock reserve. The applicant has informed me that he has made no additions to the improvements on the portion, and that he is willing to further improve the portion to the extent of £25, if he will be allowed afterwards to purchase it under the 2nd section. This will, I think, be the best course to adopt.—J. H. Wood, District-Surveyor, 29/6/83. The Surveyor-General.

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No. 44.

Office Memorandum.

In this case the Minister decided on 78-10,752 Misc. (cover) that W. H. Williams was entitled to some consideration with regard to his conditional improvement purchase application dated 2nd August, 1876, for 100 acres, now portion 8, and therefore the land should be offered at auction with the value of the improvements (£79) added to the upset price for his protection.

Now it appears travelling stock reserve No. 1,781, notified 27th June, 1877, partly embraces this portion.

Applicant was apprised of the above decision, and on the 11th June, 1879, agreed to it.

Submitted whether step should be taken to cancel part of reserve or let the matter rest, unless reopened by Williams, as nothing has been done by him for three years towards getting the land sent to auction.

J.G.B., 21/7/82.

Await action by party interested.—C.O., 26/7/82. Mr. Williams now presses for the completion of action in accordance with Mr. Hoskins' decision. Let the matter receive special attention.—C.O., 29/5/83.

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No. 45.

The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Land District, Albury, 16 July, 1883.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of the Secretary for Lands—That the defined area enumerated in the margin, and situate in the county of Goulburn, parish of Carabost, be withdrawn from travelling stock reserve No. 1,781A, under the provisions of the 6th clause of the Crown Lands Act, to allow the portion to be offered at auction as herein directed, District-Surveyor Wood having reported that the alienation of the portion will not materially affect the value of the travelling stock reserve. ▲area about 33 acres.

G. LEWIS

(For the Surveyor-General).

Submitted whether the Mines Department be referred to before action *re* reducing the travelling stock reserves.—J.D.D., 23/7/83. Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 25/7/83. The Under Secretary for Mines.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 25/7/83. The Lands Department might be asked to furnish tracing showing the reserve.—A.B., 31/7/83. The Under Secretary for Mines. The Under Secretary for Lands.—H.W., B.C., 1/8/83. Survey Office, with a view to a tracing being prepared.—J.G.B. (for the Under Secretary), 15/8/83. Mr. G. Lewis. Lithograph herewith, showing the travelling stock reserve in the vicinity referred to.—G. LEWIS (for the Surveyor-General), 31/8/83. The Under Secretary for Lands. Submitted that the papers be now forwarded to the Mines Department, with the tracing asked for.—H.L.T., 5/9/83. The Under Secretary for Mines.—J.G.B. (for the Under Secretary), B.C., Lands, 6/9/83.

This is the main road from Albury to Tumberumba, and it will be seen, on reference to the sketch (herewith) that there is very little reservation near the portion applied for, there being only a 3-chain road for a distance of over 2 miles; therefore I think it would be very objectionable, in the interest of travelling stock, to cancel this portion of travelling stock reserve.—A.B., 12/3/84. The Under Secretary for Mines.

Submitted.—H.W., 14/3/84. Approved.—J. P. ABBOTT, 18/3/84. The Under Secretary for Lands.—H.W., B.C., 19/3/84. Survey Office.—J.G.B. (*pro* Under Secretary), 24/3/84.

Mr. Wood will be good enough to say if a continuous stock reserve to the south and adjoining portions 1, 8, 7, 6, and 33 is practicable and desirable in the public interests.—G. LEWIS (for the Surveyor-General), 10/4/84. Mr. District-Surveyor Wood.

Reported on by letter of 6th May, 84-30.—J. H. Wood, District Surveyor.

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No. 46.

Office Memorandum.

Present position of these conditional improvement purchases.

CONDITIONAL improvement purchase 78 for 140 acres, on Little Billabong Run. Statutory declaration received. Found that the land is on the Falls Run. The refusal was determined upon, but the letters have not been sent. To be refused on 5 miles square test.

Conditional improvement purchase 79 for 40 acres on Falls Run. Applicant applied for a refund of his deposit hereon, as he had since discovered that land applied for by conditional improvement purchase 78 was not on Little Billabong Run but on the Falls Run. No determination has been come to in this case.

Conditional improvement purchase 883 for 100 acres, on Little Billabong Run, was refused by letter of 16/10/76, on the ground of right being exhausted by conditional improvement purchase 78. Applicant applied for reconsideration, as it appeared conditional improvement purchase 78 was for land on Falls Run. There did not appear to be any objection to this, but the survey officer stated that the

the statutory declaration had not been received. The case was submitted on this memo., and Mr. Farnell approved of the refusal on this ground, which will involve forfeiture of 25 per cent. of the deposit; so that applicant by asking rehearing will only lose instead of gain, although it appears he was in the right.

There is a conditional purchase which clashes with one of these last conditional improvement purchases.

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No. 47.

Mr. District-Surveyor J. H. Wood to The Surveyor General.

Sir,

District Survey Office, Albury, 6 April, 1884.

In compliance with your instructions of the 10th April, 1884, 139, I have the honor to inform you that the country at the south of portions 1, 8, 7, 6, and 33, is rough and hilly, and I do not think it would be desirable in the public interests to notify a travelling stock reserve in that direction. The public would prefer driving stock along the road, especially as it is for the most part 3 chains wide between the reserves (in no part is it 1 chain, as stated in Mr. Bruce's minute), and only for a distance of 70 chains is it  $1\frac{1}{2}$  chains wide.

2. It will be observed on referring to the enclosed sketch that there is a large reserve a quarter of a mile west of portion 8, and again the stock reserve  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of that portion, so that this part of the road is amply provided with reserves; and I do not see how the public can be inconvenienced by the alienation of about 33 acres, being that part of the travelling stock reserve within portion 8.

I have, &c.,

J. H. WOOD,  
District Surveyor.

In view of the further report of District-Surveyor Wood, it is submitted that the portion of travelling stock reserve 1,781A, within portion 8 be cancelled.—G. LEWIS (for the Surveyor-General), 14/5/84. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Submitted, in view of report by Mines Department.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 16/5/84. Reserve to be retained.—J.S.F., 16/5/84. Dealt with in the Reserve Branch.—C.J.S. (for G. LEWIS), 29/5/84.

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No. 48.

Messrs. Cape and Kent to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Re improvement purchase of 140 acres, applied for in the name of the Commercial Bank.

Reference to papers 84-8,948 Ms.

Sir,

Commercial Union Chambers, Pitt and Hunter Streets, Sydney, 8 April, 1886.

With reference to this improvement purchase, of 140 acres, in the county of Goulburn, parish of Carabost, portions 8 and 13, we have the honor to request, on behalf of our clients, the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, that the matter may be reopened and proceeded with to the issue of the grant.

We understand that it has hitherto been delayed by some question relating to a reserve, which has now been got rid of.

Your early attention will be esteemed a favour.

We have, &c.,

CAPE AND KENT.

Conditional improvement purchase matter, I think.—E.C.M. (*per* R.D.L.), 12/4/86. Mr. O'Dwyer. Are portions 8 and 13 within a leasehold area?—J.O'D. (*pro* R. H. DE LOW), 14/6/86. Mr. Houston.

Portion 8, parish of Carabost, is within the leasehold area of Little Billabong and the Falls holding, No. 429, Eastern Division, gazetted 5th August, 1885. Portion 13 is within the resumed area of the same holdings.—C.J.S., 17/6/86.

Mr. De Low, Occupation Branch. Please state name of the lessee of above runs.—J.O'D. (*pro* R. H. DE LOW), 5/7/86. The Commercial Banking Company is the lessee of the holding 429, Eastern Division, including the runs Little Billabong and the Falls.—E.L., Occupation Branch, 10/7/86. E.G.W., 9/7/86. Ms. Branch.

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No. 49.

Office Memorandum.

Application under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, by W. H. Williams, conditional improvement purchases 78 and 883.

Conditional improvement purchase 78, 140 acres, portion No. 13, in the parish of Carabost, county of Goulburn.

A DECISION was given on 76-10,171 Ms. that this application be refused under the 5-mile test, and also on account of the land being situated on two runs, and that applicant be informed that he could apply for the land under the second clause, having improved it to the extent of £1 per acre; but, as far as can be ascertained, the letter conveying that decision was not sent.

Conditional improvement purchase 883, 100 acres, portion 8, in the parish of Carabost, county of Goulburn. This application was refused on the ground that the right to purchase in virtue of Little Billabong Run had been exhausted by conditional improvement purchase 78; but as the surveyor reported that the land embraced by the latter application was, for the greater part, within the Falls Run, Mr. Secretary Hoskins decided, on 78-10,752, Ms. cover, that the land be submitted to auction, with the value of the improvements added to the upset price, and if not purchased by Williams, the proceeds of the sale of such improvements to be returned to him. The improvements effected on the land were found to be worth only £79, and as the area applied for was 100 acres, the refusal of the conditional improvement purchase application was upheld. A

A description was accordingly furnished for the withdrawal from travelling stock reserve No. 1,781A, of 33 acres, within portion 8; but Mr. Secretary Farnell decided, on the 16th May, 1884, that the reserve be retained.

Application has now been made by Messrs. Cape and Kent, on behalf of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, to have the cases reopened.

Portion 8 is within the leasehold area of Little Billabong and the Falls holding, and portion 13 is within the resumed area of the same holding. The Commercial Banking Company is the present lessee of both the runs referred to.

Submitted whether conditional improvement purchase 78 be refused and the deposit refunded, the land being situated on two runs, and whether portion No. 8 be offered at auction on the same terms as those approved of by Mr. Secretary Hoskins, a written guarantee to be first obtained from the lessees to the effect that, in the event of anyone else becoming the purchaser of the land, they will not claim compensation from the Crown on the ground of its being within their leasehold.

F.H.W. S.F.—It will be sufficient to refuse the application now outstanding, and refund the deposit, leaving the applicant to make any representations he may deem proper on the subject of the sale by auction. The land is now in a leasehold area.—C.O., 20/8/86.

Approved.—H.C., 20/8/86. Correspondence Branch to inform applicant, Land Agent, and Treasury.—J.O'D. (*pro* R. H. DE Low), 25/8/86. Treasury, Chairman, Agent, Albury, Messrs. Cape and Kent (with refund voucher in favour of applicant) informed, 27/8/86.—C.W.T. Ms. Branch, Refusal noted.—W.H.S., 29/12/87.

R.H.D., 3/8/86.

#### No. 50.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Albury.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 August, 1886.

I am directed to inform you that the application under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, of which particulars are given in the margin, has been refused; and I am to request that you will be good enough to erase the notation from the office map, and note the refusal in the register in which the application is recorded.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

C.I.P. 78; local No. 75-3; 3rd Sept. 1875; W. H. Williams; 140 acres; portion 3, parish of Little Billabong and Carabost, county of Goulburn, Albury.

#### No. 51.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 August, 1886.

I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has decided to refuse the application under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, of which particulars are given in the margin, and has approved of a refund of the deposit money in connection therewith, amounting to £140, and credited at the Treasury on the 19th September, 1875, being made to applicant or his order.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

C.I.P. 78; local No. 75-3; 3rd September, 1875; W. H. Williams; 140 acres; portion 3, parish of Little Billabong, county of Goulburn; Little Billabong Run, Albury.

#### No. 52.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Cape and Kent.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 August, 1886.

Referring to your letter of the 8th April last, asking that the conditional improvement purchase noted in the margin should be proceeded with, I have the honor to inform you that, the land being situated on two runs, the application was refused by Mr. Secretary Garrett, which refusal Mr. Secretary Copeland has decided to uphold, and has approved of a refund being made of the deposit money lodged in connection therewith, amounting to £140, and for which a refund voucher payable to the order of Mr. W. H. Williams (the applicant) is now enclosed.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

C.I.P. 78; local No. 75-3; 3rd September, 1875; W. H. Williams; 140 acres; portion 3, parish of Billabong, county of Goulburn, Albury.

Refund voucher.

[Enclosure.]

(C.I.P. 78).

Sir,

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to refund to Mr. W. H. Williams, of Little Billabong, the sum of £140, credited at the Treasury, on the 19th September, 1875, being a deposit on conditional improvement application made by the above.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

#### No. 53.

Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Commercial Union Chambers, Pitt and Hunter Streets,

Sir,

Sydney, 22 September, 1887.

The conditional improvement purchase of 140 acres, noted in the margin, was on 1st March, 1881, mortgaged by W. H. Williams to the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney. Such mortgage is still in existence and default has been made in payment of the moneys secured thereby. On 27th August, 1886, we were notified by the Department of Lands that the application for the improvement purchase was refused, and that a refund of the deposit money lodged in connection therewith, viz., £140, would be made.

The refund voucher then sent us having been made payable to the order of W. H. Williams, we have been unable to obtain payment.

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Inasmuch

C.I.P. 78; local No. 75-3; 3rd September, 1875; W. H. Williams; 140 acres; portion 3; parish, Billabong; county, Goulburn, Albury.

Inasmuch as the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney are the holders of the lease of the runs upon which was this improvement purchase, and to whom had the application been proceeded with the grant would have issued, and as that bank as the legal mortgagees from Williams are entitled to the deposit of £140 representing the improvement purchase, we have to request that you will be pleased to authorize the payment of the refund to the order of the bank. In the meanwhile, we beg that you will record that the bank have the right to this money under the circumstances above stated, and that you will not pay over the same to any one without their order or authority.

We have, &c.,

CAPE, KENT, AND GADEN.

For papers. R.H.D., 4/10/87. Mr. Stuart. Herewith.—W.H.S., 7/10/87. Mr. De Low. Special. Submitted, in view of the Under Secretary's memo. of 20/8/86 on Ms. 86.15-416. No reason is, in my opinion, advanced for departing from the decision arrived at.—R.H.D., 7/10/87. In addition to the above, I may add that, so far as the parties to whom the money should be paid, the question is one for the Treasury and not for this Department.—R.H.D., 7/10/87. F.H.W.

Submitted for approval. This Department can only recognize the purchaser, Williams, who paid the money. There is nothing to show that he transferred his right of purchase or the deposit paid to the banking company. In any case, as pointed out by Mr. De Low, the matter is apparently for the Treasury Department to consider.—S.F., 12/10/87.

Submission approved.—T.G., 12/10/87. Correspondence Branch. Cape, Kent, and Gaden informed, 19/10/87.

### No. 54.

#### The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 October, 1887.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, respecting the conditional improvement purchase noted in the margin, I am to inform you that this Department can only recognize the purchaser Williams, who paid the money, and that there is nothing to show that he transferred his right of purchase, or the deposit paid, to the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.

I am to add that, so far as regards the parties to whom the money should be paid, the question is one for the Treasury, and not for this Department, to deal with.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

### No. 55.

#### Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Commercial Union Chambers, Pitt' and Hunter Streets,

Sydney, 20 October, 1887.

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, 87-12,398 Ms. The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney claim, as mortgagee of the land which was applied to be purchased in this case (copy of which mortgage is herewith enclosed), and we submit for your consideration that the bank, as mortgagees thereof, have the sole claim to the money which represents the land.

In any event, we submit that the Government, having notice of this claim from the copy mortgage which is now enclosed, would not be justified in handing over the money to the mortgagor, W. H. Williams.

We have, &c.,

CAPE, KENT, AND GADEN.

Submitted, in connection with decision on 87-12,398 (next paper).

I am not aware that the Department is bound, or even called upon, to recognize a mortgagee. This Department has done all that is required of it. The rest is a matter between the Treasury and those who think they have a claim on the money. This Department has acknowledged the party transacting the business with it.—R.H.D., 8/11/87.

F.H.W.S.F. Inform as above.—T.G., 5/12/87. Cor. Branch. Writer informed, 15/12/87. Refusals have been noted in registers.—M.L., 30/12/87. Forwarded for Mr. McLean's information.—J.O'D. (pro R. H. De Low), 4/1/88. Charting Branch. Noted in Charting Branch.—M.V.M. (for R.M.), 31/1/88. Mr. De Low. Put away.—J.O'D., 8/2/88. District Surveyor at Wagga Wagga.—R.H.D. (for the Under Secretary, Lands), B.C., 28/3/88. To be returned.

[Enclosures.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Memorandum of Mortgage.—26 Victoria, No. 9.

I WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS of Little Billabong in the Colony of New South Wales grazier being registered as the proprietor of an estate in fee simple in the land hereinafter described subject however to such encumbrances liens and interests as are notified by memoranda underwritten or endorsed hereon in consideration of eight thousand pounds lent to me by the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (hereinafter called "the said Company") and of the said Company making me advances and affording me accommodation from time to time in their option in the accepting or discounting or payment of moneys in advance upon bills of exchange promissory notes cheques or other securities or by otherwise paying or advancing or lending moneys to or incurring liabilities for me or to or for other persons upon my order or request or under my authority as security for which I have this day given to the said company my bond Do for the purpose of further securing to the said company and their assigns the due payment on demand as hereinafter mentioned of the said sum of eight thousand pounds and all other moneys whatsoever which shall be lent paid or advanced to or for me by the said company upon the security of the said bond or which shall become due owing or payable by me to the said company under or by virtue of the said bond and to the intent also that the said land shall be available for securing the said company and their assigns against any breach or default in the observance or performance of any of the terms or conditions of the said bond hereby mortgaged to the said company all my estate and interest as such registered proprietor as aforesaid in all that piece of land containing one hundred

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and forty acres situated in the county of Goulburn parish of registered volume folio being the whole of the land comprised in Crown grant dated also all that piece of land And I the mortgagor do hereby covenant with the said company Firstly—That I the mortgagor will upon demand to be made by the said company or their assigns or by the general manager for the time being of the said company or by the accountant or other officer of the said company and either delivered to me the mortgagor or left at the usual place of abode or business in the said Colony of me the mortgagor or that which was last known as such to the said company or their assigns or sent through the medium of any post office addressed to me the mortgagor pay to the said company or their assigns the said sum of eight thousand pounds and all other moneys whatsoever which shall be lent paid or advanced to or for me the mortgagor by the said company upon the security of the said bond or which shall become due owing or payable by me the mortgagor to the said company under or by virtue of the said bond Secondly—That I the mortgagor will in all respects duly observe fulfil and keep all and every the terms and conditions expressed in the said bond Thirdly—That I the mortgagor will insure in the sum of pounds and that in the event of loss the sum recoverable on account of such insurance shall be applicable either in or towards repair or rebuilding or in or towards repayment of the said moneys secured by the said bond at the option of the said company or their assigns And I hereby declare that upon default in payment of the said sum of eight thousand pounds or of any of such moneys as aforesaid or upon default or breach in the observance or performance of any of the terms and conditions in the said bond or otherwise under the said bond the said company or their assigns or their attorney or attorneys shall immediately have and be at liberty to exercise all or any of the powers of a mortgagee under the Real Property Act And as between myself the mortgagor and the Registrar-General or his Deputy or other officer for the time being acting on his behalf in the administration of the Real Property Act and all persons whomsoever dealing with or accepting title under the said company and their assigns I hereby expressly declare that it shall be lawful for and I authorize and empower the said company or their assigns or the manager for the time being of the said company or their attorney or attorneys to exercise all and every or any of the powers of sale entry and possession distress ejectment foreclosure and all and every other the powers vested in mortgagees under and by virtue of the Real Property Act in respect of the property hereby mortgaged or any part thereof immediately upon or at any time after default in payment as hereinbefore mentioned of the said sum of eight thousand pounds or of any other moneys whatsoever intended to be secured by the said bond or immediately upon or at any time after default or breach in the observance or performance of any of the terms and conditions of the said bond without the necessity of giving to me the mortgagor any notice or notices as required by the Real Property Act or otherwise previously to exercising such powers or any of them And I further declare that it shall not be necessary to prove to the Registrar-General or any such other person as aforesaid that any such default or breach has been made or that such demand as aforesaid has been made or sent or that the exercise of any such powers as aforesaid was necessary proper or regular And I further declare that upon the tender for registration under the Real Property Act of any instrument whether of transfer or otherwise duly executed by the said company or their assigns it shall not be necessary for the Registrar-General or any such other person or persons as aforesaid to inquire whether any default has been made or whether any demand has been made or sent or whether the power of sale or any other powers that may have been exercised as aforesaid has or have arisen or been properly or regularly exercised or into any other matter or thing in relation to the due execution thereof or otherwise And I further declare that this mortgage shall be taken and is intended to operate as a security collateral to the said bond and that as regards the rights of all persons-claiming title under any Act or instrument purporting to be in exercise of the said powers or any of them or to be consequent on any default or breach in the observance or performance of any of the terms or conditions of the said bond or of any of the covenants herein contained every such Act or instrument shall without the necessity of proving any other fact circumstance matter or thing and without the production of the said bond to be of itself conclusive evidence of the fact of such default and of the fulfilment of all other preliminary conditions (if any) required for giving full effect to every such Act or instrument and for excluding all objections to registration thereof And I further declare and agree that the said company and their assigns shall during the continuance of the said bond and of this security retain and have the sole custody of the Certificate of Title

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name at Albury the first day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS,  
Mortgagor.

Signed in my presence by the said William Henry Williams, who is personally known to me,—

J. HAYES, J.P.

Accepted by the said Company, and I hereby certify this Mortgage to be correct for the purposes of the Real Property Act.

T. A. DIBBS,  
Manager.

Signed in my presence by Thomas Allwright Dibbs, Manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, who is personally known to me,—

JAS. J. MONRO.

We, the undersigned, having carefully compared the printing and writing contained in the two preceding pages with the original Memorandum of Mortgage, and having also carefully compared the writing contained in the papers annexed hereto with the receipt attached to the said original Memorandum of Mortgage, hereby certify that the same are respectively true copies of the said original Memorandum of Mortgage and Receipt respectively, of which they purport to be true copies respectively.

Dated this twentieth day of October, A.D. 1887.

HARVEY TAFT,  
E. CLARKE

(Clerks to Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden, Solicitors, Pitt-street, Sydney).

New South Wales.

Albury, 3 September, 1875.

(No. 115,628).

RECEIVED from William H. Williams the sum of one hundred and forty pounds sterling, on account of deposit under clause 31, Land Act, extending improvements, Little Billabong.

£140

EDWARD BROWN,  
Crown Lands Agent.

## No. 56.

### The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 December, 1887.

With reference to your letter of the 20th October last, urging that the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, as mortgagees of the land, are entitled to the refund of deposit money in connection with the selection quoted in the margin. I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that this Department is not called upon to recognize a mortgagee. It has acknowledged the party transacting the business, and done all that is required of it. Anything further is a matter between the Treasury Department and those who think they have a claim on the money.

Albury, C.I.P.  
78, 140 acres,  
portion 3, parish  
of Carabost,  
county of Goul-  
burn, W. H.  
Williams.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 57.

## No. 57.

## Memorandum from the District Surveyor, Wagga Wagga, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

16 March, 1888.

I BEG to request that all papers having reference to conditional improved purchase 75-58, Albury, embracing portion 13, parish of Carabost, county of Goulburn, may be forwarded to me. *This matter is very urgent.*

J.T.K.

(For Acting District Surveyor).

Mr. Keating.—W.O., 7/4/88.

Mr. Koeford. Forwarded to the Chairman this day for his information in connection with application for conditional purchase 87-50 by Arrabella C. Williams.—J.T.K. (for District Surveyor), May, 1888. The Chairman.

## No. 58.

## Office Memorandum.

DISTRICT Surveyor at Wagga Wagga to be written to to-day for return of papers, Ms. 87-13,582, which stand noted to him, 29/3/88, 41. Wanted by Treasury.

Mr. De Low. Register. Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden, claiming for Commercial Bank, Sydney, as mortgagees, money representing conditional improvement purchase, Albury, No. 78, W. H. Williams, and enclosing copy of mortgage. State subject hereon, and then to Correspondence Branch to ask District Surveyor to return them.

R.H.D.

11/5/88.

(For the Under Secretary).

District Surveyor asked, 11/5/88. Sent to Chairman on 19/5/88. Has the memo. been returned?—R.H.D., 29/5/88. Mr. F. No.—J.R.F., 30/5/88. Remind Chairman by memo.—R.H.D. (for the Under-Secretary), 30/5/88. Mr. B. Done.—E.B., 31/5/88.

## No 59.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 May, 1888.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to return papers numbered Miscellaneous 87-13,582, relating to conditional improvement purchase, Albury, No. 78, W. H. Williams, forwarded to your address on the 29th March, 1888.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON,

(For the Under Secretary).

Papers required are registered L.B.D., 88-3,995, and were sent to the Under Secretary, *per* Chairman of Land Board, on 10th instant.—WILLIAM ORR, District Surveyor, 15/5/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

The papers have not reached this Branch. Will the Chairman at Wagga Wagga be good enough to say if the papers did leave his office, and the subject of them.—R.H.D. (for the Under Secretary, Lands), 19/5/88. To be returned.

Papers attached. They were forwarded by the District Surveyor for information in connection with report on conditional purchase 87-50, Albury, Arrabella C. Williams.—E.H.D., 30/5/88. Inform the Under Secretary for Lands that the papers have been retained in connection with an application for a conditional purchase, No. 87-50, by A. C. Williams, Albury.—A.B.C., 31/5/88. J.H.P. See 88-6,570.—G.P.

## No. 60.

## Memo. from Miscellaneous Branch, Lands Department, to The Chairman of the Land Board, Wagga Wagga.

31 May, 1888.

WILL you be good enough to cause papers, Ms. 87-13,582, to be returned at once, if possible, as Treasury requires the case in order to deal with a matter of suspended money. The case referred to was sent to you by this Department on 19th May, 1888, and the subject is Messrs Cape, Kent, and Gaden, claiming, as mortgagees, money on conditional improvement purchase, Albury 78, by W. H. Williams.

R. H. DE LOW

(For the Under Secretary).

B.C. Lands. See action on L.L.B., 88-6,273 enclosed.—E.H.D., 6/6/88.

Now to the Under Secretary for Lands as requested. As soon as action is completed, it is urged that they be returned to this office in connection with court action on C.P. 87-50, Albury.—A. B. CREW (for Chairman, Local Land Board, Wagga), 12/6/88.

## No. 61.

## Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Commercial Union Chambers, Pitt and Hunter Streets, Sydney, 5 June, 1888.

We wrote to you on 22nd September last as to the conditional improvement purchase of 140 acres noted in the margin, informing you that the same had been mortgaged by W. H. Williams to the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, and requesting that you would be pleased to record that the Bank had a right to the money referred to in the letter, and that you would not pay over the same to any one without their order or authority.

We have now the honor to intimate that the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney have no further claim on the money in question, and we beg to withdraw the notice comprised in the letter referred to.

We have, &c.,

CAPE, KENT, AND GADEN.

C.I.P. 78,  
W. H. Williams  
140 acres,  
portion 3, parish  
of Billabong,  
county  
Goulburn.

These papers are wanted by the Treasury (*vide* 88-5,661, next paper).—J.O'D., 26/6/88. Done with at Treasury.—R.H.D., 4/7/88. Returned to the Chairman at Wagga.—R.H.D. (for Under Secretary), B.C., 4/7/88. Lands.

Part of portion 13 has been taken up by Arrabella C. Williams under conditional purchase 87-50, confirmed for 62½ acres, on 26th June, 1889. These papers are not further required, and are therefore returned to the Under Secretary for Lands.—A.B.C. (for Chairman, Local Land Board, Wagga), 29/6/89.

Take any further action necessary please.—R. H.D., 2/7/89. Mr. Boyle. No further action apparently necessary.—EUG. B., 3/7/89.

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Enclosure to N<sup>o</sup> 16.

Tracing showing position of T. Hudsons C.P.s on the Little Billabong Run  
 And also W<sup>m</sup> Williams applications to purchase under the 31<sup>st</sup> Sect<sup>n</sup>  
 Parish of .....

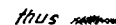

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

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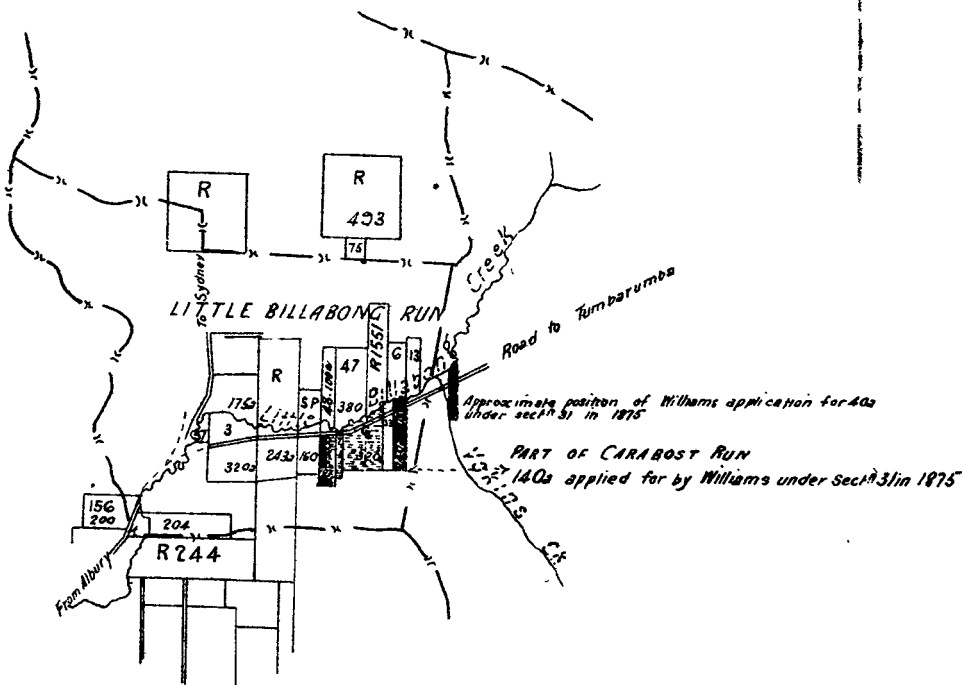
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Portion N<sup>o</sup> 8. 102a applied for by W<sup>m</sup> Williams under 31<sup>st</sup> sect<sup>n</sup> & also part of N<sup>o</sup> 6 320a  
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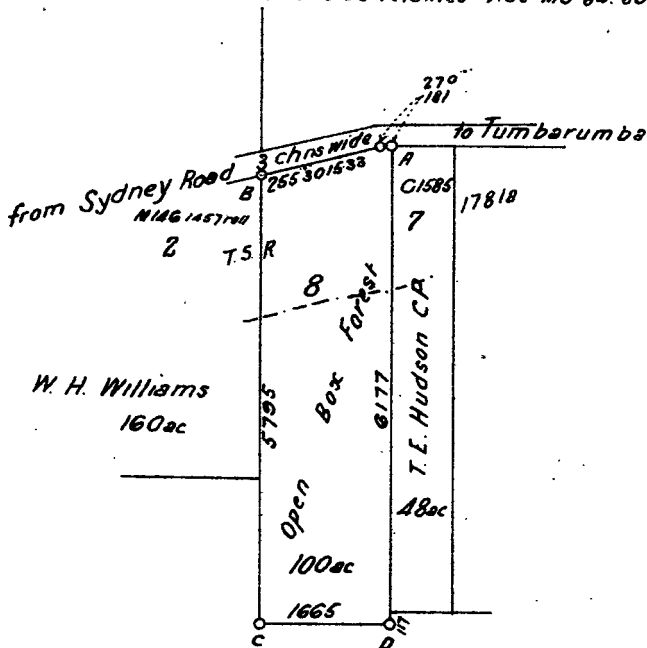
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**TRACING**  
Of portion *N<sup>o</sup> 8* in the  
*Parish of Carabost*  
*County of Goulburn*

Applied for under the 31<sup>st</sup> Clause of the Crown Lands ~~Amendment~~ *Amendment* Act of 1885, by *W. H. Williams*

*C.L.P. 76.883 of 20<sup>th</sup> August refused*  
*CP 76.235 of 10<sup>th</sup> August declared void. see Office Memo on papers 78.10752 Ms*  
*Within the Four Mile Creek and Yarara C.F. Proclaimed 25 March 75*  
*Partly within T.S.R N<sup>o</sup> 1781 Notified 27<sup>th</sup> June 1877*  
*Auction Sale unobjectionable by Mines Vite A/n 80.3229*  
*Partly within T.S.R 1781a Notd 27 June 77*  
*That part of T.S.R 1781a within Por 8 to be retained Vide MS 84.8948*



*No. 76. 19*  
*Con. 4 plan*  
*(Signed)*

Marked in accordance with regulations

Instrument used in Survey *theodolite*

Date of Survey *18 August 1876*

Value of Improvements *Nil*

Situated in the *Lime Billabong Run*

<i>A</i>	<i>71° 30'</i>	<i>Apple</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>231° 30'</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>C</i>	<i>78°</i>	<i>Box</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>D</i>	<i>216° 30'</i>		<i>17</i>	<i>8</i>	

*Plan accepted*  
*Signed* *moeB*  
*6 March 78.*

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of *Oct*

the *31<sup>st</sup>* No. *76. 108*

Signed

*Jahn M. Macdonald.*

*Licensed Surveyor.*

Traced by *B.J.*

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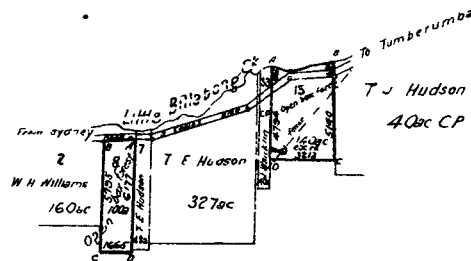
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**TRACING**      *Enclosure to N<sup>o</sup> 42.*  
Of portions 8 and 13 in the  
*Parish of Carabost*  
*County of Goulburn*

*Applied for under the Clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, by*

*Within the Four mile Creek and Yarara Gold Field proclaimed 25 March 1875  
Open to C.P.*



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B'	52°	Gum	20				

*Marked in accordance with regulations*

*Instrument used in Survey—Theodolite*

*Date of Survey*

*Value of Improvements*

*Situated in the*

*Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of  
the                      No.*

*Signed*

*J. M. Macdonald  
Licensed Surveyor.*

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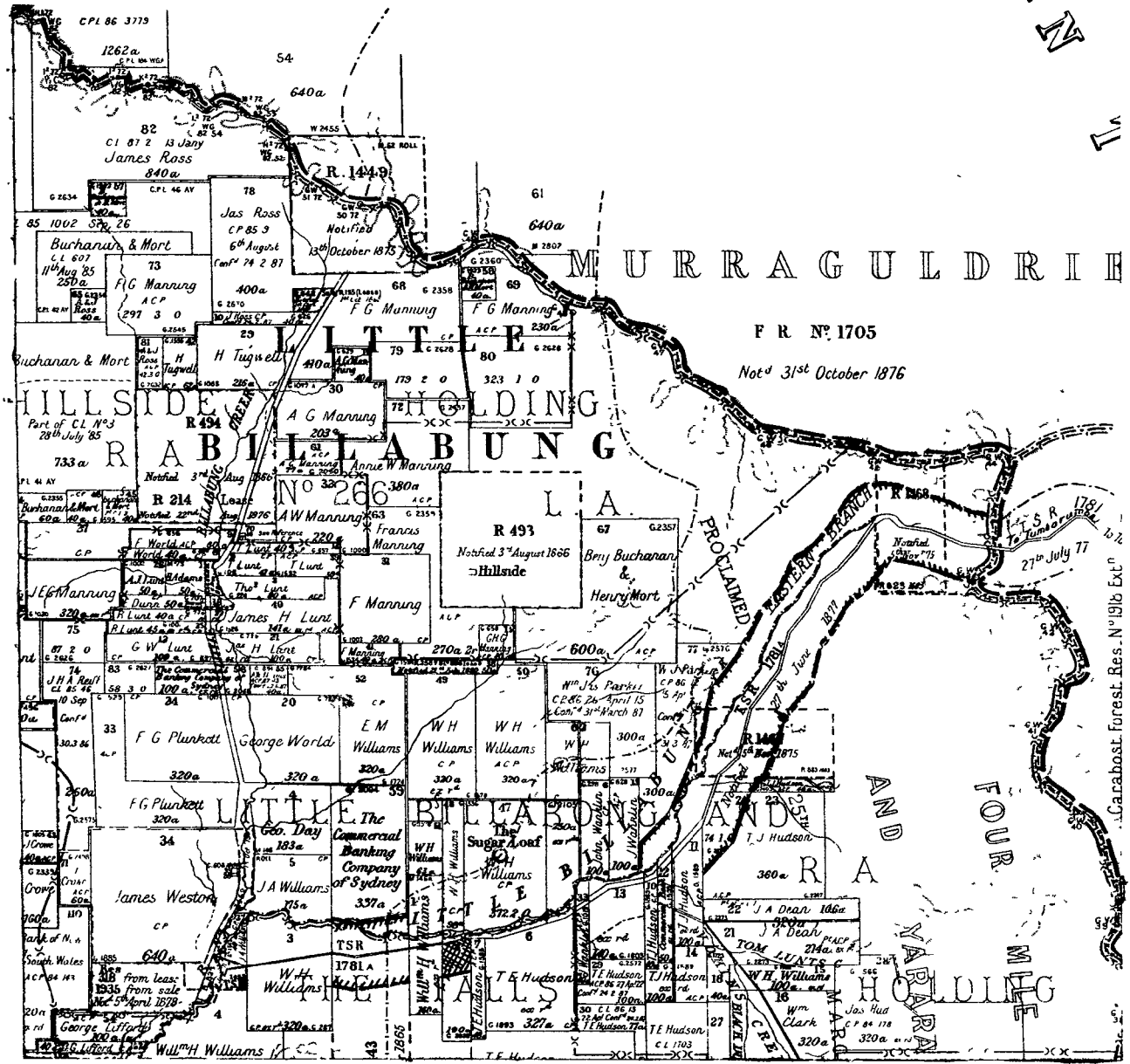
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 Parish of { Little Billabung County of Goulburn  
 and Carabost  
 Land District of...

Date 23.1.90  
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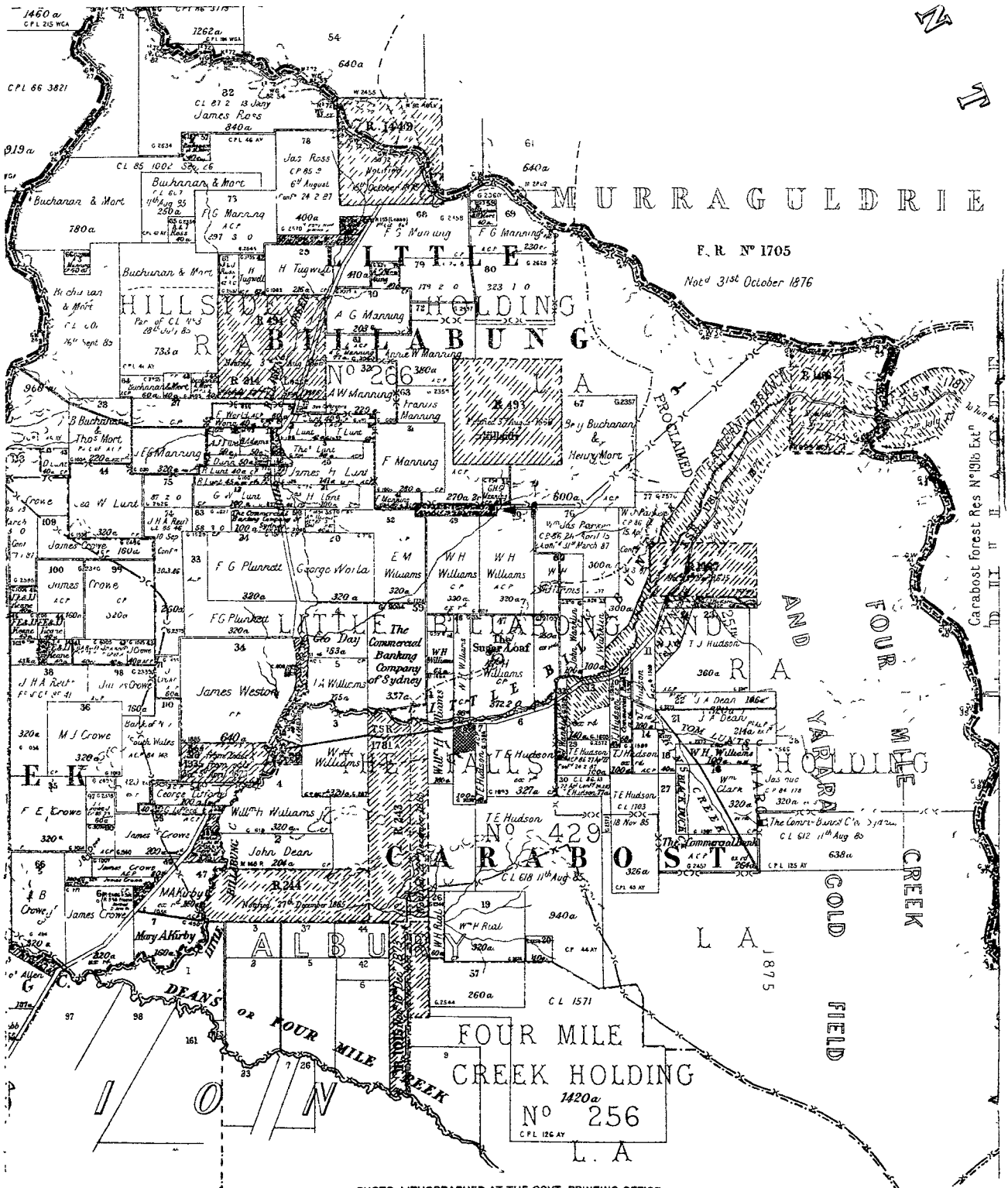


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**CROWN LANDS.**

(APPLICATION OF ROBERT LAMROCK FOR A CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT MUDGEE.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 7 May, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 23rd August, 1889, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all papers and other documents in connection with the application of Robert Lamrock for a conditional purchase, applied for at Mudgee in June, 1871, and refused.”

(*Mr. Wall.*)

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### No. 1.

#### Application by R. Lamrock.

(C.P. 68-52)

[Alienation Act, section 13]

Land Agent's, No. 4 of 1868

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 60 acres unimproved Crown land, under section 13 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861

Received by me, with a deposit of £15, this 9th day of January, 1868, at 11 o'clock,—

J. A. PORTUS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

Sir,

9 January, 1868.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 60 acres, and I herewith tender the sum of £15, being deposit at the rate of 5s per acre on the area for which I apply, and on which it is my intention to reside

I am, &c,

ROBERT LAMROCK,

Mudgee.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

#### Description.

County of Phillip, parish of \_\_\_\_\_, 60 acres On Castlereagh Flat, between Lamrock's conditional purchase at Springfield and the Gulgong quartz reef, as marked out by me.

Position cannot be traced in office. Mr. John Mann to measure if unobjectionable.—W.R., B C 15/2/68, No 14. P. 678-1,524, portion 17, 60 acres.

### No. 2.

#### Application by R. Lamrock.

(C.P. 68-53)

[Alienation Act, section 21]

Land Agent's, No. 5 of 1868.

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown land, under section 21 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 9th day of January, 1868, at five minutes past 11 o'clock,—

J. A. PORTUS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

Sir,



Sir,

9 January, 1868.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 60 acres, made on the 9th January, 1868; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I have, &amp;c.,

ROBERT LAMROCK,

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

Mudgee.

Description.

County of Phillip, parish of : 40 acres adjoining my previous selection of 60 acres of this date, on Castlereagh Flat, as marked out by me.

Mr. John Mann (if first conditional purchase is satisfactory) to measure if unobjectionable. First conditional purchase, 68-52, apparently unobjectionable.—W.R., B.C., 18/2/68; 22. Dealt with in Charting Branch (*vide* 68-8,738 Aln.) P. 678-1,524; portion 18; 40 acres.

## No. 3.

## Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Mann to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Camp (near Gulgong), 31 August, 1868.

I have the honor to transmit a plan\* showing the position of two portions of land, situated in the parish of Gulgong, county of Phillip, containing 60 and 40 acres, being the land applied for by Robert Lamrock under sections 13 and 21, Crown Lands Alienation Act, 1861. Soil, good; water, none; timber, open forest, box, apple, and gum. Survey completed 27th August, 1868. Resident improvements consist of a hut, small dam, and fencing; value, £50.

I have, &amp;c.,

JOHN F. MANN,  
Licensed Surveyor.

\*See Appendices.  
No. 68-117;  
P. 628-1,534;  
Instruction, B.C.  
68-14-22,  
15th and 18th  
February, 1868;  
C.P. 68-52-53.  
Address,  
Gulgong, *via*  
Mudgee.

Charted.—D.H.C., 20/11/68. Dealt with in Charting Branch.—J.H.L., 21/11/68. Noted, 23/2/69.

## No. 4.

## Office Memorandum.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of R. Lamrock's conditional purchases, parish of Gulgong, county of Phillip, transmitted by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor J. F. Mann, letter No. 68-117, of 31st August, 1868, and on which Mr. Mann's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.	Report.
<p>On plan of above the area of portion No. 18 is given 40 acres, whereas it is found on calculation to be only 39 acres 3 roods 29 perches.</p> <p>6 November.</p> <p>Entered folio 774. Charting Branch.—D.H.C., 6/11/68.</p>	<p>The sides of this portion are 16.33 x 24.50, which makes the area slightly over the 40 acres, according to my field-book.</p> <p>JOHN F. MANN, Licensed Surveyor.</p> <p>Mudgee, 10 November, 1868.</p> <p>Returned, 14/11/68.</p>

## No. 5.

## Notification of Alienation of Conditional Purchase by R. Lamrock.

(C.P. 68-52, 68-53.)

B.

[Alienation Act, sections 13 and 21.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase under 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, with all additional conditional purchases made in virtue thereof.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the agent for the sale of Crown lands for the district of Mudgee, that I have (after a residence of at least twelve months on my original purchase under 13th section), this day alienated to Cuthbert Lamrock of Gulgong, near Mudgee, the 100 acres of land (being the total area), situated in the county of Phillip, parish of , which I selected at Mudgee, as conditional purchases under the 13th and 21st sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the following date, namely, the 9th day of January, 1868.

ROBERT LAMROCK,

Mudgee.

Dated at Mudgee, this 19th day of June, 1869.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

EDWIN RYAN,  
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands Sales Office, Mudgee, 19th June, 1869.

No. 6.

No. 6.  
Application by R. Lamrock.

(C.P., 71-75.)

[Alienation Act, section 21.]  
Land Agent's, No., 5 of 1871.

Application by Robert Lamrock for the conditional purchase without competition of 40 acres unimproved Crown lands, under section 21 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 12th day of January, 1871, at 10.30 o'clock.

GEORGE LEARY,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

Sir,

12 January, 1871.

I am desirous of purchasing without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my additional conditional purchase of 40 acres, made on the 12th January, 1871; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT LAMROCK,

Gulgong.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

(By his Agent, GEO. DAVIDSON.)

Description.

County of Phillip, parish of \_\_\_\_\_, 40 acres, adjoining part of the east boundary of applicant's additional conditional purchase, No. 4 of 1871, made 12th January, 1871, commencing at a point 8 chains north from the south-east corner of the said selection, and from thence running east 20 chains, south 20 chains, west 20 chains, and north 20 chains, to the point of commencement.

Mr. John F. Mann (if first conditional purchase is satisfactory) to measure, if unobjectionable, first conditional purchase, 68-52, 60 acres; transfer 69-7,454, to Cuthbert Lamrock, 19/6/69.—F.W.C., 25/2/71.

Mr. C., 25. For cancellation accordingly.—M.C., 28/2/71. Mr. Brown, 7/3/71. R. Lamrock, with refund form, and Agent informed, 22/4/71.

No. 7.

Application by R. Lamrock.

(C.P. 71-74.)

[Alienation Act, section 21.]  
Land Agent's, No., 4 of 1871.

Application by Robert Lamrock, for the conditional purchase without competition, of 40 acres, unimproved Crown land, under section 21 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10 this 12th day of January, 1871, at 10 o'clock.

GEORGE LEARY,

Agent for Sale of Crown lands at Mudgee.

Sir,

12 January, 1871.

I am desirous of purchasing without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 40 acres which adjoins my conditional purchase of 60 acres, made on the 9th January, 1868; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT LAMROCK.

Gulgong.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, at Mudgee.

(By his Agent, GEO. DAVIDSON.)

Description.

County of Phillip, parish of \_\_\_\_\_, 40 acres, being a measured portion No. 27, adjoining the east side of applicant's conditional purchase No. 4 of 1868, made on January 9th, 1868.

Dependent on first conditional purchase 68-52, 60 acres. Cancelled by 71-6,800. Noted. Plan P. 678-1,524.

No. 8.

Declaration by C. Lamrock.

(C.P. No. 68-53.)

P. 623-1,524.

[Alienation Act, E 6.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been alienation of the land.

I, CUTHBERT LAMROCK, of Gulgong, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner by conditional purchase under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of fencing and clearing, and to the value of £40, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that Robert Lamrock and myself, have respectively resided on the conditional purchase, since the date of its selection on January 9th, 1868, and first occupation, under the 13th section of the Act, for the full period required by law, and that no alienation has at any time been made by any of the abovenamed holders, until after the *bona fide* residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year, each alienation having been notified to the land agent of the district, within one month of its having been made; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act, made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Mudgee, this 6th }  
day of April, 1871, before me, }

GEORGE LEARY,

Commissioner for Affidavits.

CUTHBERT LAMROCK.

Description.

## Description.

County of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, 40 acres at Castlereagh Flat, being conditional purchase No. 5 of 1868, in the district of Mudgee, made on the 9th January, 1868.

## Certificate of Land Agent.

I HEREBY certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact, and that the several alienations were notified to me on the following dates.

GEORGE LEARY.

Land Agent for Mudgee District.

Interest credited, £1 9s. 4d., credited 11 April, 1871. Transferred to Robert Lamrock, 18 April, 1871, *vide* 71-4,379. Examined and found correct, 17 October, 1872. Submitted for approval of Minister.—A.O.M. Approved.—J.S.F., 15 August, 1883. Notification issued to Manager, Bank of New South Wales, Gulgong, 8 September, 1883.

## No. 9.

## Notification of Alienation of Conditional Purchase by C. Lamrock.

(68-53.)

B.

[Alienation Act, sections 13 and 21.]

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase under 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, with all additional conditional purchases made in virtue thereof.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the agent for the sale of Crown lands for the district of Mudgee, that I have this day alienated to Robert Lamrock, of Gulgong, the 40 acres of land (being the total area), situated in the county of Phillip, parish of \_\_\_\_\_, which I selected at Mudgee as conditional purchase under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the following date, namely, January 9th, 1868.

CUTHBERT LAMROCK,  
Mudgee.

Dated at Mudgee, this 18th day of April, 1871.  
To the Agent for the Sale of Crown lands at Mudgee.

I have duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEORGE LEARY,  
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands Sales Office, Mudgee, 20th April, 1871.

## No. 10.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to R. Lamrock.

(C.P. No., 71-75; Land Agent's, No., 5.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22 April, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you, at Mudgee, on the 12th January, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, is cancelled, first conditional purchase having been transferred. <sup>Deposit paid £40.</sup>

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

[Enclosure.]

Special Payments Form, No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to Robert Lamrock.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22 April, 1871.

	Amount to be refunded
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No., 71-75; L.A., No. 5.	
Land office at Mudgee; date of selection, 12th day of January, 1871; deposit paid on 40 acres.....	£ s. d. 10 0 0
Selection cancelled to the extent of 40 acres, first conditional purchase having been transferred.	
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres.....£	10 0 0

## No. 11.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Mudgee.

(C.P. No., 71-75; Land Agent's No., 5.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22 April, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application of Robert Lamrock, on the 12th January, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is cancelled, first conditional purchase having been transferred.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

No. 12.

## No. 12.

## Conditional Purchase—Revenue Refunded.

(C.P. No., 71-75 ; L.A., No. 5.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 22 April, 1871.

District,  
Mudgee; name,  
Robert Lamrock;  
date of selec-  
tion, 12th Janu-  
ary, 1871; area,  
40 acres; deposit  
£10

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, being cancelled, first conditional purchase having been transferred, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 13.

## Notification of Alienation of Conditional Purchase by Mr. C. Lamrock.

A.

[Alienation Act, section 13.]

No. 68-52.

Notification of alienation of conditional purchase under 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, where there is no additional conditional purchase in virtue thereof.

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the district of Mudgee, that I have (after a residence thereon of at least twelve months), this day alienated to Robert Lamrock, of Castlereagh Flat, near Mudgee, the 60 acres of land, situated in the county of Phillip, parish of which I selected at Mudgee as a conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the 9th of January, 1868, having no additional conditional purchase in virtue thereof.

CUTHBERT LAMROCK,

Gulgong.

Dated at Mudgee, this 1st day of May, 1871.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

I HAVE duly registered the above notification of alienation in the records of this office.

GEORGE LEARY,

Crown Lands Sales Office, Mudgee, 4th May, 1871.

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

## No. 14.

## Application by Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. No., 71-1,551.)

[Alienation Act, section 21.]

Land Agent's No., 28 of 1871.

Application by Robert Lamrock for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown land, under section 21 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 4th day of May, 1871, at 10:30 o'clock.—

GEORGE LEARY,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Mudgee.

Sir,

4 May, 1871.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 60 acres, made on the 9th January, 1868; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply. Original purchase was made 9th January, 1868. First additional conditional purchase was made of 40 acres 9th January, 1868; another on 12th January, 1871, of 40 acres.

I am, &amp;c.,

ROBERT LAMROCK,

Gulgong.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, Mudgee.

Description.

County of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, 40 acres, adjoining my original purchase, which was made 9th January, 1868. The land now applied for is the portion that was cancelled in April last.

Mr. J. F. Mann (if first conditional purchase is satisfactory) to measure, if unobjectionable, first conditional purchase, 68-52, 60 acres, noted 22nd June, 1871.—P.F.A., B.C., 22/6/71. This is a measured portion, No. 27, parish Gulgong. To accompany my report of this date.—J. F. MANN, 20th July, 71-90. Cancelled by 71-8,047, noted.

## No. 15.

## Telegram from The Miners of Three-mile Rush to The Secretary for Lands.

Mudgee, 15 June, 1871.

THE miners of Three-mile Rush respectfully state that gold exists in Lamrock's unimproved free selection. Within the proposed extension of this gold-field Lamrock is charging miners £1 per month to mine on it, and has Licensed-Surveyor Mann there to survey it. We respectfully request you at once to order that the survey be deferred until you receive full details of the matter by post. Land is being selected daily for speculative purposes. Messenger waits Mudgee till 5 this evening for instructions on matter.

Urgent. Is Lamrock's conditional purchase within the limits of a proclaimed gold-field, and is it made under the 14th section? It is within an area recommended by Mr. Gold-Commissioner Johnston, by urgent telegram, dated 15th (I think) May, 1871, for proclamation as an extension to the Gulgong Gold-field, which apparently has not yet appeared in *Gazette*.—J.E. An additional conditional purchase, made on 12th January last, should be cancelled, the first conditional purchase having been previously transferred. It has not been re-transferred to Lamrock. Urgent. Approved.—J.N.B., 15/6/71. Robert Lamrock, with refund form, and agent informed, 16/6/71.

No. 16.

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## No. 16.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. No., 71-74; Land Agent's, No., 4.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 June, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Mudgee on the 12th January, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, is cancelled, first conditional purchase having been transferred. Deposit paid, £10.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

[Enclosure.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to Robert Lamrock.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 June, 1871.

	Amount to be refunded.
	£ s. d.
For the following refund, viz.:—C.P. No., 71-74; L.A., No. 4.	
Land office at Mudgee; date of selection, 12th day of January, 1871; deposit paid on 40 acres .....	10 0 0
Selection cancelled to the extent of 40 acres.	
First conditional purchase having been transferred.	
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres .....	£ 10 0 0

## No. 17.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Mudgee.

(C.P., No., 71-74; Land Agent's, No., 4; C.S., No., 71-6,800.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 June, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application of Robert Lamrock, on the 12th January, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, is cancelled, first conditional purchase having been transferred.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 18.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

(C.P. No., 71-74; L.A. No., 4.)

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division,

Sir,

Sydney, 16 June, 1871.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, being cancelled, first conditional purchase having been transferred, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon. District, Mudgee; name, Robert Lamrock; date of selection, 12th January, 1871; area, 40 acres; deposit, £10.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 19.

## Office Memorandum.

Conditional purchases 71-2,025-6-7 herewith.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Draftsman,—As to whether the enclosed applications may be allowed, being within the extended Gulgong Gold-field, notified 16th June, 1871. Applications made on the 15th June, 1871.

Urgent.

W.S.C., 30 June, 1871.

These conditional purchases appear to be all made by Robert Lamrock in virtue of an original conditional purchase made on the 9th January, 1868. How does this latter conditional purchase stand? One of the former additional purchases specified in present applications has been recently cancelled.—W.W.S., 1st July.

The original purchase was transferred by Robert Lamrock to Cuthbert Lamrock, on 19th June, 1869, and was retransferred by the latter to the former on 1st May, 1871. R. Lamrock made two additional applications on 12th January last, one being for a measured portion (No. 27), and the other an unmeasured portion. He was informed on the 22nd April last that one of these had been cancelled, although.

although it was not stated which one. The cancellation was, however, noted in the Conditional Purchase Register against the unmeasured portion, and a fresh application for the cancelled purchase was made on the 4th May last, after the original conditional purchase had been re-transferred. The other application (for portion 27) was overlooked, and was not cancelled until 16th June last. Both applications were cancelled, because the original conditional purchase had been previously transferred to Cuthbert Lamrock.—3rd July.

These selections must be cancelled, and deposit refunded.—J.B.W., 3rd July. R. Lamrock, with refund forms, and agent informed, 13th July, 1871.

[Enclosure.]

(C.P., 71-2,025.)

[Alienation Act, section 21.]  
Land Agent's No., 39 of 1871.

Application by Robert Lamrock for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown land, under section 21 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 15th day of June, 1871, at 1 o'clock,—

GEORGE LEARY,  
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

Sir,

15 June, 1871.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 60 acres, made on the 9th January, 1868; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

The original purchase was made on 9th January, 1868; the first additional conditional purchase on the 9th January, 1868; the second additional conditional on 12th January, 1871; the third on 4th May, 1871.

I am, &c.,  
ROBERT LAMROCK,  
Gulgong.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

(By his Agent, JAMES LAMROCK.)

Description.

County of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, 40 acres: Situated on the south side of my conditional purchase of 60 acres, made 9th January, 1868, and on the east side of James Lamrock's 40 acres, No. 35.

Cancelled, 4/7/71. Revoked by 72-6,912, 21/8/72. Mr. J. F. Mann,—If first conditional purchase is satisfactory, to measure if unobjectionable.—P.F.A., 6th September. No. 72-124. Returned with plan of portion No. 72-89.—JOHN F. MANN, Licensed Surveyor, 30/9/72. P. 983-1,524. Portion 48, 40 acres.

(C.P. 71, 2,026.)

[Alienation Act, section 21.]  
Land Agent's, No., 40 of 1871.

Application by Robert Lamrock for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres, unimproved Crown land, under section 21 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 15th day of June, 1871, at 1:10 o'clock,—

GEORGE LEARY,  
Agent for Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

Sir,

15 June, 1871.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, made on the 12th January, 1871; and I herewith tender the sum of £10 being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply. The original purchase was made on 9th January, 1868. The first additional conditional purchase, the 9th January, 1868; the second additional conditional purchase on 12th January, 1871; the third on 4th May 1871, the fourth additional conditional purchase on 15th June, 1871.

I am, &c.,  
ROBERT LAMROCK,  
Gulgong.  
(By his Agent JAMES LAMROCK.)

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

Description.

County of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, 40 acres on the south side of my 40 acre portion, No. 27, selected 12th January 1871, and on the east side of the first 40 acres selected by me this day.

Cancelled, 4/7/71. Revoked by 72-6,912, 21/8/72. Mr. J. F. Mann (if first conditional purchase is satisfactory), to measure if unobjectionable.—P.F.A., 6/9/72. P. 983, 1,524. Portion 49, 40 acres.

(C.P. 71-2,027.)

[Alienation Act, section 21.]  
Land Agent's No., 41 of 1871.

Application by Robert Lamrock for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres, unimproved Crown land, under section 21 of the Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 15th day of June, 1871, at 1:30 o'clock,—

GEORGE LEARY,  
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

Sir,

15 June, 1871.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, made on the 15th June, 1871; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply, original purchase made 9th January, 1868. The first additional conditional purchase on 9th January, 1868; the second additional conditional purchase on 12th January, 1871; the third additional conditional purchase on the 4th May, 1871; the fifth and sixth on the 15th June, 1871.

I am, &c.,  
ROBERT LAMROCK,  
Gulgong.  
(By his Agent JAMES LAMROCK.)

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Mudgee.

Description.

County of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, 40 acres adjoining the east boundary of the second portion of 40 acres made by me this day to be bounded on the east by the Gulgong Gold Reserve, proclaimed 9th October, 1868.

Cancelled, 4/7/71. Revoked by 72-6,912, 21/8/72. Mr. J. F. Mann (if first conditional purchase is satisfactory) to measure if unobjectionable.—P.F.A., 6/9/72. P. 983-1,524. Portion 50, 40 acres.

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## No. 20.

## Telegram from Mr. E. Young to The Secretary for Lands.

30 June, 1871.  
WILL No. 27 block of land taken by Robert Lamrock on 12th January, 1871, be cancelled being required for mining purposes?  
E. YOUNG,  
Gulgong.

Mr. B.—Some recent action in this case I think.—W.W.S.

Yes.—On the 15th June the miners at Three-mile Rush, Mudgee, were informed that Lamrock's purchase dated 12th January, 1871, within the proposed extension of the Gulgong Gold-field, would be cancelled for another reason. The Land Agent was so informed on same day by letter.—W.B., 30/6/71.

## No. 21.

## Mr. J. B. Rowley to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Gulgong, 8 July, 1871.

I am requested by the diggers to solicit you for the number of the 40-acre block of land which your telegram stated was cancelled, it still being disputed by Mr. Lamrock. He states that he selected 240 acres on the 12th of January this year, and that being the case it prevents the miners from digging on the ground until your reply. May I beg that you will be pleased to cause an answer to be forwarded as quickly as possible.

I am, &c.,

JOHN BATE ROWLEY.

Please Address: John Bate Rowley, Post Office, Gulgong.

27 is the number of the portion referred to, but Mr. Rowley may be informed that all the conditional purchases made by Robert Lamrock during the current year have been cancelled. 14th July. Inform. J. B. ROWLEY, 17/7/71.

R. Lamrock with refund form and agent with respect to conditional purchase 71-1,551, 17/7/71. Ask surveyor to return application. The application has been returned, and is now with papers, 27/7/71.

## No. 22.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. No., 71-2,025; Land Agent's, No., 39.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13th July, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Mudgee on the 15th June, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is cancelled as the land applied for is within the extension Gulgong Gold-field. Deposit paid £10.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

[Enclosure.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to Robert Lamrock.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13th July, 1871.

		Amount to be refunded.		
		£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C. P. No., 71-2,025; L.A., No. 39.				
Land Office at Mudgee; date of selection, 15th day of June, 1871; deposit paid on		10	0	0
40 acres .....				
Selection cancelled to the extent of 40 acres, the land applied for being within the extension Gulgong Gold-field.				
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres .....	£	10	0	0

## No. 23.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Mudgee.

(C.P. No., 71-2,025; Land Agent's No., 39.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13th July, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application of Robert Lamrock, on the 15th June, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is cancelled, as the land applied for is within the extension Gulgong gold-fields.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 24.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

(C.P. No., 71-2,025 ; L.A. No., 39.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 July, 1871.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, being cancelled, as the land applied for is within the extension Gulgong Gold-field, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.

WM. BLACKMAN,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 25.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. No., 71-2,026 ; L.A. No., 40.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 July, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Mudgee on the 15th June, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, is cancelled, the land applied for being within the extension Gulgong Gold-field.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &amp;c.

WM. BLACKMAN,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

[Enclosure.]

Special Payments Form, No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 July, 1871.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz., C.P. No., 71-20, 26 ; L.A. No., 40.	
Land Office at Mudgee ; date of selection, 15th day of June, 1871 ; deposit paid on 40 acres. . . . .	£ s. d. 10 0 0
Selection cancelled to the extent of 40 acres, the land applied for being within the extension Gulgong Gold-field.	
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres. . . . .	£ 10 0 0

## No. 26.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Mudgee.

(C.P. No., 71-2,026 ; L.A. No., 40.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 July, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application of Robert Lamrock, on the 15th June, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is cancelled, the land applied for being within the extension Gulgong Gold-field.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &amp;c.

WM. BLACKMAN,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 27.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

(C.P. No., 71-2,036 ; L.A. No., 40.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 July, 1871.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, being cancelled, the land applied for being within the extension Gulgong Gold-field, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.

WM. BLACKMAN,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 28.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P., No., 71-2,027 ; Land Agent's No., 41.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 July, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Mudgee on the 15th June, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, is cancelled, the land applied for being within the extension Gulgong Gold-field.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &amp;c.

WM. BLACKMAN,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

[Enclosure.]

District, Mudgee ; name, Robert Lamrock ; date of selection, 15th June, 1871 ; area, 40 acres ; deposit, £10.

Deposit paid, £10.

District, Mudgee ; name, Robert Lamrock ; date of selection, 15th June, 1871 ; area, 40 acres ; deposit, £10.

Deposit paid, £10.



[Enclosure.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.  
Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 July, 1871.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.P. No., 71-2,027 ; L.A. No., 41. Land Office at Mudgee ; date of selection, 13th day of July, 1871 ; deposit paid on 40 acres .....	£ s. d. 10 0 0
Selection cancelled to the extent of 40 acres, the land applied for being within the extension Gulgong Gold-field.	
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres .....	£ 10 0 0

## No. 29.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Mudgee.

(C.P. No., 71-2,027 ; Land Agent's No., 41.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 July, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application of Robert Lamrock, on the 15th June, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is cancelled, the land applied for being within the extension Gulgong Gold-field.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 30.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

(C.P. No., 71-2,027 ; L.A. No., 41.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 13 July, 1871.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, being cancelled, the land applied for being within the extension. You will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

District,  
Mudgee  
name, Robert  
Lamrock ; date  
of selection,  
15th June, 1871 ;  
area, 40 acres ;  
deposit, £10.

## No. 31.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. B. Rowley.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 July, 1871.

With reference to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 8th instant, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Robert Lamrock's conditional purchase of portion No. 27, at Gulgong, was the one the gold-miners at that place were apprised by my telegram of the 15th ultimo would be cancelled.

2. I am, however, to state that all the conditional purchases made by Mr. Lamrock during the current year have been cancelled.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

## No. 32.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. No., 71-1,551 ; L.A. No., 28 ; C.S. No., 71-8,047.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 July, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Mudgee on the 4th May, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, is void, being within extended Gulgong Gold-field.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

[Enclosure.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.  
Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 July, 1871.

Dr. to Robert Lamrock.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.S. No., 71-8,047 ; C.P. No., 71-1,551 ; L.A. No., 28. Land Office at Mudgee ; date of selection, 15th day of June, 1871 ; deposit paid on 40 acres .....	£ s. d. 10 0 0
Selection cancelled to the extent of 40 acres. The land applied for being within the extension Gulgong Gold-field.	
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres .....	£ 10 0 0

## No. 33.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

(C.P. No., 71-1,551; L.A. No., 28; C.S. No., 71-8,047.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 17 July, 1871.

District, Mud-  
gee; name,  
Robert Lamrock;  
date of selection,  
4 May, 1871;  
area, 40 acres;  
deposit, £10.

I am directed to inform you that the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, being void, being within extended Gulgong Gold-field, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 34.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Mudgee.

(C.P. No., 71-1,551 L.A. No., 28; C.S. No., 71-8,047.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 July, 1871.

I desire to inform you that the application of Robert Lamrock, on the 4th May, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is void, being within extended Gulgong Gold-field.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 35.

Report by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Mann.

Report on conditional purchase, county of Phillip, police district of Mudgee.

Land Office No.	Name of Purchaser.	Date of Purchase.	Clause.	Area.	Situation.	Date of Survey.	Nature of improvements.	Value of improvements.	Residence.
28 C.P. 71-1,551	Robert Lamrock	4 May, 1871	21	40 ac.	Parish of Gul- gong.	27 June, 1871.	Nil.....	Nil. ....	Resident.

NOTE.—The applicant resides on his original selection, upon which he has made considerable improvements in clearing land and fencing.

20 July, 1871.

JOHN F. MANN, L.S.,

71-8,047 Aln.—Papers herewith, 27th; P. 678-1,524. This conditional purchase has been cancelled, as being within extended Gulgong Gold-field. Noted, 27/7/71. This application being under 21st clause no report was required.—F.W.W., 14/8/71.

## No. 36.

Mr. J. D. Brodribb to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Mudgee, 5 August, 1871.

C.P. 71-1,551;  
C.P. 71-2,027;  
C.P. 71-2,028;  
C.P. 71-2,025.

Mr. Robert Lamrock has consulted me as to your circulars, as noted in the margin, stating that the several selections made by him on the 4th day of May, and the 15th of June last had been cancelled, as being within the Gulgong gold-fields.

On reference to the *Gazette*, I find on the 16th of June last a special proclamation, restricting the lands on the Gulgong gold-fields from selection.

The selections referred to in the circulars noted in the margin were, however, all made previously to that date.

I have carefully looked through the Crown Lands Alienation Act, and cannot find, either in the Act or the regulations, made in pursuance of the same, any authority for the cancellation of the selections in the manner stated in the notifications noted in the margin.

As it is not the wish of my client to act in an hostile manner in the matter, I shall be glad to be informed of the grounds on, and by what authority, such selections have been cancelled.

I have, &c.,

J. DUDDEN BRODRIBB.

Papers herewith, 14/8/71. Aln. Branch. Mr. Brown, 17.

The conditional purchases alluded to were made prior to the proclamation on the 16th June, 1871, of the southern extension to the Gulgong gold-fields, within which the land is situated, but they were cancelled because the applications were subsequent to the recommendation by the Gold Commissioner that such extension to the gold-field should be proclaimed.—W.B., 21 August.

## No. 37.

## Office Memorandum.

On 9th January, 1868, Robert Lamrock made a conditional purchase under the 13th clause, which, with an additional one made on same day, he transferred to Cuthbert Lamrock on 19th June, 1869.

On 12th January, 1871, Robert Lamrock made two more additional conditional purchases, one No. 27, a measured portion, the other (71-75) an unmeasured portion.

These two purchases should at once have been cancelled on account of the alienation of the conditional purchase under the 13th clause previously to Cuthbert Lamrock. Only one application, that for the unmeasured portion was cancelled, the other No. 27 (which appears to be the portion specially required by the miners) was overlooked.

Robert Lamrock, on 1st May, 1871, having obtained a retransfer from Cuthbert Lamrock of the conditional purchase, under the 13th clause, applied again on 4th May for the additional conditional purchase which was cancelled in April.

The other application for portion 27 was cancelled on the 16th June, the date of the proclamation of the gold-field, and has not been reselected.

The results seem to me to be this: Robert Lamrock has no title to portion 27, which he never reselected, and no title to 71-75, which, when reselected, did not adjoin his original conditional purchase retransferred to him by Cuthbert Lamrock. The other conditional purchases are not affected.  
The Under Secretary for Lands. W.B., 5/10/71.

Nos. 27 and 71-75 were void as selections, because Mr. Lamrock was not possessed of any land adjoining, he having transferred to Cuthbert Lamrock the selections being applied for under the 21st clause of the Act as additional conditional purchases 71-75, and the others have since been applied for as additional conditional purchase as adjoining No. 27, which is not Mr. Lamrock's property, never having been applied for.—J.B.W., 5/10/71.

F.W.—Inform accordingly, 15/10/71. J. Dudden Brodribb, 6/10/71. Await reply. No  
reply, 8/1/72. Charting Branch, 9/1/72. Dealt with in Charting Branch.—T.H.L., 10/2/72.

## No. 38.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. D. Brodribb.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 October, 1871.

With reference to your letter of 5th August last, on behalf of Mr. Robert Lamrock, respecting the cancellation of certain of his additional conditional purchases of 40 acres each at Mudgee, I am directed to inform you that without referring to any other grounds for cancellation, portion No. 27 and the unmeasured portion, situated partly on the east side of it, being applied for under the 21st clause of the Land Act as additional conditional purchases, were void as selections, because Mr. Lamrock was not possessed of any land adjoining, he having previously transferred the original selection to Cuthbert Lamrock.

2. I am to state that the unmeasured portion alluded to and others have since been applied for as additional conditional purchases as adjoining No. 27, which is not Mr. Lamrock's property, never having been legally applied for.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

## No. 39.

## Mr. G. M. Dunn to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Mudgee, 1 June, 1872.

I have the honor to draw your attention to the following facts relative to certain free selections taken up by my client, Mr. Robert Lamrock:—

On the 4th May, 1871, he selected at Mudgee 40 acres of land at Castlereagh Flat, near Gulgong, and occupied and improved same.

On the 15th June he selected at Mudgee three blocks of 40 acres each, adjoining his first selection, and improved same.

Upon the 16th June this land was proclaimed as a gold-field, and his selections cancelled in July.

In the first place my client, who has expended a large amount in fencing and improvements, thinks he has been harshly dealt with, inasmuch as his selections were strictly legal, being before the issue of the proclamation. And secondly, inasmuch as this land was never tried for gold, as not believed to be auriferous, and at the present time there are no miners at work in the immediate locality.

I would invite your attention to this matter, in order that my client may obtain his just rights in the premises.

I have, &amp;c.,

GEO. M. DUNN,

(Per E. C.)

Papers were fully dealt with in this branch five months ago, then sent up to Charting Branch for final notation. They have not since been here, and should now be put by at Records, 24/6/72. Found by me at Records.—C.N., 27/6/72. This case being rather complicated, will be much better understood by personal explanation than by any further memorandum.—W.B., 28/6/72.

No. 27, conditional purchase 71-74, was not cancelled on account of being in a proclaimed gold-field, but on account of Lamrock not having a right to an additional selection, he having parted with his original selection that gave that right. An error has been committed in cancelling conditional purchase 71-2,025, 2,026, and 2,027, therefore I decide that Lamrock is entitled to the selections corresponding to the above last-mentioned three numbers.—J.S.F., 17/7/72. G. M. Dunn.

J. G. L. Innes, 25/7/72. Then to Mr. Thompson to inform Land Agent and Treasury. Agent and Treasury, 24/8/72. Charting Branch. Application enclosed, noted to Mr. J. F. Mann. Mr. J. F. Mann accordingly.—P.F.A., Surveyor-General, 28/8/72.

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No. 40.

Mr. R. Lamrock to The Honorable J. G. L. Innes.

Dear Sir,

Castlereagh Flat, near Gulgong, 10 July, 1872.

Since not hearing from you, I take the liberty of writing to remind you about my land. You promised me that you would see the Minister for Lands when you went to Sydney, and bring the matter through to a settlement. Mr. Surveyor Mann always tells me that I shall get the lands, as they are not auriferous, and that I am legally in possession. Every respectable person that hears of it says that I have been badly treated with the last Ministry. The lands are all fenced with a three-rail fence, and several dams on them. I am at a loss not getting the land cropped. I have not written to any other till such time as I hear from you. I also supported Mr. Buchanan, and my brother proposed Mr. Piddington, at Windsor; so I think I have plenty of influence in the present Ministry to have a just cause put to rights.

The land has been surveyed and numbered by Mr. Surveyor Mann. Number as follows:—48, 49, 50, 51, 27. They are all 40-acre blocks, 27 being charted. Hoping that you will pardon my bad writing.

I have, &amp;c.

ROBERT LAMROCK.

Please send me an answer by the Gulgong post.

N.B.—I also supported Mr. Parkes, your predecessor, so if you want any assistance you might call on these gentlemen, as I am sure they will most happily oblige yours respectfully.—R. LAMROCK.

Will Mr. Blackman look to this, and inform me after lunch?—J.S.F.

No. 41.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. G. M. Dunn.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 July, 1872.

With reference to your letter of 1st ultimo, on behalf of Mr. Robert Lamrock, respecting the cancellation of certain conditional purchases made by him at Mudgee, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Lamrock's application for portion No. 27 was not cancelled on account of the land being within a proclaimed gold-field, but because of his not having a right to make an additional selection, he having parted with the original selection, which gave that right to him.

2. I am to state that the three conditional purchases of 40 acres each, made on the 15th June, 1871 (Land Agent's Nos. 71, 39, 40, and 41), appear to have been cancelled in error, and the Secretary for Lands has decided, therefore, that Mr. Lamrock shall be allowed to retain them.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 42.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Honorable J. G. L. Innes.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25th July, 1872.

With reference to the letter addressed to you by Mr. Robert Lamrock, on 10th instant, respecting certain cancelled conditional purchases made by him at Mudgee, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Lamrock has this day been apprised, through his solicitor, that his application for portion No. 27 was not cancelled on account of the land being within a proclaimed gold-field, but because of his not having a right to make an additional selection, he having parted with the original selection, which gave that right to him. He has, however, been informed that the three conditional purchases of 40 acres each, made on 15th June, 1871, appear to have been cancelled in error, and that the Secretary for Lands has therefore decided that he shall be allowed to retain them.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 43.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P., 71-2,025; Land Agent's No., 39.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 August, 1872.

I am directed to inform you that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in your name as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN.

(For the Under Secretary.)

No. 44.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Mudgee.

(C.P. 71-2,025; Land Agent's No., 39.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 August, 1872.

I am directed to inform you that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in applicant's name, as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

Mudgee, 40  
acres; 15 June  
1871; Robert  
Lamrock.

Mudgee, 40  
acres; 15 June  
1871; Robert  
Lamrock.

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No. 45.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.  
(C.P. 71-2,025 ; Land Agent's No., 39).

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 August, 1872.

I am directed to inform you that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in applicant's name as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

Mudgee; 40  
acres; 15 June,  
1871; Robert  
Lamrock.

No. 46.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. 71-2,026 ; Land Agent's No., 40.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 August, 1872.

I am directed to inform you that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in your name as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

Mudgee; 40  
acres; 15 June,  
1871; Robert  
Lamrock.

No. 47.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Mudgee.

(C.P. 71-2,026 ; Land Agent's No., 40.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 August, 1872.

I am directed to inform you, that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in applicant's name, as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

Mudgee; 40  
acres; 15 June,  
1871; Robert  
Lamrock.

No. 48.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(C.P. 71-2,026 ; Land Agent's No., 40.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 August, 1872.

I am directed to inform you, that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in applicant's name, as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

Mudgee; 40  
acres; 15 June,  
1871; Robert  
Lamrock.

No. 49.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. 71-2,027 ; Land Agent's No., 41.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 August, 1872.

I am directed to inform you, that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in your name, as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

Mudgee; 40  
acres; 15 June,  
1871; Robert  
Lamrock.

No. 50.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Mudgee.

(C.P. 71-2,027 ; Land Agent's No., 41.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 August, 1872.

I am directed to inform you, that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in applicant's name, as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

Mudgee, 40  
acres; 15 June,  
1871; Robert  
Lamrock.

No. 51.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(C.P. 71-2,027 ; Land Agent's No., 41.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 August, 1872.

I am directed to inform you that the cancellation of the conditional purchase noted in the margin has been revoked, and the purchase stands now in applicant's name, as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For the Under Secretary.)

Mudgee, 40  
acres; 15 June,  
1871; Robert  
Lamrock.

No. 52.

## No. 52.

## Declaration by Mr. R. Lamrock.

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[Alienation Act.]

(C.P. No., 68-52.)

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been alienation of the land.

I, ROBERT LAMROCK, of Castlereagh Flat, near Gulgong, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of a house, fencing, dams and clearing, and to the value of £60, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of Cuthbert Lamrock and myself respectively from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date, and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year, each alienation having been notified to the Land Agent of the district within one month of its having been made. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Mudgee, this 30th }  
day of October, 1872, before me,— }

ROBERT LAMROCK.

## Description.

County of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, 60 acres, at Castlereagh Flat, being conditional purchase No. 4 of 1868, in the district of Mudgee, made on the 9th January, 1868.

## Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact, and that the several alienations were notified to me on the following dates:—1st May, 1871.

GEORGE LEARY,

Land Agent for Mudgee District.

Interest credited by, 71-60-26, 25/5/71. Plan 68-8,738. Transfer, 69-74, 54, and 71-5,076. Noted, 4/11/72 for papers. Examined and found correct, 4/11/72. Submitted for approval of Minister.—A.O.M. Approved.—J.S.F., 15/8/83. Notification issued to Manager, Bank of New South Wales, Gulgong, 8/9/83.

## No. 53.

## Office Memorandum.

THE enclosed declaration is dated 30th March, 1871, whereas the purchase was not transferred to Robert Lamrock until the 4th May.

Returned to agent in order that a proper declaration may be made by the present owner.

B.C., 19 October, 1872.

W.B.

(For the Under Secretary.)

The Crown Lands Agent, Mudgee. To be returned. Noted 21.

## [Enclosure.]

(C.P. No., 68-52.)

[Alienation Act, E 3.]

DECLARATION of conditional purchaser, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of the land.

I, ROBERT LAMROCK, of Castlereagh Flat, near Mudgee, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of a house, fencing, dams and clearing, and to the value of £60 have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been my *bona fide* residence, continuously from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date, and that no alienation of the land has been made by me; I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Mudgee, this 30th day of }  
March, 1871, before me,— }

ROBERT LAMROCK.

GEORGE LEARY, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

## Description.

County of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, 60 acres, at Castlereagh Flat, being conditional purchase No. 4, of 1868, in the district of Mudgee, made on the 9th January, 1868.

## Certificate of Land Agent.

I HEREBY certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

GEORGE LEARY,

Land Agent for Mudgee District.

Interest, £2 4s. Credited, 25th May, 1871. Papers 69-7,454 transfer. Noted, 5/8/71.

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No. 54.

The Land Agent, Mudgee, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Land Office, Mudgee, 30 October, 1872.  
 I have the honor, in reply to your B.C. of 19th October instant, respecting the declaration made by Robert Lamrock, on 30th March, 1871, to inform you that a fresh declaration, which I forward herewith, has been made by Robert Lamrock. I have, &c.,  
 B.C., 19th October, 1872; declaration of Robert Lamrock

GEORGE LEARY,  
 Crown Land Agent at Mudgee.

No. 55.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Mann to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Camp, Cooyal, 30 October, 1872.  
 I have the honor to transmit a (*see Appendix*) plan, showing the position of three portions of land, situated in the parish of Gulgong, county of Phillip, containing each 40 acres, being the land applied for by Robert Lamrock under section 21 Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. No. 72-89; instruction 72-124; B.C., 29 August; conditional purchase, 71-2,025. Address, Gulgong.  
 Soil—Slate and quartz, the northern side suitable for agricultural purposes, the south side stony. Water—None; it can be secured in a dam. Timber—Box, apple, and gum. Survey completed, with circumferenter, 15th June, 1871. Overlooked with theodolite 17th October, 1872.  
 The applicant resides upon portion No. 17, upon which he has made great improvements by fencing and clearing. There is about £20 worth fencing on No. 50.  
 The land in this locality is now deserted by diggers, no gold having been found in these portions or immediate neighbourhood.

I have, &c.,  
 JOHN F. MANN,  
 Licensed Surveyor.

Charted, &c.—T.E., 30/1/73. Dealt with in Charting Branch.—T.H.L., 31/1/73. Noted, 11/2/73.

No. 56.

Declaration by Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. No., 71-2,025.) [Alienation Act.]  
 Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of the land.

I, ROBERT LAMROCK, of near Gulgong, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of three-railed fence, cattle yards, pig yards, and to the value of £50, have been made on such land; and I declare further that I have resided continuously on the adjoining conditional purchase as my *bona fide* residence since the date of selection on 9th January, 1868, and first occupation thereof under the 13th section of the Act, and since alienation, and that no alienation of the land has been made by me. I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Mudgee, this 6th day of } ROBERT LAMROCK.  
 August, 1874, before me,— }  
 GEORGE LEARY, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, 40 acres, near Gulgong, being conditional purchase No. 39, of 1871, in the district of Mudgee, made on the 15th June, 1871.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

GEORGE LEARY,  
 Land Agent for Mudgee District.

Interest, 16s. 6d., credited, 12 August, 1874. Examined and found correct, 12 October, 1874.  
 Submitted for approval of Minister.—A.O.M. Approved, 15 August, 1883.—J.S.F. Notification issued to Manager Bank of New South Wales, Gulgong, 8/9/83. Plan 72-14,427 noted.

No. 57.

Declaration by Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. 71-2,027.) [Alienation Act.]  
 Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of the land.

I, ROBERT LAMROCK, of near Gulgong, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of fencing and ringbarking, and to the value of £50 have been made on such land; and I declare further, that I have resided continuously on the adjoining conditional purchase as my *bona fide* residence since the date of selection on 9th January, 1868,  
 and

and first occupation thereof under the 13th section of the Act, and since date of alienation, and that no alienation of the land has been made by me. I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Mudgee, this 6th }  
day of August, 1874, before me,— } ROBERT LAMROCK.

GEORGE LEARY, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, 40 acres, at near Gulgong, being conditional purchase No. 41 of 1871, in the district of Mudgee, made on the 15th June, 1871.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

GEORGE LEARY,  
Land Agent for Mudgee District.

Interest 16s. 6d. credited, 12/8/74. Examined and found correct, 12/10/74. Submitted for approval of Minister.—A.O.M. Approved.—J.S.F., 15/8/83. Notification issued to Manager Bank of New South Wales, Gulgong, 8/9/83. Plan 72-14,427. Noted.

No. 58.

Declaration by Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. 71-2,026.)

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in cases where there has been no alienation of the land.

I, ROBERT LAMROCK, of near Gulgong, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of fencing and clearing, and to the value of £40 have been made on such land; and I declare further, that I have resided continuously on the adjoining conditional purchase as my *bona fide* residence since the date of selection, on the 9th January, 1868, and first occupation thereof under the 13th section of the Act, and since date of alienation, and that no alienation of the land has been made by me. I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Mudgee, this 6th }  
day of August, 1874, before me,— } ROBERT LAMROCK.

GEORGE LEARY, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, 40 acres, near Gulgong, being conditional purchase No. 40, of 1871, in the district of Mudgee, made on the 15th June, 1871.

Certificate of Land Agent.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above declaration is in accordance with fact.

GEORGE LEARY,  
Land Agent for Mudgee District.

Interest 16s. 6d. credited, 12/8/74. Examined and found correct, 12/10/74. Submitted for approval of Minister.—A.O.M. Approved.—J.S.F., 15/8/83. Notification issued to Manager Bank of New South Wales, Gulgong, 8/9/83. Plan 72-14,427. Noted.

No. 59.

Mr. J. Baker to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Crachnesh, Stewart-street, Paddington, Sydney, 2 November, 1877.

Mr. Robert Lamrock has authorized me to apply for the refund of £10 deposited by him as per his receipt, of which the following is a copy:—

[B.] Additional Conditional Purchase.  
No. 10,548.

RECEIVED from Robert Lamrock, of Castlereagh Flat, the sum of £10, being deposit of 4s. per acre on 40 acres of unimproved land situated at Castlereagh Flat, in the county of Phillip, and which I have selected by written application to purchase under 38th, 39th, and 40th sections of the Land Alienation Regulations, dated 1st November, 1861.

GEORGE LEARY,  
Agent for the sale of Crown Lands.

Conditional purchase 71-1,551.

Upon reference to the Treasury, I find the money is available, but the voucher is missing; I have therefore the honor, as agent for Mr. Lamrock, to apply for the issue of a duplicate voucher.

I have, &c.,

JAMES BAKER,

Agent for Robert Lamrock.

Conditional



Conditional purchase cancelled by 71-8,047 within Gulgong Gold-field, refund 17/7/71. 72-6,912 72-11,303. The Auditor General will be good enough to state whether the refund voucher in this case has been presented for verification.—W.B. (for the Commissioner). B.C., 5/11/1877. Return. Seen. Await further examination.—A.O.M. No voucher for the refund of the deposit herein stated has been presented at this department for verification.—C.R., Audit Office, 8/11/77. The Under Secretary for Lands. Issue a duplicate.—J.W., 14/11/77. W.B., 14/11. Duplicate issued, care of James Baker, Esq., 19/11/77. Put away. Five certificates issued, 8/9/77. Put away.

## No. 60.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. R. Lamrock.

(C.P. No., 71-1,551 ; C.S. No., 77-39-652D.)

[Duplicate.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 November, 1877.

Deposit paid £10.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Mudgee, on the 4th of May, 1871, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is cancelled, as the land applied for is within extended Gulgong Gold-field.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

[Enclosure.]

[Special Payments, Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.  
Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

[Duplicate.]

Dr. to Robert Lamrock.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 November, 1877.

		Amount to be refunded.		
		£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz.:—C.S. No., 77-39,652D ; C.P. No., 71-1,551 ; L.A. No., 28.				
Land Office at Mudgee ; date of selection, 4th day of May, 1871 ; deposit paid on				
40 acres .....		10	0	0
Selection withdrawn or void to the extent of 40 acres, as the land applied for is				
within extended Gulgong Gold-field.				
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres .....		£	10	0
			0	0

## No. 61.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Gulgong.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 September, 1883.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this department the declaration made by Robert Lamrock at Mudgee, on the 30th October, 1872, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money, has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement, prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due ; but should such payment be deferred an interest at the rate of 5 per cent. must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year, until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &amp;c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

Conditional purchase, No., 68-52, section 13 ; district, Mudgee ; date, 9th January, 1868 ; county, Phillip ; parish, Gulgong ; No. of portion, 17 ; area, 60 acres ; original applicant, Robert Lamrock ; present holder, Bank of New South Wales.

## No. 62.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Gulgong.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 September, 1883.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this department the declaration made by Robert Lamrock at Mudgee on the 6th April, 1871, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money, has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due ; but should such payment be deferred an interest at the rate of 5 per cent. must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year, until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &amp;c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

Conditional purchase No., 68-53 ; section, 21 ; district, Mudgee ; date, 9th January, 1868 ; county, Phillip ; parish, Gulgong ; No. of portion, 18 ; area, 40 acres ; original applicant, Robert Lamrock ; present holder, Bank of New South Wales.

## No. 63.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,  
Gulgong.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 September, 1883.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this department the declaration made by Robert Lamrock at Mudgee, on the 6th August, 1874, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due: but, should such payment be deferred, an interest at the rate of 5 per cent. must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year, until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

Conditional purchase No., 71-2,025; section 21; district, Mudgee; date, 15th June, 1871; county, Phillip; parish, Gulgong; No. of portion, 48; area, 40 acres; original applicant, Robert Lamrock; present holder, Bank of New South Wales.

## No. 64.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales,  
Gulgong.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 September, 1883.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this department the declaration made by Robert Lamrock at Mudgee, on the 6th August, 1874, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement, prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but, should such payment be deferred, an interest at the rate of 5 per cent. must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest, as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

Conditional purchase No., 71-2,026; section, 21; district, Mudgee; date, 15th June, 1871; county, Phillip; parish, Gulgong; No. of portion, 49; area, 40 acres; original applicant, Robert Lamrock; present holder, Bank of New South Wales.

## No. 65.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 September, 1883.

The Colonial Treasurer having forwarded to this department the declaration made by Robert Lamrock at Mudgee, on the 6th August, 1874, with reference to the conditional purchase described at foot hereof, and having reported that interest on the balance of purchase money, has been received at the Treasury, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions as to residence and improvement prescribed by the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, have been completed in respect of the said conditional purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but should such payment be deferred, an interest at the rate of 5 per cent. must be paid between the 1st January and 31st March in each year until the balance, inclusive of interest as prescribed by law, shall have been duly paid, otherwise the selection will be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

Conditional purchase No. 71-2,027, section 21; district Mudgee, date, 15th June, 1871; county Phillip, parish Gulgong; No. of portion, 50; area, 40 acres; original applicant, Robert Lamrock; present holder, Bank of New South Wales.

## No. 66.

Mr. R. Lamrock to D. Cassin, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Springfield, near Gulgong, 7 June, 1887.

Referring to the recent conversation which we had respecting the 40 acres of land adjoining my farm, I beg to append the following particulars for your information, and to request that you will please endeavour to procure from the Minister for Lands permission for me to hold and purchase the same, in the same way as the land I am now possessed of, and I trust you will be successful in this matter, as you have been in all other applications respecting land made by persons in this district.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT LAMROCK.

[Enclosure.]

## [Enclosure.]

STATEMENT of Robert Lamrock, *re* 40-acre block.

ON the 15th June, in the year 1871, I took up four blocks of land numbered respectively 48, 49, 50, and 51, all of which were cancelled after survey.

I hold now the numbers 48 to 50, all of which were revoked. No. 51 which is now No. 322, was not revoked as the then surveyor, Mr. Mann said it was not on the gold-field, as it was inside the boundary.

Blocks of land adjacent, were obtained by Messrs. James Eagan and Patrick Boyle, farmers, some years back, and there is not the slightest doubt that those lands are situate on the proclaimed gold-field.

Some four years I got the deposit money, £10, refunded to me from the Department of Lands, on this 40-acre block No. 324, which I drew in due course.

I may mention that the land (40 acres) has been fenced by me, and a dam has been excavated thereon.

ROBERT LAMROCK.

Presented by Mr. Wall, M.P. Mr. Williams will please state on a separate paper what has been done, and when the lease was referred, if it was referred.—S.F., 10/6/87. Referred to Charting Branch to identify if possible the land referred to No. 324.—W.H.C., 14/6/87.

There is a measured portion 324, of 44½ acres, in the parish of Gulgong, county Phillip, plan P. 1,400; but I am unable to state conditional purchase number, if ever applied for, as the plan is at the District Survey Office. The portion stands vacant on parish map.—J.T.K., 27/6/87.

Mr. Capper,—Records to register letter of the 7th ultimo.—W.H.C., 14/7/87. The papers may be referred to the District Surveyor for report, and the writer so informed.—W.H.C., 31/8/87. Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 5/9/87. Mr. W. C. Wall, M.P., informed.—H.L.T., 9/9/87. The District Surveyor, Orange.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), B.C., 9/9/87. District Survey Office, Orange, 13/9/87. Mr. Gerard, 19 September,—Can any previous instruction be traced? Tracing herewith showing all measurements in the locality.—E.G., 21/10/87. Please see reply on memorandum form 87-187.—T. W. CONOLLY, Acting District Surveyor, 21/10/87.

## No. 67.

The Under Secretary for Lands to W. C. Wall, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 September, 1887.

Referring to the communication presented by you from Mr. D. Cassin, Mudgee, relative to the claim of Robert Lamrock, to certain land in the parish of Gulgong, county of Phillip, I have the honor to inform you that the matter has been referred to the District Surveyor for report.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON,

(For the Under Secretary.)

## No. 68.

Memo. from The Acting District Surveyor, Orange, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(C.S. 87-3,880.)

Robert Lamrock's additional conditional purchase, 71-75; 40 acres; Mudgee Land District.

MR. R. LAMROCK is in error in stating that he applied for four blocks, of 40 acres each, portions 48, 49, 50 and 51, on 15th June, 1871, and that portion 51 is now 324. See Plan.

The facts are these:—On 12th January, 1871, R. Lamrock applied for additional conditional purchases 71-74 (portion 27), and 71-75 (portion 51), but having transferred the original conditional purchase 68-52 to C. Lamrock on 19th June, 1869, they were cancelled. On 20th April, 1871, C. Lamrock re-transferred to R. Lamrock conditional purchase 68-52. On 4th May, 1871, R. Lamrock re-selected portion 27 (additional conditional purchase 71-1,551.) This was cancelled, and, if in error, Robert Lamrock accepted the cancellation, for he purchased the land on 4th August, 1877, after auction.

On 15th June, 1871, R. Lamrock applied for three 40 acres—(portions 48, 49, and 50.) Additional conditional purchases 71-2,025; 71-2,026; and 71-2,027. These were cancelled in error, but reinstated by Ministerial direction (Aln. 72-6,912).

Mr. Mann's survey of portion 51 was apparently never sent in to Surveyor-General.

During an inspection in 1885 I found the measurement which is now covered by Mr. Abernethy's measurement of portion 322, not 324, as stated by Mr. Lamrock.

There was no dam on portion 322 (51) in 1885, and only some rough fencing near east boundary, forming part of a ring fence enclosing selections and Crown lands. Mr. Abernethy shows no dam on 322 in February, 1886.

T. W. CONOLLY,  
Acting District Surveyor.

It is clear from this report of the Acting District Surveyor at Orange, that Robert Lamrock has no claim to portion 322 (formerly 51), under his additional conditional purchase application 71-75, cancelled on 22nd April, 1871. The portion is now within reserve from conditional purchase No. 46, on account of gold, notified 16th June, 1871, and the Gulgong temporary common, proclaimed 13th June, 1881, and partly within the Gulgong population area, re-proclaimed 26th June, 1886, and, consequently is not open to conditional purchase. It is, therefore, recommended that applicant be informed accordingly.—E. TWYNNAM, Acting Surveyor-General, 21/12/87.

R.M., 20/12/87. The Under Secretary for Lands.—It might be expedient to refer this case for consideration of the Local Land Board.—E.T. For approval.—F.H.W., S.F., 23/12/87. Approved.—T.G., 27/12/87. The Chairman, Local Land Board, Orange, 4/1/88.

## No. 69.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Orange.

87-39,213 D;  
conditional  
purchase, 71-75,  
Mudgee,  
R. Lamrock.

THE enclosed papers referring to the conditional purchase quoted in the margin are forwarded to the Chairman of the Local Land Board, Orange; for consideration of the Board.

F.H.W.,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

W.H.C. B.C., 14/1/88. Noted at Records, 14/1/88. Board meeting, Mudgee, 8/2/88. Robert Lamrock informed.—L.B.O., Orange, 19/1/88.

Mr. Lamrock is not in a position to show that he made a fourth selection; as he alleges on the same day that he made the three additional conditional purchases 71-2,025, 2,026, and 2,027 (viz.: 15th June, 1871), and as the Conditional Purchase Registers in the Crown Lands Office do not show that a fourth application was made by Lamrock on that day, the claim must be considered as unsupported. Lamrock alleges that the Registers in the Head Office in Sydney show that the fourth application was made, but we believe he is mistaken in the matter. Portion 322 is the portion to which the claim applies.

CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman.  
W. D. MEARES, }  
JAMES ATKINSON, } Members.

Mudgee, 8th February, 1888.

The Under Secretary for Lands. R. Lamrock's conditional purchases are as under by Departmental Registers—68-52, Land Agent's No., 4; 68-53, Land Agent's No., 5; 71-74, Land Agent's No., 4; 71-75, Land Agent's No., 5; 20-25, Land Agent's No., 39; 20-26, Land Agent's No., 40; 20-27, Land Agent's No., 41.—H.C., 7/3/88.

In view of the Board report herein, Lamrock may be informed to the effect of memo. of 21st December, 1887, as suggested.—H.P., 7/3/88. W.H.C., 9/3/88. F.H.W., S.F., 10/3/88. Approved.—F.G., 12/3/88. Mr. Wall, M.P., informed, 20/3/88. Miscellaneous Charting Branch. For any action necessary.—H.P., 5/4/88. W.H.C., 9/4/88. Mr. Ridley. Seen in Miscellaneous Charting Branch.—F.A.R. (*per* R.M.), 11/4/88. Conditional Sales Branch. Papers may now be put away.—W.H.C., 20/4/88.

## No. 70.

The Under Secretary for Lands to W. C. Wall, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 March, 1888.

With further reference to the letter forwarded by you to this department from Mr. Robert Lamrock of Springfield, near Gulgong, relative to portion 322 (formerly No. 51), in the parish of Gulgong, county of Phillip. I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that it is clear, from a report of the Acting District Surveyor at Orange, that Mr. Lamrock has no claim to the portion in question, under his additional conditional purchase application, No. 71-75, cancelled on the 22nd April, 1871. The portion is now within reserve from conditional purchase No. 46, on account of gold notified 16th June, 1871, and the Gulgong Temporary Common proclaimed 13th June, 1881, partly within the Gulgong population area, re-proclaimed 26th June, 1886, and consequently not open to conditional purchase.

I have, &c.,  
F. H. WILSON,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 71.

Mr. J. Hollow to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Canadian Lead, 1 October, 1888.

I have the honor to inform you that the Crown Land Agent at Mudgee has called upon me for arrears of interest on my validated conditional purchase, 70-205, 3rd March, 1870, 40 acres, county Phillip, parish of Gulgong.

I would respectfully point out that this demand is one of great hardship, as for years I did not occupy the land until I appended fund as a pre-emptive lease, and that from the time it became my lease I have regularly paid the amount of rent demanded from me; and from this fact I think some concession should be made from the amount now asked for, viz., £23 15s.

I have, &c.,  
JAMES HOLLOW.

Papers, 86-39,908, Department, noted. District Surveyor, Orange, B.C., 18/9/88. J.P.M., 10/10/88. May be informed that the validity of the conditional purchase will depend upon the payment of the arrears of interest due.—W.H.C., 13/10/88. F.H.W. Yes.—S.F., 27/10/88. J. Hollow informed.—H.L.F., 29/10/88. Papers still the same.—R.H.W.O., 18/4/89. Mr. Capper. The District Surveyor may be requested to expedite local action and return the papers.—W.H.C., 25/4/89. Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 27/4/89. District Surveyor, Orange, asked.—H.L.T., 3/5/89.

## No. 72.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. Hollow.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 29th October, 1888.

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant, respecting the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the validity of the purchase in question will depend upon the payment of the arrears of interest due.

I have, &c.,  
H. CURRY,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

Mudgee,  
C.P. 70-785,  
J. Hollow.

No. 73.

## No. 73.

W. C. Wall, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Legislative Assembly, 21 November, 1888.

I have the honor to bring under your notice the following case, in which I think a very great injustice has been done:—

One, Robert Lamrock, applied for a conditional purchase of 40 acres in the county of Phillip, parish of Gulgong, on the 15th of June, 1871. Subsequent to the application being lodged the land was said to be proclaimed a reserve for gold-mining purposes, and the application was refused. Mr. Lamrock, after considerable delay, got his case referred to the Local Land Board, and the Board, after inquiry, held that the refusal must be upheld, as the land was within the temporary common, and also within the population boundary of the Municipality of Gulgong. I think, sir, it will be seen at once that the latter circumstances had nothing whatever to do with the validity of Mr. Lamrock's application, as at the date of application no common existed, nor for years after was there any population boundary defined; and further, I submit that it cannot be shown that this portion of land is included within the gold-field reserve; but in any case, I respectfully submit it was open to selection at the time applied for, and therefore should have been granted.

In conclusion, I would submit that several cases of a like character have been dealt with in the vicinity, namely, Eagan, Boyle, and Hollow, in which the selections were validated. I would most respectfully urge that the same course be adopted in respect to Mr. Lamrock's.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. C. WALL,

Legislative Assembly.

Additional conditional, 71-2,025; declaration, 74-18,132. Let me have the papers in Mr. Lamrock's case.—J.N.B., 21/12/88.

## No. 74.

## Office Memorandum.

MUDGEE.

Conditional purchase 68-52, 13th section, 60 acres, portion 17, 9th January, 1868; approved.  
 Additional conditional purchase 68-53, 21st section, 40 acres, portion 18, 9th January, 1868; approved.  
 " " " 71-74, 21st section, 40 acres, portion 27, 12th January, 1871; void.  
 " " " 71-75, 21st section, 40 acres, portion 322, 12 January, 1871; void.  
 " " " 71-1,551, 21st section, 40 acres, portion 27, 4th May, 1871; void.  
 " " " 71-2,025, 21st section, 40 acres, portion 48, 15 June, 1871; approved.  
 " " " 71-2,026, 21st section, 40 acres, portion 49, 15 June, 1871; approved.  
 " " " 71-2027, 21 section, 40 acres, portion 50, 15th June, 1871; approved.

Robert Lamrock.

On 9th January, 1868, Robert Lamrock applied for conditional purchases 68-52 and 68-53 of 60 acres and 40 acres respectively, and on 19th June, 1869, he transferred them to Cuthbert Lamrock. On 12th January, 1871, R. Lamrock applied for additional conditional purchases 71, 74, and 75, which were declared void, as the original conditional purchase did not stand in his name, having been transferred to Cuthbert Lamrock, as before stated. C. Lamrock re-transferred conditional purchases 68-52 and 53 to R. Lamrock on 20th April, 1871, and on 4th May of the same year the latter re-selected portion 27 under additional conditional purchase 71-1,551, which was subsequently cancelled and purchased after auction by him on 4th August, 1877. By additional conditional purchases 71-2,025, 2,026, and 2,027. Robert Lamrock applied for portions 48, 49, and 50, and the certificates of conformity upon these additional conditional purchases were issued on 8th September, 1883.

By letter of 7th June, 1887, Lamrock stated that he had fenced in and excavated a dam upon portion 322 (formerly 51), which was declared void under his additional conditional purchase 71-1,551, and he asked to be allowed to hold same; he at the same time spoke of the portion as having been selected by him on the same day as his additional conditional purchases 71-2,025, 2,026, and 2,027, which, however, is incorrect, as he only made the three selections on that day.

This letter was referred to the District Surveyor, who made a report on 21st October, 1887, and in view of his report the following minute was written by the Surveyor-General:—

"It is clear from this report of the Acting District Surveyor at Orange that Robert Lamrock has no claim to portion 322 (formerly 51), under his additional conditional purchase application 71-75, cancelled on 22nd April, 1871. The portion is now within reserve from conditional purchase No. 46, on account of gold, notified 16th June, 1871, and the Gulgong Temporary Common, proclaimed 13th June, 1881, and partly within the Gulgong population area, re-proclaimed 26th June, 1886, and consequently is not open to conditional purchase. It is therefore recommended that applicant be informed accordingly."

"It might be expedient to refer this case for consideration of the Local Land Board."

This minute was approved by Mr. Secretary Garrett, and on 4th January last the papers were referred to the Chairman of the Orange Land Board, who returned them on 8th February, with the following minute by the Board:—

"Mr. Lamrock is not in a position to show that he made a fourth selection, as he alleges, on the same day that he made the three additional conditional purchases, 71-2,025, 2,026, and 2,027 (viz., 15th June, 1871), and as the Conditional Purchase Registers in the Crown Lands Office do not show that a fourth application was made by Lamrock on that day, the claim must be considered as unsupported. Lamrock alleges that the registers in the head office in Sydney show that the fourth application was made, but we believe that he is mistaken in the matter. Portion 322 is the portion to which the claim applied."

Lamrock was thereupon informed on 20th March last in terms of the Acting Surveyor-General's minute of 21st December, 1887, but by letter of 21st instant the claim is again renewed on his behalf by Mr. Wall, M.P.

The Under Secretary.

W.H.C.,

26/11/88.

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous Charting Branch for a reference to conditional purchases by Eagan, Boyle, and Hollow in the same locality as Lamrock's conditional purchases. (See reference made to them in letter of the 2nd November, 1888, 5,584 Cor.)—W.H.C., 6/2/89.

Conditional purchase, 68-2,066, M. Eagan; conditional purchase, 70-785, Hollow; conditional purchase, 80-43, A. Boyle.

The above are the only conditional purchases in the names of Eagan, Boyle, and Hollow, shown upon head office parish map, in the immediate vicinity of Lamrock's conditional purchases, and may be those referred to in Mr. Wall's letter.—F.A.R. (*pro* J.T.K.), 8/3/89. Conditional Sales Branch.

68-2,066, 71-13,735, declarations; 70-785; 81-47,582; 86-39,908; 80-43; 87-33,103.—H.C., 15/3/89.

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No. 75.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Orange.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 3 May, 1889.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to expedite your action on papers numbered C.S. 86-39,908, relating to conditional purchase No. 70-785, parish of Gulgong, county of Phillip, James Hollow, 40 acres, forwarded to your address on the 18th September, 1888, and return them to this department as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,

W. H. CAPPER,

(For the Under Secretary.)

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No. 76.

Office Memorandum.

Robert Lamrock, Mudgee; additional conditional purchase 71-75; 21st section; 40 acres; 12th January, 1871; portion 51, now portion 322, void.

As Mr. Wall's letter enclosed is apparently written on a misconception of the facts, he may be informed that Lamrock's conditional purchase 71-75, 40 acres, portion 322, formerly portion 51, was declared void, as the original conditional purchase, in virtue of which it was applied for, did not at date of application, 12th January, 1871, stand in Robert Lamrock's name, and also that after this original conditional purchase was retransferred to R. Lamrock, he did not, as stated by him, make a further application on the 15th June, 1871, for the same land (portion 51).

Mr. Wall may also be furnished with a copy of the Board's decision, as he appears to be in ignorance of the grounds on which that decision is based.

W.H.C., 18/6/89.

Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 20/6/89. W. C. Wall, M.P., informed, and copy of decision forwarded, 25/6/89. May now be put away.—W.H.C., 8/7/89.

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No. 77.

The Under Secretary for Lands to W. C. Wall, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 June, 1889.

Referring to your letter respecting the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the purchase in question was declared void as the original conditional purchase in virtue of which it was applied for, did not, at date of application, 12th January, 1871, stand in the name of R. Lamrock, and that after the original conditional purchase was re-transferred to Mr. Lamrock, he did not, as stated by him, make a further application on the 15th June, 1871, for the same land.

Copy of the Land Board's decision is herewith forwarded for your information, as you appear to be in ignorance of the grounds on which that decision is based.

I have, &c.

W. H. CAPPER,

(For the Under Secretary.)

[Enclosure.]

Copy of Minute referred to.

MR. LAMROCK is not in a position to show that he made a fourth selection, as he alleges, on the same day that he made the three additional conditional purchases, 71-2,025, 2,026, and 2,027, viz., 15th June, 1871, and as the Conditional Purchase Registers in the Crown Lands Office do not show that a fourth application was made by Lamrock on that day, the claim must be considered as unsupported.

Lamrock alleges that the registers in the Head Office in Sydney, shows that the fourth application was made, but we believe he is mistaken in the matter. Portion 322 is the portion to which the claim applies. Land Board Meeting, Mudgee, 8th February, 1888.

[Five plans.]

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Mudgee;  
C.P. 71-75,  
12th January,  
1871;  
40 acres;  
R. Lamrock.

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Enclosure to N<sup>o</sup> 3.

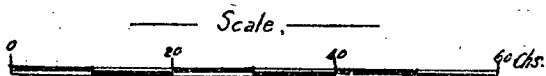
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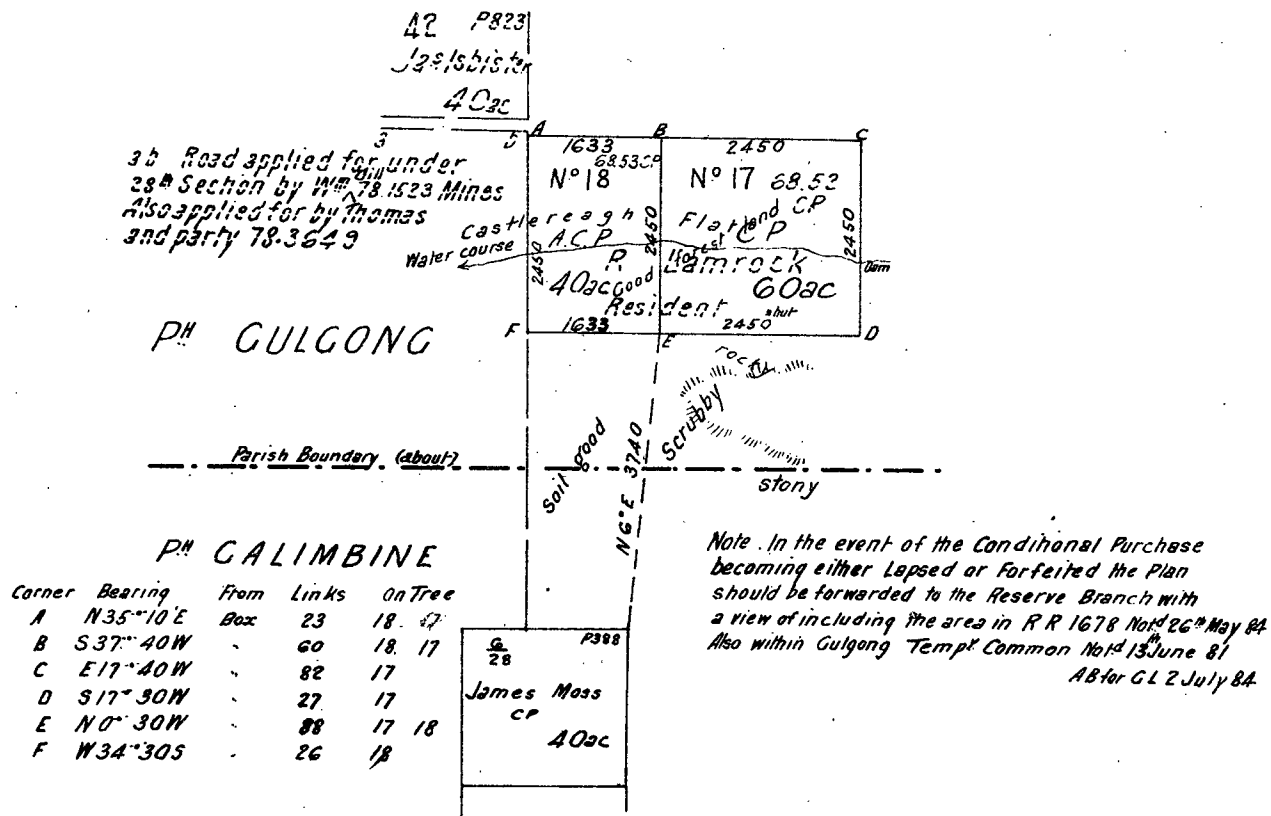
COUNTY OF PHILLIP

Measured for Robert Lamrock under Sections 13, 21

Crown Lands Alienation Act 1861



Res 38 Cancelled 4<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1884



Soil good. Open forest undulating land Timber Box and Apple There is water on this Land  
Resident. Improvements Hut. Small Dam, and fencing £60

Surveyed with circumferentor according to Regulations 27<sup>th</sup> August 1868  
Transmitted with letter of same date G8.11.7. 31<sup>st</sup> August 1868

John F. Mann  
Licensed Surveyor

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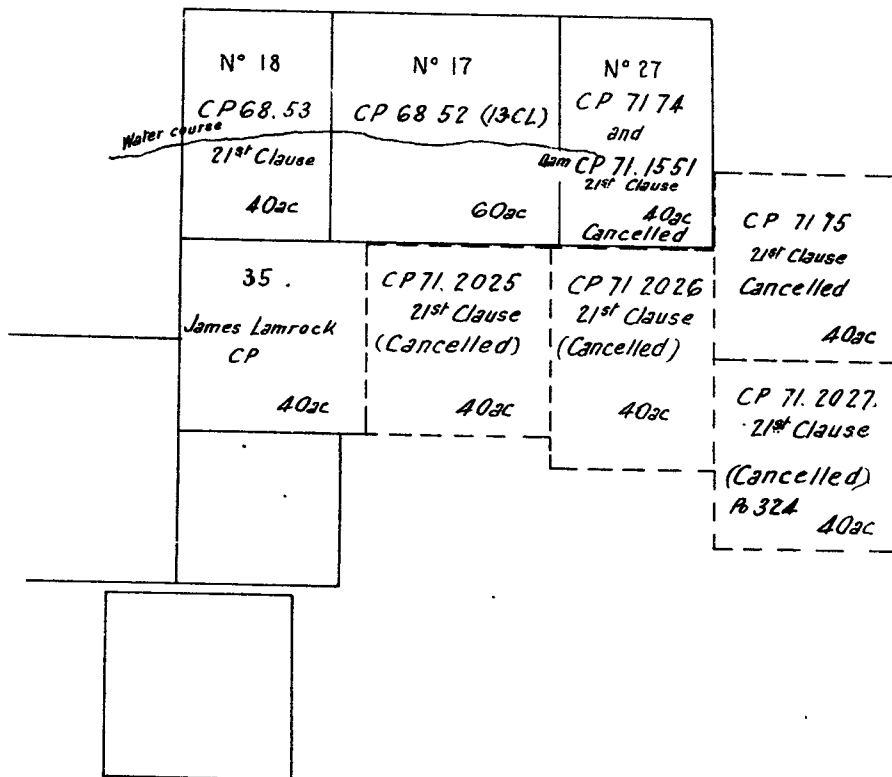
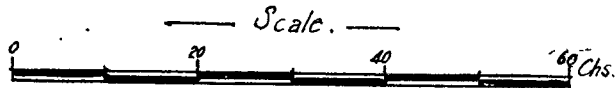
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Showing the Land applied for by

Robert Lamrock

under the 13<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Clauses



Note Where the Lines are dotted the Portions are unmeasured

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PLAN Enclosure to N<sup>o</sup> 14.  
 Of a Portion of Land containing 40ac Acres  
 No. 27 Parish of Gulgong County of Phillip  
 Measured for Robert Lamrock under clause 23  
 Crown Lands Alienation Act 1861

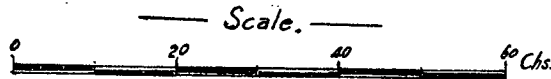


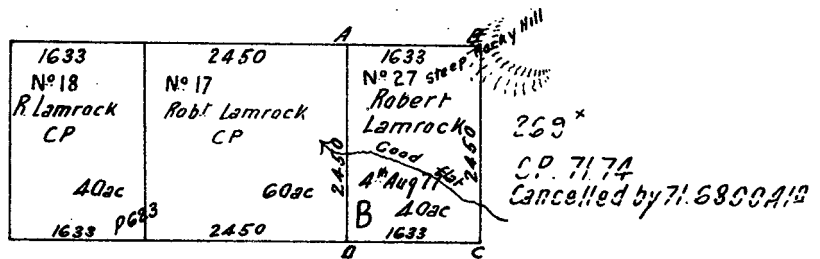
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Sale at Mudgee on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1863  
 Country Lot B  
 Portion 27

Vide Aln 71.2825 above Lot not bid for. withdrawn 24.2.71  
 77.6323 Selected by R. Lamrock

Within the Gulgong Gold Field Reserve from CP 16<sup>th</sup> June 1871

Corner	Bearing	From	Links	On tree
A	E 17° 40' N	Box	82	17. 27
B	S 5° 30' W		49	27
C	W 0° 50' N		60	27
D	S 17° 30' W		27	17. 27



Soil good except on the North Eastern corner which is steep and Rocky  
 There is no water on this Land Timber Box Apple and Gum

Surveyed with circumferentor according to Regulations 12<sup>th</sup> November 1868

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with letter of same date.

G. J. ZI

22nd February 1863

John F. Mann  
 Licensed Surveyor

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*Enclosure to N<sup>o</sup> 54.*

Of portions 48.49.50 in the

*Parish of Gulgong*  
*County of Phillip*

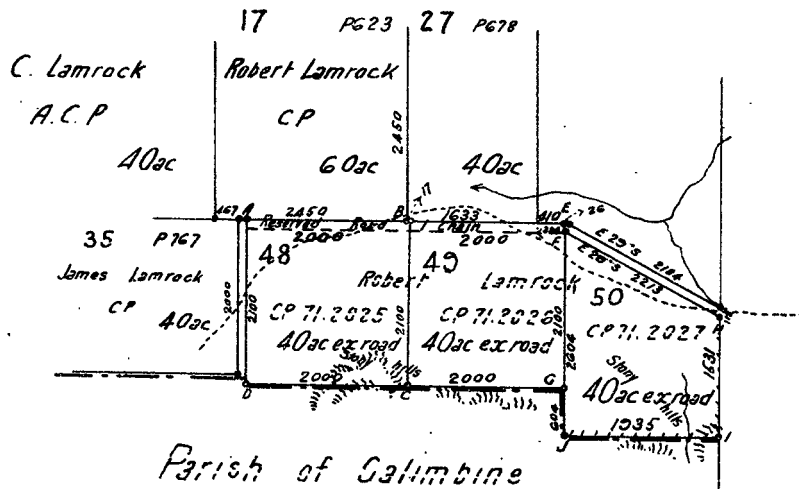
*Applied for under the 21<sup>st</sup> Clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, by*

*Robert Lamrock*

*Res 38 cancelled 4<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1884*

*Application dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 1871*

*Gulgong Gold Field Res open to C.P. notified 16<sup>th</sup> June 1871*



*Resident* Formation, slate and quartz, the southern side is steep and stony. The Northern side is suitable for agricultural purposes. Timber, Box, Apple and Gum Water may be secured on this Land in a dam

*Note* In the event of the Conditional Purchase becoming either Lapsed or Forfeited the Plan should be forwarded to the Reserve Branch with a view of including the area in R R 16 78 Not<sup>d</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> May 84 Also within Gulgong Temporary Common Not<sup>d</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> June 81. AB for GL 2 July 81

Scale 20 Chains to an Inch.

Marked in accordance with regulations

Instrument used in Survey— *Circumferenter*

Date of Survey *15<sup>th</sup> June 1871*

Value of Improvements *Fence £ 20 on N<sup>o</sup> 50*

Situated in the *Plice District of Mudgee*

A	N30 45W	Box	32	48
B	S15 20E	Box	27	17.22.48.49
C	S30 40E	Box	39	48.49
D	S30 5W	Box	62	48
E	E28 16N	Gum	32	49
F	N11 31S	Apple	40	50
G	E8 N	Box	28	49
H	W8 9S	Box	31	50
I	E11 28S	Box	52	50
J	S31 30W	Box	69	50

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of *October*  
the *30<sup>th</sup>* No. *72.89*

Signed

*John. F. Mann.*  
Licensed Surveyor.

Traced by *B.J*

Examined by *P.F.*

Miscellaneous Contract Branch.

Plan accepted  
*Mc* 31 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1873  
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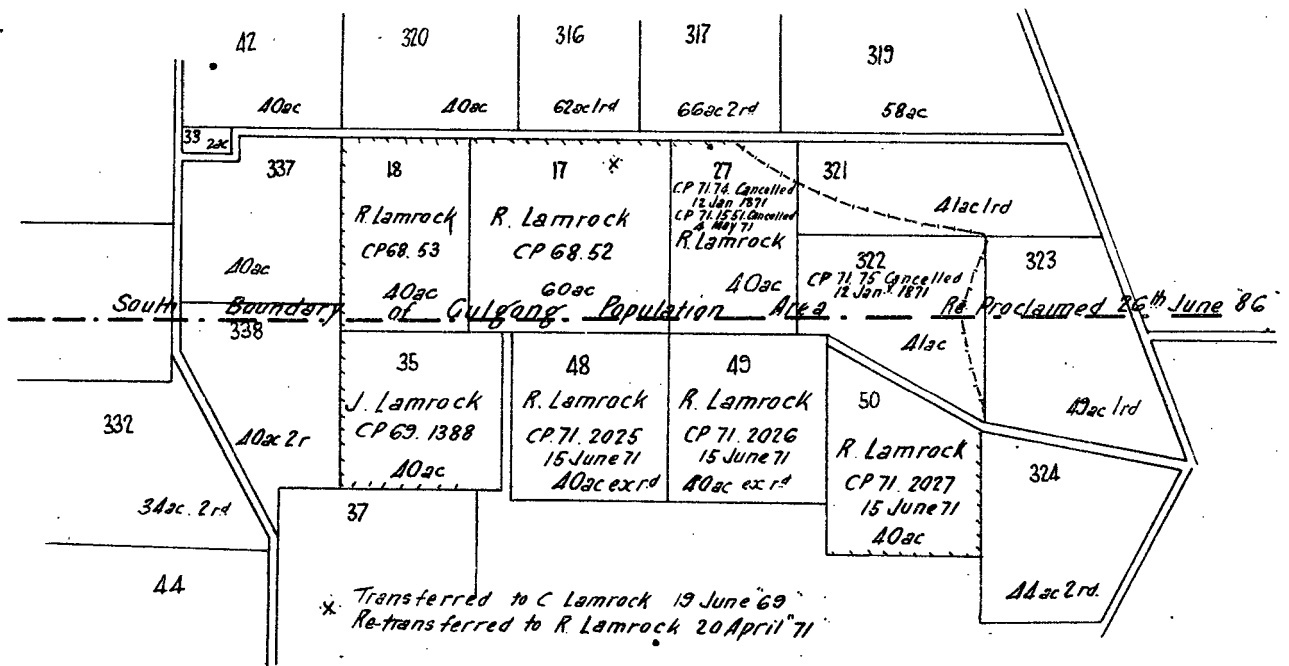
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Within the Temporary Comman of Gulgong Proclaimed 13<sup>th</sup> June 81  
Within R46 from CP Notified 16<sup>th</sup> June 71



To accompany my memorandum N<sup>o</sup> 87.187 to under Secretary 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 87

Sgd  
J. W. Conolly  
A.D.S

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF GEORGE CURRY AT COOTAMUNDRA.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 21 May, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 21st May, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A copy of the paper forwarded to the Registrar of the Land Court in  
 “ the case of George Curry’s appeal against the disallowance of his Condi-  
 “ tional Purchase 89-59, Cootamundra, referred to in Mr. Abbott’s  
 “ Question, No. 1, on the 15th May.

*(Mr. J. P. Abbott.)*

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Registrar, Land Court, Sydney.

(Land Court of New South Wales.  
Filed, 6 May, 1890.)Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 5 May, 1890.

Land Court, No. 120.

Case No. 120, appeal by  
George Curry, against decision  
of Cootamundra Local Land  
Board, A.C.P. 89-59, 12 Decem-  
ber, 1889, 472 acres, Coota-  
mundra.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to forward here-  
with a statement embodying some considerations in connection with  
the case quoted in the margin, and to request that the same may be  
filed with the papers.

I have, &c.,  
WM. HOUSTON,  
Under Secretary.

It is shown that on the 12th December, 1889, George Curry, being the holder of a conditional lease under section 52 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, applied for an additional conditional purchase of land held under such lease. The land applied for forms part of the Muttama Gold-field, which was reserved from conditional purchase by notice in the *Government Gazette* of the 20th May, 1889. It is contended for the Crown that the land was at the date of Curry’s application for conditional purchase, and still is, barred from conditional purchase by the Acts in force.

Section 21 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 sets forth that Crown lands belonging to certain specified classes are exempt from conditional sale, and included among the classes referred to are “lands in proclaimed gold-fields within areas reserved from conditional sale.”

Section 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 provides that “the holder of any conditional lease, in respect of which no forfeiture shall have been incurred, may at any time apply for the whole or part of the land comprised under such lease as an additional conditional purchase or purchases, subject to all the provisions of the principal Act, and this Act, as to the making of applications, available land, area, deposits, measurement, and all other conditions applicable to ordinary additional conditional purchases other than the condition of residence.”

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This section does not give the conditional lessee an unqualified right of purchase. It merely provides that he may apply to purchase, and it then explicitly sets forth that any application made must sustain the same criticism as would be extended to an application for a conditional purchase of land not held under conditional lease. The circumstance is not to be overlooked that conditional leases, when granted, included in many cases lands comprised in important travelling stock, water, and other reserves. These lands were formerly held under pre-emptive lease; and the fact of their being granted under conditional lease is intelligible in view of the terms of section 52 of the Act of 1884, and the fact that until the commencement of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 the holder of the conditional lease was not empowered to purchase. It is reasonable therefore to suggest that the qualifications to be found in section 25 of the Act of 1889 were introduced in recognition of the fact of conditional leases comprising reserved lands, the retention of which might be, and, in many instances, will be, of great importance in the public interest. The Crown contends that the words "available land," in section 25 of the Act of 1889, as contradistinguished from the word "area," mean land not exempt from conditional sale; and that the provisions of that section are to be read with those of section 21 of the Act of 1884, which, in express terms, declares that such land as the appellant has applied for is exempt from conditional purchase. It is therefore contended by the Crown that the Local Land Board acted correctly by disallowing the conditional purchase application in question.—W.H., 30/4/90.

1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**WOOROOWOOLGEN RUN.**  
(PAPERS IN CONNECTION WITH RUN EXCHANGE.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 11 June, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 17th September, 1889, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all Papers, &c., in connection with Wooroooolgen Run  
“Exchange.”

(Mr. Ewing.)

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## No. 1.

### Messrs. Griffiths & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

10, O'Connell-street, June, 1886.

Accompanying this we send an application from the holders of Wooroowoolgen, Eastern Division, in counties of Rous and Richmond, to surrender lands within the resumed area by way of exchange for lands in the leasehold area, and in so doing we wish to point out to you our reasons and remarks in favour of such exchanges.

We are naturally anxious to consolidate our freehold by acquiring some measured but unalienated portions of lands situated in the midst of such freeholds, as well as some reserves that are on and with said exchanges will be surrounded by freeholds, but we allude especially to these reserves each one separated later on.

The advantages of said exchanges to the Government are, that in the resumed areas we give up lands that have been carefully picked out and bought, on account of their being key-stones to the positions which we were forced to purchase, to enable us to work this part of the run, and the fact of these choice pieces being again thrown open will give an impetus to selection and settlement to the country, whereas the lands we wish to take in exchange are barred from selection for at least five years, and are then very unavailable, as being surrounded by our freeholds.

The reserves we apply for are as follows:—

Water reserve 515, parish of Queebun, county of Rous, adjoins and is surrounded by our freeholds, and accompanying applications, and is of no use to any one else. The only selector near having ample water frontage to the creek.

Water reserve 130, parish of Bundock, county of Richmond, is surrounded by our freeholds, with exception of selected portions, Nos. 130 and 143, and both of these have ample water within their own limits.

Water reserve 230, parish of Bundock, county of Richmond, is similarly surrounded by our lands, with exception of selection No. 134, which has sufficient water within its own limits.

Water reserve 277 is an extension of above, is completely surrounded by our freeholds, and useless to anyone else.

Reserve 516, close to water reserve 230, completely surrounded by our own freehold, and useless to anyone else.

Reserve 389, completely surrounded by freeholds, and useless to anyone else.

Reserve 904, surrounded on three sides by our freeholds, on side across the creek, by camping reserve, which is already sufficiently large.

Water reserve 131, parish of Wooroowoolgen, county of Richmond, is surrounded by our freeholds, with exception of about 45 chains abutting population reserve of Casino township; no use to anyone but ourselves, the population reserve being well watered.

Reserve 687, portion consisting of measured portions 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, and 94, part of southern boundary of population reserve, is much cut up by our freeholds, and has no access, except from said reserve.

Water reserve 549, parish of Shannon, county of Richmond. We only apply for what is contained in measured portion 45, jammed in between our freeholds, and not required for water rights, which are amply provided for by water reserve 464.

Reserve 593, almost surrounded by freehold, not required for water right, water reserve 464 being close by water reserve 454; surrounded by freeholds and lands now applied for, with exception of selections on either side of creek frontages, and not therefore required by them. This is our only connection across Shannon Brook, all other crossings being blocked by selections.

Water reserve 547, not required by surrounding selectors, who have creek frontages, and would be exceedingly useful to us to include in our paddock across the creek.

Water reserve 393, adjoining our freehold Crown lands at back steep, rocky, and useless for selection, even when available. The selector adjoining on other side of reserve has large water frontage on his selection, and open country, as large open frontage to Middle Creek.

Water reserve 128, parish of Coombell, county of Richmond, almost surrounded by our freeholds and lands now applied for; open country, well provided for access to creek by reserve 469.

Water reserve 548, portion contained in measured portion No. 25 only applied for; lies between freeholds, and not required for water rights, as portion unapplied for contains a swamp.

Water reserve 493, exactly similar conditions to above.

Reserve

Reserve 650, parish of Mongogarie, county of Richmond, adjoining our freehold and M'Kee's lease, nor required by latter, as his conditional lease contains very large water frontage to Middle Creek.

We trust that our reasons and remarks will be considered fair and good, and that our application will receive the approval of the Minister for Lands, to whom we have, through Mr. Neville Griffiths, already verbally initiated the exchanges.

We further trust that the application will meet with the most convenient despatch.

We have, &c.,

W. AND F. FANNING

(By their Agents, GRIFFITHS & Co.)

P.S.—We desire to reiterate that we are giving up the whole command of the resumed area; that we are giving up choice pieces of good land; that we are, with the object of consolidating, asking for much inferior land, and that we have, as will be seen by reference to maps, not asked for one reserve which is necessary for public purpose.—G. & Co.

Mr. Houston.—C.O., 16/6/86. Mr. Houston,—The attached lithograph shows by red tint the land offered for surrender, and by blue tint the land applied for in exchange. This case has not yet been investigated in detail.—C.J.S., 24/7/86.

The writers may be informed that a preliminary investigation of their proposal to surrender certain lands on the Woorooloolgen Pastoral Holding in exchange for other lands on the leasehold area discloses no technical objection to carrying out the arrangement. A detailed examination must, however, be made, and the papers will be forwarded to the District Surveyor, for a report as to whether the proposed alienations can be effected without prejudice to the public interest. The cost of survey of the land desired in exchange must be borne by the run-holders. It is estimated that in this case the charge will amount to about £120. On the concurrence of the lessees to these terms the papers can be immediately remitted to the District Surveyor for the report required, which should also embrace the consideration as to whether any of the lands proposed to be surrendered should be reserved for public purposes.—W.H., 16/8/86.

The Under Secretary, for approval. It appears to me that the applicants for surrender, exchange, &c., should pay cost of survey.—C.O., 28/7/86. Approved.—H.C., 30/8/86. Messrs. Fanning, care of Griffiths & Co.—H.L.T., 6/9/89. Occupation Branch.

[Enclosures.]

[Crown Lands Act of 1884 (part IV, section 75.)

Application by a Run-holder to surrender land situate within a resumed area, by way of exchange with other land.

Sydney, 16 June, 1886.

In accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, we, William and Frederick Fanning, being holders of grants of the land hereunder described, within resumed area 292, Eastern Division, hereby apply to surrender the same in exchange for an equal area within our leasehold area No. 292, and subject to the compensation for the improvements on the said land, particulars of which are set forth in the Schedule on the back hereof.

The declaration prescribed by the regulations under the said Act is annexed hereto.

W. AND F. FANNING

(By their Attorney, C. CECIL GRIFFITHS.)

To the Under Secretary for Lands.

Description of land to be surrendered.

Eastern Division, county of Richmond, parishes, sundry (per Schedule A), portion ditto, containing 6,830 acres (as per Schedule A). Land to be exchanged therefor particularized in Schedule B., containing 6,830 acres.

Schedule of improvements on the land to be surrendered.

Improvements consist of some boundary fencing and small yards.

Declaration by a Run-holder desirous of surrendering land on a resumed area by way of exchange for other land.

I, CHARLES CECIL GRIFFITHS, on behalf of W. and F. Fanning, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that, at the date of the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, W. and F. Fanning were holders of grants of the land described in the application on the front page hereof. And I further declare and affirm that the particulars relative to the improvements on the said land, as set forth in the accompanying Schedule, are true and correct. And I make this solemn declaration as to the several matters aforesaid, according to the law in this behalf made, and subject to the punishment by law provided for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.

C. CECIL GRIFFITHS.

Made before me at Sydney, this }  
16th day of June, 1886,— }  
C. DELOHERY, J.P.!

SCHEDULE A.

PORTION SURRENDERED.

Parish of Richmond.

Portion.	Area.		Portion	Area.		Portion.	Area.	
	a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.
6	40	0 0	41	99	2 0	101	80	0 0
13	40	0 0	43	124	3 0	108	129	0 0
22	50	0 0	48	88	2 0	110	105	0 0
23	50	0 0	54	75	1 0	121	50	0 0
39	94	1 0	99	87	2 0	122	50	0 0

Parish of Ellangowan.

11	41	0 0	60	50	0 0	75	50	0 0
55	50	0 0	62	50	0 0	76	50	0 0
57	50	0 0	70	50	0 0	78	50	0 0

Parish of Nandabah.

9	45	0 0	15	90	0 0	22	102	0 0
10	105	0 0	16	102	0 0	32	92	0 0
11	40	0 0	17	98	0 0	33	72	0 0
12	88	0 0	18	110	0 0	35	62	0 0

Parish



Parish of Myrtle.							
Portion.	Area.	Portion.	Area.	Portion.	Area.	Portion.	Area.
	a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.
10	103 0 0	32	80 0 0	38	65 0 0	47	60 0 0
25	85 2 0	33	69 0 0	40	51 2 0	48	52 0 0
26	78 3 0	34	82 3 0	42	60 0 0	50	91 3 0
28	74 0 0	35	60 0 0	44	94 2 0	51	85 0 0
29	74 0 0	36	70 0 0	45	90 0 0	52	102 0 0
30	74 0 0	37	80 0 0	46	48 0 0	58	60 0 0
31	84 0 0						
Parish of Dobie.							
6	40 0 0	8	80 0 0	10	40 0 0	12	40 0 0
7	80 0 0	9	80 0 0	11	40 0 0		
Parish of Wyandah.							
5	88 0 0	18	40 0 0	23	40 0 0	53	72 0 0
10	92 0 0	19	80 0 0	40	80 0 0	54	70 2 0
11	62 0 0	20	87 0 0	41	57 0 0	7	50 0 0
12	48 0 0	21	80 0 0	42	71 3 0	8	115 0 0
17	40 0 0	22	100 0 0	44	86 0 0	9	85 1 0

Area surrendered..... 6,830 acres.

#### SCHEDULE B.

##### PORTIONS APPLIED FOR.

Parish of Dyraaba.							
Portion.	Area.						
	a. r. p.						
84	259 0 0						
Parish of Queebun.							
Portion.	Area.	Portion.	Area.	Portion.	Area.	Portion.	Area.
	a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.
206	54 2 0	118	70 0 0	121	116 0 0	205	53 3 0
115	134 2 0	119	90 1 0	123	73 1 0	129	60 0 0
117	114 1 0						
Parish of Bundock.							
114	361 0 0	106	124 2 0	200	39 2 0	116	142 2 0
7	80 0 0	110	111 1 0	118	110 1 0	117	133 0 0
81	48 1 0	113	161 0 0	119	59 2 0	61	99 0 0
103	75 1 0	131	69 2 0	115	231 0 0	98	118 0 0
104	113 1 0	146	85 0 0				
Parish of Wooroomoolgen.							
71	86 0 0	82	16 0 0	98	324 1 0	99	77 1 0
69	64 0 0						
Parish of Shannon.							
28	43 2 0	60	77 0 0	45	90 0 0	70	154 0 0
34	85 1 0	66	83 0 0	19	142 0 0		
Parish of Coombell.							
9	80 0 0	31	85 0 0	74	53 2 0	82	44 0 0
11	92 0 0	72	61 0 0	75	10 2 0		
29	68 0 0	73	25 0 0	25	62 0 0		
Parish of Mongogarie.							
27	73 0 0	35	91 0 0	40	82 0 0	51	118 0 0
Parish of Busby.							
23	87 2 0	20	53 0 0	21	42 0 0		
Parish of Mongogarie.							
Portion.	Area.						
	a. r. p.						
52	16 3 0						
Parish of Shannon.							
Portion.	Area.	Portion.	Area.	Portion.	Area.		
	a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		
71	169 2 0	72	513 3 0	73	573 0 0		

Area applied for ..... 6,830 acres.

The lessees have been supplied with the tracings of these portions.—*Vide* Inquiry Branch, form No. 15,032.—O.W.B., 2/10/88.

#### No. 2.

##### Messrs. Griffiths & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(86-2,441 and 2,442 Occupation.)

Sir,

Sydney, 10 September, 1886.

In reply to your communication of the 6th instant we have the honor to request an explanation of the large proposed cost of survey above £120, as the lands we propose in the exchange operations on the Wooroomoolgen holding are almost all measured portions.

We have, &c.,  
GRIFFITHS & CO.

Mr. Saunders,—What is unsurveyed area in this case?—W.H., 22/9/86. See enclosed memorandum.—C.J.S., 24/9/86. The writers may be informed that a considerable amount of survey will be required in order to trace the boundaries of reserves, old measured portions, &c., and to define the extensive areas proposed to be alienated. The surveys are absolutely necessary to enable plans to be prepared from which the deeds of grant can be drawn out.—W.H., 7/10/86. Griffiths & Co. informed.—H.L.T., 8/10/86. Mr. Houston.

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No. 3.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 October, 1886.

Referring to your letter of the 10th ultimo, asking for an explanation of the large proposed cost of survey of the land to be surrendered within the resumed area of the holding named in the margin by way of exchange for lands in the leasehold area of the same holding, I have the honor to inform you that a considerable amount of survey will be required in order to trace the boundaries of reserves, old portions, &c., and to define the extensive areas proposed to be alienated.

Wooroooolgen,  
Eastern Division; proposed  
survey fees,  
£120; W and F.  
Fanning.

I am to add that the surveys are absolutely necessary to enable plans to be prepared, from which the deeds of grant can be drawn out.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

(For Under Secretary).

No. 4.

Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(Occupation 86-4,208.)

Sir,

Sydney, 12 October, 1886.

Seeing that considerable amount of survey will be necessary, as explained in your communication of 8th instant, we hereby agree to pay for the same up to the limit named, say £120, although, as we are dealing chiefly with measured portions, we trust the actual survey fees will be considerably less.

We shall be much obliged if the proposed exchange operation could be pressed forward, and would respectfully call your attention to the fact, that our letter of 10th September was only replied to on the 8th October.

We have &amp;c.,

GRIFFITHS &amp; CO.

(Agents for W. and F. Fanning).

The papers may now be forwarded to the District Surveyor for early report as to how far the arrangement can be completed with due regard to public interests. It will, of course, be open to the District Surveyor to suggest any modification of the proposal now before the Department, or to recommend, when the time arrives, the reservation of any portions of land in the resumed area. Messrs. Griffiths & Co. may be informed of reference to District Surveyor.—W.H., 18/10/86. The Under Secretary. Yes.—C.O., 19/10/86. Griffiths & Co.—H.L.T., 19/10/86. The District Surveyor, Grafton.—S.F., B.C., 19/10/86.

No. 5.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 October, 1886.

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, agreeing on behalf of Messrs. W. and F. Fanning to pay the cost of survey in connection with the exchange of land within the holding named in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the papers have been forwarded to the District Surveyor for an early report as to how far the arrangements can be completed with due regard to the public interest.

Wooroooolgen.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 6.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to Mr. Surveyor Walker.

Occupation 86-2,441-4,298.

Application by lessee of Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding to surrender lands under section 75 of the Act of 1884.

[No. 86-5.]

28 October, 1886.

To Mr. Surveyor Walker for report as soon as possible, it will be necessary that he should inspect and report on each of the reserves, which are applied for in exchange for land proposed to be surrendered in the resumed area, so that none which are required in the public interest may be alienated, or in the interests of those who have acquired land in their vicinity, and it would be well to see the owners, so as to give due regard to any objections they may urge.

It is pointed out that some of the reserves are on the road from Casino to Tenterfield, and may be required for camping, water supply, or other public purpose, either now or in the future. Others may be required to give access to water from the back country now in the leasehold, and not open for sale or selection, but which, at the end of the lease, might be rendered comparatively of little value if ample provision is not retained. In other cases it is probable that the reservation of a road and space for access to water at the creek, or for crossings, will be sufficient. This should be reported, so that the necessary provision may be made when the surveys for alienation are being carried out.

Every precaution must be taken, so that existing rights, and the interests of the public, are not prejudiced in any way by the recommendations made.

An early report is requested.

P. R. DONALDSON,

District Surveyor.

All papers herewith, and map of county of Richmond. Reported upon by letter (in three sheets), No. 87-1, of 5th January.—W. G. WALKER, Surveyor.

No. 7.

## No. 7.

Mr. W. J. Fanning to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Dear Sir,

Wooroowoolgen, Casino, 3 November, 1886.

On 15th June, Messrs. Griffiths & Co., acting for the proprietors of Wooroowoolgen, applied to the Department of Lands, in Sydney, under section 2, of clause 75, of the Lands Act, of 1884, for the exchange of 6,830 acres of land, situated in the resumed area of Wooroowoolgen Pastoral Holding for a similar area in the leasehold area. Messrs. Griffiths & Co. have now been informed that their application has been submitted to you for your report, and as it would be of considerable advantage to us to have an early report from you on this matter, I should be very much obliged if you could make it convenient to deal with it at your earliest convenience.

We propose to surrender a large number of freehold portions of land, situated in the parishes of Myrtle, Wyandah, Dobie, Nandabah, Ellangowan, and Richmond, which have been purchased at auction at various times, and so placed that they hitherto acted as a considerable bar to settlement by selection in these places, and we ask in exchange certain unalienated lands lying amongst our freeholds, in the parishes of Mongogarie, Coombell, Shannon, Wooroowoolgen, Bundock, Queebun and Dyraaba.

Among the lands which we seek to obtain are some reserves, which, in some cases, are entirely surrounded by our freeholds, and in others are nearly thus surrounded; and in the latter case where a conditional purchase adjoins any reserve we have applied for, I think it will be found, upon inspection, that the selector will lose nothing by our getting the land, as water is as abundant on the selections as on the water reserve adjoining.

Trusting that you will be able to report favourably upon our application,

I have, &amp;c.,

W. J. FANNING.

To Mr. Surveyor Walker,—In connection with previous instructions, I shall be glad if this work can be dealt with as early as possible.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 3/11/86. Mr. Fanning informed.—P.R.D., 3/11/86.

## No. 8.

Mr. Surveyor Walker to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Application of the lessees of Wooroowoolgen Station to surrender lands under section 75 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

[No. 87-1.]

Sir,

Lismore, 5 January, 1887.

I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with your instructions herewith No. 86-5, of 28th October, I have inspected each of the reserves applied for in the above-mentioned application, and in most cases was able to hear the objections or otherwise of those who had acquired land in their vicinity.

During my tour of inspection, which occupied a week, I was enabled to see a good deal of the Crown land not reserved (but applied for), as well as the freehold land it is proposed by the lessees to surrender, and I have no hesitation in saying that the land proposed to be surrendered on the resumed area, taken as a whole, is better than that asked for in exchange for the same.

Nearly the whole of the Crown lands applied for (with the exception of the reserves) consists of measured portions, the only improvement upon them being ringbarking (performed by the lessees), with the exception of portion No. 7, parish of Bundock, upon which a good large salt shed was erected some years ago by the lessees, the present value of which I estimate to be £40.

I have no hesitation in recommending for favourable consideration this portion of the exchange, there being much truth in what has been stated in the application, viz., that the lands proposed to be surrendered were carefully picked out and bought on account of their being keystones to those parts of the run.

With regard to most of the reserves applied for, I am unable to report so favourably, as in many instances they are required, or will be in the future, for the benefit of the public.

I propose to deal with each reserve separately, and for the convenience of future reference to my field-notes, take them in the order in which they were inspected.

Water reserve 277, parish of Bundock, consists of open undulating forest country, of good quality; no improvements; crossed near the eastern end by the track from Ettrick to Casino, about 2 miles from camping reserve 392, parish of Queebun, which is the usual camping place for teamsters to and from Casino; bounded on the north and south by the lessees' freehold land; no settlers adjoining; gives access to only a few acres of Crown lands; applied for in the lessees' application, to the granting of which I see no objection.

For these reasons, it could be surrendered without detriment to the public interests, but when being surveyed for the purpose, it would, in my opinion, be advisable to reserve a road, 1 chain wide, the whole length of the northern boundary, to be continued eventually through the vacant Crown lands, and right down water reserve 230 to the main Tenterfield and Casino Road.

Reserve 904, parish of Bundock; crossed by the Ettrick and Casino Road; much used by the cedar drawers; includes, in conjunction with camping reserve 392, parish of Queebun, the only available crossing for some distance over Dyraaba Creek, which is very boggy, usually made one day's stage to and from Casino, required by the public in conjunction with camping reserve 392, and should therefore not be surrendered.

Reserve 389, parish Bundock; open, swampy, forest country; unimproved; no settlers in the vicinity, and surrounded on three sides by the station's freehold land; also on the fourth side, with the exception of the Dyraaba Creek intervening; crossed by no main road; can be surrendered without detriment to the public interests.

Water reserve 15, parish Queebun, includes a portion of a good permanent swamp; no settlers adjoining; those in the vicinity have frontage to Eden Creek; the country is undulating, and lightly timbered

Portion 117,  
133 acres.

Portion 61,  
99 acres.

Portions 120,  
205, 60 acres and  
53½ acres.

timbered, with fair, sandy soil; the boundary fence between Wooroolgen and Dyraaba Runs passes through the north-west corner; all the land on the Dyraaba side of the fence, and which is fairly well watered, is owned by the lessee of that run, with the exception of water reserves 391 and 637; no main road crosses this reserve; I am of opinion that it could be surrendered without materially interfering with the public interests.

Camping reserve 391, parish of Dyraaba. A small portion only of this reserve (through which the Dyraaba Station track runs) is applied for in conjunction with the measured land adjoining, viz., as much as is included by a line running south-westerly from the north-west corner of No. 44 to the north-east corner of No. 80. If all this were granted it would shut in water reserve 668 from giving access to back country, therefore I cannot recommend the same, but see no objection to the land being surrendered that is included when the line is taken to the north-east corner of water reserve 668 instead of the north-east corner of No. 80. This line will not be far from the boundary fence of the run, will not cut off any of the frontage to camping reserve 391, and will curtail the area of the same by very little, not enough to seriously affect it, and will still leave the crossing over the creek. The country, which is unimproved, with the exception of ringbarking, consists of openly timbered ironbark ridges, with rather poor, stony soil. It can be surrendered without in any way interfering with the public. Portion 84, of 259 acres

Reserve 516, parish of Bundock, consists of good, undulating country; timbered chiefly with gum and iron bark; unimproved; surrounded by the lessees' freehold land; track from Dyraaba Station to Casino passes along the northern boundary, along which there is very little traffic; can be exchanged with the lessees without in any way interfering with the public. Portion 98, of 118 acres

Water reserve 230, parish Bundock, consists of very good, undulating country, but unimproved; timbered chiefly with gum, with open flats and an excellent lagoon of permanent water in the south-western extremity; the water in the lagoon is more permanent than that in Deep Creek, and is most conveniently situated with regard to the main Tenterfield to Casino road, which passes between it and Deep Creek; the reserve is situated between 8 and 9 miles from Casino, and is the last stage into or first stage out from that village for teamsters. For these reasons I would recommend that a camping reserve of 100 acres be gazetted (fronting on to Deep Creek), with the same width as, but in lieu of, water reserve 230, and I see no objection to the surrender to the lessees of the balance of the area of the reserve; but in the measurement of the same the road proposed along the boundary of water reserve 277 should be continued down the boundary of water reserve 230, as far as the proposed camping reserve. I may here mention that the main Tenterfield road, after leaving water reserve 230, branches across to and passes through the northern part of Francis Benn's selection No. 143, of 320 acres. Portions 115 and 116, 231 acres and 142½ acres.

Water reserve 130, parish of Bundock, is unimproved. It consists of open, undulating forest country with good soil; is nearly wholly surrounded by the lessees' freehold land, and I see no objection to the Crown surrendering in satisfaction of this application. The whole of the northern part, as far south as the northern boundary of the Public School site (portion No. 156); but I would recommend the retention of the southern part as a water reserve on account of the permanent water in the lagoon, shown on the parish map, which is much more permanent than the water in Deep Creek, and was much used by the settlers in the vicinity for domestic purposes during the late drought. Portions 118 and 119, 110½ acres and 59½ acres.

Water reserve 454, parish of Shannon, embraces a good lagoon of permanent water near the eastern end, and affords access to the same from the back country, which is high and steep, and therefore dry; for these reasons it should, in my opinion, be retained intact. Portion 60, 77 acres.

Measured portions 60 and 66 unimproved (the former adjoining water reserve 454), and included in forest reserve 995, are also applied for by the lessees, and might, in my opinion, be surrendered without materially interfering with the said reserve, both being of small area.

Water reserve 547, parish of Shannon, is unimproved, and is neither used as a camping reserve nor required as such. It is completely hemmed in by conditional purchases, and on the other side of Deep Creek by station freehold land. The country consists of level swampy land, open gum forest, and good soil; might be surrendered to the lessees without prejudice to the public in satisfaction of a portion of their application. Portion 19, 142 acres.

Water reserve 549, parish of Shannon. The eastern part only of this reserve, viz., measured portion No. 45, is applied for by the lessees. The land is unimproved, of good quality, and timbered with gum, bloodwood, and apple. The whole reserve should, in my opinion, be revoked, as water reserve 464 affords ample access for water from the back country, both to Deep Creek on the north and Middle Creek on the south. It is not required, therefore, and there is no objection to measured portion No. 45 being surrendered to the lessees. Portion 45, 95 acres.

Reserve 593 in the same parish, and also unimproved, could be for the same reason surrendered without prejudice to the public interests. The country consists of open level forest timbered with gum, ironbark, bloodwood, and apple. The reserve is surrounded, with the exception of about 10 chains, by the lessees' freehold land.

Water reserve 393, also in the same parish, includes two very fine permanent water holes, in which there is good water when Middle Creek is dry. For this reason it should not only be retained, but extended northerly until it reaches the southern boundary of measured portion No. 30, thus securing access to these water holes from the back country.

Water reserve 131, parish of Wooroolgen, is unimproved. The northern half is included in the population area of Casino, and excluded from the leasehold area of the run. For these reasons it should be retained, but I see no objection to the surrender of the southern half, which is very nearly surrounded by the lessees' freehold land. The country is good open and slightly undulating forest land interspersed with swamps, and crossed near the southern end by the Serpentine Lagoon, which contains permanent water, but owing to its numerous swamps, and to the fact of the river running through it, the population area is sufficiently well watered without this lagoon. Portion 98 of 324½ acres; portion 99 of 77½ acres

Reserve 687, parish of Wooroolgen, consisting of measured portions 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, and 94, is included in the population area of the village of Casino, and excluded from the leasehold area of the run. These, in my opinion, are sufficient reasons for retaining it intact. It is true that it is much cut up by the station's freehold land, and it would be a great advantage to the public if the lessees would surrender this land, in conjunction with portion 17, in exchange for an equivalent area between the eastern boundary of portion No. 80, and the western boundary of portion No. 3. Lessees would lose nothing by the exchange, the land being of equal value, and they would be consolidating their freehold. Water

Water Reserve 128, parish of Coombell. The country to the south of this reserve being badly watered, the application for its revocation and surrender should not be entertained, on account of its frontage to Middle Creek.

Portion 82 of  
44 acres.

Water Reserve 493, parish of Coombell, is unimproved. The country is good, and slightly undulating, timbered chiefly with gum and apple, and contains a small swamp of permanent water at the southern end. Can be surrendered as being an unnecessary reserve, on account of a very large swamp of permanent water immediately to the south of, and partly included in measured portions 19, 20, and 21. Owing to the size and permanency of this swamp, when there is no water in Mongagarie Creek, I would recommend that a water reserve be gazetted, half a mile wide, to run south from the southern boundaries of the before-mentioned portions, to the north boundary of reserve 564, the north-west corner of the said reserve to be identical with the south-west corner of portion No. 21.

Portion 25 of  
62 acres.

Water Reserve 548, parish of Coombell, unimproved, includes measured portion No. 25, which is the only part of the reserve applied for. The country is exactly similar to that contained in water reserve 493, and the same reasons given for the surrender of that reserve apply with equal force to this one. I would therefore recommend the revocation of the same, and the surrender of portion No. 25.

Portion 31,  
85 acres.

Reserve 569, parish of Coombell, includes unimproved measured portion No. 31, which is the only part of the reserve applied for. It consists of good open, level, forest country, and can be surrendered without prejudice to the public interests. I may here mention that there is little or no traffic along the road shown on the southern side of the creek, the principal traffic being along the Busby Flat to Casino track, which runs approximately parallel to this portion of the creek, but about a mile to a mile and a half farther south, and will be crossed by the reserve proposed in lieu of Nos. 493 and 548.

Portion 51,  
118 acres.

Reserve 650, parish of Mongogarie, includes two small permanent water holes; is unimproved, and embraces open forest, undulating country. Owing to Charles M'Kee's conditional lease 85-21, not shown on the county map, embracing nearly all the land to the east and the close proximity of the reserve 568 on the north, and reserve 133 to the south, I see no reason why it should not be surrendered to the lessees, ample access to water from the back country still remaining.

I have, &c.,

W. G. WALKER,  
Surveyor.

To the Under Secretary for Lands, with my B.C. memorandum 88/7 herewith.—P. R. DONALDSON,  
District Surveyor, 19/1/87.

## No. 9.

### The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(Occupation, 86-2,441 and 4,298—Land Board District, 86-181.)

Application of the lessees of Wooroowoolgen Pastoral Holding to surrender lands under section 75 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, in lieu of others.

[No. 87-7.]

19 January, 1887.

It is submitted under the report of Mr. Surveyor Walker, No. 87-1, that as the land which is proposed to be surrendered, taken as whole, is better than that applied for, in exchange for it, that there is no objection to the application being granted, subject to such modifications as may be necessary from its being undesirable to alienate some of the reserves, and also parts of others, only which are embraced in the application, amounting in all to an area of about 1,573 acres, for which other lands will have to be substituted, or the area of the lands to be surrendered reduced to about 5,342 acres.

For the reasons given by Mr. Walker the whole of reserve, No. 904, should be retained, as well as reserves Nos. 454, 393, and 128.

As reserve No. 687 embraces measured portions which are within the population area of Casino, and, therefore, not within a pastoral holding, it is submitted that this land is not available for exchange under sub-section 2 of section 75, the suggestion of Mr. Surveyor Walker to give other lands also within the population area of Casino, for the portions in the reserve in question cannot, it is submitted, be entertained, there being apparently no provision in the Act for such action.

Water reserve, No. 277, may be revoked, subject to reservation of road on north boundary.

Water reserve, No. 391, may be partly revoked, making the eastern boundary extend from the north-west corner of portion 44 to the north-east corner of water reserve No. 668.

Water reserve No. 230 may be revoked, except 200 acres for camping, which area, I am of opinion, should be retained in preference to 100 acres, as proposed by Mr. Walker, in view of its being on the new line of road (which is only being opened) from Casino to Tenterfield, and likely to be of great future importance.

Water reserve No. 130 may be revoked, except that part between the north boundary line of Public School site and the creek.

Water reserve No. 131, that part of the reserve not within the population area, and excepting about 10 acres on each side of the lagoon with a road  $1\frac{1}{2}$  chain wide from population area may be revoked, from the population area to the lagoon the distance is only about 1 mile, whilst from the south-west corner to the river the distance is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and the swamps are not permanent in seasons of drought. The reservation of the small area at the lagoon is submitted to meet future requirements when the population area is subdivided and alienated.

Water reserve No. 493 may be revoked, but in survey a road should be provided for access to creek, crossing reserve on opposite side.

Subject to reservation, when measurement is made of the usual roads of access, &c., the other reserves applied for may be revoked, viz., Nos. 389, 515, 516, portions 60 and 66 (part of reserve 995); Nos. 547, 549, 593, 548, 650, and part of 569; the latter is not included in schedule, but is coloured on map, being portion 31 or 85 acres.

P. R. DONALDSON,  
District Surveyor.

NOTE.—

NOTE.—The proposed modifications will reduce the area in schedule B as follows, viz.:—Of reserve No. 904 by 87 acres, No. 454 by 230 acres, No. 393 by 65 acres, No. 128 by 320 acres, No. 687 by 343 acres, No. 277 by 25 acres, No. 391 by 60 acres, No. 230 by 200 acres, No. 131 by 8 acres, No. 131 by 230 acres, and No. 493 by 5 acres; total, 1,573 acres.

The area given in schedule is...	...	...	...	...	6,830 acres
Less the reserve not desirable to alienate, as above...	...	...	...	...	1,573 „
Balance	...	...	...	...	5,342 acres

P.R.D.

## No. 10.

## The Chief Draftsman to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Application for exchange of land on Woorooloolgen Holding.

15 February, 1887.

In view of the enclosed report by Surveyor Walker, and the recommendations of District-Surveyor Donaldson, it is submitted that the application by the lessees of Woorooloolgen Holding for certain lands under the 75th clause be refused as regards reserves Nos. 904, 454, 393, and 128, those reserves being required in the public interest for camping, access to water, &c.; and also as regards reserve 687, as of the portions comprising that reserve. Nos. 88 and 89 are wholly, and Nos. 90, 91, 93, and 94 for the greater part, within the population reserve of Casino, as per census of 1881, and therefore not within the leasehold area.

It is further submitted that the application be proceeded with as regards the remaining reserves, retaining about 200 acres of the frontage of reserve 230 to Shannon Brook for camping, about 50 acres of the frontage of reserve 130 to the same creek for water supply, and about 20 acres of reserve 131, adjoining the lagoon within that reserve for water supply, modifying the part of reserve 391, applied for so as to leave ample access to reserve No. 663, as indicated by the District Surveyor, and retaining any other areas and roads, which in the course of survey may be found necessary in the public interest.

It is also submitted that the measured and unmeasured portions applied for, which are reported to be generally of no more value than the lands offered for surrender, may be also granted in exchange.

Respecting Mr. Donaldson's remarks regarding the northern part of reserve 131, it is pointed out that the reserve, although partly within the population area of Casino, as proclaimed 20th March, 1885, is altogether outside the population reserve census of 1881, and is therefore within the leasehold area. Mr. Donaldson's objections to the whole of this reserve being granted (except the small part before referred to) will therefore be removed.

As only about 50 acres of reserve 391, notified for camping and water supply, are proposed to be granted, it may not be deemed necessary to refer to the Mines Department as to any objection in view of the surveyor's reports.

By the modifications above particularized, the area applied for will be reduced by about 1,448 acres, but as the exact area cannot be stated until after survey, it is submitted that the adjustment of the area to be surrendered be held over until after that survey has been made.

The value of improvements on the land offered for surrender is not given by applicants, but they are stated by them to consist of some boundary fencing and small yards. On the land applied for the only improvement of any consequence is a salt shed, value £10, on portion 7, parish of Bundock. It is submitted whether under these circumstances the question of improvements need be considered in connection with the application.

In connection with this report Mr. Walker has suggested the north extension of reserve 393, and the reservation of an area in parish of Coombell, between portions 21, 20, and reserve 564, for access to water from back lands. The district surveyor does not refer to this recommendation, and it is submitted whether the land, being within a leasehold area, there is any necessity to make the reservation.

C.J.S.

By these reports the original proposal for the exchange of lands on this holding is affected to the extent of about 1,450 acres—that is to say, the retention in the public interest is recommended of reserves for water or other purposes, amounting in all to the area mentioned. Unless the lessee is willing to accept other land in lieu of these reserves, it will be necessary for him to indicate what portions of the freehold land in the resumed area proposed to be surrendered should be excluded from the scheme. With regard to the new reservations proposed in the leasehold area, it will perhaps be sufficient to cause the maps of the District Surveyor's office to be noted, and in the event of the lease being resumed by the Crown at the end of the term, the reserves proposed can be notified. Although the inspecting surveyor reports that he has seen the freehold land on the resumed area proposed to be surrendered, I do not perceive that any proposition has been made for the reservation of any portion of it for public purposes. This point should not however be lost sight of.—W. Houston, 28/4/87. The Under Secretary.

The lessee may be communicated with in terms of the reports of the 15th February and 28th instant.—C.O., 29/4/87. Approved.—T.G., 29/4/87. W. and F. Fanning and G. Griffiths & Co., 2nd May, 1887.—H.L.T.

## No. 11.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. W. and F. Fanning.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 2 May, 1887.

Referring to your application to surrender land in the resumed area of Woorooloolgen Holding, by way of exchange for other land within the leasehold area of that holding, I have the honor to inform you that, in view of reports from the officers of the local survey staff, the Minister has decided that such application cannot be acceded to without material alterations.

The great bulk of the land sought in exchange for that proposed to be surrendered is comprised within reservations notified for various public purposes, and considerable modifications of your proposals, as they affect these reservations, are deemed to be advisable in the interests of the public.

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The modifications determined upon are illustrated on the accompanying lithograph plan, and are as follows, viz.:—Reserves Nos. 904, 451, 393, and 128 are wholly required for public use as camping places for access to water, &c., as are also the frontages of reserve 230 (also 200 acres), and reserve 130 (about 50 acres), to Shannon Creek. About 30 acres of reserve No. 131, adjoining the lagoon, are required for water supply, and a modification of reserve 391, in order to leave access to reserve 668, together with any other areas or roads which, in the course of survey, may be found necessary in the public interest.

As regards reserve 637, as of the portions comprised in that reserve, Nos. 88 and 89 are wholly, and Nos. 90, 91, 93, and 94 for the greater part within the population reserve of Casino, as per census of 1881, this land forms no part of the leasehold area, and therefore does not come within the scope of your application.

The extent to which these alterations affect your original proposal is estimated to be 1,450 acres. It will, therefore, be necessary, for you to indicate, if you desire to proceed with the application, what portion of the freehold land of a corresponding area, shall be excluded from further consideration, unless you are willing to accept other land within the leasehold area to adjust the difference; if so, any such proposition will be dealt with on its merits as if embodied in the original application.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

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No. 12.

Messrs. Griffiths & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

87-909, Occupation.

Sir,

Sydney, 28 May, 1887.

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your favour of 2nd May, ratifying the exchange of land in the Wooroolgen Holding, and we confirm same.

As regards the 5,380 acres coloured blue in the lithograph attached to your letter, we trust that the necessary arrangements for transfer may be made at once, and we are agreeable that you should take any lands in our freeholds in Schedule A of the equivalent area to complete the same.

As regards the exchange of further areas we will adopt the suggestion contained in the last clause of your letter, and put in fresh Schedules for your consideration, with modifications in area, &c. These Schedules will be put before you at earliest possible date.

We must ask a reconsideration of the question of granting us reserve 454, which is almost surrounded by freehold and conditional purchases, and which is not required for water purposes, as there is plenty of water at the back and on Middle Creek. It is of especial importance to us as the only crossing-place for our cattle in the upper part of Shannon Brook, and connecting with our freeholds.

We have, &c.,

GRIFFITHS & CO.,

Agents for the proprietors of Wooroolgen Holding.

Memorandum.—Portion 131, parish Bundock, is not coloured in the lithograph sent to us, but not being objected to in any way, and being included in the 5,380 acres, we conclude that the omission in colouring is a mere oversight.—G. & Co.

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No. 13.

The Acting Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Wooroolgen Exchange Case.

In accepting the part area approved by the Department in the within exchange case, applicants state that as regards the exchange of the remaining land surrendered by them, a Schedule would be submitted, substituting other land for that desired, but not granted.

As such Schedule does not appear to have been yet lodged, it is submitted that applicants be reminded.

C. J. S.

(For Acting Surveyor-General),

20/7/87.

Remind.—S.F., 25/7/87.

Applicants asked, 26/7/87.

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No. 14.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths & Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 26 July, 1887.

Wooroolgen

Adverting to your letter of the 28th May last, accepting, on behalf of the lessees of the holding named in the margin, the part area approved by Mr. Secretary Garrett in connection with their application to surrender land in the resumed area of the holding referred to by way of exchange for other land within the leasehold area, and stating that as regards the exchange of the remaining land surrendered by them a Schedule would be submitted substituting other land for that desired, but not granted, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to transmit to this Department the Schedule in question, as no further action can be taken in the matter pending the receipt of same.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

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No. 15.

## No. 15.

Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

87-5,424 Occupation, Woorooloolgen.

Sir,

Sydney, 27 July, 1887.

In reply to your communication of yesterday's date, we give on accompanying sheet a Schedule of further lands within the leasehold area that we wish to apply for, to complete the areas of lands in resumed areas offered in exchange to the full extent of 6,830 acres given in Schedule A.

At the same time we would point out that no reply is conveyed to our application for a reconsideration of the refusal to grant us reserve 454, and the further area applied for is affected to extent of 230 acres, being the area of said reserve which we hope, on reconsideration, we shall be allowed to obtain.

We have, &amp;c.,

GRIFFITHS &amp; Co.,

Agents for the Proprietors.

Forwarded to the District Surveyor at Grafton for consideration and report on the amended areas applied for herein, also for any further report he may wish to make on the advisableness or otherwise of retaining reserve 454, as applicant renews his previous request for this reserve.—C.J.S. (for Acting Surveyor-General), 29/7/87.

The District Surveyor at Grafton. Urgent. To Mr. Surveyor Walker for report as above.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 12/8/87. Reported upon by letter, 87-55, of 7th November.—W. G. WALKER, Surveyor.

## [Enclosure.]

Addition to Schedule B. Description of Lands applied for in exchange, Eastern Division. Woorooloolgen Holding, County Richmond.

Lands accepted in exchange, as per letter of the Under Secretary for Lands, on the 2nd May, 1887 (say) area 5,374 acres 3 roods. Total—5,374 acres 3 roods.

Lands further applied for :—

Parish of Busby—Reserve 586 ; part of reserve 565, being measured portion 23 ; area, 87 acres 2 roods.

Parish of Busby—Reserve No. 586, portion 20 ; area, 53 acres.

Parish of Busby—Reserve 586, portion 21 ; area, 42 acres.

Parish of Mongogorie, reserve 586.—Reserve 546 ; area, about 16 acres 3 roods.

Parish of Shannon.—Land lying west of portions 42-47 ; portion 72—513 acres 3 roods south of portions 39, 38, and 64. Portion 71—169 acres 2 roods north of portions 1, 2, 3, and reserve 593. Total, 882 acres 2 roods. Embracing the balance of reserve 549 (the measured portion 45 of said reserve being already granted in exchange), and as much of reserve 464 as is required to complete the full area of 6,830 acres originally applied for. Portion 73—Total, 573 acres.

Total—6,830 acres.\*

\*Shown on litho. by blue cross.

## No. 16.

Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Woorooloolgen Exchanges.

Sir,

Sydney, 28 July, 1887.

As, according to letters already passed between the Department of Lands and ourselves, the exchange of 6,830 acres has been definitely arranged, and as 5,380 of the lands we are to receive have been definitely fixed, we request that you will obtain from the District Surveyor his report upon the 1,450 acres we propose as substitute for those refused on the leasehold area as soon as possible, drawing his special attention to the reserve 454, of which we ask reconsideration. His report originally recommended the retention by the Government of this reserve, on account of its embracing a waterhole. As, however, waterholes are numerous up there, and the average rainfall is 39·84 inches at Casino, we submit that public requirements hardly justifies the refusal of this piece of land, which is most important to the property as affording a crossing-place for stock, and as the Government have given the conditional purchasers all the creek frontages and numerous waterholes at that point.

We shall be obliged if you will give us the Minister's sanction to our ringbarking the 5,380 acres for which the exchanges are settled. The work, of course, to be done at our expense.

We hope that the Minister for Lands will include provision for further exchange in his new Land Bill.

We have, &amp;c.,

GRIFFITHS &amp; CO.,

Agents for the Proprietors.

This communication may be referred to the District Surveyor at Grafton, in connection with papers 87-8,521, Occupation. Instruction No. 247, forwarded by B.C. of 4th instant. With regard to permission required by Messrs. Griffiths & Co. to ringbark over the area for which the exchanges have been settled, the matter is submitted.—E.L., 6/8/87.

There is no practical objection to the lessees being allowed to ringbark the land, which is approved to grant them in exchange for the area to be surrendered, yet, by law, it is provided that permission to ringbark should be obtained in accordance with the provisions of the Act, but before this can be effected the exchanges will probably be completed.—C.O., 9/8/87.

As this application cannot be complied with without setting the law aside, it must be refused.—T.G., 12/8/87.

Inform as to ringbarking.—C.O., 12/8/87. Griffiths & Co.—H.L.T., 13/8/87. This communication may now be forwarded to the District Surveyor, in connection with other papers, 87-8,521, Occupation, transmitted by B.C. of 4th instant.—E.L., 15/8/87. There is no necessity to refer this paper to the District Surveyor. The papers with him contain full particulars in regard to the matter.—C.O., 15/8/87.



## No. 17.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 August, 1887.  
 Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, requesting permission to ringbark the 5,380 acres granted in exchange for land surrendered on Wooroolgen Holding, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that as your request cannot be complied with without setting the law aside, it must be refused.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 18.

Mr. C. C. Griffiths to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Wooroolgen Exchange, 87-5,424, Occupation, and 87-909.

29 September, 1887.

WE are very anxious to hurry these exchanges on, and have done all we can do in writing the letters of 28th May and 27th and 28th July, since which latter dates we have heard nothing from the Department of Lands. Can you inform us what occasions the delay, and whether further reports from the District Surveyor have been received. Could not the cancellation of the various reserves already passed in exchange be proceeded with? Either my brother Neville or I would wait on you at any time you could find it convenient to see us.

Yours, &amp;c.,

C. CECIL GRIFFITHS.

The papers in this case were referred to the District Surveyor at Grafton for report on the 4th ultimo. The District Surveyor should perhaps be urged to expedite the necessary action to be taken by him. The cancellation of the reserves would not be advisable until the exchange has been completed.—E.L., 30/9/87. S.F.

Submission approved.—T.G., 6/10/87. District Surveyor and writer (as to position of papers) informed.—H.L.T., 10/10/87. Telegraph to the District Surveyor, and inquire when the report may be expected.—C.O., 21/10/87. Wire, 21/10/87.

Department of Lands. Wooroolgen exchange. Please state where the papers are, and if with the District Surveyor, when sent to him, and when he was last communicated with on the subject.—C.O., 21/10/87.

Papers under reference to District Surveyor on 4th September last.—E.L., 21/10/87.

## No. 19.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. C. C. Griffiths.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 10 October, 1887.

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo respecting the exchange of certain land in the Wooroolgen Holding, I have the honor to inform you that the matter is at present under reference to the District Surveyor, Grafton, who will be asked to expedite all necessary local action thereon.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 20.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

[Urgent.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 10 October, 1887.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to expedite your action on papers numbered, Occupation 87-8,521, relating to exchange of land on Wooroolgen Holding forwarded to your address on 4th August, 1887.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

To Mr. Surveyor Walker, who is requested to give this matter immediate attention.—P.R.D., 13/10/87. Forwarded to the Under Secretary, 15/11/87. Instruction dealt with and returned under cover of letter No. 17-55, of 7th November.—W. G. WALKER, Surveyor, 26/12/87. The Under Secretary for Lands.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 3/1/88.

## No. 21.

Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Wooroolgen, 292, Eastern Division.

Sir,

Sydney, 20 October, 1887.

As No. 40, parish of Shannon, county of Richmond, selected by Z. Beun on 29th July, 1884, was recommended by the Casino Land Board on the 9th August for forfeiture for non-residence, and his appeal against the Land Board's decision was dismissed yesterday, we have now the honor of requesting that that portion being within our leasehold may be included in our amended application for exchanges given in our letter of 27th July, 1887, and that the area (say) 202 acres (say) 2 roods 12 perches may be deducted from the further areas applied for in the parish of Shannon, under Schedule B.

We have, &amp;c.,

GRIFFITHS &amp; CO.,

Agents for the Proprietors.

Inform that the forfeiture has no effect until thirty days after notification in the *Government Gazette*, and therefore the land is not available for exchange as desired.—C.O., 21/10/87. Griffiths and Co.—H.L.T., 24/10/87.

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No. 22.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, at Grafton.

21 October, 1887.

PLEASE state when report may be expected on application to exchange, Wooroooolgen Holding papers, 87-8,521, Occupation, to you 4th ultimo.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

No. 23.

Telegram from The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

24 October, 1887.

IN reply to telegram of 21st instant, Surveyor Walker, to whom the instructions were transferred, reports that he starts for Wooroooolgen this week to make inspection prior to report.

P. R. DONALDSON,  
District Surveyor.Submitted.—E.L., 26/10/87. Inform Messrs. Griffiths.—C.O., 29/10/87. C. C. Griffiths.—  
H.L.T., 3/11/87.

No. 24.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 October, 1887.

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, requesting that the portions of land noted in the margin be included in the amended application to surrender lands by way of exchange in connection with Wooroooolgen Holding, I have the honor to inform you that the forfeiture of the portions in question has no effect until thirty days after notification in the *Government Gazette*, and therefore the land is not available for exchange as desired.

Portion 40 ;  
parish Shannon,  
county Rich-  
mond ; selected  
by Z. Benn, 29th  
July, 1884.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 25.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co.

Gentlemen;

Department of Lands, Sydney, 3 November, 1887.

In reply to your letter of the 18th ultimo, respecting the area of the holding named in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the areas have been recalculated, and it is found that the estimate previously given of the leasehold area is correct, but the Crown lands available in the resumed portion are now estimated at 103,600 acres. This includes about 6,000 acres alleged to have been sold to Mr. Yabsley, in regard to which I have to point out that, as the private arrangement made between you and Mr. Yabsley was not communicated to or received the approval of this Department, it cannot now be recognized ; and in computing the areas the official boundaries must be taken, otherwise the Crown lands in the portion sold to Mr. Yabsley will not form part of any holding, as it does not appear that Mr. Yabsley is interested in any adjoining holding.

Wooroooolgen,  
No. 292, Eastern  
Division.

I may add that the matter of rent of the area in question must still be subject to a private arrangement between you and Mr. Yabsley.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 26.

Mr. Surveyor Walker to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

[No. 87-55.]

Sir,

Survey Camp, Deep Creek, 7 November, 1887.

I have the honor to report upon the reserves applied for by the lessees of Wooroooolgen Run, in lieu of those refused, in accordance with instructions No. 25, of 12/8/87.

Part of reserve 565 being measured, portion 23, parish of Busby, fronts on to Mongogarie Creek, with the old, but now disused, Tenterfield Road running through it. Consists of open forest country without permanent water, and is nearly surrounded by station freehold land. The only improvements consist of the station fence running across it.

In view of the proximity of reserves 592, 596 and 566, it can be surrendered without detriment to the public interests.

Reserve 546, parish of Mongogarie. This reserve consists of similar country to the last mentioned, but has a good permanent lagoon upon it. However, in view of other numerous reserves in the locality, also with good permanent water, I consider it is not required, and might therefore be surrendered. There are no improvements upon it.

Reserve 549, parish of Shannon. The eastern portion of this reserve has already been granted to the applicants, as recommended in my first report, and there is not the slightest reason why the western portion should not also be granted. There are no improvements upon it, with the exception of one of the station fences crossing it.

Reserve

Reserve 461, parish of Shannon. When the vacant Crown lands lying to the east of this reserve have been surrendered as applied for, the whole of it can be revoked without detriment to the public interests. There are no improvements upon it, and it consists of open undulating forest country. The applicants have asked for a reconsideration of the refusal to grant them reserve 454, parish of Shannon.

I beg to state that I have again inspected this reserve, and after a careful consideration of the matter, I have no hesitation in saying that it should not be surrendered.

This reserve and 393 contain the only really permanent water for the back country in this parish, they should therefore be retained.

With regard as to whether any of the freehold land on the resumed area proposed to be surrendered should be reserved for public purposes, I beg to inform you that I have now made a special trip of inspection of most of the land in the parishes of Nandabah and Myrtle, where the largest batch of land is situated, and I am of opinion that ample provision was made in this respect before the land went to auction.

I may state also that I have consulted the manager of the station on this subject, and he is of the same opinion.

I have, &c.,

W. G. WALKER,

Surveyor.

Submitted under this report that there is no objection to the surrender of the additional lands applied for to make up the full area of 6,830 acres, viz., of the part of water reserve, No. 565, embracing portion 23, parish of Busby, of portions 20 and 21 of the same parish, of reserve 546, parish of Mongogarie, and of the land in the parish of Shannon, west of portions 42 to 47, south of 38, 39, and 64, north of 1, 2, 3, and reserve 593, embracing residue of reserve 549, and of so much of reserve 464 as is necessary to make the area of 6,830 acres. It would not be desirable to surrender reserve 454 as asked for in last paragraph of the letter, dated 27th July, 1887. The surveyor also reports that none of land proposed to be surrendered by the lessees is required to be reserved for any public purpose, ample provision having been made prior to alienation.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 11/11/87.

The Under Secretary for Lands. The Chief Draftsman.—E.L. 24/11/87.

## No. 27.

### The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

#### Woorooloolgen Exchange Case.

5 December, 1887.

On papers enclosed the application of the lessees of Woorooloolgen Pastoral Holding for an exchange of lands under the 75th clause, was refused as regards an area of about 1,450 acres applied for, applicants at the same time being allowed the option of correspondingly reducing the area of land offered for surrender, or of substituting other land in lieu of that refused.

The District Surveyor's report on the substituted area is favourable to all but one item, viz., reserve 454 of 230 acres, which, although included in the refused area, applicants reapplied for. As this and reserve 393 contain the only really permanent water for the back country in the parish, the surveyor strongly recommends their retention. Station fencing is the only improvement.

It is submitted in view of this report that the substituted area be accepted, with the exception of reserve 454 referred to, and that the papers be now sent to the District Surveyor for survey.

As regards the last paragraph of minute of the 28th April last, the surveyor reports that ample reservations already exist, and that none of the portions surrendered are required for reservation.

C.J.S.

For approval.—S.F., 5/12/87.

The exchanges, as originally applied for, were in the main approved of by Mr. Secretary Copeland on the 30th August, 1886, and these now in question are slight amendments of the original application consequent on the decision referred to. The matter has been thoroughly reported upon by the District Surveyor, and there would appear to be no objection to effect being given to the exchange, with the exception of reserve 454, which is required for the purpose for which it was reserved.—C.O., 10/12/87.

Approved.—T.G., 12/12/87. Urgent. The Chief Draftsman for any action necessary.—E.L., 13/12/87.

Mr. Ballhausen,—Note plans of measured land approved to be granted in order that no other dealings may be made with such portions, then note this paper to the District Surveyor for measurement.—C.J.S., 14/12/87. Urgent.

Plans already noted.—O.W.B., 15/12/87.

Forwarded to the District Surveyor at Grafton for measurement when necessary, in accordance with Ministerial approval, the cost of survey to be defrayed by applicant, as already agreed. In forwarding the plans the total cost of survey should be stated, in order that applicant may be called upon to pay.—C.J.S. (for Acting Surveyor-General), 15/12/87.

The District Surveyor at Grafton,—Let instructions be at once prepared and issued for the survey of the unmeasured land in the leasehold area approved to be exchanged for that to be surrendered in the resumed area, the balance being made up out of Reserve No. 464. Very urgent.—P.R.D., 20/12/87.

Mr. Thornton.—J.B., 21/12/87. Instructions prepared.—R.T.T., 9/1/88. Issued to Mr. Barling.—R.T.T., 11/1/88.

Mr. Thornton,—The proposed extension to the reserves within the leasehold area suggested by Mr. Walker must be indicated in pencil on parish maps and noted for action in event of the leasehold becoming forfeited at any time. Plans of the portions proposed to be surrendered to the Crown should also be noted.—J.B., 11/1/88.

Plans and maps noted.—R.T.T. Occupation, 88-4,696, *re* proposed modification in surveys to Licensed-Surveyor Barling.—R.T.T., 23/5/88.

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No. 28.

Mr. C. C. Griffiths to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Occupation, 87-11,146, Woorooloolgen Exchange.

Sir,

10, O'Connell-street.

Can you inform me what causes the delay in proceeding with these exchanges. Mr. Walker, under instructions from Mr. Donaldson, the District Surveyor, inspected the lands applied for at the end of October last. Has Mr. Donaldson's report been received, and cannot some further action be taken to expedite the matter?

Yours, &amp;c.,

C. CECIL GRIFFITHS.

See me with the papers.—C.O., 21/12/87. Mr. Landers,—87-13,620. All papers were forwarded to District Surveyor, Grafton, on the 16th instant.—J.H.N., 21/12/87.

The exchange was approved, with the exception of one reserve, which was stated to be objectionable in the first Ministerial decision. The papers were returned to the District Surveyor on the 16th instant, directing the necessary survey, the cost of which is to be borne by the applicants in accordance with their agreement.—C.J.S., 21/12/87.

Mr. Landers. Correspondence Branch inform Messrs. Griffiths & Co.—E.L., 21/12/87. C. C. Griffiths.—H.L.T., 21/12/87.

No. 29.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. C. C. Griffiths.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 December, 1887.

In reply to your letter inquiring the cause of the delay in proceeding with the Woorooloolgen exchanges, I have the honor to inform you that the papers in the case were on the 16th instant forwarded to the District Surveyor, who was directed to cause the necessary surveys to be made, the cost of which is to be borne by the applicants in accordance with their agreement.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 30.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 May, 1888.

I have the honor to inform you that your letter of the 18th instant, intimating that it has been agreed to adopt the suggestion that about 150 acres, the balance to complete the areas to be exchanged in the Woorooloolgen Holding be taken out of reserves 464, 549, parish of Shannon, and urging that the revocation of those reserves be expedited, has been referred to the District Surveyor at Grafton, in connection with the previous papers in his hands, and for consideration.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 31.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

[No. 88-12.]

Sir,

Casino, 15 June, 1888.

I have the honor to report on letter from lessees of the Woorooloolgen Pastoral Holding dated the 18th May, 1888, applying for permission to substitute certain lands in the parish of Shannon in exchange for land applied for in parish of Dyraaba, being measured portion 84 of 259 acres. Plan with my letter 88/11.

By a statement therein it would appear that it was by a suggestion of mine that this application was made. In this there must be some misunderstanding. I did suggest to the manager that it might be better to extend reserve 130, now portion 119, parish Bundock, from the creek to the Tenterfield Road, and take the same area from reserve 464, parish of Shannon. He pointed out this would sever some of their land, and would rather have the land measured, as shown on tracing with instructions.

There would be no objection to this application being granted, and I am now awaiting your decision before measuring the balance of land required to make up the total area of 3,561½ acres. If portion 84, Dyraaba, is given up, it would require from 30 to 40 acres to be measured from Crown lands adjoining reserve 464, parish of Shannon, which is sought for, to the north and adjoining portions 5 and 6; tracing herewith.

I have, &amp;c.,

RICHARD BARLING.

Letter and tracing herewith. Urgent.

As there is no objection to the alienation of the land as applied for and approved by the Minister, now measured as portion No. 84, parish of Dyraaba, of 259 acres, and it appears that the letter 88-4,686, Occupation, was only written to express willingness to accept a modification which was erroneously supposed to have been suggested, or was considered desirable by the surveyor, and in order to prevent delay, and as no alteration or modification appears to have been suggested or necessary, the measurement should be completed as soon as possible, in accordance with original instructions issued to Mr. Barling, who is requested to give the matter his early attention.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 20/6/88.

Received, 30/6/88.—R.B.

Returned with my letter dated 23/7/88.—R.B.

[Enclosure.]

[Enclosure.]

Wooroowoolgen Holding, No. , Eastern Division.

Dear Sir,

Sydney, 18 May, 1888.

The manager of this property advises us that Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling is just completing the survey of the last of the unsurveyed portions of the 6,830 acres which it has been formally agreed upon shall be given to the proprietors of Wooroowoolgen property on the leasehold area, in exchange for a similar area on the resumed or occupation area.

The station manager also informs us that to simplify the survey he agreed to adopt the suggestion that some 150 acres, the balance to complete the exact areas, shall be taken in the parish of Shannon, out of reserves 464-549, and adjoining unalienated Crown lands, in the place of certain small areas in the parish of Dyraba, county of Rous.

We beg to notify to you that such arrangement has our approval, and as it is evidently made at the suggestion of the surveyor, we presume it is likely to meet with the official sanction of your department; and so we take it the only remaining cause of delay in the formal exchange of titles is removed, and we shall be at liberty to improve the lands which we have agreed to take in exchange. May we hope that this matter will be expedited as much as possible by the publication of revocation of reserves in the *Gazette*?

Our titles and powers of attorney are ready for lodgment with the Crown Solicitor on behalf of your department.  
To the Under Secretary, Lands Department.

Yours, &amp;c.,

GRIFFITHS &amp; Co.

(Per G. N. GRIFFITHS), Agents for the Proprietors.

Where are the papers?—C.O., 18/5/88. Special. 87-13,620, Occupation, papers with District Surveyor, Grafton, 16/12/87. Referred to the District Surveyor, in connection with previous papers, and for consideration.—C.O., B.C., 19/1/88.

Inform Griffiths & Co.—H.L.T., 19/5/88. To Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling, who is requested to complete survey and transmit plans as soon as possible. There would appear to be no objection to what is proposed in this letter.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 29/5/88. Returned with my letter, 15th June, 88-12.—R. BARLING, Licensed Surveyor.

## No. 32.

## Office Memorandum.

Wooroowoolgen Exchange Case—Paper No. 88-2,928.

District Survey Office, 20 June, 1888.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion 193, parish of Queebun, county of Rous, transmitted by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling's letter, No. 88-14, of 15th June, and upon which Mr. Barling's report in explanation is requested.

*Subject*:—No. 193 having already been used in the parish of Queebun, it will be necessary to renumber the portion. The following numbers appear to be available, viz., 205, 206, and 216, and upwards.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 20/6/88.

Received, 27/6/88.—R.B.

*Report*:—Portion formerly numbered 193 now altered to 205 on the ground.—RICHD. BARLING, Licensed Surveyor, 3/8/88.

Mr. Calliachor.—P.R.D., 4/8/88. Mr. Turner.—T.F.C., 6/8/88. Certified copy noted accordingly.—J.R.T., 16/8/88. Memorandum to Surveyor-General to note on plan.—J.R.T., 16/8/88. Forward to the Under Secretary to place with papers 88-2,928. Land Board District noted to head office, 31st July, 1888.—T.F.C. (for District Surveyor), 16/8/88.

## No. 33.

## Messrs. W. and F. Fanning to The Under Secretary for Lands.

87-13,954, Wooroowoolgen Land Exchange.

Sir,

10, O'Connell-street, 2 July, 1888.

Referring to your letter of 21st December, 1887, numbered as above, we now learn that the surveyor has completed the surveys of the balances of lands required to make up the 6,830 acres in the leasehold area of the Wooroowoolgen Holding, which have formally been agreed to by your Department to be given in exchange for the 6,830 acres which we (as per letter and schedule A of 16th June, 1886) have formally agreed to surrender to the Government.

We have now to notify to you that we are prepared to at once hand you deeds for the said 6,830 acres of surrendered lands, and to sign any necessary documents for revoking or cancellation of said grants on your handing us a formal letter from your Department, notifying that lands in the leasehold area, granted in exchange as per schedules to be attached to such letter, will be conveyed to us with as little delay as possible.

Such a letter will enable us to at once take possession of the lands we have agreed to accept in exchange for the lands surrendered, and will enable us to improve and fence them, thus avoiding the delay that the issue of grants, &c., must entail.

At present we are impeded in our business arrangements by the delays in the official announcement of our rights to the lands we have been granted in exchange. Also as regards the lands we have surrendered, we are in a false position, for claims have been made on us as to fencing of same by parties who have acquired the ownership or right of occupation to adjoining lands as conditional purchases or conditional leases.

We might also point out that the course we now propose for your adoption is likely to conduce to the advantage of those who have made or are likely to make selections in or around the lands we have surrendered, as they will be thus able to consolidate their properties. Possibly, also, the notification that the surrendered lands were open to selection may give an impetus to settlement.

We have, &amp;c.,

W. AND F. FANNING

(By their Agents, Griffiths &amp; Co.).

Submitted.—E.L., 4/7/88. Telegraph to the District Surveyor, and inquire when the case can be transmitted to head-quarters for final action. An early reply should be made.—C.O., 6/7/88. Wire, 6/7/88. Have made inquiries and find that reply has not yet reached at Records.—E.D., 9/7/88. Mr. Thompson.

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## No. 34.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

6 July, 1888.

*Re* Wooroowoolgen land exchanges, papers 4,686 of 88, Occupation, to you, 19th May last, please state when case will be transmitted to head-quarters for final action. An early reply should be made.

CHAS. OLIVER,

Under Secretary, Lands.

Telegram to Licensed-Surveyor Barling, 6/7/88,—Minister is pressing completion of Wooroowoolgen Exchange Case, and wishes me to state when it will be completed. It only awaits the plan of balance not yet received from you. Reply by telegram at once when plan will be sent.

Telegram sent 6/7/88.

## No. 35.

Telegram from Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling to The District-Surveyor, Grafton.

7 July, 1888.

WOOROOWOOLGEN exchange plans sent yesterday of all but final balance. Plan of same by 17th.\* Portions Qucebun 193 altered to 205, and 194 to 206.

RICHARD BARLING,

Licensed Surveyor.

Mr. Burt,—Telegram to Under Secretary, then to Draftsman, of alteration of numbers.—P.R.D. The case to be completed as far as possible as the surveys come in, so that when closing portion is received it may go through at once.—P.R.D., 9/7/88.

Under Secretary for Lands, *re* telegram of the 6th instant, Wooroowoolgen land exchange.—Plan of last portion containing balance by the 17th instant. If all correct, accounts will be completed and the case transmitted before end of month. Telegram sent, 9/7/88.

## No. 36.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths & Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 July, 1888.

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant, respecting the exchange of land on Wooroowoolgen Holding, I have the honor to inform you that the District Surveyor reports that surveyor engaged upon this matter promises plan of last portion, embracing balance, by the 17th instant, and if found correct, the case will be transmitted to Head Office before the end of the month.

I may add that upon receipt of the papers no unnecessary delay will occur, but the forms required by law must be observed.

I have, &amp;c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

Wooroowoolgen  
No. 292, Eastern  
Division.  
Messrs. W. and  
F. Fanning.

## No. 37.

Telegram from The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

9 July, 1888.

*Re* telegram of 6th instant, Wooroowoolgen land exchange, surveyor promises plan of last portion, embracing balance, by the 17th instant, if all correct action will be completed, and the case transmitted before end of month.

P. R. DONALDSON,

District Surveyor.

Inform Griffiths & Co. of purport of telegram, and state that upon receipt of the papers no unnecessary delay will occur, but that the forms required by law must be observed.—C.O., 9/7/88. Griffiths & Co. informed, 9/7/88.

## No. 38.

Telegram from The Acting Surveyor-General to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

13 July, 1888.

AREA portion 45, Shannon, by our parish map, is 90 acres, excluding road. The original plan, however, is marked to Grafton, 15th December last. Reserve 51,517-44, Roll.

E. D. TWYNAM,

Acting Surveyor-General.

Urgent.—Mr. Callachor.—P.R.D., 14/7/88.

[Enclosures.]

District Surveyor Grafton.—Casino reports non-delivery of your message of this date to R. Barling, Esq., addressee being out at camp.

Grafton, 13 July, 1888.

Mr. Callachor.—P.R.D., 14/9/88.  
Monday.—P.R.D.

It is probable Mr. Barling may be home to-day, and the reply be received by

TELEGRAPHS.

Exchange

\* Plans noted accordingly.—J.R.T., 9/7/88.

Exchange Case. Wooroolgen Holding.—Approximate cost of Survey,  
 Land applied for, Water Reserve, 515; parish Queebun; total length of boundaries,  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles; not marked, 92 chains; new corners, 4; old corners, 3; approximate cost of survey, £7 17s. 6d.  
 Land applied for south of portion 139; parish Queebun; total length of boundaries,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles; not marked, 54 chains; new corners, 1; old corners, 4; approximate cost of survey, £4 15s.  
 Land applied for west of portion 44; parish Bundock; total length of boundaries,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles; not marked, 155 chains; new corners, 2; old corners, 1; approximate cost of survey, £8 12s. 6d.  
 Land applied for south of portion 109; parish Bundock; total length of boundaries,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles; not marked, 60 chains; new corners, 5; old corners, 1; approximate cost of survey, £8 17s. 6d.  
 Land applied for Water Reserve, 230; parish Bundock; total length of boundaries, 6 miles; not marked, 24 chains; river frontage, 30 chains; new corners, 2; old corners, 2; approximate cost of survey, £13 15s.  
 Land applied for Water Reserve, 277; parish Bundock; total length of boundaries, 4 miles; not marked, 10 chains; river frontage, 12 chains; new corners, 2; old corners, 2; approximate cost of survey, £9 15s.  
 Land applied for Water Reserve, 130; parish Bundock; total length of boundaries, 4 miles; not marked, 20 chains; new corners, 2; old corners, 2; approximate cost of survey, £9 15s.  
 Land applied for east of portion 80; parish Bundock; total length of boundaries, 1 mile; not marked, 40 chains; new corners, 1; old corners, 3; approximate cost of survey, £3 12s. 6d.  
 Land applied for Water Reserve, 454; parish Shannon; total length of boundaries,  $4\frac{1}{4}$  miles; not marked, 50 chains; river frontage, 20 chains; new corners, 1; old corners, 3; approximate cost of survey, £10 2s. 6d.  
 Land applied for Water Reserve, 131; parish Wooroolgen; total length of boundaries, 7 miles; not marked, 58 chains; old corners, 4; approximate cost of survey, £15 10s.  
 Land applied for Water Reserve, 128; parish Coombell; total length of boundaries,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles; not marked, 108 chains; river frontage, 30 chains; new corners, 2; old corners, 2; approximate cost of survey, £10 15s.  
 Land applied for Water Reserve, 593; parish Shannon; total length of boundaries,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles; not marked, 16 chains; river frontage, 90 chains; new corners, 1; old corners, 2; approximate cost of survey, £6 10s.  
 Sundries such as reserved roads, connections, &c., (say) £10.  
 Total approximate cost of survey, £119 17s. 6d.  
 Total length unmeasured, 687 chains.  
 Total length river frontage, 182 chains.  
 Total length common to other portions, 2,651 chains.

## No. 39.

## Office Memorandum.

(Papers—No. of Land Board District, 88-3,508.)

District Survey Office, Grafton, 26 July, 1888.

[Urgent.]

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion 73, parish of Shannon, county of Richmond, transmitted by Mr. Barling's letter, No. 88-22 of 23rd July. Instructions issued to Mr. Barling on 9th January, No. 1, and on which Mr. Barling's report in explanation is requested.

*Subject.*—The area of the above portion is found by computation to contain 579 acres *ex* roads, which is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  acres in excess of the balance required. The instructions were to measure a total area of  $3,561\frac{1}{4}$  acres. Upon checking the measurements as they were received, alterations were made in the following portions:—

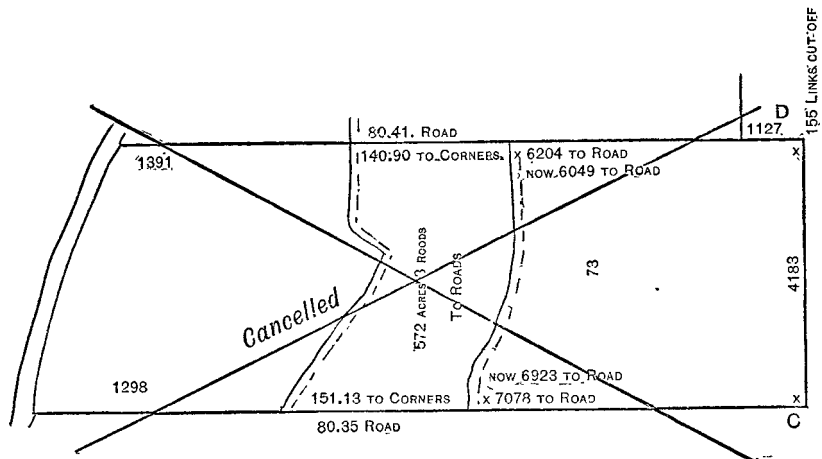
- 114, Bundock, by Mr. Barling, 360 acres; by office,  $361\frac{1}{4}$  acres.
- 115, Bundock, by Mr. Barling,  $231\frac{1}{4}$  acres; by office, 231 acres.
- 118, Bundock, by Mr. Barling,  $109\frac{1}{4}$  acres; by office,  $110\frac{1}{4}$  acres.
- 119, Bundock, by Mr. Barling, 59 acres; by office,  $59\frac{1}{2}$  acres.
- 98, Wooroolgen, by Mr. Barling, 325 acres; by office,  $324\frac{1}{4}$  acres.
- 51, Mongogarie, by Mr. Barling,  $117\frac{1}{2}$  acres; by office, 118 acres.
- 52, Mongogarie, by Mr. Barling, 17 acres; by office,  $16\frac{3}{4}$  acres.
- 72, Shannon, by Mr. Barling,  $513\frac{1}{2}$  acres; by office,  $513\frac{3}{4}$  acres.

Total by Mr. Barling,  $1,732\frac{1}{2}$  acres; total by office,  $1,734\frac{3}{4}$  acres.

This area,  $1,734\frac{3}{4}$  acres, together with the areas of the remaining portions not altered, viz.:  $1,253\frac{3}{4}$  acres gives a total of  $2,988\frac{1}{2}$  acres, or 572 acres short of the balance required.

To avoid further delay the plan has been amended by altering the lengths of the east and west boundaries, as per sketch below, and will be approved and forwarded to head office with the other plans; and Mr. Barling is requested, therefore, to effect this amendment on the ground as speedily as possible, and forward particulars of the new corners C and D. Mr. Barling's attention is invited to the inferior drawing of the plan, which can only be overlooked on account of the special urgency of this case. It is a matter of importance that this amendment be effected before the issue of deed. Mr. Barling will be so good as to forward the required information without delay.

I have, &c.,  
 P. R. DONALDSON,  
 District Surveyor.



Received,

Received, 31/7/88.—R.B.

*Report*:—The amendment of the portion was made on the ground as shown above. Reference to new corners herewith: C 135° 00', spotted gum, 18 links, 73 over broad arrow. D 248° 00', dead tree, 22 links, 73 over broad arrow. Date of survey of amendment, 1/8/88. The drawing of plan was rather hurried. This will not occur again.—RICHARD BARLING, 2/8/88.

Mr. Callachor for necessary amendment of plan and transmission to Surveyor-General.—P.R.D., 4/8/88. Mr. Nowell. For immediate action so that it may be sent by the next Sydney mail.—T.F.C., 6/8/88. Now forwarded to head office, to be placed with papers Land Board District, 88-3,508.—T.F.C. (for District Surveyor), 7/8/88.

## No. 40.

### The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

[88-100.]

#### Wooroowoolgen Holding.—Exchange Case.

31 July, 1888.

THE enclosed reports enumerated in the margin, transmitting plans of surveys of lands within the leasehold area of the Wooroowoolgen Pastoral Holding, are herewith forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands, with my report of this date on each respective case. These lands have been applied for, as set forth in Schedule B and Additional Schedule B, in conjunction with previously measured portions by the lessees of that holding by way of exchange, under the provisions of the 75th section of Act of 1834, and complete the area applied for, viz., 6,830 acres.

The surveyor reports that he made a special trip of inspection of most of the lands proposed to be surrendered, and he is of opinion that none of it is required for public purposes, ample provision having been made prior to alienation.

The total value of improvements effected on these newly measured lands is £43, viz., ring-barking, £24; and fencing £19. Applicants state that the improvements existing on the land offered for surrender consist of some boundary fencing and some small yards, but do not give the value.

In accordance with Surveyor-General's instructions of 15th December, 1887, I herewith forward a schedule of accounts rendered by the surveyor and recommended for payments, showing the total cost of survey to be £204 17s. 2d. This, of course, is subject to any adjustment that may be necessary on examination in Account Branch. I may also point out that this cost does not include the cost of inspection by surveyor necessary to enable him to furnish the reports upon this application.

All necessary notations as regards the exchange and new reservations in the leasehold area, &c., have been made on the plans and maps of this office.

I have, &c.,  
P. R. DONALDSON,  
District Surveyor.

Marginal reference on above. Land Board District. 88-2,928, 2,929, 2,930, 2,931, 2,932, 2,933, 2,934, 2,990, 2,991, 3,300, 3,301, 3,302, 3,303, 3,508.

Messrs. Griffiths & Co. were informed on the 8th October, 1886, that the estimated cost of survey in connection with the exchange would be about £120. On the 12th of that month they agreed to pay that sum. From this report the survey has cost £204 17s. 2½d. Messrs. Griffiths may be called on for that amount before proceeding with the matter.—E.L., 8/8/88.

Yes.—C.O., 8/8/88.

Mr. Ballhausen, Charting Branch. Original plans should be chartered (as usual by contract) then see if all action is complete. The descriptions for withdrawal from leasehold area are superfluous. Reserves not now required should be cancelled. Total amount to be paid by lessees should be checked. The case should be dealt with at an early date.—E.S., 9/8/88.

The Chief Draftsman,—The portions have now all been charted on our parish maps. The total areas to be surrendered and to be alienated in exchange exactly balance. The unnecessary descriptions have been cancelled, and in other instances when necessary descriptions for revocation, &c., of reserves have now been enclosed. The cost of survey as per enclosed schedule has been £204 15s. 11d., but this does not include the cost of two reports by Surveyor Walker, the exact amount of which cannot be stated at present, owing to the journals being in the District Office.—O.W.B., 27/8/88.

The Chief Draftsman,—Twenty-six descriptions for revocation, notification, &c., of reserves enclosed. Gazetting of which should await receipt of deeds, approval of exchange, &c., &c., Wooroowoolgen Exchange Case.

The cost of this survey has been £204 16s. Cost of the preliminary field inspection by Surveyor Walker, £18 18s. The total amount which applicants should be asked to pay is therefore £223 14s. They should also be requested to forward the deeds of the portions proposed to be surrendered.—C. J. SAUNDERS, 28/8/88.

The Under Secretary. Yes.—C.O., 29/8/88. Griffiths & Co. and Treasury, 30/8/88. The lessees have been supplied with tracings of the portions to be granted to them, *vide* Inquiry Branch form, 15,062.—O.W.B., 2/10/88.

[Enclosures.]



## [Enclosures.]

SCHEDULE showing cost of survey in connection with Wooroooolgen Exchange Case.

Account No.	Cost of survey.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
88- 7	7	2	6	7	2	7½
8	4	19	4	4	19	7
9	18	16	5	18	16	6½
10	12	6	1	12	6	3
11	17	16	1	17	16	3
12	13	12	5	13	12	6½
13	8	7	8	8	7	9½
14	25	1	3	25	1	4
15	25	19	2	25	19	4½
17	7	4	1	7	4	1
18	5	17	4	5	17	4
19	5	3	5	5	3	5
20	33	17	11	33	18	0
21	18	12	1	18	12	1
	£204 15 11			£204 17 2½		

Licensed-Surveyor Richard Barling.

P. R. DONALDSON,  
District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

Accounts 88-8 to 15 have been paid ; 17 to 21 are going on for payment.—R.B., 27/8/88.

[No. 88-14.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Casino, 15 June, 1888.

Sir,  
I have the honor to transmit the plan of an area of 53½ acres of land numbered 205, in the parish of Queebun, county of Rous, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of the Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 16th April, 1888, in accordance with instructions No. 88-1, dated 9th January, 1888. Improvements, nil. There is no objection to this portion being granted to applicants. The land is suitable for grazing purposes only, being well-grassed forest country.

I have, &c.,  
RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher 88-13, £7 0s. 7d. Plan and tracings herewith.—Mr. Burt, for charting, &c.—P.R.D., 18/6/88. Mr. Turner, to pass advance account and deal with case.—J.B., 18/6/88. Advance account forwarded to Under Secretary.—T.H.C., 19/6/88. Memorandum directing Mr. Barling to renumber the portion, the parish number having been used.—J.R.T., 20/6/88. Checked and charted.—J. R. TURNER, 9/7/88. Tracing to Land Agent.—J R.T., 30/7/88.

This measurement portion 205, of 53½ acres forms part of water reserve No. 515, notified 4th August, 1879, and is within the leasehold area of Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding. This reserve embraces also measured portion 129 of 60 acres, and it has been approved by Mr. Secretary Copeland on papers 86-2,441, Occupation, to give these lands to the lessees of the holding, by way of exchange for an equal area in the resumed area. Herewith I forward descriptions for the revocation of that reserve, and for the withdrawal of this area of 53½ acres represented on this plan from the leasehold. There are no improvements. The plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor-General this date.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 30/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

[No. 88-13.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Casino, 15 June, 1888.

Sir,  
I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of an area of 133 acres, portion 117, in the parish of Bundock, and county of Richmond, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 15th of April, 1888, in accordance with instructions No. 88-1, dated 9th January, 1888.

Improvements valued at £2; wire fencing erected by lessees of run. There is no objection to this being granted to applicant. This land is suitable for grazing purposes, being well grassed forest ground.

Adjoining portions 74 to 78 were all measured with chain longer than standard, which makes this portion appear longer than originals.

I have, &c.,  
RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher 88-12, £13 12s. 6d. Plans and tracings herewith. Mr. Burt, for charting, &c.—P.R.D., 18/6/88. Mr. Turner, to pass advance account and chart.—J.B., 18/6/88. Advance account forwarded to Under Secretary.—T.F.C., 19/6/88. Tracing to Crown Lands Agent.—J.R.T., 23/6/88. Checked and charted.—J. R. TURNER, 6/7/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

The area defined as portion 117 of 133 acres, forms part of 6,830 acres within the leasehold area of Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding, which Mr. Secretary Copeland has approved (*vide* 86-2,441, Occupation), being given to the lessees of that holding by way of exchange for an equal area in the resumed area. This portion is also within water reserve No. 277, notified 22nd August, 1876, and herewith I forward the necessary descriptions for the cancellation of this reserve and the withdrawal of the area measured from the leasehold. There are improvements, value £2, viz., wire fencing, erected by the lessees. The plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor-General.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 88-10.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Casino, 15 June, 1888.

Sir,  
I have the honor to transmit the plan of an area of 361 acres of land numbered 114, in the parish of Bundock, county of Richmond, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of the Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 4th April, 1888, in accordance with instruction No. 88-1, dated 9th January, 1888.

Improvements, ringbarked timber, £12, made by lessees. There are no objections to this land being granted to applicants. The land is only suited for grazing purposes, being well-grassed forest ridges.

Adjoining portions 21 to 25 were all measured with chain longer than standard, which makes the chaining of this portion appear longer than the original.

I have, &c.,  
RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher 88-10, £12 6s. 2d. Plan and tracings herewith. Mr. Burt for charting, &c.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 18/6/88. Mr. Turner, to pass advance account and chart.—J. B., 18/6/88. Advance account forwarded to Under Secretary.—T.F.C., 19/6/88. Checked and charted.—J. R. TURNER, 6/7/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

The

The area defined as portion 114 of 361 acres, is part of 6,830 acres within the leasehold area of Wooroolgen Pastoral Holding, and which land Mr. Secretary Copeland, by approval on papers 86-2,441, Occupation, sanctioned being offered the lessees of that holding by way of exchange for an equal area in the resumed area, and enclosed I forward the necessary description for the withdrawal of that land from the leasehold. Applicants have effected improvements, viz., ringbarking, value £12. The plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor-General, this date.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

[No. 88-8.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Sir,

Casino, 15 June, 1888.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of an area of 48 acres 1 rood, numbered 81, in the parish of Bundock, county of Richmond, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of the Wooroolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 27th March, 1888, in accordance with instructions, No. 88-1, dated the 9th January, 1888.

Improvements, nil. There seems no objection to this portion being granted to applicants. The portion was partly marked on the ground, and numbered 81 by me when surveying adjoining portion. No plan sent.

I have, &amp;c.,

RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher 88-8, £4 19s. 9d. Plan and tracings herewith. Mr. Burt, for charting, &c.—P.R.D., 16/6/88. Mr. Nowell, to pass advance account and chart.—J.B., 18/6/88. Advance account, No. 88-8, passed 19th June, 1888.—T.F.C. Tracing to Land Agent, 20/6/88. Checked and chartered.—F. B. NOWELL, 20/6/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

The area defined as 81 of portion 48½ acres forms part of 6,830 acres, within the leasehold area of Wooroolgen Pastoral Holding, which Mr. Secretary Copeland, by approval on 86-2,441, Occupation, sanctioned, being given to the lessees of that holding by way of exchange, under the provisions of the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and herewith I forward the necessary description for the withdrawal of this portion 81 from the leasehold. There are no improvements. The plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor-General this date.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

[No. 88-7.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Sir,

Casino, 15 June, 1888.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of an area of 54½ acres, numbered 206, in the parish of Queebun, county of Rous, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of the Wooroolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 16th April, 1888, in accordance with instructions, No. 88-1, dated the 9th January, 1888.

The improvements on this portion consists of a two-rail fence, which I value at £10, erected by lessees of this and adjoining run. There would seem to be no objections to this portion being granted to applicants. The portion is only suitable for grazing purposes comprising poor forest sandstone ridges.

I have, &amp;c.,

RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher, 88-7, £5 19s. 2d. Plan and tracing herewith. Mr. Burt, for charting, &c.—P.R.D., 18/6/88. Mr. Turner, to pass advance account and chart.—J.B., 18/6/88. Advance account forwarded to Under Secretary.—T.F.C., 19/6/88. Memorandum directing Mr. Barling to renumber the portion, the parish No. having been used.—J.R.T., 20/6/88. Tracing to Land Agent, 30/7/88. Checked and charted.—J. R. TURNER, 9/7/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

This measurement portion, 206 of 54½ acres, is part of 6,830 acres, within the leasehold area of Wooroolgen Pastoral Holding, which by Ministerial authority of 30th August, 1886, on papers 86-2,441, Occupation, it was approved to be given the lessees of the holding by way of exchange for an equal area in the resumed area. The surveyor reports that the applicants have effected improvements, value £10. Herewith I forward the necessary description for the withdrawal of this area from the leasehold. The plan forwarded to Surveyor-General this date. Tracing for Land Agent at Casino is enclosed.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

[Papers, No. 88-2,932.]

Wooroolgen Exchange Case.

District Survey Office, 20 June, 1888.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion 194, parish of Queebun, county of Rous, transmitted by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling's letter No. 88-7, of 15th June, and on which Mr. Barling's report in explanation is requested.

Subject :—Parish No. 194 having been previously used in the parish of Queebun, it will be necessary to renumber the portion.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 20/6/88. Received.—R.B., 27/6/88.

Report :—Portion formerly numbered 194 now altered to 206 on the ground.—RICHARD BARLING, Licensed Surveyor, 3/8/88.

Mr. Callachor.—P.R.D., 4/8/88. Mr. Turner.—6/8/88. Certified tracing noted accordingly.—J.R.T., 16/8/88. Memorandum to Surveyor-General to note on plan.—J.R.T., 16/8/88. Forwarded to the Under Secretary to place with papers 88-2,932. Land Board district noted to head office, 31/7/88.—T.F.C. (for District Surveyor), 16/8/88.

Sir,

District Survey Office, Grafton, 9 June, 1888.

I beg to invite your attention to my instructions of the 9th day of January, No. 88-1, whereby you were directed to measure 3,561½ acres, Wooroolgen, and I have to request that you will report on this memorandum when the plan may be expected.

I am, &amp;c.,

P. R. DONALDSON,

District Surveyor.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling.

A portion of the plans sent with my letters 88-7 to 14, 15/6/88, herewith; the remainder I hope to send at end of month.—R. BARLING, Licensed Surveyor, 15/6/88. Place with papers, satisfactory.—P.R.D., 18/6/88.

[No. 88-11.]

(Occupation 87-13,620.)

Sir,

Casino, 15 June, 1888.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of an area of 259 acres of land, numbered 84, in the parish of Dyrnaba, county of Rous, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 14th of April, 1888, in accordance with instructions No. 88-1, dated the 9th January, 1888. Improvements, ringbarked timber, £12, made by lessees. Since survey of this the lessees have applied for other lands situated in reserve 464 and adjoining Crown lands, in place of this portion measured. There would be no objection to the exchange, the land being equally available and of much the same description, being forest ridges suitable for grazing only.

I have, &amp;c.,

RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher.

Voucher 88-11, £14 19s. 3d. Plan and tracings herewith. Mr. Burt, for charting.—P.R.D., 20/6/88. Mr. Turner, to pass advance account and chart.—J.B., 20/6/88. Advance account forwarded to Under Secretary.—T.F.C., 22/6/88. Checked and charted.—J. R. TURNER, 6/7/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. Tracing to Crown Lands agent.—J.R.T., 31/7/88.

This measurement portion, 84, of 259 acres, is part of 6,830 acres within the leasehold area of Wooroolgen Pastoral Holding, which, by ministerial authority of 30/8/86, on papers 86-2,441, Occupation, it was approved to be given the lessees of that run by way of exchange for an equal area in the resumed area. The surveyor reports that the applicants have effected improvements value £12, being ringbarking. About 53 acres of this land are within conditional reserve 391, and herewith I forward the necessary description for the revocation of that part of the reserve, and also description for the withdrawal of the whole area from the leasehold, also tracing for the land agent, Casino. This plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor-General by memorandum of this date.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

[No. 88-9.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Casino, 15 June, 1888.

Sir,  
I have the honor to transmit herewith a plan of an area of 168 acres 1 rood, being portions numbered 118 and 119 in the parish of Bundock, county of Richmond, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of the Wooroolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 11th April, 1888, in accordance with instructions No. 88-1, dated the 9th January, 1888. Improvements nil. The road from Casino to Tenterfield, as now used and being formed by the Roads Department, will cross the land as shown on plan so measured in two portions, leaving the road 2 chains wide, the same as part to be opened lately surveyed. There is no objection to this land being granted to applicants. The land is well suited for grazing purposes, being well-grassed forest ridges.

I have, &c.,

RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher 88-9, £18 16s. 8d. Plan and tracings herewith. Mr. Burt, for charting, &c.—P.R.D., 18/6/88. Mr. Nowell, to pass advance account and chart.—J.B., 18/6/88. Advance account, 88-9, passed 19th June, 1888.—T.F.C., 20/6/88. Tracing to Land Agent. Checked and charted.—F. B. NOWELL, 20/6/88. Tracings and descriptions prepared for the revocation of reserves, &c.—F.B.N., 23/6/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

Portions 118 and 119, of 110½ acres and 59½ acres respectively, embrace water reserve No. 130, north extension notified 9th February, 1880, and part of water reserve No. 130, notified 11th March, 1868, and form part of 6,830 acres within the leasehold area of Wooroolgen pastoral holding, which Mr. Secretary Copeland (*vide* approval on 86-2,441, Occupation) has sanctioned being given to the lessees by way of exchange, under the 75th section of the Act, 1884, and enclosed I forward the necessary descriptions for the revocation of water reserve 130, north extension, and for so much of water reserve 130 as is embraced in these portions; also description for the withdrawal of these lands from the leasehold. There are no improvements. The plan forwarded to Surveyor-General this date.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

[No. 88-16.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Casino, 19 June, 1888.

Sir,  
I have the honor to transmit herewith a plan of two portions of land, containing 324½ acres and 77½ acres, numbered 98 and 99, in the parish of Wooroolgen, county of Richmond, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of Wooroolgen Pastoral Holding under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 24th March, 1883, in accordance with instructions No. 88-1, dated the 9th January, 1888. Improvements nil. There seems no objection to this land being granted to applicants. The land is chiefly suited for grazing purposes, being well-grassed forest ground. In the chaining some of the old adjoining portions were measured with a chain longer than standard, which make the chainage of these portions longer than the originals.

I have, &c.,

RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher 88-15, £25 18s. 8d. Plan and tracings herewith. Mr. Burt, for charting, &c.—P.R.D., 20/6/88. Mr. Turner, to pass advance account and chart.—J.B., 29/6/88. Advance account forwarded to Under Secretary.—T.F.C., 22/6/88. Checked and charted.—J. R. TURNER, 6/7/88. Tracing to Land Agent, 31/7/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

These portions, Nos. 98 and 99, are embraced within water reserve 131, notified 11th March, 1868, and form part of 6,830 acres, within the leasehold area of Wooroolgen Pastoral Holding. By decision of Mr. Secretary Copeland these lands are to be offered to the lessees of that holding by way of exchange, under the provisions of the 75th section of the Act 1884. Herewith I forward the necessary descriptions for the cancellation of Reserve No. 131 and the withdrawal of the portions from the leasehold. I also recommend that an area of about 43 acres of this reserve, after cancellation, be notified as reserved from lease for camping purposes. Sketch and description herewith. There are no improvements. The plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor-General.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

[No. 88-15.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Casino, 19 June, 1888.

Sir,  
I have the honor to transmit herewith a plan of three portions, containing 118 acres, 231 acres, and 142½ acres of land, and numbered 98, 115, and 116, in the parish of Bundock, county of Richmond, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of Wooroolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 6th April, 1888, in accordance with instructions 18-1, dated 9th January, 1888, and 88-3, dated the 23rd January, 1888.

Improvements, valued at £7, being wire fence made by lessees on portion 116, the other portions, nil. There seems to be no objection to this land being granted to applicants. The land is chiefly suitable for grazing purposes, being well-grassed forest country. The chainings of adjoining portions, 57, 58, 64, and 74, I find have been all measured with a chain longer than standard, which makes the chainage of these portions longer than shown on originals.

I have, &c.,

RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher 18-14, £25 9s. 7d. Plan and tracings, also instruction No. 3 herewith. Mr. Burt.—P.R.D., 20/6/88. Mr. Nowell, to pass advance account and chart.—J.B., 20/6/88. Advance account No. 88-14, passed 22nd June, 1888.—T.F.C. Memorandum to Mr. Barling relative to corners E and I—that is, the north-west corners of portions 57 and 58, do not agree with originals.—F.N.B. Replied to 4th July, 1888, 22/6/88. Tracing to Land Agent, 22/6/88. Checked and charted.—F. B. NOWELL, 22/6/88. Tracings and descriptions prepared for the revocation of reserves, &c.—F.B.N., 23/6/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

Portion 98, of 118 acres, embraces reserve 516, notified 4th August, 1879, and portions 115 and 116, of 231 acres and 142½ acres respectively, form part of water reserve 230, notified 23rd April, 1875. By Ministerial authority on papers 86-2,441, Occupation, it has been approved to give these lands, which are also within the leasehold area of Wooroolgen pastoral holding, to the lessees by way of exchange, under the 75th section of the Act of 1884, and herewith I enclose the necessary descriptions for the revocations of those reserves, and for the withdrawal of the areas within the measured portions on the leasehold. I also recommend that the unalienated portion of water reserve 230, about 190 acres, after its cancellation, be proclaimed as reserved from lease and as for sale for camping purposes. Description herewith. Improvements have been effected by the lessees on portion 116, viz., wire fence, value £7. On the other portions there are no improvements. The plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor-General by memorandum of this date.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Papers No., Land Board District 88-2,991.

District Survey Office, Grafton, 22 June, 1888.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portions 98, 115, and 116, parish of Bundock, county of Richmond, transmitted by Mr. Barling's letter No. 88-15, of 19th June. Instructions issued to Mr. Barling, and on which Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling's report in explanation is requested.

*Subject* :—The reference to the north-west corner of portion 57 and the north-west corner of portion 58 do not agree with originals. Following shows the difference :—

353° 15', gum, 209 links, by portion 57.  
253° 15', gum, 209 links, by portion 115.  
17° 00', apple, 8 links, by portion 58.  
170° 00', apple, 8 links, by portion 98.

P. R. DONALDSON,  
District Surveyor,  
22/6/88.

Received.—R.B., 27/6/88.

*Report* :—The references given on originals are correct, viz. :—  
353° 15', gum, 209 links, and  
17° 00', apple, 8 links.

RICHARD BARLING,  
Licensed Surveyor,  
30/6/88.

Mr. Burt.—P.R.D., 4/7/88. Mr. Nowell, 4/7/88. Plan and tracing altered.—F.B.N., 5/7/88.

Sir,

Wooroowoolgen, Casino, 19 January, 1888.

A few days ago I saw Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling, who informed me that he had received instructions to measure certain reserves on Wooroowoolgen. He showed me the tracings forwarded to him, and I observed that a vacant bit of land is left between reserve 230 and reserve 277, in the parish of Bundock. When our applications for these lands were made we were under the impression that the two reserves met, and that there was no vacant land between them, and so we expected to get all the land except that part recommended by you as a camping reserve, at the south end of reserve 230. The piece of land to which I refer is entirely surrounded by our lands, and, therefore, I would beg that Mr. Barling be instructed to survey it with the rest, so that we may have an opportunity of acquiring it along with the other lands in the application.

Yours, &c.,  
W. AND F. FANNING.

To the District Surveyor, Grafton.

Forwarded to Licensed-Surveyor R. Barling for measurement with form F, instructions of the 11th instant. Under that instruction Mr. Barling was directed to measure water reserve 230, according to the design shown by red hatching on tracing herewith. The proposed measurement may now extend northerly, to embrace the vacant land between water reserve 230 and water reserve 277, and take the form shown by red tint; the additional area embraced to be deducted from the final measurement, as provided under the instructions already issued.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 23/1/88.

No. 88-3. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling.—The dividing line between this and the measurement of water reserve 277 may be formed by producing the western boundary of portion 78 due north.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 23/1/88.

No. 88-3. Returned with my letter and plan, dated 19th June, 88-15.—R. BARLING, Licensed Surveyor.

[No. 88-20.]

(Occupation 87-13,620.)

Sir,

Casino, 6 July, 1888.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of an area of 16½ acres, numbered 52, in the parish of Mongogarie, county of Richmond, formerly reserve 546, notified 8th March, 1880, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of the Wooroowoolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 23rd May, 1888, in accordance with instructions 88-1, dated the 9th January, 1888; improvements, nil. There is no objection to this being granted to applicants. The land is sandy forest ridges, only suitable for grazing purposes.

I have, &c.,  
RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher 88-19—£5 3s. 5d. Plan and tracings herewith. Urgent. Mr. Burt, for charting.—P.R.D., 11/7/88. Mr. McMahon,—Enter to Mr. Nowell, who will pass advance account and chart.—J.B. Advance account No. 88-19, passed.—T.F.C., 16/7/88. Checked, and charted tracing and description for revocation of reserve 546 prepared.—F. B. NOWELL, 18/7/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

Tracing to Land Agent at Casino.—F.B.N., 31/7/88. The area defined as portion 52, of 16½ acres, embraces water reserve No. 546, notified 8th March, 1880, within the leasehold area of Wooroowoolgen Pastoral Holding, and forms part of 6,830 acres, which Mr. Secretary Copeland has decided may be given the lessees of that holding by way of exchange, under the 75th section of the Act of 1884. Herewith I forward the necessary descriptions for the revocation of that reserve, and the withdrawal of the area measured from the leasehold. There are no improvements. The plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor-General.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

[No. 88-21.]

Sir,

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Casino, 6 July, 1888.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of three portions of land containing 154,169½ and 513½ acres, numbered 70, 71, and 72, in the parish of Shannon, county of Richmond. Portion 70, formerly reserve No. 593, notified 8th March, 1880, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of Wooroowoolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884. Measured by me on the 19th May, 1888, in accordance with instructions 88-1, dated the 9th January, 1888. Improvements, nil. There is no objection to this land being granted to applicants. The land consists of well-grassed forest ridges, chiefly suitable for grazing purposes.

I have, &c.,  
RICHARD BARLING.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Voucher 88-20. £33 17s. 5d. Urgent. Mr. Burt, for charting.—P.R.D., 11/7/88. Plan and tracing herewith. Mr. Nowell, to pass advance account and chart.—J.B., 11/7/88. Telegram to Mr. Barling, to forward calculations of portion 70 misclose.—F.B.N., 13/7/88. Advance account No. 88-20 passed.—T.F.C., 16/7/88. Memorandum received with calculations, and now enclosed.—F.B.N., 23/7/88.

Checked and charted. Description and tracing prepared for the revocation of reserve 549.—F. B. NOWELL, 24/7/88. Telegram to Mr. Barling, to explain discrepancy of 1 chain into boundaries of portions 71, 72, and 64 with reserve 464. Reply by wire.—F.B.N., 26/7/88. Replied to error in reserve, 27/7/88. Tracing to Land Agent, 31/7/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

The areas defined as portions 70 of 154 acres, 71 of 169½ acres, and portion 72 of 513½ acres, form part of 6,830 acres within the leasehold area of Wooroowoolgen Pastoral Holding, approved to be given the lessees of that holding by way of exchange, under the 75th section of the Act of 1884. Portion 70 is within reserve 593, notified 8th March, 1880, and  
portion.

portion 72 is partly embraced within reserve 549, notified 8th March, 1880. As portion 45 of 90 acres, the balance of this latter reserve is also to be given under the same provisions, I enclose descriptions for the revocation of both reserves, and also descriptions for the withdrawal of the measured portions from the leasehold. There are no improvements. The plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor General.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Telegram from Casino Station, addressed to the District Surveyor, Grafton.

Error occurs in reserve four six four (464). Letter by mail,

27 July, 1888.

Mr. Burt.—P.R.D., 27/7/88,

RICHARD BURLING,  
Licensed Surveyor.

Memorandum.—Calculation of portion 70, parish of Shannon, sent with my letter dated 6th July, 88-21.

Sir,

Casino, 20 July, 1888.

In reply to telegram dated 13th July, 1888, I beg to forward calculation of portion 70, which I make close, as shown herewith:—

	Line.	Red bearing.	Distance.	North.	South.	East.	West.
168° .....	1	South 12° east.....	283	.....	276	59	.....
52° .....	2	North 52° east.....	900	554	.....	709	.....
94° 30' .....	3	South 85½° east .....	1,100	.....	86	1,096	.....
59° 45' .....	4	North 59½° east .....	960	483	.....	829	.....
134° 45' .....	5	South 45½° east .....	800	.....	563	568	.....
66° .....	6	North 66° east.....	800	325	.....	731	.....
139° .....	7	South 41° east.....	500	.....	377	328	.....
55° .....	8	North 55° east.....	250	143	.....	205	.....
5° .....	9	North 5° east .....	350	349	.....	30	.....
285° 30' .....	10	North 74½ west .....	600	160	.....	.....	578
4° .....	11	North 4° east .....	1,000	998	.....	70	.....
28° .....	12	North 28° east.....	1,100	971	.....	516	.....
47° 5' .....	13	North 47° 5' east.....	1,000	681	.....	732	.....
67° 45' .....	14	North 67½° east .....	600	227	.....	555	.....
55° 52' .....	15	North 55° 52' east .....	260	146	.....	215	.....
		West 5' south .....	6,065	.....	9	.....	6,065
		South .....	.....	.....	3,727	.....	.....
				5,037	5,038	6,643	6,643

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

RICHARD BURLING,  
Licensed Surveyor.

Mr. Burt, very urgent.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 23/7/88.  
3 was given on plan as 1,000. Portion now closes.—F.B.N., 24/7/88.

Plan noted. The length of line No.

[No. 88-19.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Sir,

Casino, 6 July, 1888.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a plan of an area of 118 acres, numbered 51, in the parish of Mongogarie, county of Richmond, formerly reserve 650, notified 23rd August, 1880, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 23rd May, 1888, in accordance with instructions on 88-1, dated 9th January, 1888. Improvements, nil. There is no objection to this land being granted to applicants. The land is chiefly suitable for grazing purposes, being sandy forest ridges.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

I have, &c.,  
RICHARD BURLING.

Voucher 88-18. £6 9s. 11d. Mr. Burt, for charting.—P.R.D., 11/7/88. Plan and tracings herewith. Mr. Nowell, to pass advance account and chart.—J.B., 11/7/88. Advance account No. 88-18 passed.—T.F.C., 16/7/88. Checked and charted description and tracing prepared for revocation of reserve 650.—F. B. NOWELL, 18/7/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. Tracing to Land Agent.—F.B.N., 31/7/88.

The area defined as portion 51 of 118 acres is within reserve 650, notified 23rd August, 1880, and is part of 6,830 acres within the leasehold area of Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding, which, by decision of Mr. Secretary Copeland, of 30th August, 1886, it has been approved, shall be offered the lessees of that holding by way of exchange for an equal area in the resumed area. Herewith I forward the necessary descriptions for the cancellation of that reserve and for the withdrawal of the portion No. 51 from the lease. There are no improvements. The plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor-General.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

[No. 88-18.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Sir,

Casino, 6 July, 1888.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a plan of an area of 44 acres of land, numbered 82, in the parish of Coombell, county of Richmond, formerly reserve 493, notified 21st April, 1879, applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 16th May, 1888, in accordance with instructions No. 88-1, dated the 9th January, 1888. Improvements, nil. There is no objection to this land being granted to applicants. The land is chiefly suitable for grazing purposes, being well-grassed forest country and swampy flats.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

I have, &c.,  
RICHARD BURLING.

Voucher 88-17. £7 4s. 1d. Plan and tracing herewith. Mr. Burt, for charting.—P.R.D., 11/7/88. Mr. Nowell, to pass advance account and chart.—J.B., 11/7/88. Urgent.—Advance account No. 88-17 passed 16th July, 1888.—T.F.C. Checked and charted tracing, and description prepared for revocation of reserve 493.—F. B. NOWELL, 18/7/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. Tracing to Land Agent, 31/7/88.

The area defined as portion 82 of 44 acres embraces reserve 493, notified 21st April, 1879, within the Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding, and forms part of 6,830 acres, which it has been decided by Ministerial authority, on 86-2,441, Occupation, to offer the lesses of that holding, by way of exchange under the 75th section of the Act of 1884. Herewith I forward the necessary descriptions for revocation of that reserve, and the withdrawal of the area measured from the leasehold. There are no improvements. The plan has been forwarded to the Surveyor-General.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

[No. 88-2.]

[No. 88-22.]

(Occupation, 87-13,620.)

Sir,

Casino, 23 July, 1888.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of an area of 575 acres, numbered 73, parish of Shannon, county of Richmond, being part of reserve 464, notified 10th March, 1879, being the balance of land applied for by William and Frederick Fanning, lessees of Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding, under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on the 23rd July, 1883, in accordance with instructions, No. 88-1, dated the 9th January, 1888. Improvements, nil. There is no objection to this land being granted to applicants. The land comprises well grassed forest ridges, chiefly suitable for grazing purposes.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

I have, &amp;c.,

RICHARD BARLING.

Voucher 83-21, £18 13s. 10l. Plan and instruction No. 1 herewith. No tracing sent; could same be made in office?—R.B. Very urgent. Mr. Burt, for charting, &c.; the tracing to be made in this office.—P.R.D., 25/7/88. The plan is very rough, and far from up to the standard, but considering the urgency of the case, it may be accepted in this instance, but Mr. Barling's attention should certainly be called to it.—P.R.D., 25/7/88. Mr. Nowell.—J.B., 25/7/88. Area 6½ acres in excess.—F.B.N., 27/7/88.

Although survey requires amendment the alteration may be made on plan, and the case dealt with, to avoid further delay. The plan can be retained until the surveyor's report is obtained, showing the amendment as effected.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 27/7/88.

Memorandum to Mr. Barling to amend survey of portion 73 to contain 573 acres by cutting off from the north boundary plan amended in the office, and Mr. Barling to forward particulars of amendment.—F.B.N., 27/7/88. Advance account, No. 88-1, passed 27th July, 1888.—F.B.N. Description and two tracings prepared for revocation of part of reserve 464 checked and charted.—F. B. NOWELL, 27/7/88. Survey approved.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88.

This portion, No. 73 of 573 acres, forms part of water reserve 464, notified 10th March, 1879, within the leasehold area of Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding, and has been measured to complete the full area of 6,830 acres, applied for by the lessees of that holding under the 75th section of the Act of 1884. This application was approved by Mr. Secretary Cope-land by minute of 30th August, 1886, on papers 86-2,441, Occupation. Herewith I forward necessary descriptions for the revocation of that part of the reserve affected by this measurement, and for its withdrawal from the leasehold. There are no improvements. An amendment has been found necessary in this survey, but to prevent any further delay a tracing has been prepared and enclosed herewith, marked "A," which will accord with the amendment, and when this has been carried out, which will be in the course of a few days, the plan will be forwarded to the Surveyor-General.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 31/7/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Telegram from Mr. R. Barling to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

REPLY telegram by post to-day, balance land, Wooroooolgen delayed. Plan next week.

Casino Station, 20 July, 1888.

RICHARD BARLING.

Telegraph to Barling *re* your telegram just received. If possible send plan of balance Wooroooolgen exchange by Tuesday's post. Very urgent.—P.R.D., 20/7/88. Telegram sent, 20/7/88.

[No. 87-13,620.]

Occupation No., 88-1. Memorandum of Instructions.

District Survey Office, Grafton, 9 January, 1888.

*Subject.*—Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. Barling is requested, at his early convenience, to proceed with the measurement of the areas indicated by red tint on the fifteen tracings forwarded herewith. It is pointed out that these designs represent the unmeasured land within the leasehold area of the Wooroooolgen Pastoral Holding proposed to be granted to the lessees in fee simple in exchange for part of that surrendered to the Crown within the resumed area, the exchange being effected under the provisions of section 75 part 2, of the Land Act of 1884. The total area proposed to be surrendered by the lessees is 6,830 acres of the equivalent area proposed to be granted in exchange therefor. 3,268½ acres are already measured, leaving an area of 3,561½ acres still awaiting survey. That area is represented in the tracing referred to, and measurement according to the designs shown on tracings 1 to 14 may be effected forthwith; the final measurement should then be made to embrace the balance of area required to make up 3,561½ acres, and according to the design shown in tracing No. 15.

Particular care should be taken in these measurements, as, if any of the areas measured are found to be incorrect, it will necessitate a resurvey of the final measurement. Copies of the reserve descriptions are forwarded herewith, but the tracings illustrate generally the designs to be adopted. Close attention should, however, be given to the preservation of road intercommunication, care being taken that roads of access are left in the most suitable positions. In the case of tracing No. 12, a road 159 wide should be left along the east boundary, as indicated. The lagoon also should not be included.

In the case of No. 13, portion 98 has been adopted on the parish map for this area, although the survey apparently was never completed; that number should, therefore, be adopted on the ground. There seems to be nothing else requiring particular mention, except that parish numbers should be adopted for the whole of these measurements, and a separate plan and report, giving full particulars, &c., should be transmitted in each case. (The areas indicated on tracings 4 and 5 should be shown on one plan.) This instruction should meet with prompt attention.

P. R. DONALDSON,

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Barling.

District Surveyor, 11 January, 1888.

Received, 14/1/88.—R.B. Reply. Returned with my letter of 23 July, 88-22. Plans sent with letter 88-7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22.—RICHARD BARLING, Licensed Surveyor, 23/7/88.

No. 41.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Surveyor-General.

7 August, 1888.

REFERRING to my minute on papers, Land Board District, 88-3,508 of 31st July, 1888, to the Under Secretary, relating to the amendment of portion 73, parish of Shannon, county of Richmond, the plan being detained until such amendment was completed, I have now the honor to forward the plan (catalogued Reserve 1,155-1,744), showing the alterations effected by the Surveyor, also the memorandum of instructions, which should be placed with the papers above quoted.

THOMAS F. CALLACHOR

(For District Surveyor).

Wooroooolgen Exchange. Letter transmitting plan enclosed.—T.F.C., 7/8/88. Mr. Ball-housen,—Place with Wooroooolgen case.—C.J.S., 13/8/88. Done.

## No. 42.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 August, 1888.

Wooroowoolgen,  
No. 292, Eastern  
Division.

Referring to your application to surrender, by way of exchange, certain lands within the resumed area of the holding named in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the cost of preliminary field inspection by Surveyor Walker, is £18 18s., and cost of survey is £204 16s., making a total of £223 14s., which should be paid into the Treasury at once, in order that the matter may be proceeded with.

I have to add that the deeds of grant for the land to be surrendered should be lodged at this office at your earliest attention.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 43.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 August, 1888.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to receive, when tendered, the sum of £223 14s., cost of inspection and survey in connection with Messrs. Griffiths & Co.'s application to surrender, by way of exchange, certain lands within the resumed area of Wooroowoolgen Holding No. 292, Eastern Division, and to favour me with a report when such payment shall have been made.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 44.

## Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co. the The Under Secretary for Lands.

(Occupation 88-7,118.)

Sir,

Sydney, 6 September, 1888.

Wooroowoolgan,  
No. 292,  
Eastern  
Division.

In reply to your letter of 30th August, numbered, as above, we now hand you herewith the deeds for the 6,830 acres of land in the resumed area of the holding named in the margin, which we have agreed to give in exchange for a like quantity of land in the leasehold area of said holding. We hand you herewith a Schedule of the deeds, which you will find is identical with the Schedules attached to our application of 16th June, 1886.

We must now ask you to give us (as per section 75, subsection 11 of the Lands Act of 1884) the assurance by way of exchange, together with the schedule and plan of the lands which we have agreed to accept for those now surrendered, to enable us to go into immediate possession.

As regards the survey fees you claim from us, we hand you herewith our cheques for £120 and £130 14s. making the £223 14s. claimed in all. At the same time we would point out to you that, according to your letter of the 6th September, 1886, and our reply of 12th October, 1886, the limit fixed for survey fees amounted to £120, and we respectfully submit that our cheque for £103 14s. should be returned to us.

Though no provision is made to that effect, we must ask that the deeds of the lands we are to receive in exchange shall be issued free of deed fees, and in the names of William Fanning and Frederick Fanning, or, if possible, in the name of Frederick Fanning only.

The power of attorney authorizing our Mr. Charles Cecil Griffiths to deal with the said lands has been exhibited, and an attested copy filed in the Lands Title Office, Sydney, No. 1,781, on 1st March, 1888.

We have, &amp;c.,

- GRIFFITHS &amp; CO.

Agents for the Proprietors.

Ninety-five deeds for portions named in Schedule received.—E.L., 6/9/88. Cheque, £120, ditto. £103 14s.; total £223 14s.—E.L., 6/9/88. Lodged in Treasury 7th September, 1888.—E.L., 7/9/88.

Mr. M'Kern,—Deeds forwarded for perusal.—E.L., 7/9/88.  
Mr. Landers,—William Fanning and Frederick Fanning are the registered proprietors as tenants in common of the lands comprised in the deeds referred to. Who were the run-holders at the date of application for the exchange herein?—F.M'K., 7/9/88.

The licensees at date of application for exchange (16th June, 1886) were G. R. Griffiths, William Fanning, and Frederick Fanning.—E.L., 14/9/88. Mr. M'Kern. Mr. Landers,—Returned at your verbal request.—F.M'K., 28/9/88.

## [Enclosures.]

SCHEDULE of deeds of land to be surrendered. Eastern Division, Wooroowoolgen Holding, county Richmond.

Parish Richmond.				Parish Richmond.				Parish Richmond.							
Portion.	Area.			Portion.	Area.			Portion.	Area.			Portion.	Area.		
	a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
6	40	0	0	41	99	2	0	101	80	0	0	122	50	0	0
13	40	0	0	43	124	3	0	108	129	0	0	124	50	0	0
22	50	0	0	48	88	2	0	110	105	0	0	150	80	0	0
23	50	0	0	54	75	1	0	121	50	0	0	151	144	0	0
39	94	1	0	99	87	2	0								
				Total					1,437	acres	3	roods.			

Parish

Parish Ellangowen.															
Portion.	Areas.			Portion.	Areas.			Portion.	Areas.			Portion.	Areas.		
	a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
11	41	0	0	60	50	0	0	75	50	0	0	95	50	0	0
55	50	0	0	62	50	0	0	76	50	0	0				
57	50	0	0	70	50	0	0	78	50	0	0				
Total..... 491 acres.															
Parish Dobie.															
6	40	0	0	8	80	0	0	10	40	0	0	12	40	0	0
7	80	0	0	9	80	0	0	11	40	0	0				
Total..... 400 acres.															
Parish Nandabah.															
9	45	0	0	15	90	0	0	22	102	0	0	36	52	0	0
10	105	0	0	16	102	0	0	32	92	0	0	37	52	0	0
11	40	0	0	17	98	0	0	33	72	0	0	39	72	0	0
12	88	0	0	18	110	0	0	35	62	0	0				
Total..... 1,182 acres.															
Parish Myrtle.															
10	103	0	0	32	80	0	0	40	51	2	0	50	91	3	0
25	85	2	0	33	69	0	0	42	60	0	0	51	85	0	0
26	78	3	0	34	82	3	0	44	94	2	0	51	102	0	0
28	74	0	0	35	60	0	0	45	90	0	0	58	60	0	0
29	74	0	0	36	70	0	0	46	48	0	0				
30	74	0	0	37	80	0	0	47	60	0	0				
31	84	0	0	38	65	0	0	48	52	0	0				
Total..... 1,874 acres 3 roods.															
Parish Wyandah.															
5	88	0	0	18	40	0	0	23	40	0	0	53	72	0	0
10	92	0	0	19	80	0	0	40	80	0	0	54	72	0	0
11	62	0	0	20	87	0	0	41	57	0	0	7	50	0	0
12	48	0	0	21	80	0	0	42	71	3	0	8	115	0	0
17	40	0	0	22	100	0	0	44	86	0	0	9	85	1	0
Total..... 1,444 acres 2 roods.															
Totals.															
										a.	r.	p.			
Richmond, county Richmond .....										1,437	3	0			
Ellangowan, county Richmond .....										491	0	0			
Dobie, county Richmond .....										400	0	0			
Nandabah, county Richmond .....										1,182	0	0			
Myrtle, county Richmond .....										1,874	3	0			
Wyandah, county Richmond .....										1,444	2	0			
Total acres .....										6,830	0	0			

The enclosed letter from Messrs. Griffiths & Co., forwarding deeds of land proposed to be exchanged, within the Wooroowoolgen Holding, and enclosing cheques amounting to £223 14s., desires that an assurance be given by which they can enter into possession of the land proposed to be granted in lieu of that surrendered, and that the sum of £103 14s. survey fee, being an amount above that which was first estimated to be returned. Also, that the deeds be issued free of deed fees, and in the names of William and Frederick Fanning, or if possible in the name of Frederick Fanning. Receipt of deeds and cheques may be acknowledged.—E.L., 10/9/88.

The department will offer no objection to possession being taken of the land, but no formal authority can be given to do so, except under deeds and in completing this action there will be no unnecessary delay. The request that the deed fees may be remitted will receive consideration. As to whether the deeds can be issued in the names desired is a matter for the Crown Solicitor to advise upon. A reference will be made to him.—C.O., 12/9/88.

Approved.—J.N.B., 12/9/88. Griffiths & Co. informed.—H.L.T., 13/9/88. The lessees have been supplied with tracings of the portions approved to be granted to them (*vide* Inquiry form No. 15,062)—O.W.B., 2/10/88.

The deeds of the lands proposed to be surrendered have been examined by Mr. M'Kern. I would mention before sending the case on for Executive Council approval that the license fee has been paid only at the rate recommended by the Board. Submitted as to whether the rent and license fee fixed by the Minister should not be paid in the first instance.—E.L., 15/10/88.

Inform that the matter must remain in abeyance until the amounts due for rent and license fee are paid.—C.O., 19/10/88. Griffiths & Co. informed.—H.L.T., 19/10/88.

### No. 45.

#### Messrs. Griffiths & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

##### Wooroowoolgen Exchange.

Sir,

10, O'Connell-street, 6 September, 1888.

In connection with the land exchange in Wooroowoolgen Holding, 292, Eastern Division, we desire to have the deeds issued solely in the name of Frederick Fanning, of those lands which it has been agreed shall be given in the leasehold area, because Mr. William Fanning is recently dead, and Mr. Frederick Fanning is one of his executors, as well as a part owner of the property. As suggested by you to-day, Mr. Neville Griffiths interviewed Mr. Williams, the Crown Solicitor, to see how this case can be effected, and we are sending Mr. Williams a copy of the power of attorney we hold, so that he may devise a means of carrying this out if it be possible. We have therefore to request that you will refer to Mr. Williams before you direct the issue of the deeds of the 6,830 acres in the leasehold area.

We have, &c.,

GRIFFITHS & CO.,

Agents for the Proprietors.

Action taken on 88-8,623, Occupation.—E.L., 14/9/88,



## No. 46.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Under Secretary for Lands.  
New South Wales.

[No. 26,698.]

RECEIVED from the Under Secretary for Lands the sum of £223 14s. sterling, being survey fee on exchange lands on Woorooloolgen Pastoral Holding, 292, Eastern Division, paid by Messrs. Griffiths & Co.

The Treasury, 7 September, 1888.

W. NEWCOMBE  
(*Pro* Treasurer.)

£223 14s. Entered.—D.T.

## No. 47.

Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Department of Lands; Inquiry Branch; No. 15,062; name, Griffiths & Co.; address, 10, O'Connell-street. WILL you kindly supply a tracing of surveys of the 6,830 acres on Woorooloolgen, No. 292, Eastern Division, to be granted to W. and F. Fanning in exchange for the 6,830 acres surrendered by lodgment of deeds on 6th September, 1888.

See Occupation letter 88-8,623, of 13th September, 1888.

GRIFFITHS &amp; CO.

(Per G. N. GRIFFITHS),

Agents for W. and F. Fanning.

Mr. Freeman to see this. Approved.—S.F., 18/9/88. Chief Draughtsman. Mr. Ballhausen has the plans, and can supply all particulars. Mr. Shaw to make tracings, and return to me at an early date. Urgent.—C. J. SAUNDERS, 18/9/88.

The portions referred to are No. 84, parish of Dyraba; Nos. 206, 115, 117, 118, 119, 121, 123, 205, 129, parish of Queebun; Nos. 114, 7, 81, 103, 104, 106, 110, 113, 131, 146, 200, 118, 119, 115, 116, 117, 61, 98, Parish of Bundock; Nos. 71, 69, 82, 98, 99, parish of Woorooloolgen; Nos. 28, 34, 60, 66, 45, 19, 70, parish of Shannon; Nos. 9, 11, 29, 31, 72, 73, 74, 75, 25, 82, parish of Coombell; Nos. 27, 35, 40, 51, parish of Mongogarie; Nos. 23, 20, 21, parish of Busby; No. 52, parish of Mongogarie; Nos. 71, 72, and 73, parish of Shannon. All plans herewith. Some of these portions are within reserves. It would perhaps be advisable not to show these notations on the tracings now asked for, as it is intended that they (the reserves) should be all cancelled at an early date.—O.W.B., 18/9/88. Mr. Shaw.

Tracings herewith (thirty-eight).—M.S., 29/9/88. The Chief Draughtsman. Mr. Ballhausen,—Please check portions, and note original papers with fact that tracings have been supplied, then forward to Correspondence Branch for transmission to Mr. Griffiths—C.J.S., 1/10/88. The accompanying tracings include all the portions proposed to be granted to the lessees of Woorooloolgen Holding, under 75th clause, subsection 2. The original papers (Occupation, 88,8623) have been noted as directed.—O.W.B., 2/10/88. Correspondence Branch. Thirty-eight tracings forwarded, 4/10/88.—H.L.T.

## No. 48.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. W. and F. Manning.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 October, 1888.

In compliance with your request of the 18th ultimo, I have the honor to forward, under separate cover, tracings showing the land to be granted to you by way of exchange in connection with the Woorooloolgen Holding.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 49.

Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

[88-15,062 Inquiry No.]

Sir,

10, O'Connell-street, 5 October, 1888.

We have to acknowledge receipt of your favour of 4th instant, covering thirty-eight tracings of lands granted in exchanges for lands surrendered in connection with the Woorooloolgen Holding, No. 292, Eastern Division, and we find the tracings all in order.

We have, &amp;c.,

GRIFFITHS &amp; CO.,

Agents for the proprietors.

With other papers.—E.L., 31/10/88.

## No. 50.

Office Memorandum.

Extract from Miscellaneous 88-15,495.

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26 November, 1888.

IN the matter of the exchange of portions in the resumed area of Woorooloolgen Holding for similar area in leasehold half, Occupation, 88-13,620, forwarded under cover of my letter 88-100. It will be desirable that portion 22, of 102 acres, and 32, of 92 acres (parish Nandabah) should be reserved for water supply.

P. R. DONALDSON,

District Surveyor.

Occupation Branch,—Place with papers of Woorooloolgen exchange.—J. T. KEATING (*per* O.W.B.), 16/4/89,

No. 51.

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No. 51.

Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(Occupation, 88-82, 23.)

Sir,

Sydney, 30 November, 1888.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour, of the 19th October, with respect to delay in issue of the deeds of the 6,830 acres, granted to us in exchange for a similar area surrendered. In your letter you state that "the matter must remain in abeyance until the amounts due for rent and license fee are paid." We have to point out that we have duly paid all rents and license fees as appraised by the Local Land Board, and that the question of the power of the Minister to enforce payment in excess of the Local Land Board's determination is *sub judice*, as the appeal in the case *Alison v. Burns* has gone to the Privy Council.

We fail to see that there is any connection between the matters of the rent question and the issue to us of deeds for the lands which the Government have formally contracted to give in exchange for the lands we surrendered, we having completed the contract, surrendered the deeds, and paid the survey fees demanded.

We have, therefore, the honor to reiterate the request contained in our letter, of 6th September, that the deeds required for the 6,830 acres may be issued to us without delay, as promised in your letter to us, of the 13th September.

We have, &amp;c.,

GRIFFITHS &amp; CO.,

Agents for the Proprietors.

Submitted. Attention is directed to memorandum by W.S., of 19th October last, on 88-8,623, Occupation.—E.L., 5/12/88. F.H.W.

To place the Crown and its tenant on equal terms in the matter, it appears necessary that the rents determined by the Minister should be paid, and not only that "appraised by the Local Land Board." Until that is done it does not appear advisable to part with the fee simple of the land proposed to be exchanged. If this view be correct there is no reason to modify the determination already arrived at. *Vide* 88-8,623, Occupation.—W.H., 7/12/88. S.F.

Approved.—J.N.B., 17/12/88. Inform Messrs. Griffiths & Co.—E.L., 18/12/88. Griffiths & Co. informed.—H.L.T., 21/12/88. Messrs. Griffiths & Co. may be reminded that the amounts called for have not been paid.—E.L., 9/2/89. Yes.—F.H.W. (for Under Secretary), 12/2/89. Cor. Br. Griffiths & Co. reminded, 18/2/89.

No. 52.

Question and Answer.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 6 DECEMBER, 1888.

WOOROOWOOLGEN RUN, RICHMOND RIVER.—MR. CROUCH (for Mr. Ewing) asked THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the land now being returned to the Crown, in exchange on Wooroowoolgen Run, Richmond River, be open for selection?

MR. BRUNKER answered,—No date can be fixed at present. The matter is now in abeyance pending the consideration of a recent communication from the pastoral lessees.

Mr. Capper.—M.L., 7/12/88. Records for case, register and return.—W.H.C., 8/12/88. Mr. Landers to place with communication referred to in answer given by the Minister.—W.H.C., 8/1/89.

No. 53.

Office Memorandum.

(Extract Miscellaneous, 88-15,495).

THE recommendation may, it is submitted, be adopted except as regards portion 22 of 102 acres, and 32 of 92 acres which are freehold, the deeds of which have not yet been surrendered, although the exchange of these portions for other lands within the leasehold area of Wooroowoolgen Pastoral Holding has been approved.

As it would be necessary to time the formal surrender of the portions in order to provide against the proposed Reserves being defeated, Mr. M'Kern should see these papers, and act accordingly, the plans in the meantime to be noted.

Approved.—J.N.B., 11/12/88.

W.H.  
S.F.

Surrendered lands to be reserved—See 88-16,370, Miscellaneous. Plans noted.—O.W.B., 23/4/89.

No. 54.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney 21 December, 1888.

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, urging the issue of the deeds of grant for the 6,830 areas of land granted to you in exchange for a similar area surrendered in connection with the holding named in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that after carefully considering the facts of the case, the Secretary for Lands is of opinion that there is no reason to modify the determination already arrived at.

Wooroowoolgen.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 55.

No. 55.

## Office Memorandum.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 February, 1889.

No. 292, Wooroowoolgen; eastern division; pastoral lease; balance of rent from 31st July, 1885, to 30th July, 1887, £796 1s. 2d., paid; rent to 30th July, 1888, £721 19s. 3d., unpaid; rent to 30th July, 1889, £721 19s. 3d., unpaid; occupation license—license fee to 31st December, 1887, £176 9s. 3d., unpaid; license fee to 31st December, 1888, £402 10s. 6d., unpaid; license fee to 31st December, 1889, £402 10s. 6d., unpaid. F.M.E.

Rents at Local Land Board Rates in suspense account.—E.H., 8/2/89.

No. 56.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 18 February, 1889.

I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 19th October last, advising you that the matter of the surrender of certain land in connection with the holding named in the margin, must remain in abeyance, pending the receipt of the amounts due for rent and license fee, and I am to request you to be good enough to furnish a reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 57.

Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(Occupation 88-11,530)

Sir,

10, O'Connell-street, 19 February, 1889.

In reply to your communication of yesterday's date, we have the honor of calling your attention to our letter of 30th November, 1888, which was our reply to your department's letter of the 19th October.

We have, &amp;c.,

GRIFFITHS &amp; CO.,

Agents for the Proprietors.

Submitted. (See 88-11,530).—E.L., 26/2/89. F.H.W.

Point out that the writers' letter of 30th November, 1888, was replied to in explicit terms on 31/12/88, and until the term of that reply be complied with, no further action can be taken in respect of the proposed exchange.—S.F., 9/3/89.

Griffiths &amp; Co. informed.—H.L.T., 11/3/89.

No. 58.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Griffiths &amp; Co.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 March, 1889.

In reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that your communication of the 30th November last, was replied to in explicit terms on the 20th December last, and until the terms of that reply be complied with, no further action can be taken in the proposed exchange.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 59.

Mr. E. N. Griffiths to The Secretary for Lands.

Wooroowoolgen Holding, 292, Eastern Division, exchange of lands.

Dear Sir,

10, O'Connell-street, Sydney, 13 May, 1889.

I, as one of the representatives of the owners of Wooroowoolgen, ask you to look into this matter, about which I personally saw you last week. If you will call for the papers you will find as follows:—

1. Application to exchange 6,830 acres freehold, in terms of sub-section 2 of clause 75 of Land Act of 1884 was formally lodged on the 16th June, 1885.
2. Land Office reply, 86-2,441, of September 6, 1886, agreeing on conditions.
3. Owner's acceptance of conditions, and various letters about cost of survey, &c.
4. Land Office letter 87-909, of 2nd May, 1887, agreeing to exchange of 5,380 acres, and the balance under modification.
5. Owner's acceptance of modifications.
6. Land Office letter 87-5,424, about modifications.
7. Land Office letter 87-8,657, refusing permission to ringbark the 5,380 acres granted (part of the 6,830 acres exchanged).
8. Land Office letter 87-11,146, of 10/10/87, about expedition of exchanges.  
Land Office letter 17-11,802 of 3/11/87, about expedition of exchanges.  
Land Office letter, 87-13,954, of 21/12/87, about expedition of exchanges.
9. Land Office letter 88-4,686, of 19/5/88, about modification of lands to be exchanged.
10. Owner's letter of 2/7/88, asking formal completion of exchanges agreed to.
11. Land Office letter 88-6,004, of 9th July, 1888, saying only delay in completion of exchanges is surveyor's plan of last portion, and no delay will occur.
12. Land Office letter 88-7,118, of 30th August, 1888, calling upon owners to pay the survey fees, £223 14s., and to lodge deeds of surrendered lands.
13. Owners' letter 6/9/88, lodging deeds of 6,830 acres, surrendered with survey fees, £223 14s., and requesting formal authority to take possession.
14. Land Office letter 88-8,623, of 13th September, 1888, acknowledging receipt of deeds of 6,830 acres surrendered, and survey fees. Offers no objection to owners taking possession of lands. About deed fees, &c., &c.

15.

15. Lodgment of owners (by letter of G. N. Griffiths) to Crown Solicitor, on 14/9/88, of representatives of owners' power of attorney.
16. Owners' application, No. 15,062, of 18/9/88, for plans of lands to be granted in exchange for their 6,830 acres surrendered.
17. Land Office letter 88-15,062, of October 4th, 1888, forwarding tracings of lands to be granted.

The owners have gone into possession of the lands agreed to be granted in exchange for those surrendered, have ringbarked, fenced, and improved (several expensive dairies), and I now (for owners) ask that there may be no further delay on the part of the Government in carrying out its contract by issuing the deeds.

There are letters subsequent to October, 1888, with reference to excess rents, the owners having paid the Local Land Board's appraisements, and declining to pay the *fancy rents* put upon the property until the Privy Council has decided if these are legally imposed by a late Minister for Lands.

Yours, &c.,

E. N. GRIFFITHS.

The exchange of certain lands on Wooroowoolgen pastoral holding are held in abeyance pending the payment in full of the rent and license fee. The lessees have continued to pay the rent and license fee at the rates recommended by the Local Land Board, and dispute the power of the Minister to raise the rates. In the case of *Alison v. Burns*, when the Minister's power was disputed, the Supreme Court ruled that the Minister had such power. The plaintiff has appealed, and the case is now before the Privy Council.—E.L., 13/5/89.

Submitted, that the exchange be not proceeded with until all arrears be paid at the rate fixed by the Minister.—S.F., 13/5/89.

### No. 60.

Messrs. Griffiths & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(Occupation, 89-3,274.)

Sir,

10, O'Connell-street, 29 May, 1889.

Referring to your communication of 11th March, numbered as above, it has occurred to us that the difficulties in way of settlement of the exchange of lands may be got over by our undertaking to pay the excess rents now in dispute, pending the appeal to the Privy Council in the case of *Alison v. Burns* should such appeal be decided in favour of the Colonial Treasurer.

We, therefore now, on behalf of the owners of Wooroowoolgen Holding, and acting with their full authority, agree that in consideration of your taking the necessary steps to forward the completion of the land exchanges by issue of deeds for the 6,830 acres of land which your Department has agreed to give the owners of Wooroowoolgen in exchange for the 6,830 acres surrendered, &c., we will become responsible to your Department for the due payment of such sum as may be legally due and payable.

As we have gone into possession of the lands granted in exchange for those surrendered, and have erected dairies on the same, and as we have given up the deeds of the land surrendered, we are in an invidious position, the selectors now clamouring to have the surrendered lands thrown open on the resumed area which we have had to vacate.

We have, &c.,

GRIFFITHS & CO.,

Agents for the Proprietors.

In view of this guarantee it is submitted that the exchange be now carried out with all possible despatch.—S.F., 1/6/89. Approved.—J.N.B., 3/6/89.

### No. 61.

Minute for the Executive Council.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 June, 1889.

*Subject*:—Surrender by way of exchange of certain lands under the 75th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the surrender of the land specified in the enclosed papers as being situated within the resumed area No. 222, Eastern Division, be accepted, and that an equal area in leasehold area No. 292 be granted in lieu thereof.

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

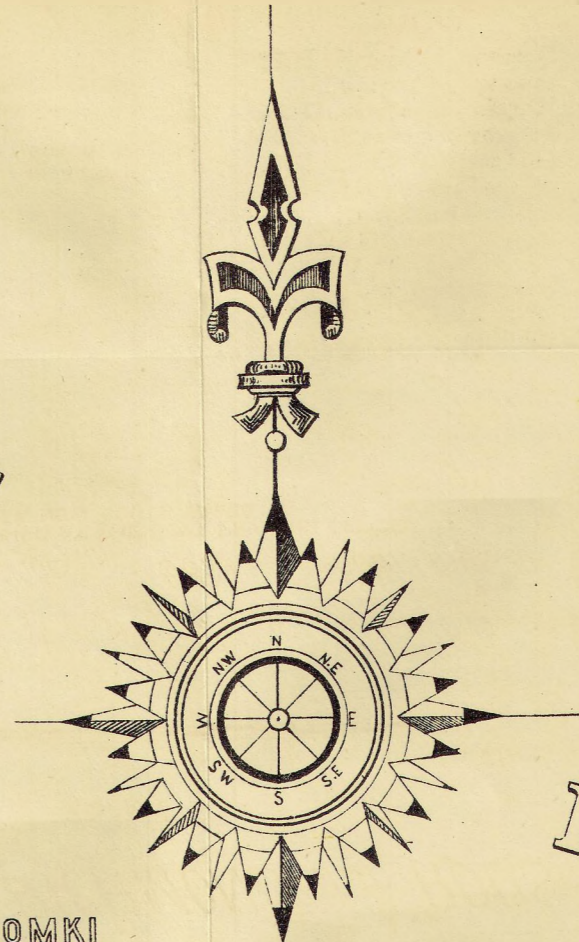
His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.

Papers 89-7,001, Occupation. The Executive Council advise that the surrender by way of exchange of the lands referred to be approved in terms of the Act specified.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Approved.—CARRINGTON, 27/6/89. Minute 89-38, 27/6/89. Confirmed, 4/7/89. Mr. M'Kern,—Attention is invited to approval on 88-15,495, Miscellaneous, when dealing with exchange.—E.L., 14/8/89.

Mr. Landers,—One of the registered proprietors of the lands to be surrendered is dead, and therefore the parties interested are not in a position to surrender until the representatives of the deceased have been registered proprietors by transmission. Messrs. Creagh and Williams (whom I have seen in the matter) are taking the necessary action to that end, and they will communicate with the Department when the parties are in a position to surrender.—F.M'K., 16/8/89.

[One plan.]





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Notified 12th August 1878

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(PAPERS IN CONNECTION WITH IRRIGATION LEASE OF ALBERT STAFFORD, OF NARRABRI.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 20 August, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 12th June, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

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“Narrabri, in connection with his irrigation lease.”

(*Mr. Lakeman, for Mr. Lyne.*)

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## No. 1.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Colonial Treasurer.

Dear Sir,

Narrabri, 31 January, 1888.

Enclose please find post office order for £10, in payment of rent of special lease, now applied for to the Local Land Board at Tamworth.

Yours, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

£10 Suspense Account, 3/2/88.

To be requested to furnish further particulars regarding this remittance, which has meanwhile been placed to Suspense Account. If intended (as it appears to be) for a deposit on application for special lease, the purpose for which it is required and the locality should be stated.—W.N., Revenue Branch, 3/2/88. Return.

Done.—M.B.

## No. 2.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Colonial Treasurer.

Sir,

Narrabri, 6 February, 1888.

Referring to yours No. 297 Misc., the £10 enclosed in my letter of 3rd instant was intended as a deposit on application for special lease of 320 acres, parish of Derrisdee, county of Nandewar, beginning at the south-west corner of George Carter's conditional purchase 76-72; thence by a line running east about 1¼ mile; thence by a line running south about three-quarters of a mile; thence west to the Namoi; and by that river to the point of commencement. Such lease is to be applied for, for irrigation works and purposes.

Yours, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

The sum of £10 herein referred to was received and placed to Suspense Account on 3/2/88.—F.K., B.C., Treasury, 10/2/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.—C.H.C. 88-1,119 M. herewith.—W.N. F.K. (for Under Secretary). The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, B.C., February, 1888.

No. 3.



## No. 3.

Mr. W. D. Wright to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Sir,

Narrabri, 7 February, 1888.

I have the honor to herewith enclose an application for a special lease of 320 acres of land for irrigation purposes, as agent for Mr. Albert Stafford.

In this case I would respectfully ask that, if possible, this case may be considered by the Land Board at the coming sitting this month. I may add that the land we are now applying for is not within any leasehold or resumed area, therefore I take it that no notices will be required to be sent, except to ourselves. Our reasons for wishing this case considered at once is that Mr. Stafford wishes to get to work at irrigation as soon as possible.

Yours, &c.,

W. DAVIS WRIGHT.

The land applied for is pencil marked on enclosed map.—W.D.W.

[Enclosures.]

Suspense Account, Narrabri, New South Wales.

(No. 3,141.)

The Treasury, 3 February, 1888.

RECEIVED from Albert Stafford the sum of £10 sterling, for deposit on application for special lease. Particulars not stated.

Awaiting disposal of application.

£10.

W. NEWCOMBE

(Pro Treasurer).

[Crown Lands Act of 1884—Part IV, sections 89, 90, or 92.]

Application for Special Lease.

I HEREBY apply for a special lease for irrigation works purposes of the land hereunder described, and for which I am willing to pay an annual rental of £10. Enclosed is a receipt showing that the sum of £10 has been paid to the Colonial Treasurer as a deposit towards cost of survey and report.

Dated at Narrabri, this 2nd day of February, 1888.

ALBERT STAFFORD.

To the Local Land Board at Narrabri.

Description.

Land District of Narrabri, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, 320 acres : Beginning at the south-west corner of George Carter's conditional purchase 76-72; thence by a line running east about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mile; thence by a line running south about three-quarters of a mile; thence west to the Namoi River; and by that river, to the point of commencement.

N. 958-1,774, portion No. 52, of 10 acres, parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar. Note special lease register.—JNO. M'DONALD, 10/2/88. District Surveyor for report. Chairman, 10/2/88. Notice to applicant and Mr. Wright. Case will be heard at Narrabri on 20th instant, 10/2/88. Report 88-87.—A.D., 14/2/88.

## No. 4.

Mr. District-Surveyor Dewhurst to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Sir,

District Survey Office, Tamworth, 14 February, 1888.

With reference to an application made by Albert Stafford for a special lease of reserve No. 7 from sale, and 52 from lease for irrigation purposes, I regret having to report that it does not appear desirable to entertain his request at present, on the following grounds:—

1st. That it has been reserved from lease for the service of travellers, and as a general watering place.

2nd. That it has been recommended as a reserve for travelling stock, and will be required for that purpose till Terriara bridge is re-built.

It is my pleasing duty to add that a sum of £2,000 has been recommended and placed on the Estimates for the bridge referred to, and on its completion the case now under review may appear under a more favourable aspect.

I have, &c.,

A. DEWHUST.

Applicant and Mr. Wright informed, 10/2/88.

Messrs. Stafford and Wright appeared in the Court-house. The Narrabri Board recommend that a special lease be granted of the land applied for, at an annual rental of £16 for a period of fifteen years. Two of the Board members have been acquainted with this reserve for the past fifteen years, and they are in a position to say that it is not necessary for the travelling public.—JNO. M'DONALD, Chairman, Narrabri, 20/2/88.

District Surveyor to note, 23/2/88. Noted.—W. H. HALL, 24/2/88. The Chairman. The Under Secretary. The law only provides for leasing land for irrigation works. This application is for lease of land to be irrigated. If applicant will accept a lease of say 10 acres, upon which to erect irrigation works, he may have it.—T.G., 28/2/88. Mr. Stafford and Hon. J. Inglis.—H.L.T., 28/2/88. End of Manl. special.

[Enclosure.]

This deponent, *Albert Stafford*, of Narrabri, in the Colony of New South Wales, merchant, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows (*By Mr. Wright, Agent*):—I am the applicant for 320 acres special lease now under inquiry; I require the lease for irrigation purposes; from the travelling stock reserve to the reserve I apply for access is gained by a 1-chain road; the only access is by 1-chain roads: I have twelve months experience in this place; I have never seen any travellers, with or without stock, use this reserve 206; the travelling stock reserve has also another large river frontage; the roads are not fenced at all; they go through the paddock; not fenced on either side; the travelling stock reserve has a large water frontage not far off this reserve; the travelling stock reserve has a connection with the river by a 1-chain road south about a couple of miles.

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Sworn by this deponent, Albert Stafford, on this 20th }  
February, 1888, at Narrabri, before us,—

JNO. M'DONALD, Chairman.  
C. A. ROSS, } Members of this Board.  
J. RIDDLE, }

Called

Called by applicant :—

THIS deponent, *Arthur Copeman*, of Narrabri, in the Colony of New South Wales, Stock Inspector, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows :—I was until recently Stock Inspector for the Narrabri Sheep District *By Mr. Wright* :—I know the water reserve in question ; I was for twelve years Stock Inspector here ; I have never known this reserve to be used by travelling stock or the travelling public ; I do not think the reserve will be required by travelling stock ; it is rarely that stock travel on that side of the river ; and if the stock route be made from Boggabri to Barraba, direct east, it will not touch this place, and a stock route from Narrabri to Barraba will keep to the north, and not come near this reserve ; the access from the travelling stock reserve is by a 1-chain road, which is not sufficient for stock ; I do not think it would be necessary for stock going up the river to come on to this reserve to the river ; there is sufficient water on travelling stock reserves 1,056 and 1,530 without going on to this reserve ; I do not think water reserve No. 206 is required by the travelling public ; between portions 16 and 20 is a 1-chain road from the travelling stock reserve to the river ; it is only a short road ; a short distance south of this last-named road is a large river frontage ; I do not think the reserve 206 will be wanted, even if the Tarriara bridge be not reconstructed ; except in case of flood, stock will not travel this road ; there are sufficient feeding grounds and watering places without it.

ARTHUR P. COPEMAN.

Sworn by this deponent, Arthur P. Copeman, on this 20th }  
February, 1888, at Narrabri, before us,—

JNO. M'DONALD, Chairman,  
C. A. ROSS, } Members of the Board.  
J. RIDDLE, }

Called by applicant :—

THIS deponent, *Samuel Goldman*, of Boggabri, in the Colony of New South Wales, selector, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows (*By Mr. Wright*) :—I lived on Maule's Creek for about twenty years ; I know there is a reserve at water reserve 206 ; there is a stock route there ; I have never known any one go there except a man on horseback camping there ; have not known any travelling stock to use it ; I do not think that the water reserve 206 is necessary for travelling stock ; it does not join the travelling stock reserve, except by a 1-chain road, but the road is not fenced off.

SAMUEL GOLDMAN.

Sworn by this deponent, Samuel Goldman, on this 20th }  
February, 1888, at Narrabri, before us, —

JNO. M'DONALD, Chairman,  
C. A. ROSS, } Members of the Board.  
J. RIDDLE, }

### No. 5.

The Honorable J. Inglis, M.P. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Mr. Oliver,

22 February, 1888.

I must trouble you again, but hope your good nature is equal to the strain.

*Re* Albert Stafford, Narrabri, he writes :—When in Sydney last you kindly introduced me to the Under Secretary for Lands, *re* a reserve I wished cancelled. He advised me to apply to the Local Land Board ; I therefore applied for 320 acres as a special lease for irrigation purposes, and this was granted me to day (20th), by the Land Board, and now all I want is the confirmation of the Minister. Stafford can do nothing till the land is *Gazetted*. He has an engine and plant under offer for a week, and is very anxious to know whether he can close with the offer or not. Can I wire him that there is no doubt the lease will be approved of, and will you kindly oblige me by noting the case and putting it through as quickly as possible, and I will be much obliged.

Yours, &c.,

JAS. INGLIS.

What has been done in this matter.—C.O., 23/3/88. Mr. De Low. The special lease papers have not yet been received from the Board.—E.L., 23/2/88. Telegraph and inquire if an application has been received, and if so, what action has been taken.—C.O., 23/2/88. Ask for reply to-day. Wire, 23/2/88. 508.

### No. 6.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Tamworth, 23 February, 1888.

PLEASE state if special lease application has been received from Albert Stafford for irrigation purposes, if so, what action has been taken. Reply to-day.

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

### No. 7.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sydney, 23 February, 1888.

BOARD recommend Albert Stafford be granted special lease for irrigation purposes for fifteen years, £16 per annum—papers first post.

WM. ARDILL,  
Tamworth Board.

### No. 8.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Stafford.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 February, 1888.

With reference to your special lease application noted in the margin, which formed the subject of inquiry before the Local Land Board at Narrabri, on the 20th instant, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that although the Board's report is favourable the law only provides for leasing land for irrigation works, and that if you will accept a lease, of say 10 acres, upon which to erect such works, it will be granted.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

Special lease,  
88-1, for  
irrigation  
purposes, of 320  
acres, parish  
Therribry,  
county  
Nandewar.

No. 9.

## No. 9.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Hon. Jas. Inglis, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 February, 1888.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting the special lease application noted in the margin, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that, although the Local Land Board's report is favourable, the law only provides for leasing land for irrigation works, whereas Mr. Stafford's application is for land to be irrigated.

I may add that Mr. Stafford has this day been so advised; also that if he will accept a lease of (say) 10 acres, upon which to erect irrigation works, it will be granted.

Special lease, 88-1, for irrigation purposes, of 320 acres, parish Therribry, county Nandewar, by Albert Stafford, Narrabri.

I have, &c.,  
CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 10.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Hon. Jas. Inglis, M.P.

My dear Mr. Inglis,

Narrabri, 12 March, 1888.

Thanks for your letter *re* land. I made a further inspection of the ground since, and find that I can do with 10 acres, provided it is given me so that I can run a drain to carry the water across on to my own land. Having purchased the necessary machinery I am anxious to make use of it, and as I cannot get a lease of the land I wanted, which is naturally suited for the purpose, I must accept the 10 acres offered, provided it is given me so that I can run the water on to my land adjoining. Of course it would be quite useless me erecting machinery, at very great expense, to irrigate 10 acres only. I enclose a map and description of the piece I would like—in fact it is the only piece I can erect the pumping machinery upon, as most of the other land is flooded in a wet season. Under the circumstances I think I am not too well treated, considering the Land Board recommended me 320 acres, and on the strength of that I made arrangements for beginning the work and purchased machinery. Fortunately I had not so far run the risk of prosecution by taking possession of the land.

The portion of land where the piece applied for joins the river is the highest piece on the river, and this is what I require to throw the water on to my land, it slopes away from this gradually to the piece I want to irrigate.

I am sorry to trouble you so much in the matter, but as you have so kindly taken the matter in hand, I have no doubt you will see it through for me.

I shall be glad to have it forwarded as soon as possible, if I am not troubling you too much.

Yours, &c.,  
ALBERT STAFFORD.

P.S.—Will you let me know as soon as possible if you are successful.

My dear Mr. Oliver.—This is nearly the last occasion on which I will have to trouble you with Mr. Stafford's affairs. He is an ingenious, persevering fellow—the right stamp of settler, and deserves success. I hope this application can be granted, and will take it kind if you will let me know.—Yours, &c., J. INGLIS.

Submitted.—C.O., 13/3/88.

The lease for the reduced area of 10 acres may issue, but in measuring it, care must be taken that it does not interfere with the site of, or approaches to, the proposed bridge, referred to in the District Surveyor's report herewith.—T.G., 13/3/88.

Correspondence Branch,—Inform Mr. Inglis. Mr. Inglis, 21/3/88.

Urgent. Forwarded to the District Surveyor for measurement of area proposed to be leased in accordance with Ministerial decision of 16th instant. State cost.—S.F. (for Under Secretary), B.C., 26/3/88.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Loder for measurement accordingly.—W. H. HALL (*pro* District Surveyor), 28/3/88. Returned to the District Surveyor for re-issue to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Rigaut, who has promised to carry out the work, as he has very little in hand.—GEORGE LODER, 9/6/88. Would Mr. Hall enclose rough sketch No. 14, parish Therribry, for Mr. Rigaut.—G.L. Transferred to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Rigaut, whose attention is invited to memo. dated 3rd May, respecting access road.—W. H. HALL (*pro* District Surveyor), 11/6/88. District Surveyor's Office, Tamworth, 15/6/88.—Instruction No. 20. Returned in letter No. 88-25, dated 1st August, 1888.—P. RIGAUT.

## [Enclosure.]

DESCRIPTION of 10 acres, applied for as a special lease for irrigation works, parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, by Albert Stafford.

Portion of water reserve No. 206: Commencing at a point about 25 chains west from the south-east corner of George Carter's conditional purchase 75-62, and from this point directly south to the Namoi River, this line to form the east boundary of the portion applied for, and to be of sufficient width to include 10 acres. The portion applied for is between the red lines on map attached.

## No. 11.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Honorable Jas. Inglis, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 March, 1888.

In reply to the letter of the 12th instant, presented by you from Mr. Albert Stafford, requesting that his application for a special lease for irrigation works in the parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, be proceeded with for 10 acres, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has approved of the lease issuing for that area, viz., 10 acres, but has directed that in measuring the land care will be taken that it does not interfere with the site of, or approaches to, the proposed bridge over the Namoi River.

I have, &c.,  
CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

No. 12.

## No. 12.

Mr. W. F. Jaques to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Therribry, via Boggabri, 17 April, 1888.

I hereby make application for return to lease of reserve from lease No. 52, of 9th March, 1858, Land District of Narrabri, parish of Therribry, or such portion of it as is contained within the boundary of pastoral lease No. 97, as shown in plan herewith.

I submit the following grounds in support of the application:—

1. The reserve is identical with reserve No. 7 from sale.
2. That portion of it which is on Maule's Creek, 214 acres, forms part of a travelling stock reserve.
3. Returning this portion to lease would not interfere with the travelling stock reserve.
4. The portion on the Namoi River, 305 acres, is portion of water reserve No. 206, of 10th April, 1867.
5. Experience has shown that travelling stock do not use this water reserve, as it is in a rather inaccessible position, being some distance from the road, with only a narrow lane between purchased land leading to it.
6. At present no revenue is derived from it, and I am willing to pay rent for it.
7. As it is the only access to permanent water for the Crown lands of the lease, it should belong to the leasehold.
8. Should it ever be required for public purposes it could, if now returned to lease, be withdrawn when required. Meanwhile a rent would be received for it.
9. The land referred to lies within the boundaries of the pastoral holding.

Leaving these facts to your consideration, I feel sure that you will approve of this application.

I have, &c.,

W. F. JAQUES,

As Agent for The Corporation of the Bank of Australasia.

Referred for the report of the District Surveyor at Tamworth.—S.F., B.C., 25/4/88. Report, 88-70.—A. DEWHURST, District Surveyor, 3/5/88.

## No. 13.

Mr. District-Surveyor Dewhurst to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Loder.

District Survey Office, 3 May, 1888.

THE following is forwarded for the information of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Loder:—

In connection with instruction No. 15 of 28th March, 1888, A. Stafford's special lease of 10 acres, parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, Mr. Loder is directed to leave a chain road of access over suitable ground from the road surveyed by Licensed-Surveyor Anderson to the remaining portion of the reserve fronting the Namoi River.

A. DEWHURST,  
District Surveyor.

## No. 14.

Mr. District-Surveyor Dewhurst to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(No. 88-70.)

Sir,

District Survey Office, Tamworth, 3 May, 1888.

With reference to an application made by W. F. Jaques, for the Bank of Australasia, that reserve No. 52, of the 9th March, 1858, be returned to the lease, I have the honor to report that, under existing circumstances, such a course appears desirable.

I may, however, point out that a special lease of 10 acres has been approved along the eastern boundary of this reserve in favour of A. Stafford, which has been sent on for measurement.

I enclose a tracing showing the reserve referred to, and apparently the area approved as a special lease.

I have, &c.,

A. DEWHURST,

District Surveyor.

Submitted as to the advisableness of cancellation of the reserve from lease with a view to its being leased, exclusive of that area of 10 acres granted as a special lease.—E.L., 19/5/88.

Submitted that so much of the reserve from lease as is not included within the boundaries of the special lease be cancelled from reservation, and added to the pastoral holding within which it may be situate.—S.F., 31/5/88.

Approved.—T.G., 31/5/88. Misc. Branch. Mr. McLean,—Please supply description.—J.O'D., (pro R. H. De Low), 7/6/88. Mr. Ballhausen,—Description now enclosed.—C.W.F. (for R.M.), 29/6/88. Mr. De Low,—Executive Council minute.

## [Enclosure.]

Reserve from lease cancelled.

It is hereby notified for general information, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to direct that, from and after the above date, the reserve from lease particularised in schedule hereunto appended shall be cancelled.

Central Division, land district of Narrabri, within the boundaries of the leasehold area of Therribri pastoral holding, No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885.

Part of reserve No. 52 from lease, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, area about 1,000 acres. That part of the reserve mentioned, notified 9th March, 1858, within the following boundaries: Commencing on the right bank of the Namoi River, at the north-west corner of portion 14; and bounded thence by a north boundary of that portion bearing easterly, and by a western boundary of that portion and the east boundary of reserve 52 from lease northerly to Maule's Creek; thence by the left bank of that creek downwards, and the right bank of the Namoi River upwards, to the point of commencement, but exclusive of A. Stafford's special lease of 10 acres for irrigation works.

Note.—Part of this area is included in G. Carter's conditional purchase portion 19, Occ. 88-4,143.

No. 15.

## No. 15.

## Office Memorandum.

APPLICATION was made by Stafford for 320 acres, and lease for that area was recommended by Land Board. The Minister, however, decided that a lease for irrigation could not be legally granted, but approved of an area of 10 acres being granted for irrigation works, such area to be measured in such a position as not to interfere with the approach to the bridge in the locality. The papers in the case 88-2,692 Occ. have been forwarded to the District Surveyor, Tamworth, for measurement on 26th March, 1888, and records show that they have not been since returned. Mr. Stafford now wishes that the area be increased to the maximum area of 320 acres or 100 acres, and states that the land has not been surveyed.

Telegram to the District Surveyor, and inquire when survey will be effected.

C.O., 11/6/88.

Wire, 11/6/88. 1,214. 88-2,692, Papers still with the District Surveyor.—W.W., 15/8/88.

## No. 16.

Telegram from the Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Tamworth, 11 June, 1888.

PLEASE state when survey of A. Stafford's special lease for irrigation works will be effected. Papers 88-2692 Occ. to you 26 March last.

C. OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 17.

Telegram from The District Surveyor, Tamworth to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sydney, 12 June, 1888.

Re Stafford's special lease. Instruction transferred to Surveyor Rigaut. Will instruct him as urgent, and transmit papers within a week after receipt.

W. H. HALL  
(Pro District Surveyor).

## No. 18.

The District Surveyor, Tamworth to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Rigaut.

Sir,

Narrabri, 15 June, 1888.

As the case enclosed has been the subject of a telegram from the Under Secretary for Lands, Mr. Rigaut is requested to make a special effort to have the survey carried out as speedily as possible.

W. H. HALL  
(Pro District Surveyor).

## No. 19.

## Executive Council Minute.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 July, 1888.

Recommending the cancellation of reserves from lease.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the temporary reservation from lease of the portions of land within described and particularised in the annexed schedule, be now cancelled under the provisions of the 39th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

HENRY PARKES.

## Schedule.

Registration No. Occ. 88-4,143; No. of reserve, part of 52; county of Nandewar; parish of Therribry; area to be cancelled, about 1,000 acres; date of notification of reserve, 9th March, 1858.

The Executive Council advise that the recommendation herein set forth be approved, and the necessary notices issued.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Minute 88-33, 17/7/88.—Approved.—17/7/88, CARRINGTON. Confirmed.—23/7/88. Executive Council Minute Gazetted, and Land Agent informed.—18/8/88. Inform applicant.—J.O.D., pro R. H. DE LOW., 20/8/88. Correspondence Branch. W. F. JAQUES, Agent, Bank of Australasia, 23/8/8.

## No. 20.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Rigaut to The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Sir,

Narrabri, 1 August, 1888.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of a portion of land containing 10 acres, within the Therribry Run, numbered 52, in the parish of Therribry, in the county of Nandewar, applied for as an irrigation lease by Albert Stafford, and measured by me on the 19th day of June, 1888, in compliance with instructions No. 20, dated 15 June, 1888, issued by the District Surveyor at Tamworth.

There are no improvements on the land. All to the north of the swamp is flooded country, but between the swamp and river the land is high and dry. Soil gravelly, and timbered with box, gum, and apple.

I have, &c.,

P. RIGAUT.  
Examined,

Examined, and charted on parish map.—R. P. SMITH, 21/8/88. Plan approved.—A. DEWHURST, 21 August, 1888. Dealt with in District Survey Office. \*Tracings and descriptions for the revocation of the area from reserve 7 from sale. Water reserve 206 from sale and reserve 52 from lease; and the notification of the area as a reserve from sale and lease for special lease. Enclosed the cost of surveys, £6 6s. 7d. These papers should now be forwarded to the Under Secretary for further necessary action.—A. DEWHURST, District Surveyor, 21/8/88.

[Enclosures.]

REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY RESERVE.

Central division, land district of Narrabri, within the leasehold area of Therribry holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1882.

\*Appendix B County of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, area 10½ acres. That part of reserve 7 from sale, notified 24th December, 1861, included within the boundaries of measured portion No. 52, shown on \*plan catalogued N. 958-1,774. District Survey Office, Tamworth.

REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY RESERVE.

Central division, land district of Narrabri, within the leasehold area of Therribry holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885.

\*Appendix C. County of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, area 10½ acres. That part of water reserve No. 206, notified 10th April, 1867, included within the boundaries of measured portion No. 52, shown on \*plan catalogued N. 958-1,1774. District Survey Office, Tamworth.

REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY RESERVE.

Central division, land district of Narrabri, within the leasehold area of Therribry holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885.

\*Appendix D. County of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, area 10½ acres. That part of reserve 52 from lease, notified 9th March, 1858, included within the boundaries of measured portion No. 52, shown on \*plan catalogued N. 958-1,774. District Survey Office, Tamworth. R.P.S., 20th August, 1888. G.A.D., 20th August, 1888.

RESERVE FROM SALE AND LEASE FOR SPECIAL LEASE.

Central division, land district of Narrabri, within the leasehold area of Therribri holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885.

\*Appendix E. County of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, containing an area of about 10½ acres. The Crown lands within the following boundaries:—Measured portion No. 52, shown on \*plan catalogued N. 958-1,774. District Survey Office, Tamworth.

No. 21.

Messrs. Hassall and Dowel to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Post Office Chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney, 14 August, 1888.

We have the honor to invite your attention to the application made on the 20th February last, by Mr. Albert Stafford, for a special lease of 320 acres in the parish of Durrisdee, county of Nandewar, Land District of Narrabri, under the 90th section of the Act, for irrigation purposes.

The application was approved by the Board, and a lease granted for the full area applied for, at an annual rental of £16 for a period of fifteen years, subject to the approval of the Minister, but when submitted to him he would only grant a lease of 10 acres, giving as a reason that the Act only provides for leasing land for irrigation works, and not for land to be irrigated.

This reasoning is surely contrary to the spirit of the Act, as under section 90 the Act allows 320 acres for irrigation works, an area that no one could possibly use for that purpose alone; and, again, the 92nd section provides for areas 2 chains wide for works only, so that it was evidently the intention under the Act to grant the larger areas for irrigation, whether for the purpose of erecting works or for cultivation.

The area applied for is portion of water reserve No. 206, which was reserved in 1858, thirty years ago, and has never been in the leasehold of any station at any time, consequently no injury could be inflicted upon anyone by granting the lease to the present applicant, Mr. Stafford, who accepted a lease of 10 acres 2 chains in width and about 60 chains in depth, thinking that he could erect works thereon and irrigate his land adjoining, but since survey finds it would be impossible to do so, except at great expense, as the water would have to be forced up hill for a considerable distance.

If the lease as originally recommended by the Board can be granted, it is Mr. Stafford's intention to irrigate the whole of the land, and I need not point out how desirable it is in the interests of humanity that such enterprises should be encouraged as much as possible in the dry belts of country in the interior, and it would certainly be good policy for any administration to assist instead of retarding such objects.

On the accompanying map the red lines show the position of the 10-acre lease already granted, and the red dotted lines show the land originally applied for, whilst the blue lines show the land owned by the applicant, the whole showing that the lease applied for is the only land near to permanent water, and that it is also surrounded by other properties, thereby preventing any access to it, without special provision being made for that purpose.

We, therefore, with every confidence, ask that Mr. Stafford's application may be favourably considered, and the lease granted for the purpose applied for, taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case.

We are, &c.,

HASSALL & DOWEL.

Urgent; submit with papers please—S.F., 14/8/88.

It is urged that the whole area applied for (320 acres) may be granted for the purpose of irrigation. This purpose is now being declared a purpose under the Act. A lease of 10 acres has already been approved for irrigation works, and the papers are with the District Surveyor for survey.—E.L., 15/8/88.

Remind the District Surveyor.—S.F., 15/8/88. District Surveyor, Tamworth, 16/8/88.

## No. 22.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 August, 1888.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to expedite your action on papers numbered 88-2,692 Occupation, relating to A. Stafford's special lease application for irrigation purposes, parish Durrisdee, county Nandewar, forwarded to your address on the 25th March, 1888.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

Mr. Ranclaud,—To enter to Mr. Smith for immediate action.—W.H.H., 18/8/88. The case referred to has this day been transmitted to the head office for further necessary action, the papers being registered L.B. 88-4,685.—A. DEWHURST, District Surveyor, 20/8/88.

## No. 23.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. F. Jaques.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 August, 1888.

With reference to your letter of the 17th April last, applying for the cancellation of reserve from lease No. 52, parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, or of such of it as is contained within the boundaries of Therribry pastoral holding, lease No. 97, I have the honor to invite your attention to notice in the *Government Gazette* of the 18th instant, cancelling 1,000 acres of the reserve lying within the holding in question.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 24.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Honorable Jas. Inglis, M.P.

SPECIAL lease for irrigation granted by the Land Board, Narrabri, in February last, of 320 acres, parish of Durrisdee, county of Nandewar. This area was reduced by the Minister from 320 acres to 10 acres, on the ground that under the 90th section the Act only allowed areas of 320 acres for irrigation works, and not to be irrigated.

In reply to this it is my intention to erect all the necessary works and irrigate the balance of the land applied for. It would be impossible to erect works only on the whole of 320 acres, consequently it could not have been intended by the Act to grant such large areas for works only.

The 10 acres which were granted to me cut off the balance of the amount of the area applied for from the reserve, and consequently it is almost useless to the lessee of the run upon whose leasehold area it is.

I beg to apply for the extension by the Minister of my lease, on the following grounds:—

1. That Mr. Garrett informed me that he would not dispose of in any way the part applied for by me, unless by annual lease, and it is now thrown into the leasehold area.
2. That the land applied for has been a reserve for population purposes since 1858, and should never have been included in the lease.
3. That the Land Board granted me a lease of the land for fifteen years at 1s. per acre, and the stations are paying 2d. per acre.
4. That I intend irrigating as much as it is possible to do of the area applied for, and the land should be granted me for such a purpose.
5. That the frontage to the Namoi River is not required by the run, as they have now 6 miles frontage adjoining this. In fact, it is out of the way for stock to go over this portion unless driven over my special lease.

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Attached to foregoing:

Dear Oliver,—

30 August, 1888.

I will be glad if you will look into this again. It seems to me the application of Mr. Stafford is a reasonable one, and in the interest both of revenue and settlement.

I hope the application can be favourably entertained.

Yours, &c.,

JAS. INGLIS.

Urgent.—Papers.—C.O., 31/8/88.

Herewith. See enclosed submission.—E.L., 31/8/88.

[Enclosure.]

Office Memorandum.

THE papers in this case are now returned from the District Surveyor, who has had measured 10 acres in satisfaction of Mr. Stafford's application.

This area was approved to be granted for "irrigation works," irrigation not being at the time a purpose under the 90th section.

Applicant now seeks to obtain the full area applied for, about 320 acres, for the purpose of irrigating the land. His request is fully set out in the letter of 14th instant, Oct. 88-7,401 herewith, submitted for consideration.

E.L., 31/8/88.

Since Mr. Secretary Garrett gave his decisions in this case "irrigation" has been, in accordance with the provisions of section 90 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, declared a purpose under that section, and therefore the difficulty which originally stood in the way of the lease has been removed. The District Surveyor, in his report of the 14th February last, states that it did not appear desirable to entertain the application at present, the reasons apparently being probable requirements for an approach to a bridge which might be erected. The Local Board, however, recommended that the lease should be granted for fifteen years at a rental of £16 per annum, and added:—"Two of the Board members have been acquainted with this reserve for the past fifteen years, and they are in a position to say that it is not necessary for the travelling

travelling public." In view of the fact that the application is now one which comes within the provisions of the law, and of the desirability of encouraging irrigation, it is submitted that the case should be reopened with a view to the application being granted as proposed by the Board, with the condition that any portion of the area which may during the currency of the lease be required for public purposes may be resumed without compensation.—C.O., 31/8/88.

Approved.—H.P., 3/9/88. Honorable J. Inglis, M.P., informed.—H.L.T., 4/9/88. Forwarded for measurement, &c., of area now approved to be leased.—S.F. (for Under Secretary), B.C., 10/9/88. The District Surveyor, Tamworth. Mr. Licensed Surveyor Loder for measurement accordingly, the 10 acres to be obliterated and access to the Namoi River of at least 10 chains being left on the southern side.—A. DEWHURST, District Surveyor, 13/9/88. Returned to District Surveyor by request, as per telegram.—GEORGE LODER, 26/9/88.

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No. 25.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Hon. Jas. Inglis, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 September, 1888.

Referring to the letter presented by you from Mr. A. Stafford, applying for a reconsideration of his application for a special lease for irrigation works of 320 acres in the parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, I have the honor to inform you that in view of the fact that irrigation has been declared a purpose under the provisions of section 90 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and as it is considered desirable to encourage irrigation, the Secretary for Lands has approved of the case being reopened in order that the application may be granted as proposed by the Local Land Board, with the condition that any portion of the area which may during the currency of the lease be required for public purposes, may be resumed without compensation.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

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No. 26.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth.

Sir,

Narrabri, 25 September, 1888.

As there is likely to be some unpleasantness in connection with my irrigation lease of 320 acres, parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, I would like to urge upon you the necessity for having my land measured at once. Mr. Loder informed me about a week since that he had instructions to measure the land granted me by the Minister, and stated that he would not be able to do so for some weeks.

The lessee of the run adjoining does not seem to have been informed that the land has been granted to me, and consequently it might save a lot of trouble if the land was measured at once.

Trusting that you will give instructions for this to be done immediately.

Yours, &c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Get papers.—W.A., 27/9. Papers, 88-4,685, L.B., forwarded to Under Secretary, 28/8/88.

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No. 27.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Tamworth, 26 September, 1888.

PLEASE return at once, 88-8,268 Occ., A. Stafford's special lease for irrigation, to you, for survey, 10th instant.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

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No. 28.

Telegram from The District Surveyor, Tamworth to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sydney, 26 September, 1888.

PAPERS referring to Stafford's special lease with Licensed-Surveyor Loder. Will recall them at once.

W. H. HALL

(Pro District Surveyor).

Submitted.—E.L., 27/9/88.

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No. 29.

Telegram from the District Surveyor, Tamworth to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Loder.

Wee Waa, 26 September, 1888.

RETURN papers referring to Stafford's special lease at once. Required at Head Office.

W. H. HALL,

District Surveyor.

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No. 30.

Mr. W. F. Jaques to the Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Cape's Chambers, Bond-street, Sydney, 27 September, 1888.

On inquiry, I learn from your Department that an application made by A. Stafford for special lease for irrigation of 320 acres, parish Therribry, county Nandewar, was approved by the Minister for Lands on the 11th instant.

As the land applied for is part of the pastoral holding No. 97, occupied by me, I respectfully submit to you my strong protest against its being taken from the lease for such purpose, as being contrary to the Land Act of 1884, and in no way contemplated by the Act. Although land can be taken from a leasehold



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leasehold for public purposes, the purpose for which this application is made cannot be deemed a public purpose under the Act. If granted, it would, in fact, not be a resumption by the Government for a public purpose at all, but merely a permission to a private individual to occupy lands for his own benefit, to the detriment of the pastoral lessee.

It would establish a dangerous precedent if lands could be taken from a pastoral lease for such a purpose, as it would interfere with the fixity of tenure promised to pastoral lessees under the Act.

In this case there are other strong objections to the granting of Stafford's application. The land applied for is the only access to permanent water for the Crown lands of the pastoral holding.

It may be contended that as I am the holder of the purchased lands on the frontage of the holding I am not dependent on the access to water referred to, but you will readily see what the position of the Crown lands would be if deprived of that access to water in the event of my giving up the lease.

When the Land Board recommended Stafford's former application (at which time 10 acres were granted to him) the land was reserved from lease, but the reserve was gazetted as returned to lease (cancelled) on the 18th of August last. The Board also overlooked the fact that the land was required for access to water.

Trusting that the matter will receive your early and favourable consideration, and that you will take steps to prevent Stafford's application being further proceeded with.

I am, &c.,

W. F. JAQUES,  
Agent for the Bank of Australasia.

Submitted.—E.L., 29/9/88. Immediate. Does the land referred to form part of the leasehold area as herein stated.—C.O., 1/10/88. The reserve from lease was cancelled on 18th August last, and would therefore become part of the leasehold area.—E.L., 1/10/88. Submitted. The fact of the land having become part of the leasehold area was overlooked when the submission of the 31st August was made.—C.O., 1/10/88.

The portion of land applied for being within a leasehold area Mr. Stafford's application cannot be granted. It appears from the plan that it affords the only means of access to water from a large area of Crown lands, and however desirable it may be to assist a system of irrigation, the circumstances disclosed in this case do not justify the granting of the application.—J.N.B., 1/10/88.

Inform all persons interested.—S.F., 26/10/88.

## No. 31.

Telegram from The District Surveyor, Tamworth to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sydney, 28 September, 1888.

PAPERS relating Stafford's special lease, parish Therribry, county Nandewar, land district Narrabri, will be forwarded to-day's mail.

W. H. HALL

(Pro District Surveyor).

Please say if papers are now received.—H.L.T., 29/9/88. Yes, herewith.—J.A.R., 29/9/88.

## No. 32.

The District Surveyor, Tamworth to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

District Survey Office, Tamworth, 28 September, 1888.

In compliance with your telegram of the 26th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith the papers referring to A. Stafford's special lease in the parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, land District of Narrabri.

I have, &c.,

A. DEWHURST,

District Surveyor.

[Urgent.]

The papers in this case, A. Stafford's special lease application, are now returned as directed by the Under Secretary on Memo. of the 26th September, 1888, herewith. Submitted.—E.L., 29/9/88.

[Enclosure.]

Office Memorandum.

Stafford's special lease papers, 88-8,268.—Ministerial approval of full area of lease, 320 acres, being granted.—District Surveyor, Tamworth, for survey, 10th September, 1888. Telegraph for the return of the papers at once.

Wire, 26/9/88. 2081.

C.O., 26/9/88.

## No. 33.

Office Memorandum.

On the approval by Mr. Secretary Garrett of a lease of 10 acres being granted to Mr. Stafford for irrigation works, a survey of that area was effected at a cost of £6 6s. 5d. which has already been paid from the deposit.

As it has now been determined to refuse the lease, it is submitted whether the applicant should be called upon to bear this expense.

E.L., 2/10/88.

Apparently not.—C.O., 3/10/88. No.—J.N.B., 3/10/88. Will the Accountant be good enough to cause the amount paid to be refunded from Licensed Surveys Fund.—E.L., 4/10/88.

Mr. Cohen.—Prepare a voucher in name of Albert Stafford, and charge same against Licensed Surveys. The voucher must give full particulars for audit purposes.—V.C., 9/10/88. Mr. Miller. Mr. Gregory.—D.M., 9/10/88.

[Enclosure.]

## [Enclosure.]

New South Wales—Pay Voucher.

Head of Service, Survey of Lands—Payable from vote of £254,093, item No. 289 of Appropriation Act of 1889.—Contingent expenses, Department of Lands; sub-head of estimate, Licensed Surveyors.

CANCELLED.	Date of period of Supply or Service.		Amount.
	1888.	Claimant—Albert Stafford.	
	October .....	To refund of amount of cost of survey charged on 20th September, 1888, against his deposit of £10 on special lease lodged 3rd February, 1888. Mr. Secretary Brunner on refusing to grant application, determined that the amount deposited should be refunded. <i>Vide</i> Occ. 88-9,381 .....	£ s. d. 6 6 5
		Total .....	6 6 5

I certify that the amount charged in this voucher as to computations, castings, and rates is correct; that the service has been faithfully performed, and that the expenditure is duly authorised in terms of the Audit Act.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Head of the Department.

## No. 34.

## Mr. A. Stafford to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 10 October, 1888.

I beg most respectfully to call your attention to my letter, dated 30th August last, stating my reasons why my special lease of 10 acres, county of Nandewar, parish Therribry, should be increased to the area originally applied for, and recommended to be granted by the Local Land Board.

In reply to that letter, I have in my possession a communication from the Under Secretary for Lands, stating that the Minister had approved of my lease being increased to 320 acres. On receipt of this letter, I immediately employed men to clear the land ready for cultivation, being anxious to take advantage of the very dry weather to burn off the timber, and I have now contracted with several persons to clear the land in readiness for ploughing. About three weeks since, Mr. Loder, the surveyor for the district, informed me he had received his instructions to measure 320 acres, and obliterate the 10 acres already measured, and he showed me the lease of 320 acres, signed by the Minister. Feeling sure that the land had been then leased, I made a contract for the supply of an engine and rotary pump, so that no time would be lost in proceeding with irrigating the land.

I would most respectfully point out, that if the lease be not granted to me, I shall be put to serious loss, having to purchase an engine and pump, which will be useless to me, and having cleared (and entered into contracts to clear) the land, and having already erected a fence on it. All this has been gone on with by me, feeling fully convinced that the land had been leased to me.

I would also point out to you that the portion of land applied for, was, at the time my application was made, a reserve, and had been such for thirty years, and that during that time no rent had been paid for the land; it was not thrown into the leasehold of the Therribry Run till August last, and therefore cannot affect the leasehold area in any way. From the position of this portion, it will be easily seen that it does not affect the water supply for the station in any way; that stock will have no greater distance to travel to water, if deprived of this small portion; and it does not affect the working of the run in any way by losing this.

I would also point out to you that my property adjoins this, having an area of about 1,500 acres; has only 1 chain of river frontage, and this is flooded, even when the river has a slight fresh; no other land, excepting the portion applied for is obtainable for irrigation, either to lease or purchase, and I would most respectfully urge upon you the necessity of encouraging irrigation in a climate like ours; even during the past six months I have had considerable loss, not being able to provide for my stock on a small area without the aid of irrigation.

Before rejecting my application, or cancelling my promised lease, I most respectfully suggest that you send a competent man to examine the land and advise you as to its suitability, and I undertake to bear the expense of inspection, if the land would be granted to me, should the report be favourable.

If you deem this course unnecessary, I would respectfully urge that you have the matter reinvestigated by the Local Land Board, and leave it to it to decide as to the advisability of granting my lease, or as to the injury the lessee of the run may incur by granting me the irrigation lease of 320 acres.

I would also like to inform you that in case the land is leased to me, it is my intention to use it as a dairy farm in addition to other agricultural purposes; this is a business which is very much neglected in this district (which is almost purely a pastoral one), so few portions of land are available for the purpose.

I have at present fifty cows with young calves, and fifty additional cows in readiness to keep up a supply of young calves, so as to successfully carry out my project; these have been secured by me at great expense and trouble, great difficulty being encountered in buying suitable animals. I have also purchased a "cream separator," and necessary gear to commence operations at once, being confident that my lease had been granted; if refused the land, I shall have to dispose of the whole of my plant, and most of my stock, as it is useless to endeavour to carry out a dairy farm with such uncertain seasons as we have in this part of the country, and the district will be deprived of an industry which should be encouraged. Not knowing what statements have been made to you as to the advisability of not granting me a lease, I cannot reply to them; but I only want to get justice, and for the matter to be heard on both sides by you, and I am convinced that no one can put the land to a better use than I can, having the means and the inclination to carry out the purpose for which the land is applied for, and surely it is better in the interests of the public to rent the land at 1s. per acre than at 1½d., and to irrigate and feed some hundreds of stock, rather than feed a few sheep upon it.

Feeling sure that I can leave my case entirely in your hands, and that I shall receive the consideration I desire at your hands.

I have, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Submitted,—

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Submitted,—Mr. Stafford urges a reconsideration of his case, and advances several reasons in support thereof. He states that making certain of the lease, on its approval having been notified to him, he has gone to much expense, and entered into large contracts on that account. He also points out the fact that the land was reserved from lease until August last, and therefore the granting of the lease to him could not affect the working of the leasehold area, in which it is now embraced.—E.L., 15/10/88.

No. 35.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 22 October, 1888.

I have the honor to ask your attention to my letter of a few weeks ago, which was presented to you by the Honorable J. Inglis, who informed me that you would give my letter your careful consideration and immediate attention.

I may point out that I am placed in a very unenviable position pending a settlement of this case, as the lessee of the adjoining run has issued a writ against me for damages laid at £500 for trespass upon the very land which has been granted to me as an irrigation lease.

I would most respectfully urge upon you the immediate necessity for a settlement of this case before going into the Supreme Court over such a simple matter, which can easily be decided by you, and thus avoid all expensive litigation. I am quite willing to submit to your decision as to the justice of my claim upon the land now in dispute, but would urge upon you the necessity of an immediate settlement for the reasons before-mentioned.

I have, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

No. 36.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Narrabri, 22 October, 1888.

I take the liberty of writing you privately, although not known to you personally, to ask you to confer a favor upon me by giving your decision as regards my special lease, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribri.

I do not intend to say one word in this letter as to the justice of my claim, but simply to point out to you the position in which I stand pending your decision.

Having felt sure that the land had been granted to me, I have been using it, and have had men working upon it, and yesterday I was served with a writ for £500 by Mr. Jacques for trespass. This is certainly very hard upon me, as the land in question is not worth going into the Supreme Court over, and, if I did trespass, it was certainly thinking the land was actually granted to me.

I have written you officially to-day with reference to the urgency of my case, and now do so privately to explain the position in which I stand in reference to the land.

May I ask you to protect me from a Supreme Court action, in case you cannot give an immediate decision, by writing me such a letter that I can come to terms with Mr. Jacques, pending such decision being given, as I do not want to waste money in useless litigation.

It is now some weeks since the papers were withdrawn from the surveyor, who had instructions to measure my special lease, and I have been left in doubt as to my position with regard to the land. I endeavoured to arrange with Mr. Jacques to hold the matter over till your decision was given, but his answer was the issuing of a writ against me. Would I be asking too much by asking you to wire me (collect) your decision, so that I may take such steps as are necessary to avoid a Supreme Court action.

Yours, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

On reconsideration of this case I find that the law does permit the granting of special leases within leasehold areas, and, therefore, that one of the reasons given in my former minute for refusing this application is hardly tenable; and, as a lease was in the first instance promised to Stafford, and 10 acres appear to be sufficient to enable him to connect his present holding with the river for the purposes of irrigation, he may have a lease of that area in the form already designed; the rental to be considered by the Land Board. Inform parties to-day.—J.N.B., 27/10/88.

Mr. Stafford and Mr. Jacques informed, 27/10/88.

[Enclosure.]

Dear Mr. Brunker,

Maitland, 27 August, 1888.

By this note please allow us to introduce Mr. Albert Stafford, of Narrabri, a valued constituent of ours. He will explain the reason that he seeks an interview, and we hope that it may lead to a satisfactory issue.

J. N. Brunker, Esq.

Yours, &amp;c.,

E. P. CAPPER &amp; SONS.

This was given me by Mr. Capper on the above date, when I intended waiting upon you with reference to my special lease, but you were in Newcastle at the time, and consequently I could not deliver it to you. I now take the liberty of handing it to you as an excuse for writing you.—A. STAFFORD.

No. 37.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Stafford.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 October, 1888.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting your special lease application quoted in the margin, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that the law permits the granting of special leases within the leasehold areas of pastoral holdings, and, as 10 acres appear to be sufficient to enable you to connect your present holding with the river for the purposes of irrigation, he has approved of a special lease of that area in the form already designed being granted to you. The question of rental to be the subject of consideration by the Local Land Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

No. 38.

Narrabri; S.L.  
No. 88-1; 2nd  
February, 1888;  
10 acres; parish  
Therribri,  
county  
Nandewar, for  
irrigation pur-  
poses.

## No. 38.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. F. Jaques.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 October, 1888.

Narrabri; S.L.  
88-1; 2 February,  
1888; 10  
acres; parish  
Therribry;  
Nandewar; A.  
Stafford.

With reference to your letter, of the 27th ultimo, protesting against the granting of the special lease applied for by Mr. Albert Stafford, on the ground that the land was within the leasehold area of a pastoral holding, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that the law permits of the granting of special leases within leasehold areas of pastoral holdings, and that he has approved of a special lease of 10 acres in the form already designed, being granted to Mr. Stafford for irrigation purposes, that area being apparently sufficient to connect his holding with the river.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 39.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 29 October, 1888.

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th instant, 88-19,381, stating that 10 acres of land would be granted to me as a special lease for irrigation. Owing to the many changes in your Department, you have doubtless overlooked your letter of the 23rd March, 1888, 88-2,692, which granted me 10 acres, and also my letter stating that after the lease was measured I found I could not make use of it, and I then applied for an extension of my lease to the area (320 acres), as granted by the Local Land Board; this was granted me by your letter, dated 4th September, 88-7,331. Instructions were also sent to the local surveyor a few days later to eliminate my first lease, and to measure in its place the 320 acres then granted; this is what I most respectfully ask you to do, as I am prepared to go on with the work of irrigation at once.

I may add in reply to your letter of 27th October, 88-19,381, that the 10 acres measured is not sufficient to enable me to connect my land adjoining for the purpose of irrigating it, as the 10 acres is only 2 chains wide, and it runs through a lagoon, the water in which is 6 feet deep where the measured portion crosses it, therefore it is impossible to connect the land in such a way as to make use of it.

I most respectfully urge upon you the necessity of having my special lease of 320 acres measured at once, so that I may hurry forward the work of irrigation, which is needed so badly at the present time.

I have, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

In reply to letter of 27th October, stating that the Minister had, on reconsidering the matter, approved of a lease of 10 acres being granted to Mr. Stafford, he now states that this area would be insufficient, and as measured would be of no use as a connection between his land and the river. He therefore urges that the whole area applied for, 320 acres, be granted to him.—T.G., 2/4/81. F.H.W.—Submitted.

## No. 40.

Office Memorandum.

Department of Lands Inquiry Branch, No. 14,650.

T. H. Hassall, M.P., Post Office Chambers, Pitt-street.

31 October, 1888.

*Re* Albert Stafford's application for special lease of 320 acres for irrigation purposes, Land District of Narrabri.

How does this matter stand; having heard application was granted, but since revoked?

On a reconsideration of the matter it has been decided to grant Mr. Stafford a lease of 10 acres.—H.A., 31/10/88.

## No. 41.

Mr. A. Stafford to the Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 5 November, 1888.

Referring to my letter, dated a few days back, to which I have received no reply, I beg most respectfully to urge upon you the immediate necessity of measuring my extended special lease, county Nandewar, parish Therribry, of 320 acres. Owing to the very dry season I intend at once to irrigate as much as possible while the weather keeps as it is at present. Trusting that you will give the matter your early attention.

I have, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Mr. Stafford urges that early attention may be given to his previous letter, Occ. 88-10,624, submitted on 3rd instant.—T.G., 7/11/88. Submit copy of recent letter to Stafford in this case.—S.F., 7/11/88. Copy of letter herewith of 27th ultimo, papers No. 88-10,624 Occ. not received here.—H.L.T., 7/11/88.

Mr. Stafford was informed on 27th ultimo of the last decision in this case, *vide* copy of letter enclosed. Mr. Dowel, M.P., I understand, proposes to see Mr. Secretary Bruncker, for the purpose of representing the case from Stafford's point of view.—S.F., 7/11/88.

[Enclosure.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 October, 1888.

Narrabri, S.L.  
88-1; 2 February,  
1888; 10  
acres, parish  
Therribry,  
county Nandewar,  
for irrigation  
purposes.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant respecting your special lease application quoted in the margin, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that the law permits the granting of special leases within the leasehold areas of pastoral holdings; and as 10 acres appear to be sufficient to enable you to connect your present holding with the river for the purposes of irrigation, he has approved of a special lease of that area in the form already designed being granted to you. The question of rental to be the subject of consideration by the Local Land Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

Mr. Albert Stafford, Narrabri.

No. 42.

No. 42.

T. H. Hassall, Esq., M.P. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

8 Post Office Chambers, Sydney, 5 November, 1888.

*Re* Albert Stafford's application for 320 acres, irrigation purposes, Land District of Narrabri.

On the 2nd February of this year Mr. Stafford applied for 320 acres of land, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, being portion of reserve from sale and lease (No. 7), under section 90, as an irrigation lease. The Local Land Board recommended that it should be granted at a rental of £16 per annum for 15 years. Mr. Garrett, who was then Minister for Lands, granted only 10 acres. During the month of July last, the balance of the reserve, excepting the 10 acres granted to Stafford, was cancelled. About the end of August Stafford applied for a reconsideration of the Minister's decision, and the lease was extended to 320 acres,—copy of notification attached herewith. About the middle of September, Mr. Loder, surveyor, called upon Mr. Stafford, and informed him that he had received instructions to eliminate the 10-acre portion and make it into a 320-acre block, and he showed Mr. Stafford the lease or documents relating to the matter, signed by Sir Henry Parkes. Mr. Stafford then fenced the land, and commenced clearing it, &c.; and shortly after Mr. Jaques, the lessee of the run, informed him that he was trespassing upon his land, seized his stock, and issued a writ for £500 for damages for trespass upon the piece of land that Mr. Stafford was under the impression had been granted to him. In reply to a letter sent by Mr. Stafford to the Department letter marked number 2 was received, totally ignoring the fact that 320 acres had been granted to him by Sir Henry Parkes, the Acting Minister for Lands. The 10-acre lease is no good for Mr. Stafford's purpose. Mr. Stafford desires to point out that it would cost a very much larger sum to carry the water over a lagoon (which, at the present time, has six feet of water in it) on to his land than it would be to irrigate at least half the land applied for. The Department appears to think that Mr. Stafford can run the water along the 10-acre lease to cross the lagoon referred to, but Mr. Stafford considers it impracticable, both on the score of cost and the works being liable to be washed away and destroyed by floods.

Mr. Stafford is quite willing to have the correctness of these statements investigated by the Local Land Board or any competent person.

T. H. HASSALL.

This is a statement of the facts in the case of A. Stafford's application for special lease for irrigation, and a protest against the area being confined to 10 acres, which it is stated would not allow of the purpose of the lease being carried out. Submitted, in connection with Occ. 88-10,624; a similar communication submitted on the 3rd instant.—T.G., 6/11/88.

[Enclosure.]

Sir,

Sydney, 4 September, 1888.

Referring to the letter presented by you from Mr. A. Stafford, applying for a reconsideration of his application for a special lease for irrigation works of 320 acres, in the parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, I have the honor to inform you that in view of the fact that irrigation has been declared a purpose under the provisions of section 90 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and as it is considered desirable to encourage irrigation, the Secretary for Lands has approved of the case being reopened, in order that the application may be granted, as proposed by the Local Land Board, with the condition that any portions of the area, which may during the currency of the lease be required for public purposes, may be resumed without compensation.

CHARLES OLIVER.

[Sub-Enclosure.]

Sir,

Sydney, 27 October, 1888.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting your special lease application quoted in the margin, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that the law permits the granting of special leases within the leasehold areas of pastoral holdings, and as 10 acres appear to be sufficient to enable you to connect your present holding with the river for the purposes of irrigation, he has approved of a special lease of that area in the form already described being granted to you. The question of rental to be the subject of consideration by the Local Land Board.

STEPHEN FREEMAN.

Narrabri; S.L. No. 88-1; 2nd Feb., 1888; 10 acres; parish Therribry, county Nandewar; for irrigation purposes.

No. 43.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Hon. J. Inglis, M.P.

Dear Mr. Inglis,

Narrabri, 5 November, 1888.

I wrote you some weeks ago, asking you if you could get me a copy of my lease for irrigation. I am now in a fix, unless I can get this, having been served with a writ for £500 for trespass action. Will you kindly advise me my best course to take.

Apologising for so troubling you, but you know best by exact position.

Yours, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Dear Brunker,—I will take it as a personal favour if you spare a few of your valuable moments to the settlement of this hard case. Stafford has, I think, been a victim. He undoubtedly got the promise of the lease. His venture in the land is praiseworthy, and would do a vast deal more for the State and for the public than any use the squatter can put it to; and now, because he trusted to a promise given by the Department, he stands a fair show of being ruined. Put the poor fellow out of his suspense one way or another. The Local Land Board have reported in his favour; and his occupation of the land under the reasonable conditions imposed by C. Oliver would bring you in more revenue, and do more to start paying industries in the locality than any course of action in the interest of the runholder.—Yours, J.I. Let me know what I am to write him.

Send copy of last letter to Stafford to Mr. Inglis.—J.N.B., 8/11/88. Hon. J. Inglis, M.P., with copy of letter of 27th October, 1888, to Mr. Stafford.—H.L.T., 8/11/88.

No 44.

## No. 44.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Hon. J. Inglis, M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 November, 1888.  
Referring to the letter forwarded by you from Mr. Albert Stafford, of Narrabri, respecting his application for a special lease of land for irrigation purposes, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bruncker to forward for your information a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Stafford on the subject on the 27th ultimo.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

[Enclosure.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 October, 1888.  
Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting your special lease application quoted in the margin, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that the law permits the granting of special leases within the leasehold areas of pastoral holding, and as 10 acres appear to be sufficient to enable you to connect your present holding with the river, for the purposes of irrigation, he has approved of a special lease of that area in the form already designed being granted to you. The question of rental to be the subject of consideration by the Local Land Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

Narrabri; S.L. No. 88-1; 2nd Feb., 1888; 10 acres; parish Therribry, county Nandewar; for irrigation purposes.

Mr. Albert Stafford, Narrabri.

## No. 45.

Mr. W. F. Jaques to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Cape's Chambers, Bond-street, Sydney, 14 November, 1888.  
Again referring to the matter of Stafford's application for special lease, I beg to point out to you the unsatisfactory position I am placed in.

Stafford still claims that he has a right to the 320 acres. I wrote to him to the effect that I had had a notification from your Department, that only the original 10 acres had been granted to him. He replies, under date 10th instant:—"If the facts in connection with my special lease are as you state, I should have no ground whatever for claiming 320 acres, but if the Lands Department tell you that my application for the area mentioned was refused, they state what is not correct, and what I have documents in my possession to contradict."

Stafford having taken down his dividing fence, has had a large number of cattle and horses continually trespassing on the land in question, effectually preventing my using it for my ewes and lambs, and he claims that he has a title to it.

Of course, I feel assured by the notification to me from your Department, as well as by your personal statement to me, that only 10 acres has been granted to him, and I can, no doubt, make good my position by law.

Still Stafford asserts in his letter that if the statement is made by your Department that his application for 320 acres has been refused, such statement is untrue.

Your notification to me that only the 10 acres as originally designed was granted to him certainly implies this, and I would request that official notification be sent to him by your Department, informing him that his application for the 320 acres has been refused, so that he may no longer be under a misapprehension.

I feel sure that you will readily see why this request should be acceded to and notification of refusal sent to Stafford without delay, as it is a matter of serious loss to me my not being able to use the land just at this time.

I remain, &amp;c.,

W. F. JAQUES,

As Agent for the Bank of Australasia.

Very urgent,—Has not Mr. Stafford been informed that his application for 320 acres is refused, and that he is to get 10 acres only.—S.F., 14/11/88.

Mr. Stafford was so informed on the 27th ultimo, but since then letters have been received, protesting against his area, and urging that the whole area applied for be allowed, as that recommended would be of no use. Papers Occ. 88-10,779 were submitted on 7th instant.—T.G., 14/11/88.

## No. 46.

## Office Memorandum.

A. Stafford's application for special lease for irrigation, 320 acres.

THE Local Land Board recommended that a lease of 320 acres be granted to A. Stafford for irrigation purposes. "Irrigation" not then being a purpose under the Act a lease of 10 acres was approved to be granted for "irrigation works." Subsequently "irrigation" was proclaimed a purpose, and a lease of 320 acres was approved of, and applicant, through Hon. J. Inglis, informed.

In the meantime application had been made, in the interest of the pastoral lessee, to have the reserve cancelled, and included in the pastoral lease. This was carried out with the exception of that portion of 10 acres first approved of.

When this was brought under the notice of the Minister he refused the special lease application, not being then aware that the law provided for the withdrawal of an area from pastoral lease for special lease.

Upon further representations, and becoming aware that an area embraced in a pastoral lease might be granted as a special lease, the Minister, upon a reconsideration of the matter, decided that the area first approved of might be granted.

Stafford

Stafford has since urged that the full area be granted to him, as that approved (10 acres) would be altogether useless for the purpose for which the land is required. He sets forth other cogent reasons why the lease should be granted to him in its entirety.

The matter has not yet been before the Executive Council.

This is a statement of the facts of the case as near as I can recollect without the papers.

H. A.,

15/11/88.

Papers 88-10,624 submitted on 3rd instant.—T.G., 15/11/88. Papers now herewith.—T.G., S.F., 16/11/88.

#### No. 47.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Narrabri, 19 November, 1888.

Referring to my letter of a few days back I again most respectfully urge upon you the immediate necessity for causing my special lease of 320 acres to be measured, as an action for trespass is to be decided in the Supreme Court in a few days. I am anxious to know if it is your intention to have my lease measured, or do you intend to cancel it. I understand that it has been represented to you that I do not intend irrigating the land, but intend feeding cattle upon it. Such is not the case, and having been informed that the land had been granted me on or about the 1st of September, I immediately advertised for men, and began clearing it ready for cultivation. Had the land been measured then, I should now have had a good portion under irrigation. I am still prepared to commence operations if you will cause my lease to be measured at once. In your last communication you mention that it appears that the 10 acres first granted me is sufficient for me to irrigate my land adjoining. This is not the case, as a deep lagoon runs between the river and my land, and the only water in the lagoon now (which is nearly dry), although a mile in length, is where the 10-acre lease crosses it, thus showing that it is impossible for me to run water over it, even if I attempted it. In case you doubt this statement, I am prepared to prove it by sworn testimony.

It appears strange that the lessee of Therribry Run should oppose me in getting this small portion of river frontage, when he holds at least 6 or 7 miles of frontage adjoining, and being deprived of this cannot interfere in any way with the working of the run.

It is stated by the Government that they intend encouraging irrigation, but if they do not grant river frontages how is it possible to obtain water with which to irrigate? And as the reserve I applied for never was included in Therribry holding how can it injure the lessee if a small portion of such lease is granted me.

I beg most respectfully to ask your consideration, as I have been put to a great deal of expense over the matter, and am now prepared to commence to irrigate at once.

Yours, &c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Mr. Stafford herein further urges that the whole area applied for be granted to him. Submitted in connection with previous submission with 88-10,933.—E.L. (S.F.), 4/12/88.

#### No. 48.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 15 December, 1888.

Will you please inform me if it is your intention to have measured my special lease of 320 acres, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribry. I was officially informed that this land was granted me in September last, and no steps have been taken since the papers were withdrawn from the surveyor to have this measured. I have paid the rent fixed by the Local Land Board, and now wish to know the boundaries of the land, so that I may use it for the purpose for which it was granted.

I have, &c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Mr. Stafford herein desires to have 320 acres measured in satisfaction of his application for special lease. The case is fully set out in minute of 15/11/88, covering Occp. 89-10,933.—E.L., 27/12/88.

#### No. 49.

Mr. W. F. Jaques to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Cape's Chambers, Bond-street, Sydney, 29 December, 1888.

In reference to Stafford's application for special lease 88-11,993 Occupn., I beg to submit the following reasons why the decision already arrived at should be adhered to.

1. The land was reserved from lease for travelling stock as far back as 1858, at which time other Crown lands were available as access to water for the Crown lands at the back.
2. The Crown lands on the river were subsequently selected in such a way that the reserve became of no use to travelling stock, but of great value for access to water for the Crown lands at the back, being the only access to permanent water.
3. The present occupant of the lease had considered the land in question part of his holding. It had always been used by him and his predecessors, and rent had been charged on that basis. On finding it was a reserve from lease he applied to have it returned to lease. This application was granted, and cancellation of reserve was gazetted on 18th August, 1888.
4. Previous to this Stafford had been promised a special lease of 10 acres of the reserve, and he then wrote to the Lands Department, expressing himself satisfied therewith, as it would, he stated, enable him to irrigate his adjoining land. It is more than probable that Stafford at this time considered the position of the 10 acres promised to him was such that by fencing one side of it he would enclose and be able to use the whole of the reserve without paying for it, and that he did not really want it for irrigation but for grazing. His letter, expressing himself satisfied with 10 acres, to my mind, implies this.

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5. The return of the land to lease altered this aspect of the matter, and Stafford then renewed his application for extended area.
  6. The Land Board had originally recommended granting the whole area, under the impression that it was vacant and unused land, and it was not pointed out to the Board how valuable the land was to the leasehold, in conjunction with the large area of Crown lands at the back. This can be proved on reference to the Chairman of the Board.
  7. The land applied for is the only access to permanent water for the Crown lands of the leasehold.
  8. Stafford can irrigate his own land by means, not only of the 10 acres granted to him, but also directly from the river, where his own land adjoins the river at the junction of Maule's Creek.
- I might add, and I feel sure you will agree, that it is undesirable to interfere with the tenure of a lease except in cases of necessity or public exigency, and especially in a case like this, where the land is the only frontage to permanent water for the whole of the Crown lands.

I have, &c.,  
W. F. JAQUES.

Submitted the matter has been fully set out on enclosed papers.—E.L. S.F., 4/1/89. Nothing disclosed in these papers induces me to change my previous decisions.—J.N.B., 9/1/89. Cor. Beh.,—Inform parties concerned.—H.A., 10/1/89. W. F. Jaques informed, 18/1/89. Cor. Beh.,—Stafford has not been informed.—H.A., 21/1/89. A. Stafford informed, 24/1/89.

#### No. 50.

#### The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. F. Jaques.

Sir,

Department of Lands, 18 January, 1889.

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, respecting Mr. Albert Stafford's application for special lease of certain land in the parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, for irrigation purposes, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that nothing has been disclosed to induce him to change his previous decision in this case.

I have, &c.,  
F. H. WILSON  
(For the Under Secretary).

Narrabri;  
S.L. No. 88-1  
10 acres;  
A. Stafford.

#### No. 51.

#### The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Stafford.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 January, 1889.

Referring to your letter of the 15th ultimo, I am directed to inform you that nothing has been disclosed to induce the Secretary for Lands to change his previous decision in regard to your application for special lease for irrigation purposes, parish Therribry, county of Nandewar.

I have, &c.,  
F. H. WILSON  
(For the Under Secretary).

Narrabri;  
No. 88-1;  
10 acres.

#### No. 52.

#### Office Memorandum.

*Precis re* dispute between A. Stafford and W. F. Jaques as to claim of lease of reserve 52.

ON the 2nd February, 1888, Albert Stafford made application for a special lease of 320 acres, being portion of reserve No. 52 from lease, parish Therribry, county of Nandewar, for the purpose of irrigation. Upon this the District Surveyor reports that it did not then appear desirable to entertain the application, as the land had been reserved from lease for the service of travellers and as a general watering-place; and as it had been recommended as a reserve for travelling stock, and would be required for that purpose until the Tarriaro bridge was rebuilt; also adding that on completion of the bridge the matter might appear under a more favourable aspect.

The matter came before the Land Board on 20th February, 1888. It was elicited from the evidence of Mr. Stock-Inspector A. Copeman that the reserve was not used by nor required for travelling stock, and that it would not be wanted, even if the aforesaid bridge was not reconstructed.

Two members of the Board were also acquainted with the reserve for fifteen years, and were of opinion that it was not necessary for the travelling public.

It was therefore recommended that a special lease should be granted of the land applied for at an annual rental of £16 for fifteen years.

Upon this recommendation Mr. Secretary Garrett, on the 23rd February, decided as follows:—

“The law only provides for irrigation works. This application is for lease of land to be irrigated. If applicant will accept a lease of (say) 10 acres, upon which to erect irrigation works, he may have it.”

Mr. Stafford was so informed on same date, and replied that he would make that area do if measured so as to connect his land with the river.

It was then decided (16/3/88) that a lease of this area (10 acres) might issue, and the papers were therefore forwarded to the District Surveyor for measurement of such.

On the 17th April, 1888, Mr. W. F. Jaques, as agent for the Bank of Australasia, made application to have this reserve from lease revoked, with a view to its reverting to the leasehold area of Therribri holding, No. 97, Central Division.

The District Surveyor reported that such a course appeared desirable, at the same time pointing out that 10 acres of the area had been approved to be granted to Stafford.

It was then approved on the 31st May, that the reserve, excluding special lease, be cancelled, and added to the pastoral lease,

Executive sanction to this was given on 23rd July, 1888.

Stafford



Stafford afterwards urged that a lease of the full area applied for be granted to him.

"Irrigation" had in the meantime been declared a purpose under section 90, and therefore the application came within the provisions of the law, and it was submitted that for this reason, and on account of the desirability of encouraging irrigation, the case should be reopened, with a view to the application being granted, as proposed by the Board, with the condition that any portion of the area which may during the currency of the lease be required for public purposes may be resumed without compensation.

This was approved by Sir Henry Parkes, then Acting Minister for Lands; and Mr. Stafford, through Hon. J. Inglis, informed on the 4th September, 1888.

District Surveyor was instructed to measure the 320 acres, but papers were recalled before such was effected, upon representations made by Mr. Jaques.

Mr. Bruncker then ruled that, as the land formed part of a leasehold area, it could not be granted; but, finding afterwards that the law did permit the granting of special leases within leasehold areas, withdrew his decision, and approved of 10 acres being granted, on 27th October, 1888, on which date Stafford was informed (copy letter herewith). Since then representations made by both parties have kept this decision from being acted upon.

Mr. Jaques represents that this is the only access to water from the Crown lands at the back, but it may be pointed out that all the adjoining conditional purchases and fronting the Namoi River are in the hands of the Bank of Australasia, which is the present lessee of Therribry holding.

Mr. Stafford urges the measurement of the full area applied for, protesting that 10 acres, as recommended, would not permit of the purpose for which the lease is desired being carried out.

E.L., 4/2/89.

I have carefully looked through this case, and find Mr. Stafford has only a small area, whilst the owner of the run has a very large area and long water frontage. Mr. Stafford is farming, and desirous of carrying on more extensive irrigation works; he represents he cannot do this without obtaining a lease of this land. I therefore approve of the lease being granted upon the terms named, but also containing a provision that if the land is not *bonâ fide* used for irrigation purposes to the satisfaction of the Minister the lease will be cancelled.—W.J.L., 4/2/89.

Cor. Branch. To inform Mr. Stafford and also Mr. Jaques.—E.L., 7/2/89. Mr. Jaques and Mr. Stafford informed, 9/2/89. Misc. Branch. For withdrawal of land 320 acres from pastoral lease for special lease.—H.A., for E.L., 11/2/89.

[Enclosure]

(Occupation, 88-9,381.)

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant respecting your special lease application quoted in the margin, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that the law permits the granting of special leases within the leasehold areas of pastoral holdings; and as 10 acres appear to be sufficient to enable you to connect your present holding with the river for the purposes of irrigation, he has approved of a special lease of that area, in the form already designed, being granted to you.

The question of rental to be the subject of consideration by the Local Land Board.

I have &c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

Narrabri;  
S. L. No. 88-1;  
2nd February,  
1888; 10 acres;  
parish Therribry,  
county  
Nandewar; for  
irrigation pur-  
poses.

#### No. 53.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. W. F. Jaques.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 February, 1889.

With reference to previous correspondence in connection with your protest against Mr. Albert Stafford's special lease application for irrigation purposes, a part of reserve No. 52 from lease, parish of Therribry, county Nandewar, I am directed to inform you that, after careful consideration of the case, the Secretary for Lands has approved of Mr. Stafford's application being granted for the area applied for, viz., 320 acres.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

#### No. 54.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Stafford.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 February, 1889.

With reference to previous correspondence in connection with your special lease application for irrigation purposes, of 320 acres of reserve No. 52 from lease, parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, I am directed to inform you that after a careful consideration of the case, the Secretary for Lands has approved of the lease being granted for the full area, viz., 320 acres, upon the terms already named, with the addition that if the land be not *bonâ fide* used for irrigation purposes to the satisfaction of the Minister, the lease will be cancelled.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

#### No. 55.

Telegram from T. H. Hassall, Esq., M.P. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sydney, 12 February, 1889.

KINDLY expedite all matters connected with Stafford's lease, as trespass action pending, which desires to avoid.

T. H. HASSALL,

Royal Hotel.

Urgent.—Mr. Landers.—S.F., 12/2/89. A. Stafford.

Special lease, 320 acres, parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar. The case is now with Mr. De Low for withdrawal of the land from pastoral lease. Mr. Hassall may be informed that the matter will be dealt with with all possible expedition.—E.L., 13/2/89.

Inform.—S.F., 13/2/89. Wire, 13/2/89. No. 262.

No. 56.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to T. H. Hassall, Esq., M.P.

Bourke, 13 February, 1889.  
 IN reply to your yesterday's wire, Stafford's matter will be dealt with with all possible expedition.  
 STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
 Under Secretary.

[Enclosure.]

New South Wales Electric Telegraph, 14 February, 1889.

The Manager to F. H. Wilson, Esq. (for Under Secretary for Lands).

YOUR message of yesterday to T. H. Hassall, Esq., "Royal Hotel," Bourke, is undelivered. I am informed addressee had left for Sydney.

W. WILSON.

Mr. Landers.—H.L.T., 14/2/89. Mr. Hassall may be informed to effect of telegram, and letter sent to Legislative Assembly.—E.L., 15/2/89. Yes.—F.H.W. (for Under Secretary), 15/2/89. T. H. Hassall informed.—H.L.F., 15/2/89.

No. 57.

J. P. Abbott, Esq., M.P. to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Wentworth Court, Sydney, 13 February, 1889.

I have the honor to call your attention to a letter dated the 9th instant, No. 89-2,500, addressed to Mr. W. F. Jaques, in reference to your determination to grant a special lease to Albert Stafford, of land at present forming part of the leasehold area of Therribry pastoral holding.

In doing so, I desire to review the facts of the case shortly. They are as follows:—

The land applied for was formerly reserve from lease, having been reserved as far back as 1858.

At that time other Crown lands were available as access to water for the Crown lands at the back; but, subsequently, the frontage was selected in such a way that the reserve became of no use for travelling stock, for which it was originally intended, but became of great value for access to water to the Crown lands at the back, being the only access to permanent water for the lessee of the run. The present occupant of the pastoral holding had considered the land in question part thereof. It had always been used by him and his predecessors as such, and rent had been charged on that basis. On finding it was a reserve from lease he applied to have it returned to lease. This application was granted, and cancellation of the reserve was gazetted on the 18th August, 1888.

This cancellation had the effect of making the reserve a portion of the leasehold area. (See subsection 8 of section 78.)

Previous to this cancellation Stafford had applied for 320 acres of, and had been promised a special lease of 10 acres of, the reserve. When this promise was made he then wrote to the Lands Department, expressing himself satisfied therewith, as he said it would enable him to irrigate his adjoining land.

After the land had become part of the lease Stafford made a further application for an extension of his special lease to 320 acres. This came under the consideration of Sir Henry Parkes (while acting as temporary Minister for Lands), who approved of the matter being reopened with a view to granting the extended area. But this was done under the impression that the land was still reserved from lease, as the Under Secretary (Mr. Oliver) had overlooked the fact that the land had become part of the pastoral lease.

It was done also under a wrong impression as to the approval of the Land Board; as when the Land Board approved of the first application the land was not in the pastoral lease, and the Board were under the impression that it was vacant land unavailable for travelling stock, and overlooked its great value as a frontage to the Crown lands of the pastoral holding to which it gave the only access to permanent water.

When the matter came before the late Secretary for Lands (Mr. Brunker), he said that while recognizing the desirability of encouraging irrigation, in this case the application should not be granted, as the frontage was evidently required in conjunction with the other Crown lands within the pastoral holding, and he could say so from his personal knowledge of the place. A minute was written by him somewhat to that effect.

It was shown also that the applicant Stafford had plenty of land just as suitable for his purpose, adjoining the land applied for, and connected with the river, not only by the 10 acres granted to him, but also at one corner, where his land runs down to the river.

I would submit that, under the circumstances, as Stafford has other land suitably situated for his purpose, this land should not be resumed from a pastoral holding for such purpose.

The land having been returned to the lease is part of the holding, and it would be an undesirable precedent to resume it for any but a *bonâ fide* public purpose.

It would be contrary to the spirit of the Act—destroying all security of tenure.

The pastoral lessee has in this case spent some thousands of pounds in developing the Crown lands upon his holding, and he finds now that his only access to permanent water is to be taken from him, reducing very materially the value of his property, and yet he has no means now of obtaining a reduction in the rate of the rental. It is not a matter of the mere area resumed, but of the deterioration of the rest. It must be a case of great hardship and loss to the pastoral tenant, while to the applicant for irrigation lease the refusal of his application might be a disappointment, but nothing more, as he has his own adjoining lands suitable for irrigation, as shown by his own letter expressing himself satisfied with the first 10 acres granted to him.

I would also point out that the course proposed to be taken is illegal, and the adoption of it can only involve Mr. Stafford in litigation, which he, and not the Crown, will have to bear.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. P. ABBOTT.

Submitted.

Submitted. This is a protest by Mr. J. P. Albott on behalf of W. F. Jaques against the decision arrived at by the Minister on 4th inst.—E.L., 16/2/89.

I do not think Stafford was ever satisfied with the 10 acres offered to him. As to the lessee of the run not having access to water, I understand he has about 7 miles frontage to the river purchased. I do not see any reason to alter my former decision.—W.J.L., 18/2/89:

J. P. Abbott informed, February, 1889.

The lease to Mr. Stafford is not to extend beyond the boundary of the portion of reserve No. 52, which was originally excluded from the run, and the portion outside the double red line on the accompanying plan will be excluded from Mr. Stafford's lease.—W.J.L., 19/2/89.

Description for the reservation from lease enclosed.—R.M. (for J.T.K.), 19/2/89. Mr. Abbott informed, 21/2/89.

[Enclosure.]

RESERVE FROM LEASE FOR IRRIGATION.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that, in pursuance of the provisions of the 108th section of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884," the land specified in the Schedule appended hereto shall be withdrawn from lease for irrigation, and is hereby withdrawn accordingly.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

Land District of Narrabri, within the boundaries of the leasehold area of Therribry pastoral holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885, No. 8,716. County of Nandewar, parish of Therribri, containing an area of 320 acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing near the junction of Maule's Creek with the Namoi River, at the south-west corner of George Carter's conditional purchase, portion 19 of 492 acres, excluding road; and bounded thence by part of the south boundary of that portion bearing east to a point due north from the western extremity of the northernmost boundary of portion 14 of 320 acres; thence by a line south about 40 chains; thence by a line west to the Namoi River; and by that river downwards, to the point of commencement.

[Occ. 89-3,678]

No. 58.

The Under Secretary for Lands to T. H. Hassall, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 February, 1889.

Referring to your telegram of the 12th instant urging action in connection with Stafford's Special lease: 320 acres, parish Therribry, county Nandewar; A. Stafford.

I am to add that a telegram addressed to you, Royal Hotel, Bourke, to the above effect, has been reported undelivered, owing to your having left for Sydney.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 59.

T. H. Hassall, Esq., M.P. to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

8, Post Office Chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney, 18 February, 1889.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed letter from Mr. Albert Stafford, and, as the matter is of urgent importance to him, beg that it may receive your early and favourable consideration.

I am, &c.,

T. H. HASSALL.

Let the lease be prepared in terms of my previous minute.—W.J.L., 18/2/89.

[Enclosure.]

Dear Sir,

Narrabri, 15 November, 1889.

I wired you this morning asking if my lease had been put through by the Executive Council.

I find the regulations of the Land Act states that all that makes it necessary to complete the lease is, *That the intention to grant the lease will be notified in the "Gazette,"* regulation 162.

Will you please see Mr. Lyne and urge upon him to have the lease gazetted at once, as I am anxious to get the land ready for irrigation, and I want to take advantage of the dry weather to burn the timber off; and at the same time you might ask him to send the papers (which are all ready) to the District Surveyor for measurement, with instructions to have the lease measured at once. The papers are all in the Lands Office in Sydney, having been returned by the Surveyor from here.

I left the matter in your hands, feeling sure that you would have it put through this week at latest, and I hope I shall not be disappointed, as I depended so entirely upon you; all I want is a right to take possession of the land at once.

Will you kindly wire me on receipt of this, or as soon as you have seen Mr. Lyne, to let me know when the matter will be settled.

Yours, &c.,

A. STAFFORD.

No. 60.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 18 February, 1889.

Referring to your communication informing me that my special lease of 320 acres, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribri, had been granted on certain terms and rental, I accept the terms, and wish to be informed if I may immediately take possession of the land, with a view to clearing and burning off the timber, being anxious to take advantage of the present dry season to proceed with this part of the work.

Being threatened with an action for trespass by the lessee of the run, I wish to be informed officially if I may use the land at once without fear of damages being obtained against me.

I have, &c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Previous

Previous papers with the Executive Council. Submitted that after notification of withdrawal from pastoral lease of area approved to be granted to Mr. Stafford for special lease, and when sent (now called for) be paid, the concession herein requested may be granted.—E.L., 21/2/89.

Mr. Stafford's request cannot legally be granted until then.—S.F., 23/2/89.

Mr. Stafford's lease for 320 acres has to-day been gazetted as granted. Submitted that possession may now be taken of the land so leased immediately upon payment of rent called for.—E.L., 9/3/89. F.H.W., 11/3/89. S.F., 11/3/89.

Approved in terms of the decision given by my predecessor with regard to the lease of an increased area.—J.N.B., 3/89. Corr. Branch, 12/3/89. Mr. Stafford informed, 19/3/89.

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### No. 61.

#### Executive Council Minute.

Reserve from lease under the 108th Section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, &c.

[Occ. 89-3,078.—Urgent.]

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 February, 1889.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the portions of Crown Land described in the annexed schedule be withdrawn from lease, under the 108th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, for the purposes mentioned in connection therewith. It is further recommended that "irrigation" be declared a public purpose within the meaning of the section quoted under section 4 of the Act abovementioned.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

The Executive Council advise that the area referred to be withdrawn from lease in terms of the said Act, for the purpose specified. The Council also advise that "irrigation" be declared a public purpose within the meaning of the said Act.—A. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council.

Min. 89-12.—19/2/89. Confirmed.—26/2/89. Approved.—CARRINGTON, 19/2/89. Land Agent with description.—4/2/89. Slips for charting.—1/2/89. Executive Council minute gazetted and Land Agent informed.—23/2/89. Rent from 4th February, 1889 to 3rd February, 1890, called for, and Treasury advised.—5/3/89.

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### No. 62.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. P. Abbott, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 February, 1889.

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, adducing reasons why the special lease quoted in the margin should not be granted, I have the honor to inform you, by direction of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, that the lease to Mr. Stafford is not to extend beyond the boundary of the portion of reserve No. 52, which was originally excluded from the run, and the portion outside the double red line on the accompanying lithograph will be excluded from Mr. Stafford's lease.

I have, &c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

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### No. 63.

#### Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 February, 1889.

#### RESERVE FROM LEASE FOR IRRIGATION.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that, in pursuance of the provisions of the 108th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, the land specified in the Schedule appended hereto shall be withdrawn from lease for irrigation, and is hereby withdrawn accordingly.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

#### CENTRAL DIVISION.—LAND DISTRICT OF NARRABRI.

Within the boundaries of the leasehold area of Therribri pastoral holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885. No. 8,716. County of Nandewar, parish of Therrabri, containing an area of 320 acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing near the junction of Maule Creek with the Namoi River, at the south-west corner of George Carter's conditional purchase portion 19 of 492 acres, exclusive of road; and bounded thence by part of the south boundary of that portion bearing east to a point due north from the western extremity of the northernmost boundary of portion 14 of 320 acres; thence by a line south about 40 chains; thence by a line west to the Namoi River; and by that river downwards, to the point of commencement.

[Occ. 89-3,078]

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### No. 64.

#### Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 February, 1889.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 4th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the following being declared a public purpose within the meaning of the 108th section of that Act, and it is hereby so declared.

[Occ. 89-3,078]

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

No. 65.

## No. 65.

## Executive Council Minute.

Lease for a special purpose.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 March, 1889.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, that a lease of about 320 acres of land at parish of Therribri, county Nandewar, be granted to Mr. Albert Stafford, for the purpose of irrigation, from 4th February, 1889, to 3rd February, 1904, at a rental of £16 per annum, under the provisions of the 90th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

The lease not to confer any right to purchase the land in virtue of improvements or otherwise.

Any portion of the area that may be required during the currency of the lease for public purposes may be resumed without compensation.

If the land is not used *bonâ fide* for irrigation purposes to the satisfaction of the Minister for Lands, the lease will be cancelled.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

The Executive Council advise that a special lease of the land referred to be issued upon the terms and for the purpose specified.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Min. 89-17, 5/3/89. Confirmed, 8/3/89. Approved.—CARRINGTON, 5/3/89.

Registration number, Occ. 89-3,078; 320 acres; reserve, No. 8,716; county of Nandewar, parish of Therribri; purpose of reservation, for irrigation. Gazetted, 8/3/89.

Occupation authorised. Chairman, Tamworth, and Crown Land Bailiff, Narrabri, informed, 5/4/89. District Surveyor asked to state whether he deems survey necessary.

## No. 66.

## Office Memorandum.

Occ. 89-3,078 not enclosed. Slips are enclosed for charting reserve 8,716, notified 23/2/89, papers not being available.

Mr. Keating.

W.H.H. (for R.H.D.), 5/3/89.

Charted on parish map; book noted.—T.P., 20/3/89. Examined.—R.M., 22/3/89. Dealt with in Misc. Charting Branch. May now be placed with the papers quoted.—R.M. (for J.T.K.) Mr. Landers,—Please place with the papers quoted.—J.O.D. (*pro* R. H. DeLow), 30/3/89. 89-3,969.

## [Enclosures.]

## REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY RESERVE.

Central Division, land district of Narrabri, within the leasehold area of Therribri holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885.

No. 8,716 from lease, notified 23rd February, 1889. County of Nandewar, parish of Therribri, containing an area of 320 acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing near the junction of Maule Creek with the Namoi River, at the south-west corner of George Carter's conditional purchase, portion 19, of 492 acres, exclusive of road; and bounded thence by part of the south boundary of that portion bearing east to a point due north from the western extremity of the northernmost boundary of portion 14 of 320 acres; thence by a line south about 40 chains; thence by a line west to the Namoi River; and by that river downwards, to the point of commencement.

Reserve No. from lease, for special lease, notified this day, is in lieu of the above,

## REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY RESERVE.

Central Division, land district of Narrabri, within the leasehold area of Therribri holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885.

Water reserve No. 206 extension, notified 28th April, 1884. County of Nandewar, parish of Therribri, Therribri Run, area 3 acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing on the right bank of the Namoi River at the south-east corner of portion No. 53 of 3 acres; bounded thence by the east, north, and west boundaries of that portion bearing north, west, and south to the right bank of the Namoi River aforesaid; and thence by that river upwards, to the point of commencement.

Reserve No. from sale, for special lease, notified this day, includes the above.

## RESERVE FROM LEASE FOR SPECIAL LEASE.

Central Division, land district of Narrabri, within the leasehold area of Therribri holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885.

County of Nandewar, parish of Therribri, containing an area of 320 acres. The Crown lands within the boundaries of portion numbered S.L. 88-1, shown on plan catalogued Ms. 97 Th., reserved from sale for special lease as No. notified this day.

The above is in lieu of reserve No. 8,716 from lease, cancelled this day.

## REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY RESERVE.

Central Division, land district of Narrabri, within the leasehold area of Therribri holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885.

Part of reserve No. 206, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribri, area 320 acres. That part of water reserve No. 206 from sale, notified 10th April, 1867, included within the boundaries of measured portion No. Special Lease 88-1, shown on plan catalogued Ms. 97, Tamworth.

District Survey Office, Tamworth. Reserve No. from sale, for special lease, notified this day, includes the above.

## REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY RESERVE.

Central Division, land district of Narrabri, within the leasehold area of Therribri holding No. 97, notified 11th July, 1885.

Part of reserve No. 7, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribri, area 320 acres. That part of reserve No. 7 from sale, notified 24th December, 1861, included within the boundaries of measured portion No. Special Lease 88-1, shown on plan catalogued Ms. 97, Tamworth.

District Survey Office, Tamworth. Reserve No. from sale, for special lease, notified this day, includes the above.

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## RESERVE FROM SALE FOR SPECIAL LEASE.

Central Division, Land District of Narrabri, within the leasehold area of Therribry holding No. 97.

No. . County of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, containing an area of 320 acres. The Crown Lands within the boundaries of portion numbered Special Lease 88-1, shown on plan catalogued Ms. 97, Tamworth, reserved from lease for special lease as No. , notified this day. The above includes parts of reserves Nos. 7 and 206, and reserve 206 extension, cancelled this day.

## No. 67.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 7 March, 1889.

Replying to yours of 5th instant, Occ. 89-3,425, I beg to inform you that the £6, being the balance of the £16 for the first year's rent of my special lease, was paid into the Treasury some three months ago. Will you please say if I am to pay in another £10 in addition to this amount, or if this will be sufficient until the charges against the deposit of £10 are ascertained.

Yours faithfully,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Mr. Stafford may be informed that his deposit cannot be disposed of until after the charges incurred against it are ascertained. The whole amount of rent called for must therefore be paid, and when the expenses incurred against his deposit are deducted, the balance, if any, will be refunded.—E.L., 20/3/89.

Yes.—F.H.W. (*pro* Under Secretary), 20/3/89. Corr. Branch. Mr. Stafford informed, 29/3/89.

## No. 68.

## Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8th March, 1889.

## LEASE GRANTED FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that the undermentioned person has been permitted to lease the land specified in the annexed schedule, under the 90th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

The rent for each year must be paid in advance on or before the 31st December of the year preceding, otherwise penalties for late payment will be incurred, and the lease will be liable to forfeiture.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

Reg. No.	Land Board No.	Applicant.	Situation of Land.	Area.	Object of Lease.	Term of Lease.		Annual Rent.	Conditions.
						From	To		
Occ. 89-3425	S.L. 88-1, Narrabri.	Albert Stafford . .	Parish Therribri, county Nandewar.	a. r. p. 320 0 0	Irrigation . .	1889. 4 Feb. .	1904. 3 Feb. .	£ s. d. 16 0 0	The lease does not confer any right to purchase the land. Any portion of the land that may, during the currency of the lease, be required for public purposes, may be resumed without compensation. If the land is not used <i>bona fide</i> for irrigation purposes, to the satisfaction of the Minister for Lands, the lease will be cancelled.

## No. 69.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Stafford.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 March, 1889.

Referring to your letter of the 18th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that a special lease of 320 acres, in the parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, was, on the 9th instant, gazetted as granted to you, and that as soon as you pay the rent called for you may take possession of the land.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 70.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Under Secretary for Lands.

## Special Lease.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 27 March, 1889.

I have the honor to inform you that the sum of £16 was paid into this office on the 26th instant, being rent during 3rd February, 1889 to 2nd February, 1890, of the special lease mentioned in the margin.

I have, &c.,

W. NEWCOMBE

(For the Under Secretary).

Lessee, Albert Stafford; lease of 320 acres of land for irrigation; parish Therribri, county of Nandewar.

## No. 71.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Stafford.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 29 March, 1889.

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the deposit paid with your special lease application of 320 acres, in the parish of Therribry county of Nandewar, cannot be disposed of until after the charges incurred against it are ascertained.

I am to add that the whole amount of rent called for must therefore be paid, and when the expenses incurred against the deposit in question are deducted, the balance, if any, will be refunded.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. H. CAPPER

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 72.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 5 April, 1889.

I have the honor to inform you that the special lease noted in the margin, and recommended to be granted by the Local Land Board at Narrabri, has been approved of by the Executive Council.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

To be noted by the District Surveyor, who will please state whether he considers a survey of the land necessary. Note Register, then to District Surveyor.—See above. Noted, 10/4/89.—W.A.,

10/4/89. As the lease is only for five years, measurement does not seem necessary, the land being to a great extent defined by previous surveys.—A.D., 10/4/89. Forwarded to head office, with reply from

District Surveyor.—J. McDONALD, Chairman, 16/4/89. Misc. Charting Branch,—For notation of lease on the office maps.—H.A. (for E.L.), 1/5/89. Mr. Keating,—Special lease noted on parish map.—

F.J., 31/5/89. Examined.—R.M., 31/5/89. The necessary notations having been made on map

in this office, these papers are herewith returned as requested on S9-6,811 Occ.—R.M. (for J.T.K.), 31/5/89. Mr. Landers, Occupation Branch.

L.B. No. special lease 88-1, Narrabri; lease No. 369; lessee, Albert Stafford; locality, parish Therribri, county of Nandewar; purpose, irrigation; area, 320 acres; term, 4th February, 1889 to 3rd February, 1904; rent, £16.

## No. 73.

Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, &amp; Stephen to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney, 13 May, 1889.

We have the honor to tender herewith on behalf of William Francis Jaques, of Therribry Station, near Boggabri, the sum of £3 2s. 6d. in cash, being the amount of rental payable for the current year, in respect of the undermentioned piece of land which our client claims fall into his leasehold area immediately on the cancellation of the undermentioned reserve of which it formed part:—

That portion of reserve from lease No. 52, in the county of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, which was cancelled on the 18th August, 1888, and thereby returned to William Francis Jaques, leasehold area about 1,000 acres, excepting thereout G. Carter's conditional purchase 75-62, containing about 500 acres. Portion in respect of which rent is tendered, 500 acres, at 1½d. per acre, £3 2s. 6d.

The land above referred to or portion thereof, has been alienated by the Crown to one Albert Stafford, as our client is advised illegally.

We have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN, JAQUES, &amp; STEPHEN.

Mr. Ross. Not tendered to me.—G.E., 14/5/89. Informed.—C., M.R.

## No. 74.

Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, &amp; Stephen to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney, 17th May, 1889.

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, we have the honor to inform you that the sum of £3 2s. 6d. in cash was formally tendered by us over the counter down stairs at your Department, where the letter was opened and the money refused.

We have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN, JAQUES, &amp; STEPHEN.

£3 2s. 6d. was tendered as stated, but as there was no such amount required on leasehold area referred to, according to Treasury Registers, amount was not accepted. Forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands.—G.E., B.C. Treasury, 20/5/89.

## No. 75.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 20 May, 1889.

I have the honor to bring under your notice the fact that the land granted me as a special lease, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribri, 320 acres, has not yet been measured, although granted me from the 4th February last.

I beg to urge upon you the necessity that this lease should be measured at once, as it is impossible for me to fully carry out the conditions till the boundaries are defined.

Yours, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Mr.

Mr. Stafford may be informed that so far as the Department is concerned no survey of the land is necessary, as the land has to a great extent been defined by previous surveys. However, if writer particularly desires the boundaries of his lease to be defined, perhaps on his undertaking to bear the cost thereof, instructions for the work may issue.—E.L., 5/6/89.

Submitted.—F.H.W., 6/6/89. Approved.—J.N.B., 7/6/89. Mr. Stafford informed.—19/6/89.

## No. 76.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Stafford.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 June, 1889.

S. lease No. 369; 320 acres; parish Therribry county Nandewar, for irrigation purposes.

With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo, urging that the area held by you under the special lease quoted in the margin should be surveyed, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that, so far as the Department is concerned, no survey of the land is necessary, as the area has to a great extent been defined by previous surveys.

I am to add that if you particularly desire the boundaries of your lease to be defined, on your undertaking to bear the cost thereof, instructions for the work will issue.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. H. CAPPER

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 77.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 20 June, 1889.

I again beg to call your attention to my letters of several dates, urging that my special lease of 320 acres for irrigation, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, be measured at once.

The lease began on 4th February last, and I paid the first year's rent in before that date, and as the District Surveyor has been measuring land all round this portion, and is now working near it, I respectfully urge that instructions be forwarded at once to the surveyor to measure my land.

I may mention that no notice seems to be taken of my repeated applications to have it measured, and unless this is done, I cannot carry out the conditions of my lease.

Leaving the matter to your consideration.

I am, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

## No. 78.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth.

Sir,

Narrabri, 21 June, 1889.

Will you be good enough to forward me a sketch of my special lease of 320 acres, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribry, as I am informed by the Under Secretary for Lands that it is not necessary that it should be measured.

Will you also inform me if the 10-acre lease granted me first has been cancelled; and, if so, when, and what has become of that portion of land? Is it returned to the leasehold of the run?

May I ask you to give me this information by return of post, as I am defending an action for trespass on this lease.

Yours, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Special lease, 88-1, Narrabri, A. Stafford, 320 acres. District Surveyor, for necessary action.—W.A., 24/6/89. The Chairman.—The applicant should probably be advised to apply to the Under Secretary for the desired information.—FRED. POATE, District Surveyor, 24/6/89. Inform. Forwarded to the Under Secretary for necessary action on this letter.—W. ARDILL (*pro* Chairman), Tamworth, 24/6/89. Informed, 24/6/89.

Mr. Stafford may, it is submitted, be supplied with a description of the land leased to him, and also a tracing furnished, showing the lease; and may be informed that the lease of 320 acres was granted in lieu of that for 10 acres previously approved.—E.L., 9/7/89. F.H.W.

S.F., 11/7/89. Approved.—J.N.B., 12/7/89. Corresponding Branch, special, 15/7/89. Mr. Stafford informed tracing and description sent, with lease papers 369, 16/7/89.

## No. 79.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 21 June, 1889.

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant, No. 89-6,811, Occp., stating that a survey of my special lease of 320 acres is unnecessary, I presume that the land has been granted me, as applied for by me to the Local Land Board, that is to say, that the boundaries are as follows:—Commencing at the south-west corner of George Carter's conditional purchase of 492 acres, running east to the intersection of reserve 7 from sale and 52 from lease; thence along the east boundary of that reserve running south to the Namoi River; thence along that river downward to the point of commencement. Please inform me if I am to consider the land contained within these boundaries as my special lease of 320 acres.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. STAFFORD.



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No. 80.

## Office Memorandum.

THE land referred to on this paper, reserve from lease No. 52, reverted to Therribry holding, by reason of the cancellation of the reserve on 18th August, 1888. 320 acres of it was, however, withdrawn from lease for irrigation on 23rd February, 1889, and granted to Mr. A. Stafford for a special lease for that purpose.

The lessee of the pastoral holding now tenders to the Treasury the sum of £3 2s. 6d., as rent for the area contained in the reserve, contending that the lease granted to Stafford was illegal.

The amount was refused by the Treasury.

Submitted that Mr. Jaques be informed that the special lease granted to Mr. Stafford is considered perfectly legal, and, therefore, the area embraced by that special lease is not included in, nor does it form part of his leasehold area.

S.F., 3/7/89. Approved.—J.N.B., 4/7/89. Corresponding Branch,—Inform special.—H.A., 4/7/89. E.L., 22/6/89. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen informed.—H.L.T., 4/7/89.

No. 81.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth to Mr. A. Stafford.

24 June, 1889.

YOUR letter forwarded to Under Secretary for him to supply information.

WM. ARDILL,  
Tamworth Board Office.

No. 82.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Narrabri, 30 June, 1889.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the following facts. In February, 1888, I applied for a special lease, county of Nandewar, parish of Therribri, and paid into the Treasury, £10. In October of the same year I paid £6 into the Treasury, being the balance of one year's rent on this special lease, but as the lease was dated 4th February, 1889, I was again instructed to pay another £16 into the Treasury as rent, which I did in the same month. I beg respectfully to apply for a refund of the first amount of £16, which is not now required, as I have paid into the Treasury two amounts as rent for the same time.

I trust you will look into the matter, and refund me the £16 overpaid.

I have, &c.,  
ALBERT STAFFORD.

Forwarded to the Treasury for refund if rent has twice been paid as stated. The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), B.C., 1/7/89.

The sum of £6 6s. lodged to suspense account on 27th November, 1888, is available for refund, and £3 13s. 7d. remains undisposed of out of the £10 deposit, the charges against which were stated in your letter of 5th March, 1889, to be as yet unascertainable. Will the Under Secretary for Lands be good enough to say whether this may now be refunded in addition to the £6 6s.—G.E., B.C., Treasury, 9/7/89. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 83.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 July, 1889.

Referring to your letter of the 17th May last, addressed to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, respecting the refusal of a sum of money tendered on behalf of Mr. William Francis Jaques, of Therribry, as rental of certain lands within reserve from lease No. 52, in the parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that the special lease of the land in question granted to Mr. Stafford is considered perfectly legal, and, therefore, the area is not included, nor does it form part of Mr. Jaques' leasehold.

I have, &c.,  
H. CURRY  
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 84.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Stafford.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 July, 1889.

With reference to your letter of the ultimo, addressed to the Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to forward herewith a description of the 320 acres of land, parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, specially leased to you for irrigation purposes, and a tracing showing the lease.

I am to add that the lease of 320 acres was granted in lieu of that for 10 acres previously approved.

I have, &c.,  
H. CURRY  
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 85.

No. 85.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth.

Sir,

Narrabri, 16 July, 1889.

I am in receipt of your wire of even date, replying to my inquiry as to measurement of my special lease, parish of Therribry. Upon turning up the *Gazette*, I find that the portions withdrawn from lease for the purpose covers the land within lines in black ink in sketch attached, but according to the measurement on the map there will only be about 309 acres. As my original lease of 10 acres was not included in the leasehold, I presume that the present lease of 320 includes that of 10 acres as measured, and this will not exceed the 320 acres granted.

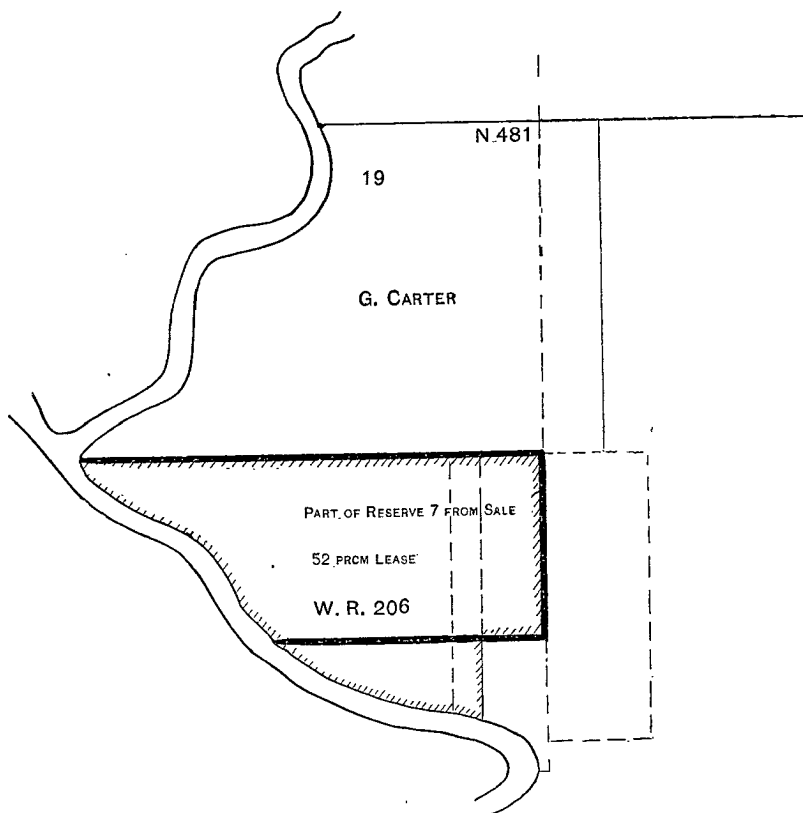
I would respectfully suggest that my 320 acres be measured as per lines in sketch as dotted in, as this would allow me to have access to the water for erecting pumping plant on, and would still leave plenty of water frontage on the balance of reserve, and this should not exceed 320 acres.

In any case I have to call your attention to the fact that my lease of 10 acres was extended to 320, so that all the land granted me in the original 10 acres must still be included in the 320 acres, but as the 10 acres was never returned to the leasehold, it was necessary to resume it. I shall be glad if you can forward me by return a sketch, as it is proposed to increase my lease.

Yours, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

With reference to payment for measuring this lease, I may state that I paid £10 into the Treasury when I applied for it. This is being held to pay for survey. Will it be necessary for me to pay again. If so, I shall gladly do so, as I am anxious to have the land measured at once, as I have been paying rent since February last and cannot occupy the land on account of not knowing the boundaries.



County of Nandewar, parish of Therribri. Dark line denotes boundary (about) as withdrawn from lease; dotted line denotes boundary suggested by me.

District Surveyor, for report as to form proposed.—W.A., 18/7/89. The Chairman. Before reporting on this case, I should like to have the previous papers.—FRED. POATE, 18/7/89. Forwarded to head office for former papers of lease 88-1, Narrabri.—J. M. McDONALD, Chairman, Tamworth, 22/7/89. Inform A. Stafford.—M., 22/7/89.

Submitted that Mr. Stafford's lease be measured as desired by him. There is a sum of £9 19s. 7d. at present lying to his credit at the Treasury, action towards refund of which was being taken, but perhaps this should be retained towards payment of cost of survey. Submitted.—E.L., 24/7/89. F.H.W. S.F.

Approved.—J.N.B., 26/7/89. Correspondence Branch,—Inform Mr. Stafford. Special.—H.A., 26/7/89. Mr. Stafford informed.—H.L.T., 27/7/89. District Surveyor, Tamworth.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), B.C., 30/7/89. Instructions for measurement (on Form F) issued this day to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Loder. May await receipt of plan and report.—J.T.K. (for District Surveyor), 9/8/89.

No. 86.

## No. 86.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth.

Dear Sir,

Narrabri, 17 July, 1889.

Since writing you yesterday *re* my special lease of 320 acres, my barrister has wired me that it is absolutely necessary that the land should be measured at once to show the exact boundary on a plan to be sent to him. Under these circumstances I should take it as a great favour if you could send a licensed surveyor to measure it, and I shall be glad to pay for this being done.

There is no licensed surveyor in or near Narrabri at present that we can get to measure it. If you can send a surveyor I can either meet him at Boggabri or Narrabri, and drive him to the place and back again, so that it need not take more than one day from here, that is to say, if a gentleman can come by train one day he can return the following day.

Apologising for so troubling you on this matter, but it is so important that I feel sure you will assist me if possible.

Yours, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

L.B. 89-3,485. Former letter with District Surveyor.—W.A., 19/7/89.

## No. 87.

The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth to Mr. A. Stafford.

(L.B. 89-3,485.)

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 22 July, 1889.

With reference to your letter of 16th and 17th instant, requesting measurement of your special lease noted in the margin, I am directed by the Chairman to inform you that your letters have been referred to the District Surveyor, and he reports that he would like to have the previous papers relating to the matter; I have therefore forwarded your communications to the Head Office, with a request to transmit here the former papers of the lease for attention.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. ARDILL,

Clerk in charge.

## No. 88.

T. H. Hassall, Esq., M.P. to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, New South Wales, 22 July, 1889.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the following statements made by Mr. Albert Stafford, with respect to his application for special lease, by which he appears to be receiving rather rough treatment. Some time ago, the lessee, Mr. Jaques, entered an action against him for trespass, damages, £500; and to save time, trouble, and expense, Stafford paid £10 into Court, which was accepted, and the action quashed; but now another claim is made for £2,000, which Stafford says can go on as far as he is concerned. He also states that he has made repeated applications that the lease should be surveyed, having lodged £16 with the Department some months ago for that purpose, but has been told that a survey is not necessary, and that it will not be measured.

He then wrote to the Tamworth Office for a sketch of the lease, but was told they could not supply any information, and that his letter was forwarded to the Under Secretary for reply. When applying for a refund of the £16 lodged for survey, he was informed that it was kept in hand to pay for survey, and complains that, although the Department retains his money, they will not survey the land. Upon going to the Local Land Office, he discovered that Surveyor Dewhurst had pencilled the lease in a far different way to the one applied for, the object apparently being to cut off access to the river, and throw the lease into low-lying and swampy ground, where it would be impossible to erect machinery to carry out the work of irrigation.

Stafford states the land is ready to plough, if he was sure of his boundaries.

The *Gazette*, of 23rd February, resuming the land, gives one side line, and then goes on to say about 40 chains south; thence west to Namoi River.

When Stafford's application was granted, the letter conveying the information distinctly stated that it was granted as recommended by the Land Board, which is the way it has been occupied, and the way Stafford desires it to be measured.

Trusting that as the lease was granted to the applicant, he may receive fair play and justice at your hands.

I am, &amp;c.,

T. H. HASSALL.

## No. 89.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Stafford.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 July, 1889.

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, relative to your special lease noted in the margin, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that the lease in question will be measured as desired by you, and the amount (£9 19s. 7d.) at present lying to your credit at the Treasury retained towards payment of such survey.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

Narrabri;  
S.L. 88-1; 320  
acres for irri-  
gation, parish  
Therribri,  
county Nande-  
war.

No. 90.

## No. 90.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth.

Dear Sir,

Narrabri, 3 August, 1889.

I am in receipt of yours, stating that on payment by me of cost, my special lease of 320 acres, county Nandewar, parish Therribry will be measured. I am quite willing to pay the cost, and the Treasury holds £16 of my money, from which the amount can be deducted.

Since writing to you last, I have received a sketch from the Lands Department, Sydney, showing boundary of the land granted to me as a special lease, and if by former survey, this is found to contain exactly the 320 acres granted to me, there will be no need to measure it again; but I fail to see, unless a survey is made that an accurate estimate can be given of the land granted to me, consequently I must urge upon you the immediate necessity for measurement of my lease.

Yours, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

Special lease 88-1; Narrabri; A. Stafford. Inform that instructions were sent to Licensed-Surveyor Loder, on 9th August, to measure the land in question.—W.A., 12/8/89. Writer informed, 15/8/89.

## No. 91.

The District Surveyor, Tamworth to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Loder.

(Papers No. 89-3,485 L.B.)

District Surveyor's Office, Tamworth, 9 August, 1889.

MR. LICENSED SURVEYOR LODER is requested at his early convenience to measure 320 acres, parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, in satisfaction of Albert Stafford's special lease No. 88-1, in the position indicated by red edging on accompanying tracing.\* The measurement not to embrace any of the river frontage above the present south-east corner of portion 52, and not to exceed 320 acres, nor to extend east beyond a line north from the north-west corner of portion 14.

The corners of the portion should be marked sl. 88-1, and the marking of portions 52 of 10 acres, and 53 of 3 acres obliterated on the ground.

FRED. POATE,

District Surveyor.

Returned. This instruction is intended for Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Loder.—P. RIGAUT, 30/8/89. Transferred.—A.B.R., 5/9/89. Returned for reissue.—GEORGE LODER, 25/9/89. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Manners for action.—FRED. POATE, District Surveyor, 30/9/89. District Surveyor's Office, Tamworth.—Instruction No. 84, 1/10/89. Replied to by my letter, No. 112, of the 16th December, 1889.—JOHN MANNERS, Licensed Surveyor.

## No. 92.

The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth to Mr. A. Stafford.

Sir,

Land Board Office, Tamworth, 15 August, 1889.

With reference to your letter, dated 3rd instant, asking that your special lease, noted in the margin, may be measured, I have the honor to inform you that instructions to measure the land in question were sent to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Loder on 9th instant.

I have, &amp;c.,

JNO. M'DONALD,

Chairman.

## No. 93.

Mr. J. M. M'Donald to The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth.

Dear Sir,

Narrabri, 18 October, 1889.

Re Stafford's special lease. I should be glad to know if instructions for the survey of this special lease have been forwarded to any licensed surveyor. I understand that Mr. Surveyor Loder returned the instructions, being unable to carry out the survey owing to pressure of work.

I am informed that Mr. Surveyor Davidson is now in the locality, and would be able to survey the land immediately.

As a Supreme Court action is pending for trespass committed on this and adjoining lands it would be only fair to have the survey made at once, so as to let Mr. Stafford know exactly what are the boundaries of his land.

Yours, &amp;c.,

JOHN M. M'DONALD.

Get papers.—W.A., 21/10. Papers herewith. District Surveyor, to say how the instructions are held now.—W.A., 21/10/89. Instructions transferred to Licensed-Surveyor Manner, 1st October, 1889. May perhaps be informed that Mr. Licensed-Surveyor John Manners, of Tamworth, has been instructed to survey the land.—M. A. MACLEAN (*pro* District Surveyor), 2/11/89. The Chairman. Inform.—J.M'D., Chairman, 2/12/82. J. M. M'Donald informed, 4/11/89.

## No. 94.

The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth to Mr. J. M. M'Donald.

(L.B. 89-5,388.)

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 4 November, 1889.

In reference to your letter of 18th ultimo, relative to survey of the special lease noted in the margin, I am directed by the Chairman to inform you that the District Surveyor reports that Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Manners has been instructed to measure the land in question.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. ARDILL,

Clerk in charge.

No. 95.

Appendix F.

Narrabri ;  
special lease  
88-1, 320 acres ;  
Albert Stafford.

Narrabri ;  
special lease,  
88 1; A. Staf-  
ford.

## No. 95.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor J. Manners to The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

(No. 89-112.)

Sir,

16 December, 1889.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan\* of an area of 320 acres, numbered S.L. 88-1, in the parish of Therribry, county of Nandewar, which I have measured for special lease No. 88-1 of the Narrabri Land District, applied for by Albert Stafford. \*Appendix G.

This survey has been effected in accordance with instructions No. 84, dated 1st October, 1889, issued by the District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Rental and capital value.—After careful consideration I am of the opinion that the annual value of the land applied for is 6d. per acre, and the capital value of the same is £4 per acre.

I have also the honor to furnish the following information as to—

1. Proximity to railway and township: About 5 miles from Baan Baa.
2. Objections to the lease on the ground of mining occupation or otherwise: Nil.
3. Character of soil: Very good.
4. Grazing capabilities: Very good; 1 acre to 1 sheep.
5. Agricultural capabilities: Very good.
6. Nature of timber: Box and gum.
7. Whether densely or thinly timbered: Lightly.
8. The extent of scrub land: Nil.
9. Whether any of the scrub or brushwood growth is suitable for feeding stock in time of drought: No.
10. The approximate proportion of plain, open forest, thickly timbered, and scrub country: All open forest.
11. Improvements, their value, nature, date of erection, and ownership at date of application: Ring-barking, £16; fencing, £24.

In addition to the above I may state that there is permanent water in the river, and that, owing to the late wet weather, there was a lot of water in the swamp.

I have, &c.,

JOHN MANNERS.

Advance of account 89-110, £8 16s. 4d. passed, 20/12/89.—A.M. Account 90-34, 15s. 9d., for obliteration of portions 52 and 53, passed, 30/4/90.—A.M. Examined and charted on parish map.—R. P. SMITH, 10/1/90. Dealt with in District Survey Office. Plan approved (A.M.), 30/4/90.

May now be forwarded to the Chairman of the Land Board, for appraisalment of rent, &c. It is pointed out that £9 19s. 7d. is on hand for payment of survey fee, the actual cost of which was £8 16s. 4d. Submitted.—M. A. MACLEAN, 31/5/90. The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Rent account passed.—A.M., 17/6/90. I see by public papers that the Supreme Court have given a decision which bears upon this case.—M. A. MACLEAN, Acting Chief Draftsman, 6/7/90. The District Surveyor. Forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands, as requested by memo. received to-day.—M. A. MACLEAN (*pro* District Surveyor), 7/7/90.

## No. 96.

## Office Memorandum.

*Re Jaques v. Stafford.*

A CASE in which the decision of the Full Court reverses the action of this Department in granting a special lease to the defendant of 320 acres for irrigation purposes while the land was held under pastoral lease by the plaintiff (*vide Daily Telegraph* of 6/6/90).

It is submitted that the papers Occ. 89-8,853, forwarded to the District Surveyor at Tamworth, 20/7/89, be recalled.

Mr. De Low.

J.P.M., 6/6/90.

Yes.—R.H.D. (for Under Secretary), 6/6/90. Register. Received, 6/6/90. The District Surveyor, Tamworth, 6/6/90.

## No. 97.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to return to this Department as soon as possible papers Occ. 89-8,853 relating to special lease of 320 acres by Stafford, which were forwarded to you on the 20th July, 1889.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(*Per* R.H.D.).

Special. Papers herewith, as requested.—M. A. MACLEAN (*pro* District Surveyor), 7/6/90.

Extract from *Daily Telegraph*, 6 June, 1890.

## RIGHTS OF PASTORAL TENANTS.—DECISION BY THE FULL COURT.

## THE CHIEF JUSTICE ON THE LAND ACTS.

SOME points of very considerable importance were decided in the Full Court yesterday in a matter which came before it in the form of a special case. The action was one for trespass, brought by the plaintiff, William Francis Jaques, against the defendant, Albert Stafford, on 14th May, 1889, to recover damages from the defendant. The plaintiff for a number of years had been the pastoral tenant of a station or run named Therribri, in the district of Narrabri. Before the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, the plaintiff, under section 4 of that Act, caused the station to be divided into two parts, and obtained a pastoral lease of the leasehold area, which was duly notified on 11th July, 1885. Within the boundaries of this leasehold area was a piece of land known as reserve No. 52, which had been reserved from lease by a notification in the *Government Gazette* of 9th March, 1888. On 18th August, 1888, by notification in the *Gazette*, the reserve from lease was cancelled. Since the date of the cancellation the lands mentioned had been in the possession of the plaintiff, and used by him continuously until his possession was interfered with by the defendant. On 3rd December, 1887, by notification in the *Gazette* again, it was declared that "special lease" should be a public purpose within the meaning of subsection 7 of section 78 of the Act. By a later notification in the *Gazette* of 21st August, 1888, "irrigation" was declared to be a purpose for special lease under section 90 of the same Act. Prior to 23rd February, 1889, the defendant made application under section 90 of the Act for special lease to him of 320 acres of land for irrigation, the land forming part of what was formerly known as reserve 52, and being the land in respect of which the trespass was alleged. A *Gazette* notice of 23rd February, 1889, declared that, in pursuance of section 108 of the Act, certain land specified in an attached Schedule, and being the 320 acres in question, was withdrawn from lease for irrigation. A lease of the 320 acres for irrigation was, however, granted to the defendant, and notified in the *Gazette* of 8th March, 1889. Since the granting of the lease the defendant had entered upon and made use of the lands, and had prevented the plaintiff from possessing or making use of them. It was in respect of this entering upon and making use of the lands that the plaintiff sought damages for trespass from the defendant. Plaintiff contended that the lease to the defendant was invalid upon the grounds among others that the lands formed part of plaintiff's pastoral holding and leasehold area, and were never duly withdrawn from lease; that if the land could legally be withdrawn from lease under section 78, "irrigation" was never declared a public purpose under that section; that the notification of 3rd December, 1887, was invalid, and "special lease" could not be a public purpose within the section; that nothing had been done to deprive the plaintiff of his rights as pastoral tenant, and that irrigation was never declared to be a public purpose under section 108. On the other hand, the defendant contended the contrary, and alleged that the lease was valid. If the Court should be of opinion that the lease was valid, judgment, it was agreed, should be given for defendant, with costs; whereas, if it should be of opinion that the lease was invalid, judgment was to be given for the plaintiff, with such sum as damages as might be afterwards assessed by arbitration. The arbitrator was to be Mr. William Pirie, of Terrario.

Mr. Salomons, Q.C., and Mr. C. B. Stephen, were for the plaintiff, and Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Pring for the defendant.

The Chief Justice, in giving judgment, said that he hoped it would be clearly understood that in any observations he made he expressly excluded the Land Act of 1889, for no question arising under that Act came then before the Court. He could only trust that it might be found that if any cases should arise under the Act the statute would be so clear in its language as to convey the intention of the Legislature, and clearer than any of the Land Acts which had yet come before the Court. It was impossible for any bench, no matter how it was constituted, to be certain that in any points which were raised under the Land Act of 1884, or indeed, under any of the Land Acts that it was absolutely correct. And although he was about to announce what his decision was in this matter, yet he was not certain that he was giving an absolutely correct decision, that was to say giving the intention or expressing the intention which the Legislature had in passing the law. Nor could he be in any way certain that the decision at which he had arrived on this matter would be upheld should the case go before the Privy Council. That very able, very distinguished, and very learned body might, as it generally did, take a different view of the Land Acts of the colony from that which was taken by the judges who, from time to time, had to consider these Acts of Parliament here, but they had to do the best they could looking at the Act, looking at the imperfect material caused by the phraseology of the Act, find out the intention of the Legislature as expressed in its wording. The argument on behalf of the plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. Salomons, appeared to be this: That the words "Crown lands" in section 90 of the Act, did not come within the definition of Crown lands as applied in section 4, but that they came within the excepting clause of that section; that was that the context necessarily required a different meaning of the expression "Crown lands." "Crown lands" were defined by the section to mean lands vested in Her Majesty, and not permanently dedicated to any public purpose or granted or controlled, to be granted in fee simple. It was quite clear that Crown lands which had been leased did not fall within the definition, and that if they were bound by that definition pastoral lands were Crown lands within the meaning of section 90. But there were the words "unless the context requires a different meaning." By "context" he took to mean the whole Act of Parliament, not the words following just after or the words going just before, but the Act itself. His opinion of this Act of Parliament itself was that it did not require him to give a different construction to the words "Crown lands" than they would receive if he had been confined to the definition in section 4. What was to be gathered from this Act of Parliament as to the intentions of the Legislature with regard to these pastoral leases? He did not go outside the Act; he abstained from making use of any knowledge which he might have gained from reading the debates as to what was going on in the Legislature, but he looked within the four corners of the statute itself. And what did he find? He found in the first instance, before the Act was passed, that there were lessees of Crown lands, and that a certain number of these persons were liable to have a certain portion of the land taken from them on every Thursday, the local land office day, and that there were certain provisions included in the Act by which those persons were required in the first instance to send to the Minister a plan dividing their Crown lands

lands into two portions. The Minister could approve or alter it, but finally it came about that every run in the Colony was divided into two portions, one of which was known as the resumed area, over which he would have an occupation license, but which could be taken from him by way of conditional lease and conditional purchase. But the other portion was called the pastoral area; and of that the lessees had a lease, some for fifteen years, others for ten years, and others again for five years—according to the portion of the Colony in which they were situated. It was evident that the Legislature, seeing the evils which were promoted under the former system of leasing lands, were desirous of giving to the pastoral lessee a certain portion of his run where he would be free from interference during the term of his lease. That being the intention of the Legislature, as evidenced by the passing of that Act of Parliament, they were now asked to say that although that was the intention of the Legislature, still under this particular section the lessee was to have a portion of his run taken from him, not for public purposes but for the benefit of private individuals. It appeared here that 320 acres were taken from him, not for public purposes, however, but for the benefit of a private individual. And that area could be taken at any time by the Governor, who was of course in this case the Ministry, and the Ministry of course being the Minister for Lands. Indeed, by this Act of Parliament the Minister had dominant control. He was the court of final appeal—he was speaking of the 1884 Act—he could determine everything. He was absolute. Thus it came to this, that at the same time the Legislature manifestly intended that the pastoral lessee should have his lease entirely free from interruption from the time specified, and with a liability to pay an increased rental, he should yet be open at the beck of the Minister to this very grave interference with his rights by the Minister granting any number that he might think fit of these leases to private individuals, and for a term exceeding that for which the lessee himself had the land. If they looked at the other sections of the Act they would find by section 86 that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Local Land Board, could declare certain lands scrub lands. Now, did Crown lands there mean lands under pastoral lease? It is quite clear that they did not. Succeeding sections provided that the Minister might lease these scrub lands in certain areas. But could the Minister declare that a pastoral lease, which contained a large area, may be of scrub lands, could he declare those Crown lands to be scrub lands and immediately lease them to some other person and deprive the lessee of his just rights? It was quite clear from section 88 of the Act that he could not do anything of the kind. Under that section, if lands were under pastoral lease containing scrub lands the lessee had the right to apply to have that portion of his lease resumed by the Crown, and he then had a pre-emptive right to have a lease made to him of the scrub lands. In the three sections 86 to 88 “Crown lands” could not mean Crown lands as defined in section 4. So he thought that the same construction should be given to the words “Crown lands” in section 90. He had already pointed out that the policy of the Act, if it was gathered from its wording, although it was to give pastoral lessees tenure for a certain time, yet it was to open up and disturb that tenure. By section 78, under which pastoral leases were created, if the land was required for public purposes, the Governor-in-Council had power to withdraw the land from the lease for that purpose. But the pastoral lessee was then entitled to compensation, and he was also entitled to compensation for any improvements which might be upon the land so withdrawn. Under section 90, if the land was taken from him to the extent of 320 acres, not for public purposes but for private individuals who might want it only to work a limekiln or build an inn, or irrigate a farm to his advantage, the lessee was to have no compensation. And if there should be on the 320 acres any improvements the lessee was to lose them also, for there was no provision for compensation at all. Then, again, to judge from an Act of a later date, by the Act of 1889, there seemed to be a very fair provision that where land was taken out of the lease for some special purpose the old lessee should have a certain time within which to remove his stock from the land, and the new lessee could not impound his stock during that time. They could not look to the Act of 1889 to construe what the intentions of the Legislature were when it passed the Act of 1884. But it afforded a very strong argument as to what the policy was, and it afforded an argument also in favour of the position the Court was now taking up—that if the Legislature had intended to override one lease by another it would have introduced into this or some other section a provision which would have the effect of preventing the clashing of the interests of the two tenants under the Crown. It would have provided in some special way or other that the former tenant should have compensation for improvements or some time in which to leave the land. That being so, they might fairly come to the conclusion that the Legislature did not intend that the Crown lands here should cover lands held under pastoral lease. On the other hand, he recognised the very strong arguments of Mr. Pring that the construction which the Court now gave to the Act might be said to lay up those lands and prevent persons who would work them for the public benefit from getting at them, and that all the things mentioned in section 90 were of a public nature, although they were done for private individuals, such as the construction of wharves and dams and similar works. No doubt that was a very strong argument in Mr. Pring's favour. But, at the same time, giving every consideration to that argument, he did not feel that it at all counterbalanced the more powerful contention which had arisen. Therefore, on the whole of the case, giving the section the best consideration, he had come to the conclusion that the words “Crown lands” in section 90 did not include lands which were held under pastoral lease. He could only give the best construction that he could. He was not certain that he was right; he never had felt certain in giving decisions under this Act of Parliament that he was giving decisions which were absolutely correct. All that they (their Honors) had to do was to give the best interpretation they could, and arrive as well as they could at the intentions of the Legislature as they were expressed in the Act of Parliament. The verdict would be for the plaintiff, and damages would be assessed as stated in the special case.

Mr. Justice Stephen concurred. These Acts were simply a series of puzzles, much more suited to the ingenuity of those who could unravel enigmas than to persons like themselves. The lessee, it seemed to him, had an indefeasible right to his lease for a term of years, and if he came within section 78 he had the right of renewal at the end of the time. If there was power to do something destructive of that principle there would, it might be assumed, be something definite stated in the Act upon the point.

Mr. Justice Foster also concurred. The interpretation of the Act could be given only with very grave doubt. The Legislature had left its intentions in the most uncertain state.

Verdict to go for the plaintiff, with damages, to be assessed by the arbitrator, as agreed upon.

No. 99.

Mr. A. Stafford to The Colonial Treasurer.

Dear Sir,

Narrabri, 9 June, 1890.

At the risk of being considered a nuisance by you, I venture to bring the following facts under your notice, and to ask your advice and assistance.

I am the defendant in the action case heard in the Supreme Court, on Thursday last (which you have no doubt seen reported in the papers "Jaques v. Stafford"). The facts of the case are: That I obtained a "special lease" for irrigation from the Government; in 1888 I applied for it, and it was granted in the manner laid down by the Act. I obtained this lease for fifteen years, and paid the first years rent, whereupon I received from the Minister authority to occupy this land. I took possession and began making improvements, and after I had spent a considerable sum upon it, the lessee of the run (on which the special lease was situate) actioned me for trespass. I defended the case, relying on my title obtained from the Minister, with the result that the Supreme Court gave a verdict for plaintiff, by which I lose the land and all improvements upon it, and also the money spent in defending the case.

I now venture to ask your advice as to whether the Government will compensate me for the loss through their failure to complete their agreement to lease the land for fifteen years. I am only asking for the actual amount expended by me in maintaining my title to the land, and what I have actually expended on the improvements.

If you think advisable will you place my case before the Minister for Lands, as I think I am justly entitled to compensation, or if you advise I will personally wait on the Minister to ask his attention to this matter. Trusting that you will afford me your assistance and advice in this very serious matter for me.

I am, &amp;c.,

ALBERT STAFFORD.

The Under Secretary for Lands.—The Treasury, B.C., 10/6/90. The Minister for Lands,—I should be glad if my honorable colleague would consider this matter.—W.M., 18/6/90. Mr. Ross,—Please inform for Under Secretary.—F.K., 18/6/90. Done.—19/6/90. M. R.—The Under Secretary for Lands.—The Treasury, B.C., 19/6/90.

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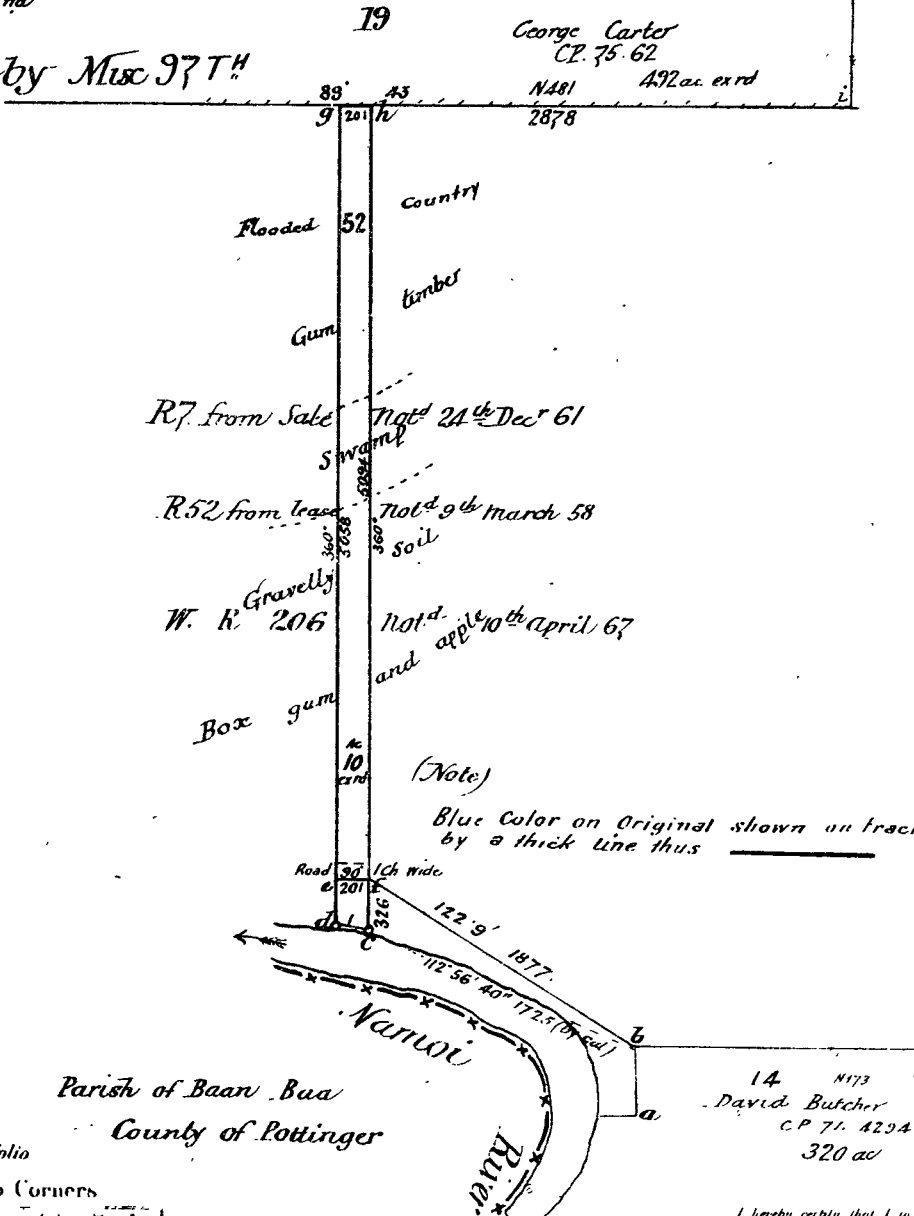
PLAN OF PORTION 52

County of Wandewar Parish of Theribry  
 LAND DISTRICT OF Narrabri LAND BOARD DISTRICT OF Tamworth  
 Leasehold Area No 97 Theribry Pastoral Holding, Central Division.

Lease for Irrigation Applied for under the 90<sup>th</sup> Section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 by Albert Stafford - As a Special  
 Within R 7 from Sale Not<sup>d</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 1861 and R 52 from Lease Not<sup>d</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> March 1858  
 also within W R 206 Not<sup>d</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> April 67

Por. No C.P. No  
 Por. No G.L. No  
 Sp Lease 88/1 Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cancelled by Misc 97 T<sup>H</sup>



(Note)  
 Blue Color on Original shown on tracing  
 by a thick line thus \_\_\_\_\_

Azimuth taken from  
 Field Book Vol folio

Parish of Baan Bua  
 County of Pottinger

Reference to Corners

Corner	Bearing	From	Links	V <sup>o</sup> an. Iron
a	S 66° 30' W	d <sup>o</sup> tree	7.00	↑
b	Post	Branded	14	R
c	313° 34'	apple	18	51
d	325° 57'	oak	46	51
e	67° 45'	apple	86	R
f	27° 48'	Box	10 1/2	R
g	210° 10'	Gum	38	51
h	169° 10'	"	142	51
L	64° 50'	D. Box	10	19
U	63° 10'	Gum	10 1/2	po

Reference to Traverse

Line	Bearing	Distance
1	279° 50'	204

I hereby certify that I in person made and on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 1888 completed the survey represented on this plan on which are written the bearings and lengths of the lines measured by me and I declare that the survey has been executed in accordance with the regulations published for the guidance of licensed Surveyors and the practice of the Department of Lands.

(Signed) *Print* Licensed Surveyor  
 Transmitted to the District Surveyor with my letter of 1<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1888 N<sup>o</sup> 88/25

Voucher No Passed  
 Calculation Book No folio  
 Checked and Charted  
 Examined

Plan approved

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Traced by J. B. G. S. 26<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1888

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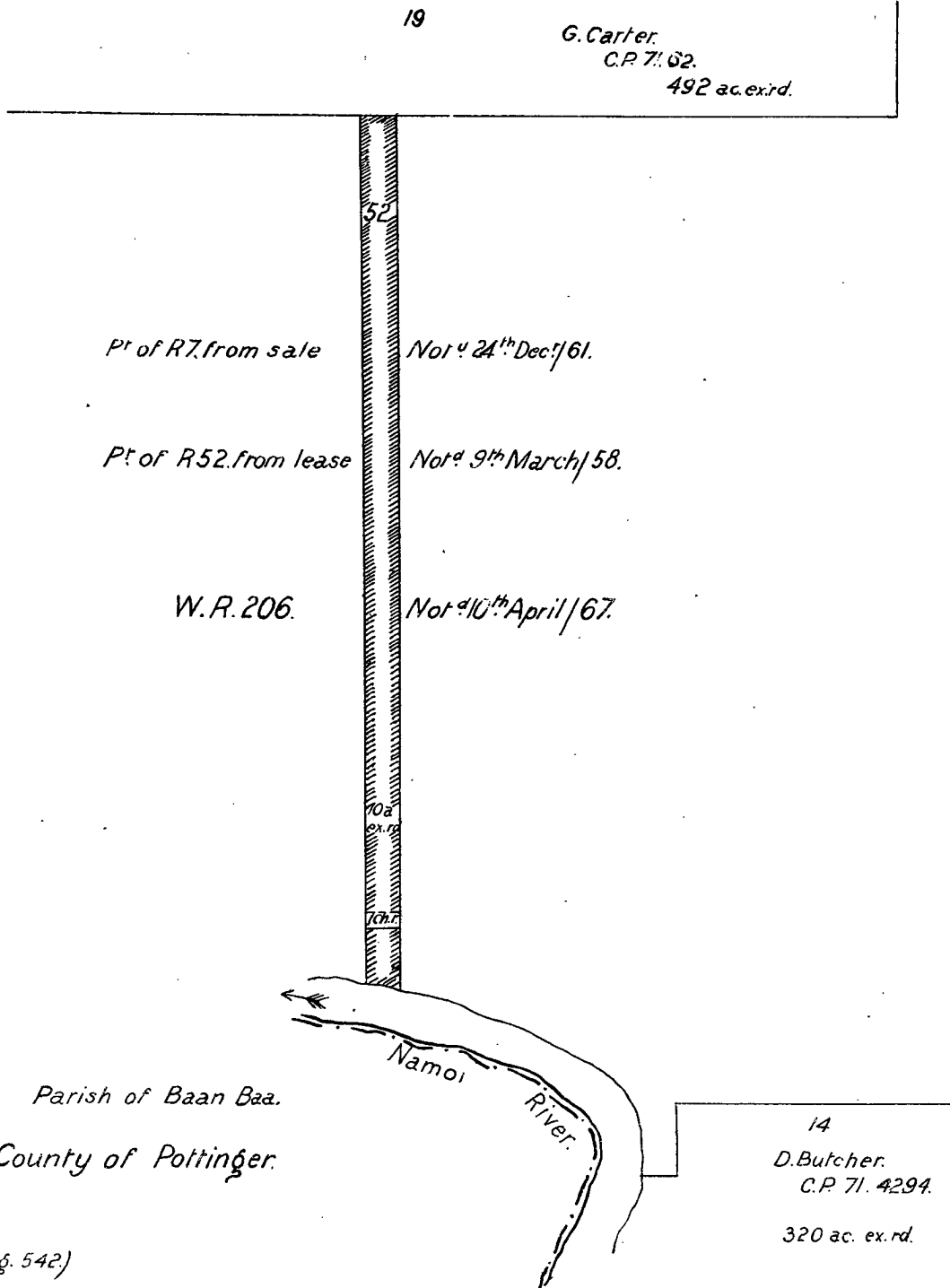
PLAN.

Enclosure to No 20.

Showing by hatching that part of R 7 from sale.  
Proposed for Cancellation.

PARISH OF THERIBY, COUNTY OF NANDEWAR.

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APPENDIX C.

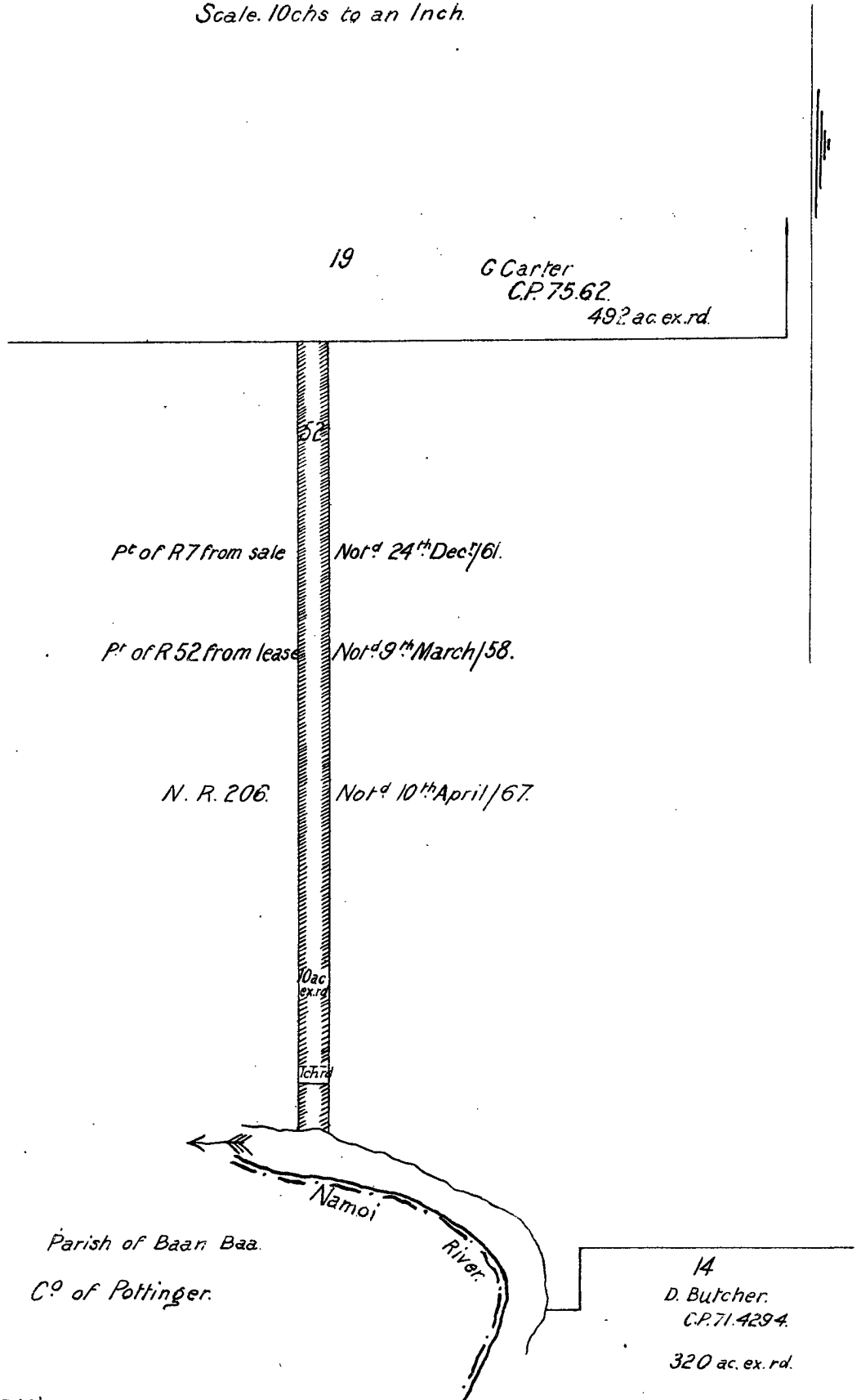
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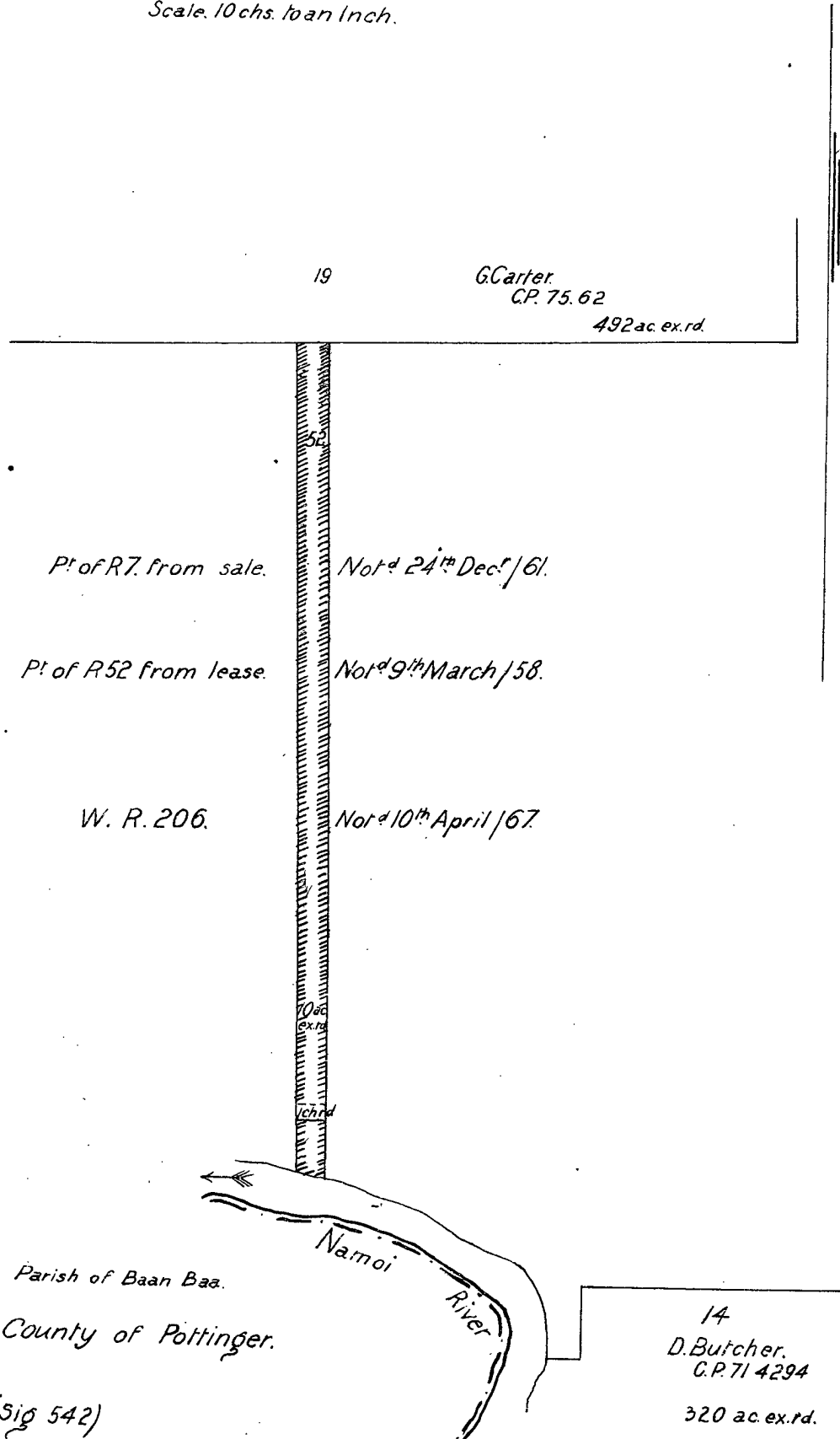
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Proposed for cancellation.

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Scale. 10 chs. to an Inch.



19

G. Carter.  
C.P. 75. 62  
492 ac. ex. rd.

Pt of R7. from sale.

Not d 24<sup>th</sup> Decr / 61.

Pt of R52 from lease.

Not d 9<sup>th</sup> March / 58.

W. R. 206.

Not d 10<sup>th</sup> April / 67.

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Parish of Baan Baa.  
County of Pottinger.

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Namoi  
River

14  
D. Butcher.  
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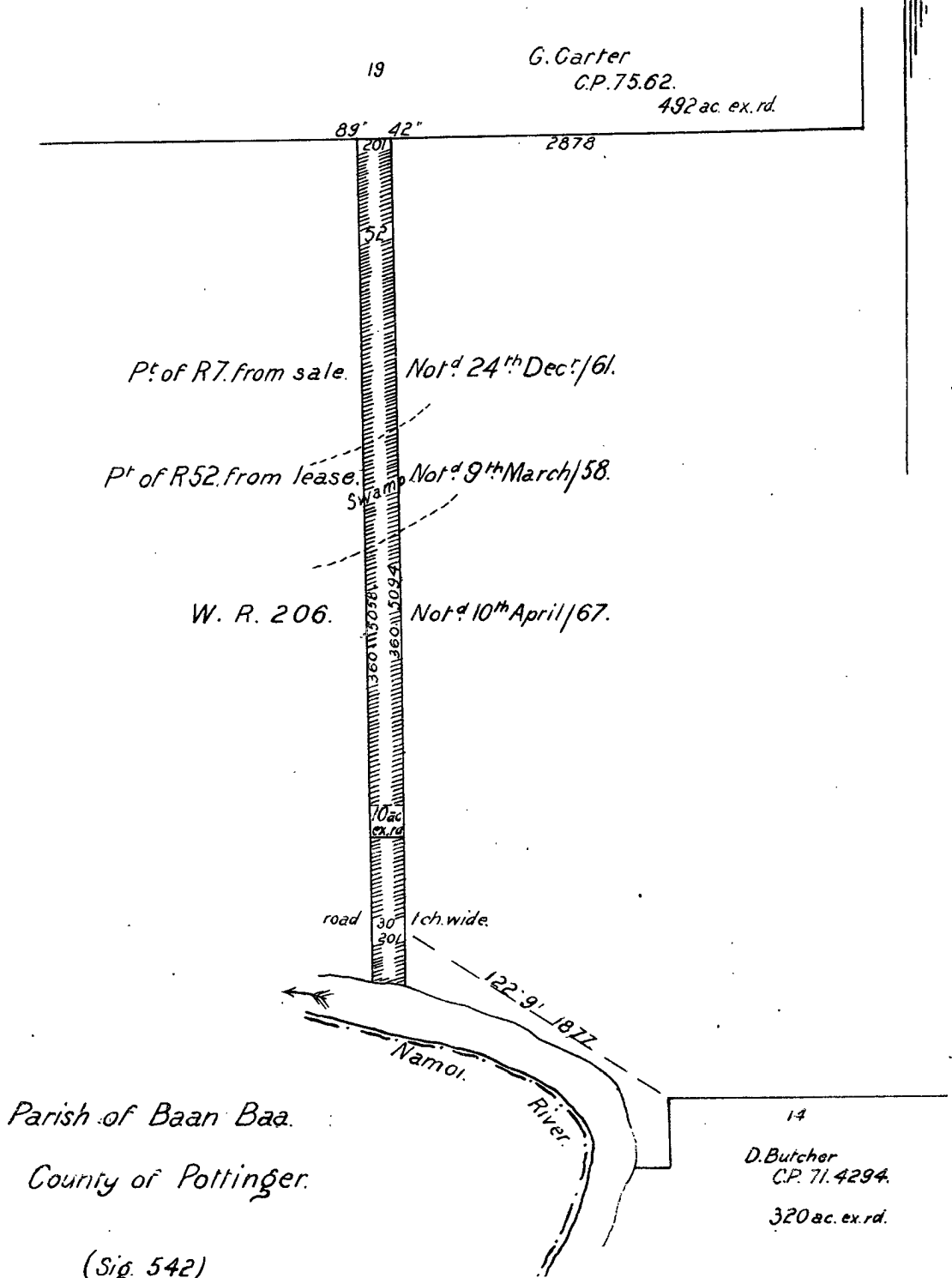
APPENDIX E. - PLAN -

Enclosure to No 20.

Showing by hatching proposed reserve.

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APPENDIX F.

LAND DISTRICT GUNNEDAH.

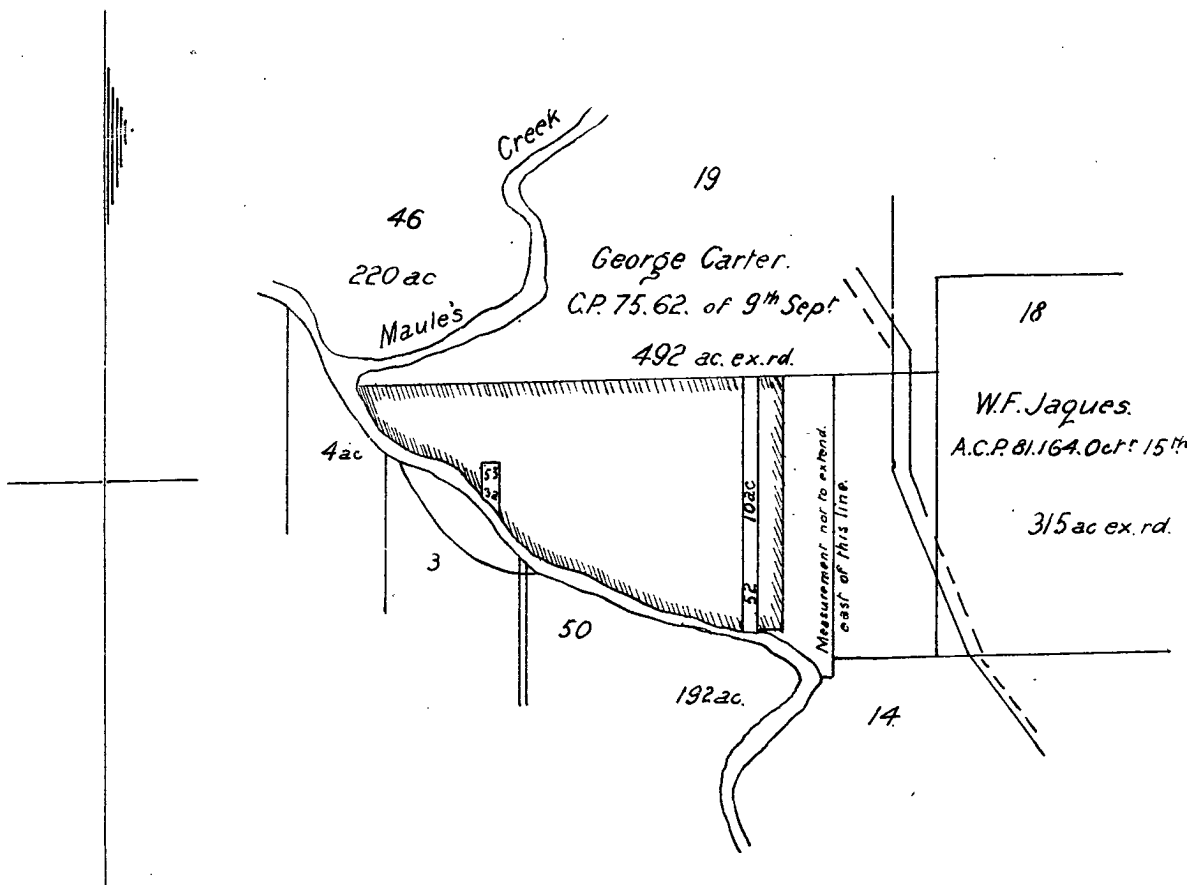
DIAGRAM.

in connection with Application No 88.1 by Albert Stafford under Section 90.  
of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.  
for irrigation.

PARISH THERRIBY, COUNTY NARDEWAR, DIVISION CENTRAL.

to accompany Instructions to Mr. Licenced Surveyor Manners.

Area allotted for survey is shown by hatching.

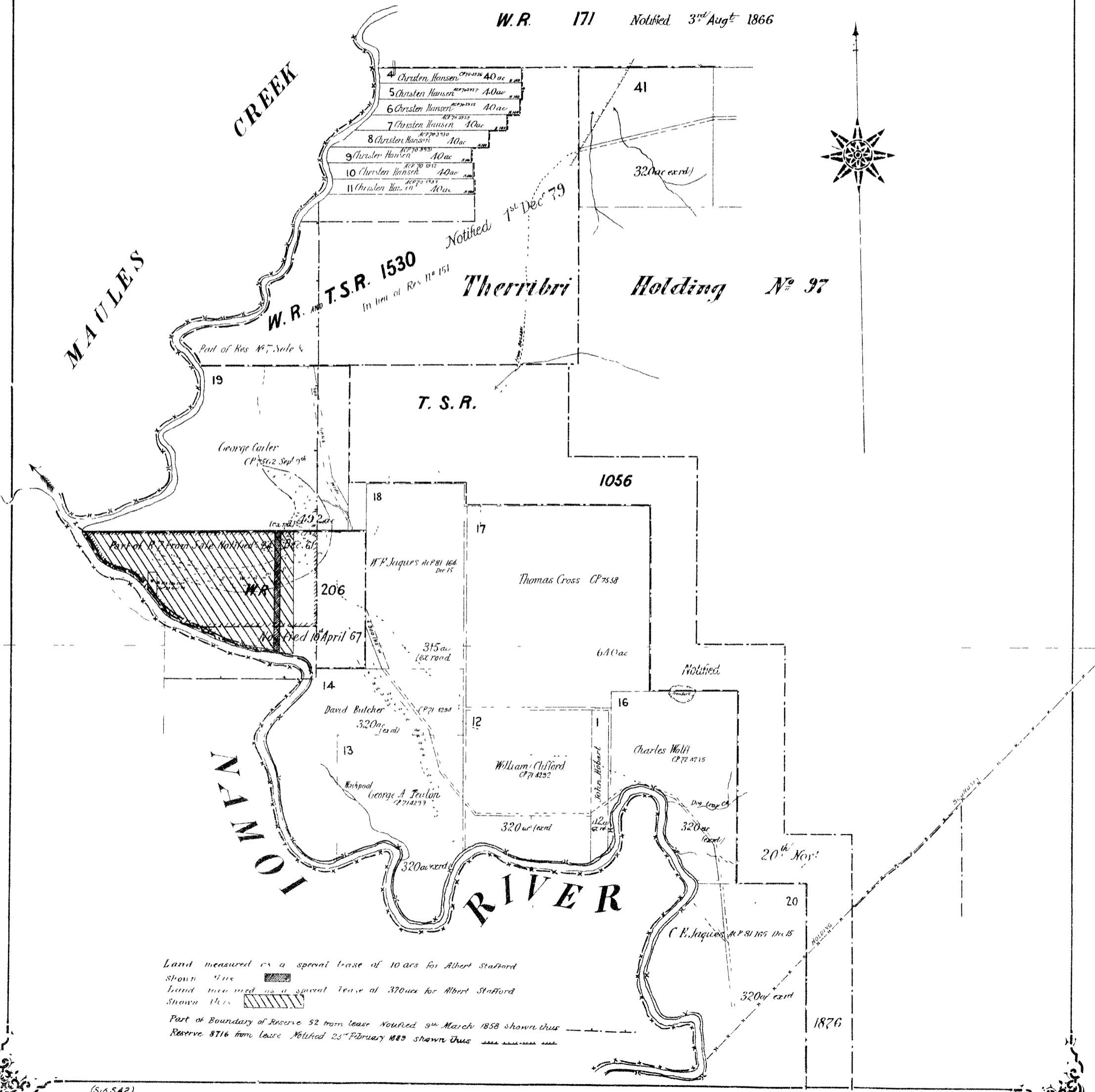


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Tracing  
showing part of  
**THE PARISH OF**  
**THERIBRY**  
COUNTY  
**NANDEWAR**  
Scale 20 chains to an Inch

W.R. 171 Notified 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1866



Land measured as a special lease of 10 acs for Albert Stafford  
Shown thus   
Land measured as a special lease of 320acs for Albert Stafford  
Shown thus   
Part of Boundary of Reserve 52 from lease Notified 9<sup>th</sup> March 1858 shown thus   
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**CROWN LANDS.**

(RETURN RELATING TO JAMES MAHER'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT BURROWA.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 10 September, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 3rd July, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all papers relating to James Maher's conditional purchase, “87-216, at Burrowa.”

(*Mr. O'Sullivan.*)

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## No. 1.

## Application by James Maher.

[C.P. No. 215 of 1887.]

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part III, section 26).

Application for conditional purchase.

To the Land Agent at Burrowa.

Coppabella, Bookham, 22 December, 1887.

I HEREBY apply for 540 acres of Crown lands as an original conditional purchase, and I tender the sum of £54, being a deposit of 2s. per acre thereon. A description of the land applied for is on the back hereof, and the prescribed declaration is attached hereto. The land applied for is improved. The nature and position of the improvements are as follows:—Tank on western end of portion 62.

Disallowed 23rd  
July, 1889.

## Description of the land applied for.

Eastern division, county of Harden, parish of Coppabella, 540 acres: commencing at the south-east corner of portion 198 of 100 acres; and bounded thence by lines running in a north-easterly direction along the boundary line of leasehold area 290 to a point; thence north to south-east corner of portion 62; thence west along southern boundary of said portion to western side of road from Reedy Creek to Binalong; thence along the road in a northerly direction to where it joins the northern boundary of portion 62; thence west along southern boundaries of portions 61 and 95, to a point on the eastern boundary of portion 80; thence south to north boundary of conditional purchase 87-32; thence east along said north boundary and part of northern boundaries of portions 94 and 198; thence south along eastern boundary of portion 198 to point of commencement.

JAMES MAHER.

Present and all previous holding of the same series.  
Conditional purchase—  
L. A. No., 215.  
Date of application, 1887.  
540 acres.

This is the application marked A referred to in the annexed declaration of James Maher, made before me at Burrowa, this 22nd December, 1887.

G. S. RIDLEY, J.P., &amp;c.,

A Commissioner for Affidavits.

This application (together with the deposit of £54) was lodged with me by James Maher, this 22nd day of December, 1887, at 15 minutes past 10 of the clock forenoon.

G. S. RIDLEY,

Land Agent at Burrowa.

Plan H 5,285-1,716, county of Harden, parish Coppabella, portion 224, of 537 acres.

[Enclosure.]

[C.P. No. 215 of 1887.]

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part III, sections 24, 26, 42, and 47).

Declaration by applicant for a conditional purchase to accompany application.

I, JAMES MAHER, of Coppabella, Bookham, farmer, do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that I am the applicant for the conditional purchase, as described in the application hereto annexed and marked A, and that the several answers to the questions in the Schedule hereto are true and correct. And I make this solemn declaration as to the several matters aforesaid, according to the law in this behalf made, and subject to the punishment by law provided for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.

JAMES MAHER.

Made before me at Burrowa, this 22nd }  
day of December, 1887,

G. S. RIDLEY, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

[C.P. No. 215 of 1887.]

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part III, sections 24, 26, and 47).

## Schedule.

1. What is your name? James Maher.
2. What is your age? Forty-one.
3. State year and date of birth? 12th July, 1846.
4. Are you married, single, or a widower? Married.
5. Where have you resided for the past two years? and have you during that period borne any name or names other than your present names—and if so, what? No; at Doppabella.
6. Have you been in the employment of any person during the last two years? If so, state of whom. No.
7. Do you intend using the land now applied for solely for your own use and benefit? Yes.
8. Have you entered into any agreement or arrangement, by which any person other than yourself can acquire any interest in the land you apply for? No.
9. Is there any understanding between you and any person in reference to the land applied for that will tend to defeat or evade the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884? No.
10. Are you under any obligation that will prevent you from fulfilling the law in regard to the land you apply for? No.
11. Do you hold any land from the Crown requiring residence at the present time? No.

12. Do you hold any conditional purchases or conditional leases? If so, state the land district in which they are situated, and the respective dates of taking up the same.—Yes; conditional purchase 87-305, selected 19th December, 1882, and additional thereto.

13. Do you already hold a conditional purchase, without conditions of residence, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884? No.

14. Have you at any time made any conditional purchase of any kind under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, or any of the repealed Acts? Yes; see answer to No. 12.

15. If you hold conditional purchases, are they mortgaged or encumbered in any way, and if so, to whom? Yes, to the Bank of New South Wales.

16. Do you understand the conditions of residence and fencing required by the Crown Lands Act of 1884? Yes.

JAMES MAHER,  
Coppabella, Bookham.

Signature of Attesting Witness—

G. S. RIDLEY, a Commissioner for Affidavits.

## No. 2.

### Application by J. Maher.

Form 3.

[C.P. No. 9 of 1888.]

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part III, section 42).

Application for conditional purchase.

To the Land Agent at Burrowa.

Coppabella, Bookham, 19 January, 1888.

I HEREBY apply for 100 acres of Crown lands as an additional conditional purchase, and I tender the sum of £10, being a deposit of 2s. per acre thereon. A description of the land applied for is on the back hereof, and the prescribed declaration is attached hereto. The land applied for is not improved. The nature and position of the improvements are as follows:—

Cancelled,  
20/11/88.

Description of the land applied for.

Eastern Division, county of Harden, parish of Coppabella, 100 acres, being forfeited conditional purchase 84-192, and known as measured portion 198, Coppabella (see *Government Gazette*, 14th December, 1887).

19 January, 1888.

JAMES MAHER.

Present and all previous holding of the same series.

Conditional purchases—

L. A. No., 215.

Date of application, 22/12/87.

Area, 540 acres.

L. A. No., 9.

Date of application, 19/1/88.

Area, 100 acres.

Conditional lease—

L. A. No. 8.

Date of application, 19/1/88.

Area, 640 acres.

This is the application marked A, referred to in the annexed declaration of James Maher, made before me at Burrowa, this 19th day of January, 1888.

A. E. MIDDLETON, J.P., &c.

This application, together with the deposit of £10, was lodged with me by James Maher, this 19th day of January, 1888, at eight minutes past 10 o'clock forenoon.

Acting Land Agent at Burrowa.

H. 5,039; county Harden; parish of Coppabella; portion 198 of 100 acres.

[Enclosure.]

[C.P. No. 9 of 1888.]

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part III, sections 24, 26, 42, and 47).

Declaration by applicant for a conditional purchase to accompany application.

I, JAMES MAHER, of Bookham, grazier, do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that I am the applicant for the conditional purchase, as described in the application hereto annexed and marked A, and that the several answers to the questions in the Schedule hereto are true and correct. And I make this solemn declaration as to the several matters aforesaid, according to the law in this behalf made, and subject to the punishment by law provided for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.

JAMES MAHER.

Made before me at Burrowa, this 19th }  
day of January, 1888,—

A. E. MIDDLETON, J.P.

[C.P. No. 9 of 1888.]

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part III, sections 24, 26, and 47).

Schedule.

1. What is your name? James Maher.
2. What is your age? Forty-one.
3. State year and date of birth. 12th July, 1846.
4. Are you married, single, or widower? Married.
5. Where have you resided for the past two years, and have you during that period borne any name or names other than your present names; and, if so, what? No.
7. Do you intend using the land now applied for solely for your own use and benefit? Yes.
8. Have you entered into any agreement or arrangement by which any person other than yourself can acquire any interest in the land you apply for? No.
9. Is there any understanding between you and any person in reference to the land applied for that will tend to defeat or evade the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884? No.
10. Are you under any obligation that will prevent you from fulfilling the law in regard to the land you apply for? No.
15. If you hold conditional purchases, are they mortgaged or encumbered in any way, and, if so, to whom? Yes; Bank of New South Wales.
16. Do you understand the conditions of residence and fencing required by the Crown Lands Act of 1884? Yes.

JAMES MAHER,  
Coppabella, Bookham.

Signature of attesting witness—

A. E. MIDDLETON, J.P.

## No. 3.

## The Surveyor-General to The District Surveyor at Goulburn.

[Very urgent.]

WITH reference to your memo. requesting that all information available be supplied to you, regarding the land edged pink on accompanying tracing, and to which a reply was sent from this office, I have now to request that you will kindly inform me as to what information has been obtained by you.

I understand that some question had arisen as to whether the land was within the leasehold area of Coppabella or resumed area of Cumbamurra Holdings.

C. J. SAUNDERS  
(For Surveyor-General).

The matter referred to was submitted to the Local Land Board for consideration, in connection with conditional purchase 87-171, and conditional lease 87-112, Burrowa. In submitting these papers, it was suggested that the opportunity should be availed of to establish the northern and eastern limits of leasehold area 290, and at the same time southern limit of resumed area No. 227, of Cumbamurra Holding. The official papers have not yet been returned to me, but from inquiries made at the Board's office, it has been ascertained that the conditional purchase and conditional lease referred to were disallowed at applicant's request, and the Court then deemed it unnecessary to take any action in regard to establishing the run boundary. At present, therefore, I am unable to afford any information, but Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Belcher is, in about a week, going to the locality, and I propose instructing him to collect such information as will definitely settle the matter.—J. L. TRITTON, Acting District Surveyor, 25/2/88. The Surveyor-General.

Has Mr. Belcher supplied the information referred to?—A.B.M. (for Chief Draftsman). The Acting District Surveyor, Goulburn.

Not yet; but he was in town last week, and told me that one lessee had agreed to a boundary, and he thought the other would also agree. The latter party, however, resided in some other part of the Colony, but a reply was early expected. As soon as it reaches this office, it will be sent on to Sydney.—J. L. TRITTON, Acting District Surveyor, 23/3/88.

Mr. M'Ninn,—What action is pending this reply?—C.J.S., 26/3/88.

The new parish map of Coppabella has been sent to this branch to have the holdings charted. It cannot be stated whether the country edged pink on enclosed tracing forms part of the leasehold area of Coppabella, or the resumed area of Cumbamurra Holdings.—A.B.M., 27/3/88.

The Chief Draftsman,—Let me see the map.—C.J.S., 29/3/88.

## No. 4.

## The Acting District Surveyor, Goulburn, to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Belcher.

District Surveyor's Office, Goulburn, 1 March, 1888.

MR. LICENSED-SURVEYOR BELCHER is requested, at his early convenience, to report upon the apparent encroachment of leasehold area No. 290 upon the resumed area No. 227.

As Mr. Belcher is about to carry out some instructions in the parish of Coppabella, in the county of Harden, I would desire that advantage should be taken of this visit to interview the lessees of Cumbamurra and Coppabella Pastoral Holdings, and an endeavour made to obtain their consent in writing to the adoption of a common line for the division of the areas referred to.

A lithograph showing the various boundaries is forwarded herewith; as is also an extract from report to Land Board, on Silas Cross' conditional purchase 87-171, and conditional lease 87-112 (now disallowed at applicant's request).

J. L. TRITTON,  
Acting District Surveyor.

The required information is now returned herewith. The lessees have signed the accompanying lithograph, and agreed upon a common boundary as shown by yellow band.

This extract was not sent to me with this memo.

28 March, 1888.

S. H. BELCHER.

## No. 5.

## The Acting District Surveyor, Goulburn, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

29 March, 1888.

IN connection with previous correspondence, I now do myself the honor to forward herewith copy of a report to the Local Land Board, on conditional purchase, 87-171, and conditional lease 87-112, Burrowa, by Silas Cross, which I understand have been disallowed at applicant's request, also a memorandum to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Belcher and a lithograph of the parish map of Coppabella, on which a boundary line, to which the lessees have assented in writing on the face of the plan, is shown by yellow edging. In regard to the latter part of my memorandum to the Board, it appeared from inquiry at the Board's office that, as the conditional purchase and conditional lease of Silas Cross were disallowed, no steps were taken towards establishing the limit of resumed area 227, and therefore I asked Mr. Belcher to see the lessees whose agreement to a definite boundary is now secured.

I have the honor to recommend adoption of that boundary as soon as practicable, in order that applications for land adjoining it may be readily dealt with.

J. L. TRITTON,  
Acting District Surveyor.

Mr. Williams,—Send this to Chief Draftsman.—E.L., 5/4/88.

[Enclosure.]

## [Enclosure.]

Conditional purchase, 87-171; conditional lease, 87-112, Burrowa; county of Harden, parish of Coppabella.

Conditional purchase, 87-171 is an application for land, which apparently falls within leasehold area, No. 290, forming western part of Coppabella holding, and should probably be disallowed.

Conditional lease, 87-112, being dependent upon conditional purchase, 87-171, should probably also be disallowed.

In dealing with these cases a doubt arose as to whether the boundaries of leasehold area No. 290 were correctly charted on the parish maps, and further information was sought from the Under Secretary, whose reply indicated that they are only shown approximately, but it is stated that on the plan submitted for division of Coppabella Holding, the boundary was shown where indicated by red hatched lines on lithograph herewith, and that a description of Coppabella Run, dated 1851, mentions the creek as the northern boundary, but that it is not reliable (*vide* Occ. 87-13,575 herewith). Advantage might be taken of this opportunity to establish the northern and eastern limit of leasehold area 290, and at the same time the southern limit of resumed area No. 227, of Cumbamurra Holding, which is indicated on lithograph by red edging.

Perhaps this would be arrived at by a mutual arrangement between the parties interested, having due regard to the public interest.

The Chairman.

J. L. TRITTON,  
Acting District Surveyor.

In the event of that part of the boundary agreed on by both lessees between Cumbamurra and Coppabella Holdings (coloured yellow on accompanying lithograph) being adopted, would the district surveyor report as to what effect it would have on part of conditional purchase 87-171, and part of conditional purchase, 87-215, parish of Coppabella, county Harden, which would both be in the leasehold area of Coppabella Holding.—A.B.M. (for Chief Draftsman). The District Surveyor, Goulburn.

## No. 6.

Memo. from The Acting District Surveyor, Goulburn, to The Chief Draftsman.

29 March, 1888.

I HAVE been directed by the District Surveyor to inform you that a lithograph of the map of Coppabella, on which is endorsed the joint agreement of the lessees of Coppabella and Cumbamurra Pastoral Holdings to a common boundary, has this day been forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands under cover of memorandum of even date.

ARTHUR A. BADCOCK.

Look up papers please; this is the matter we had in hand recently, when Mr. Acting-District Surveyor Tritton was in town.—C.J.S., 3/4/88.

## No. 7.

The Acting District Surveyor, Goulburn, to The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn.

9 May, 1888.

CONDITIONAL purchase, 87-215, for 540 acres, 26th section, dated 22nd December; additional conditional purchase, 88-9, for 100 acres; conditional lease, 88-8, for 640 acres, 19th January, by James Maher, Burrowa Land District, county of Harden, parish of Coppabella.

Conditional purchase, 87-215.—This is an application for that part of portion 62, westward of the road from Coppabella to Binalong, and the unmeasured land to the west and south, as delineated on the accompanying tracing by red tint. Portion 62 was formerly held under conditional purchase 76-149, by John Gilhooley, which was forfeited by *Gazette* notice on the 9th August, 1881, and is vacant Crown land. I am not aware of any objection to entertaining this application, provided it be held to fall within resumed area No. 227, subject to payment of necessary subdivision fee.

Additional conditional purchase, 88-9.—This application is for measured portion 198, which was held under conditional purchase 84-192, by Owen McCarthy, and declared forfeited by *Gazette* notice, 14th December, 1887. The portion is now vacant Crown land. It adjoins the previous holding, but provisional approval will depend upon the action taken with regard to conditional purchase 87-215.

Conditional lease 88-8 is for land to the east of conditional purchase 87-215, and to the south and west of Silas Cross' conditional purchase, 87-171, and conditional lease, 87-112, as indicated by blue broken lines. This description divides the lease into two parts, the larger portion falling wholly within leasehold area 290; and therefore only about 100 acres, being the southern part of portion 62, are available under the application. As part of portion 62 was held under conditional purchase 87-171 by Silas Cross of prior date, disallowed at Court held 16th February, 1888, I presume the present applicant should not be called upon to pay the subdivision fee entailed thereby. This will not exempt applicant from payment of the requisite subdivision fee with regard to his conditional purchase 87-215.

In connection with the application of Silas Cross a difficulty arose in regard to defining the limits of leasehold area No. 290 and resumed area No. 227; and, a boundary not having been established owing to the withdrawal of the conditional purchase and conditional lease, the matter was referred to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Belcher, who, when in the locality, interviewed the managers of Cumbamurra and Coppabella Holdings, and obtained the owners' consent in writing to a definite boundary, as shown on lithograph herewith by yellow edging. If that boundary be adopted, both conditional purchases and conditional lease would fall into leasehold area 290, and it is now submitted whether this should be done, and the applications disallowed, or whether, in view of the condition of the maps at date of application, the boundary should be further modified so as to exclude them from the leasehold area referred to.

Perhaps a further modification, as shown by black band, might be effected.

J. L. TRITTON,  
Acting District Surveyor.

Applicant notified, 5/6/88. Court, Binalong, 20/6/88. The District Surveyor to note.—W.S., 27/8/88. Noted.—AN. B.

## No. 8.

## The Acting District Surveyor, Goulburn, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

9 May, 1889.

Lithograph  
herewith.

WITH reference further to that part of the boundary between leasehold area 290 and resumed area 227, in the parish of Coppabella, and the limits agreed upon by the lessees of Cumbamurra and Coppabella Holdings, the question as to the position of the boundary of leasehold area 290 has been resubmitted to the Land Board in connection with conditional purchases 87-215 and 88-9, and conditional lease 88-8, by James Maher, which, according to the limits agreed upon, as above mentioned, fall within leasehold area 290; and it has been suggested whether a further modification more in accord with the limits shown on maps might be effected, as indicated by black band, to allow of the confirmation of part of the applications. The settlement of the boundary should therefore, I presume, await the decision of the Board.

J. L. TRITTON,

Acting District Surveyor.

The Chief Draftsman.—E.L., 14/5/88. Mr. M'Minn.—C.J.S., 14/5/88. Reminder sent to District Surveyor, 23/7/88. Reminder sent to District Surveyor, 1/10/88. Memo. sent to District Surveyor, 9/1/89.

## No. 9.

## Decision of the Local Land Board at Binalong.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, section 14, Subsection 4).

New South Wales, }  
to wit. }

WHEREAS on the 20th day of June, 1888, it became a matter for investigation before us, the applications of James Maher for the conditional purchase of 540 acres and 100 acres, Nos. 87-215 and 88-9, and for a conditional lease of 640 acres, No. 88-88.

The applicant appeared.

And having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, a report from the Acting District Surveyor was taken into consideration, in which it was stated that the conditional purchases applied for were of the part of measured portion 62, parish of Coppabella, westward of the road from Coppabella to Binalong, and unmeasured land to the west and south, and measured portion 198, and the lease of land to the east of that first mentioned, and to the south and west of Silas Cross' application Nos. conditional purchase 87-171 and conditional lease 87-112, thus being divided into two parts, the larger falling wholly within leasehold area No. 290, and leaving only about 100 acres available, being the southern part of portion 62. It was further pointed out that in connection with previous applications a difficulty had arisen in defining the respective limits of the leasehold area No. 290 and resumed area No. 227, which it had been proposed to arrange by accepting a definite boundary agreed to by the respective owners, and shown upon an accompanying lithograph by yellow edging.

Having deliberated, the Board decided to return the first-mentioned application to the District Surveyor for measurement, and approved of the proposed subdivision of portion 62.

The Board further expressed a desire to have before them the documents or correspondence relating to the arrangement of boundaries between the lessees of the leasehold and resumed areas aforementioned, observing that any arrangement affecting the former would be of no effect unless duly ratified by the Minister.

The application for a conditional lease in so far as it clearly encroached upon the leasehold area (irrespective of the arrangement referred to), as shown by the parish maps, was disallowed, the area of 640 acres being thus reduced to 100 acres.

The further consideration of the application for portion 198 was deferred, pending disposal of the question as to the boundaries.

Given under our hands at the office of the Local Land Board, at Binalong, in the Colony of New South Wales, this 20th day of June, 1888.

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.  
WILLM. J. E. WOTTON,  
Member.

[Enclosure.]

THIS deponent, *James Maher*, of Bookham, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier, being duly sworn, saith:—I am the applicant for 540 acres, measured as portion 224 of 537 acres; I know a dam or tank on that portion; I have known it for the last nine or ten years; it was in existence before 1881; it has not been altered in any way since then; the cost of it was £45; the fencing (six-wire), some of it inside the line and some outside, has been on the land about thirteen or fourteen years; the fencing on the land I value at £15 per mile; the posts are rotten and the wire will not stand straining again; the brush fence was not on the land in 1881; it has been there about four or five years; I consider it valueless.

Sworn by James Maher, at Binalong, this }  
20th November, 1888, before us,— }

JAMES MAHER.

A. O. MORIARTY, Chairman.  
WILLM. J. E. WOTTON, } Members.  
A. B. PATERSON, }

## No. 10.

## Mr. A. T. Wilshire to The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn.

Sir,

Coppabella, Bookham, 28 August, 1888.

I am instructed by the owner of this property to inform the Board that he claims the improvements upon the land recently selected by James Maher. Said improvements consist of 1 mile 1 chain six-wire fencing, £30; tank, value £90; and to request that payment for such improvements be made to me by the incoming selector, with concurrence of the Board.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. T. WILSHIRE.

Put with case when ready for Court action.—J.G.B.

No. 11.

## No. 11.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor S. H. Belcher to The District, Surveyor;

Sir,

Camp Reed's Flat, 4 September, 1888.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land containing 537 acres, numbered 224, in the parish of Coppabella, in the county of Harden, conditionally purchased by James Maher under the 26th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, measured by me on 13 August, 1888, in accordance with instructions No. 88-95, dated 28 July, 1888.

This portion embraces some very rough and rocky country, adapted for grazing only. It is timbered with box chiefly, and a little oak. The soil is of a very strong and rocky nature. The improvements consist of tank, worth about £50; six-wire fencing, worth about £30; and brush fencing, worth about £2; the property of the lessee, excepting the brush fence.

The southern boundary has been run approximately, as shown on tracing with instructions. There is no sign of any marked line anywhere near.

The lessee informed me after survey that a boundary was run by one of the Commissioners, where the wire fence is, and that that fence is the northern boundary of the run. I may state, however, that he had previously accepted a boundary by mutual consent with the lessee of Cumbamura run, and is anxious to know which is to be the boundary of the leasehold area.

The western boundary of portion 62 has been obliterated.

I have, &amp;c.,

STUART H. BELCHER,

Licensed Surveyor.

Plan H. 5,285, 1,716 approved.—J.L.T., Acting District Surveyor, 10/10/88.

Tracing herewith for Inspector.—Portion 224, of 537 acres, has been measured of the form approved at Court held 20th June, 1888, the northern boundary of leasehold area 290 has been fixed approximately from the position shown on parish map; and the area available for the conditional purchase is thus found to be deficient by 3 acres of the quantity specified. There are improvements consisting of tank, valued by the surveyor at £50; wire fencing, £30; and brush fencing, £2; total, £82; of which only the tank is specified in the application, and perhaps this might be held to invalidate the application (*vide* decision in case of Patrick J. Kelly in the Appeal Court, Vol. 1, Part VIII of Reports). A letter, 88-3,895, L.B., is enclosed on behalf of the lessee of Coppabella Holding, claiming the improvements upon the land, and asking the concurrence of the Board in payment being made to him by the selector of the amount of the improvements. By the lessee the tank is valued at £90 and the fencing at £30, total £120. The question of the boundary of the leasehold area referred to by the surveyor has been submitted under separate cover on 88-2,024, L.B., and subject to a decision on that point, and on the matter of improvements. I am not aware of any objection to confirmation of the conditional purchase desired for the reduced area.—J. L. TRITTON, Acting District Surveyor, 10/10/88. The Chairman.

Applicant notified, 5/11/88. Court Binalong, 20/11/88. Partly heard. Adjourned to next sitting for the Minister's decision as to the boundary referred to on 88-2,024, and for notice to lessee as to the improvements.—A.O.M., W.J.E.W. Court Binalong, 18/6/89. Applicant notified, 3/6/89. Next sitting.—A.O.M., F.W.H. Court, Binalong, 23/6/89. Applicant notified, 8/7/89. Adjourned to Burrowa, 24th instant.—A.O.M., F.W.H., W.B. Disallowed, as falling in the leasehold area No. 290.—A.O.M., F.W.H., W.B. Applicant (refund order, £54), Crown Land Agent, and Treasury, informed, 26/6/89. Register noted.—COL. E.B. The District Surveyor, 5/9/89. Noted.—AN. B. Notation removed from map. Plan noted.—H.N., 24/9/89. W. D. ARMSTRONG (*pro* District Surveyor), 30/9/89.

## No. 12.

The Acting District Surveyor, Goulburn, to The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn.

Additional Conditional Purchase 88-9 for 100 acres, by James Maher, dated 19th January.

Burrowa Land District, county of Harden, parish of Coppabella.

THIS application came before the Board at Court held 20th June, 1888, and was deferred pending disposal of the question as to the boundaries between leasehold area 290 and resumed area 227, the Board expressing a wish to have before them the documents relating to the agreement between the lessees as to the position of the respective boundaries.

It is now pointed out that under similar cases recently heard before the Appeal Court, it would seem that the additional conditional purchase 88-9 should be disallowed, as the original conditional purchase has not yet been confirmed, and as the land has been notified as reserve 5,566, it will not again be available.

With regard to the question of the run boundaries, the agreement to the proposed modification indicated by yellow edging on lithograph, and referred to in my submission of 9th May last was signed by the lessee of resumed area 227, on the one hand, and by the attorney for the lessees of leasehold area 290 on the other, in the form of foot-note on the face of the lithograph; and it is now ascertained from Mr. L.-S. Belcher's report on the measurement of portion 224 (88-4,072 L.B.) that no marks whatever of the original boundaries of the run could be traced, but that after survey, it was stated by the lessee (presumably of resumed area 227) that a boundary had been run by one of the Commissioners where the wire fence is shown, as the northern boundary of leasehold area 290.

J. L. TRITTON,

Acting District Surveyor.

10 October, 1888.

Applicant notified, 5/11/88. Court Binalong, 20/11/88. Conditional purchase 88-9 disallowed.—A.O.M., A.B.P. Applicant (refund order £10), Crown Land Agent and Treasury informed, 29/11/88. The Board decided to submit this report as to the boundary for the Minister's pleasure.—A.O.M., A.B.P. The Under Secretary for Lands.—B.C., 10/12/88. Mr. Landers.—F.H.W., 10/1/89. Mr. M'Mian,—In connection with 88-4,389 Occ.—E.L., 15/1/89.

## No. 13.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase, Revenue Refunded.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Goulburn, 20 November, 1888.

Burrowa; James  
Maher; date of  
application, 19th  
January, 1888;  
area applied for,  
100 acres;  
amount of re-  
fund, £10.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to refund to Mr. James Maher, of Coppabella, Bookham, the sum of £10, being deposit paid in connection with the conditional purchase specified in the margin, the same having been disallowed.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

## No. 14.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to Mr. J. Maher.

Conditional Purchase.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Goulburn, 20 November, 1888.

Burrowa; James  
Maher; date of  
application, 19th  
January, 1888;  
area applied for,  
100 acres;  
amount of re-  
fund, £10.

I have the honor to inform you that the conditional purchase applied for by you, as per margin, has been disallowed, the original conditional purchase not having been confirmed.

2. The deposit paid thereon, amounting to £10, will be refunded to you by the Colonial Treasurer on application, or will be paid into any Bank you desire, by filling up the order at foot hereof, and forwarding the same, together with this communication, to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, Sydney.

3. It is pointed out that your signature to such order must be witnessed by a magistrate, clergyman, or clerk of Petty Sessions.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

## No. 15.

The Chairman Land Board, Goulburn, to The Crown Land Agent, Burrowa.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Goulburn, 20 November, 1888.

Conditional  
purchase 88-9,  
deposit paid £10.

I have the honor to inform you that the application made by James Maher on the 19th January, 1888, for the conditional purchase of 100 acres of land has been disallowed, original conditional purchase not having been confirmed.

A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

## No. 16.

Mr. A. T. Wilshire to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Coppabella, Bookam.

James Maher;  
conditional  
purchase 87-215,  
portion 224,  
537 acres;  
parish  
Coppabella;  
C.L. 88-8;  
225,100 acres.

The selections applied for indicated in the margin, and now under consideration by the Binalong Land Court. I would respectfully submit that the north boundary of the leasehold area of the Coppabella Run was defined and fenced prior to the division under the existing Crown Land Act. Also that the above-mentioned application is for land situated within boundaries of leasehold and consequently ineligible for selection. My statement will, I think, be confirmed by Mr. Surveyor Belcher, of the Goulburn Survey Office, to whom I pointed out the boundaries between Coppabella and Cumbamurra Runs. But so that no mistake might arise an amended accurate boundary was mutually agreed upon by the several lessees, which, as it runs chiefly upon accurate survey lines easily identified and closely approximates the boundaries as originally described by Mr. Commissioner Palmer, was deemed best.

I have, &c.,

A. T. WILSHIRE  
(*Pro* Commercial Banking Company).

Conditional lease application 88-8 made by James Maher at Burrowa has not been gazetted yet. Please attach papers if received from Land Board, and forward to Mr. Williams.—A.A.M., 3/12/88. Mr. Croft.—Papers have not been received from Land Board to date.—S.B., 4/12/88. Mr. Williams. Referred to the Chairman of the Land Board, Goulburn.—F.W. (*pro* Under Secretary), B.C., Lands, 12/12/88.

Forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands in connection with L.B. 88-2,024 with 88-4,641, submitted on the 21st December, as to this matter of boundary. Maher's cases quoted in margin of this letter are awaiting decision on this point.—JNO. G. BLAXLAND (for the Chairman), 22/2/89. Land Board Office, Goulburn.

The boundary approved of on 90-243 Occ. will cause Maher's conditional purchase to be disallowed. Papers should now be returned to the Board.—E.L., 19/2/90. Mr. Capper Conditional Sales Branch. Mr. Yorke.—How does the original conditional purchase stand and please quote papers.—W.H.C., 4/3/90. Original conditional purchase 87-215. Disallowed, 23/7/90. Papers 89-2,025 Cor.—F.G., 7/3/90.

No further action in Conditional Sale Branch. Lease Branch.—A.S., 6/5/90. Conditional lease 88-8 disallowed, 23/7/89, as conditional purchase was disallowed.—F.W., 9/5/90. The Chairman of the Land Board, Goulburn.—F.W. (*pro* Under Secretary), B.C., Lands, 9/5/90.

No. 17:



## No. 17.

Mr. J. Maher to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 4 December, 1888.

I hereby authorize my agent, Mr. James Carroll, of Wentworth House, Sydney, to act for me in the matter of my disputed selection and lease, noted hereunder, and I request that you will please address all correspondence relating thereto to his care.

Yours, &amp;c.,

JAMES MAHER.

District, Burrowa; areas, 540 acres and 100 acres; C.L. 640 acres; name, James Maher; date, 22nd December, 1887, and 19th January, 1888; No. conditional purchase, 87; additional conditional purchase, 88-9; papers, 88-4,389 Occ.

## No. 18.

The Surveyor-General to The District Surveyor, Goulburn.

[Very urgent.]

9 January, 1882.

WOULD the District Surveyor be good enough to state if any settlement has been arrived at between the lessees and the Board, *re* holding boundary between the resumed area of Cumbamurra and leasehold area of Coppabella.

The publishing of the parish map of Coppabella still remains in abeyance, pending some decision in the matter.

A. B. M'INN

(For Surveyor-General).

The difficulty in regard to the position of the boundary referred to was submitted to the Land Board, in connection with conditional purchase 87-215, Burrowa. Upon inquiry to-day at the Chairman's Office, I was informed that the matter had been referred to the Minister, and was sent to the Under Secretary on the 11th ultimo (papers L.B. 88-4,641, Goulburn).—J. L. TRITTON, Acting District Surveyor, 10/1/89.

Mr. M'Inn.—C.J.S., 11/1/89.

## No. 19.

Office Memorandum.

*Re* holding boundary between resumed area No. 227, and leasehold area No. 290.

At the time of division an overlap occurred between the resumed area of Cumbamurra No. 227, and leasehold area of Coppabella No. 290, and there being absolutely no evidence of any value as to the true position of the common boundary, and the overlap not being due, as far as could be ascertained, to any dispute, but merely to ignorance of the true position, it was thought advisable to adopt the boundary shown by brown edging from A to B for the time being. [*See litho. marked C.*]

Since then the case has been reopened owing to the application for certain conditional purchases and conditional leases, and Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Belcher obtained the written consent of both the lessees interested to the adoption of the boundary shown by yellow band on litho. before mentioned, it being understood of course, as pointed out by the Board, that the Minister's sanction was necessary to the final adoption of such boundary; the Board, however, make no recommendation in the matter, but have submitted the case for Ministerial decision, and after consideration, I think that it would not be altogether advisable to accept the boundary shown by yellow band, without the modification suggested by the District Surveyor shown by black band.

In the first place it cannot be said that the evidence available supports any one boundary now suggested; and therefore I think that a boundary should be decided upon that will be, as far as possible, agreeable to all parties concerned, and in this instance the pastoral lessees are not alone interested; but any decision of the boundary will be of considerable moment to applicants for conditional purchases and conditional leases, whose applications have no doubt been made in good faith.

It appears to me that the boundary agreed upon by the lessees with the modifications suggested by the District Surveyor is one that commends itself for adoption, and I would suggest that the Minister's sanction be given to that boundary, and the lessees be informed accordingly.

A.B.M.

16 January, 1889.

The Chief Draftsman,—As the consent of the lessees was obtained to adoption of the boundary shown by yellow band on litho., it seems desirable that their concurrence should also be sought to the proposed modification of that boundary, which has been suggested, with a view to permit of Maher's conditional purchase and conditional lease being regarded as on resumed area. If the lessees agree to this amendment of their former agreement, then there does not appear to be any objection to the Minister approving of the boundary as so amended; some special steps should be taken to communicate with the lessees at once, in order that the action on Maher's applications may not be delayed any longer than necessary.—C.J.S. (for Surveyor General), 21/1/89.

The Under Secretary,—Submitted for approval. In communicating with the lessees, a tracing should be forwarded, showing the proposed remodification.—S.F., (*per* W.H.), 22/1/89. Approved.—W.J.L., 18/2/89. Mr. M'Inn. Mr. Landers,—Two tracings herewith for lessees.—A.B.M., 26/2/89. S. K. Salting, care of Du Faur and Gerard, Cumbamurra, and Manager, Commercial Banking Company, Coppabella, asked, and tracing sent, 9/3/89.

## No. 20.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. S. K. Salting.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 March, 1889.

Referring to the agreement entered into by you, locating the boundary between the resumed area of Cumbamurra Holding and the leasehold area of Coppabella Holding in the position shown by blue band on the enclosed tracing, I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary for Lands, to ask whether, with a view of bringing James Maher's conditional purchase and conditional lease within the resumed area, you will consent to such boundary being modified as indicated by red band upon tracing.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

Tracing.

## No. 21.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.

[Urgent.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 March, 1889.

Referring to the agreement entered into by you, locating the boundary between the resumed area of Cumbamurra Holding and the leasehold area of Coppabella Holding, in the position shown by blue band on the enclosed tracing, I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary for Lands, to ask whether, with a view of bringing James Maher's conditional purchase and conditional lease within the resumed area, you will consent to such boundary being modified as indicated by red band upon tracing.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

Tracing.

## No. 22.

The Manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Sydney, 19 March, 1889.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, 89-3,230, of 9th instant, and in reply, to state that our constituent, Mr. Thomas Broughton, objects to the modification of the boundary as shown on the tracing you enclose, as there would be a loss of fencing, or expense in moving same; also a loss of land and of a tank. We concur in this objection.

I have, &amp;c.,

T. A. DIBBS,

General Manager.

Mr. M'Minn,—E.L., 23/3/89.

## No. 23.

## Office Memorandum.

Boundary between Coppabella and Cumbamurra Holdings.

THE lessee of the leasehold area of Coppabella Holding objects to the modification proposed by the District Surveyor, which was suggested with a view to permit Maher's conditional purchase 87-215, and conditional lease 88-8, being regarded as on a resumed area, the more especially since the applications were made in good faith and according to office maps comprised land which was supposed to be available.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Belcher reports that no marks whatever of the original boundaries of the runs could be traced, but that, after survey, it was stated by the lessee that a boundary had been run by one of the Commissioners where the wire fence is shown on the enclosed lithograph.

Under the circumstances, as it appears a matter of doubt whether the Minister possesses the power of determining the boundary, I think it would be advisable to accept the line to which both lessees have agreed, as no serious objection can be urged against it, except that it would render the refusal of the conditional purchase and conditional lease above mentioned necessary, but the adoption of this line will be dependant upon the lessees of Coppabella paying rent from date of division for about 1,000 acres of vacant Crown lands lying to the south of the line agreed to, and upon which a refund will have to be made to the lessee of Cumbamurra, who has hitherto paid rent for it.

A.B.M.

11th April, 1889.

The lessees of Coppabella Holding having declined to agree to the adoption of the boundary shown by black band on litho., there seems to be no course open other than to recommend for the approval of the Minister, the boundary shown by yellow band which has already been consented to by both lessees interested. Before finally adopting this boundary, however, seeing that it involves the disallowance of Maher's conditional purchase and conditional lease, the lessees of Coppabella might be informed that their refusal to consent to the boundary suggested involves the addition of about 1,000 acres to their leasehold upon which arrears of rents from date of division will be due, and they might be asked to state if they still adhere to their determination under these circumstances.—C. J. SAUNDERS, 12/4/89. The Under Secretary.

The position of this case appears to be whether or not the Minister will concur in the proposed common boundary for the Coppabella and Cumbamurra Pastoral Holdings, submitted for his consideration by the Burrova Land Board. The boundary is arrived at apparently from investigation by the Local Survey Staff, leading up to an agreement between the adjoining run holders, the effect of which, if adopted, would be fatal to the application of one James Maher for a conditional purchase. It is hardly necessary to point out that the agreement is valueless unless confirmed by the Minister, and it is a matter for consideration whether there is sufficient conclusive evidence to justify a confirmation. Attention may be invited to the letter herewith—the signature to which is illegible—written on behalf of the Commercial

Banking

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Banking Company, affirming that the north boundary of the Coppabella Holding is defined by a fenced line, alleged to have been in existence prior to the division of the run, and to the reports of Mr. Acting-District Surveyor Tritton. These documents appear to contain the only evidence before the Board at the time of its recommendation of December last. Further information is contained in the minute submitted by the officer in charge of the Occupation Branch, which, however, is far from conclusive.—W.H., 8/5/89. Submitted.

The evidence appears to be insufficient to determine the boundary; I therefore request the Board to make full inquiry and take such evidence as will assist me in determining the matter. Maher, the conditional purchaser, should receive notice of proposed inquiry.—J N.B., 10/5/89.

The Chairman, Goulburn.—F.H.W. (for Under Secretary), B.C., 17/5/89. Court, Binalong, 18/6/89. The Commercial Bank, care of T. Broughton, Bookham; Messrs. Salting Bros., Cunningham, notified and warned, 3/6/89. James Maher notified, 3/6/89. No appearance on the part of lessees. James Maher appeared. The Board adjourned the matter to their next sitting; lessees to be in the meantime warned that it will then be dealt with whether they are represented or not.—A.O.M., F.W.H., 23/7/89. Court, Binalong. The Commercial Bank, care of T. Broughton, Bookham. Messrs. Salting Brothers notified and warned as above, 8/7/89. James Maher notified, 8/7/89.

## No. 24.

Mr. J. Carroll to The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn.

Sir, 15, Church Hill, Sydney, 30 April, 1889.

In view of the disputed dividing line of Coppabella Pastoral Holding, I have the honor to request that the description of my client's conditional purchases application, quoted in the margin, may be amended, or the area applied for slightly reduced, so as to exclude the leasehold entirely.

As only about 2 or 3 acres of my client's area as applied for are unavailable, providing the present dividing line be finally adopted, the course above suggested will, I trust, commend itself as the most ready and practical way out of the difficulty.

The great delay in dealing with my client's application causes him considerable loss and inconvenience. Will you please hasten remaining action?

I have, &c.,

JAMES CARROLL,

Agent.

Informed of state of case, 28/5/89.

Burrowa ;  
C.P. 87-215 ;  
22 December,  
1887 ;  
James Maher ;  
537 acres.

## No. 25.

Mr. J. Carroll to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 15, Church Hill, Sydney, 9 May, 1889.

When the disputed boundary between Coppabella and Cumbamurra Pastoral Holdings will have been decided, will you please favour me with the Minister's decision, in the interest of my client, James Maher.

I have, &c.,

JAMES CARROLL,

Agent.

Mr. Landers.—W.H.C., 1/6/89. [Mr. Carroll may be informed that the boundary between the holdings above referred to, now adopted, will cause Maher's conditional purchase to be within the leasehold area.—E.L., 19/2/90. Yes.—F.H.W. (for Under Secretary), 27/2/90. Mr. Carroll informed, 4/3/90.

C.P. 87-215  
Burrowa ;  
Jas. Maher v.  
Coppabella  
Pastoral  
Holding.

## No. 26.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to Messrs. Salting Bros.

New South Wales, }  
to wit. } Notice to appear at Local Land Board.

You are hereby notified to attend at the Court-house at Binalong, on the 18th day of June, 1889, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question stated at the foot hereof will be investigated.

On proof of due service of this notice, the investigation may proceed whether you appear in Court or not.

Given under my hand, at Goulburn, this 3rd day of June, 1889,—

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

Matter for investigation.

As to the determination of a common boundary between Coppabella leasehold area, No. 290, and Cumbamurra resumed area, No. 227, Eastern Division.

## No. 27.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to The Manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney

New South Wales, }  
to wit. } Notice to appear at Local Land Board.

You are hereby notified to attend at the Court-house at Binalong, on the 18th day of June, 1889, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question stated at the foot hereof will be investigated.

On proof of due service of this notice, the investigation may proceed whether your appear in Court or not.

Given under my hand at Goulburn, this 3rd day of June, 1889,—

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

Matter for Investigation.

As to the determination of a common boundary between Coppabella leasehold area No. 290 and Cumbamurra resumed area No. 227, Eastern Division.

No. 28.

## No. 28.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to Mr. J. Maher.

New South Wales, } Notice to appear at Local Land Board.  
to wit. }

You are hereby notified to attend at the Court-house, at Binalong, on the 18th day of June, 1889, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question stated at the foot hereof will be investigated.

On proof of due service of this notice, the investigation may proceed whether you appear in Court or not.

Given under my hand, at Goulburn, this 3rd day of June, 1889,—

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

Matter for investigation.

Your application for a conditional purchase, No. 87-215, of 540 acres, and conditional lease, No. 88-8 of 100 acres; also the determination of a common boundary between Coppabella leasehold area No. 290, and Cumbamurra resumed area No. 227.

## No. 29.

Messrs. Du Faur and Gerard to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Exchange, Sydney, 20 June, 1889.

Referring to your letter of 19th March, having reference to a proposed modification of part of the southern boundary of the resumed area noted in margin, adjoining the leasehold area of Coppabella, we have the honor to inform you that Mr. S. K. Salting, of Cumbamurra, is desirous that, at any rate for the present, the present boundary as agreed to and approved may remain unaltered.

We have, &c.,  
DU FAUR AND GERARD,  
(Per H. O'C.)Mr. M'Minn.—E.L., 29/6/89. This letter had better be forwarded to the Chairman at Goulburn to be placed with papers 89-6,278, Min.—A.B.M., 4/7/89. Mr. Landers. The Chairman, Goulburn.—F.H.W. (for Under Secretary), B.C., 5/7/89. Court, Binalong, 23/7/89. The Commercial Bank, care of T. Broughton, Bookham, notified and warned, 8/7/89 (*vide* minute, 19/6/89). Messrs. Salting Bros., James Maher notified, 8/7/89. Part heard; adjourned to Burrowa to-morrow.—A.O.M., F.W.H., W.B., 23/7/89.

After careful examination the Board find the common boundary between leasehold area 240 and resumed area 227 to have been substantially in accordance with the yellow line, shown on plan marked "C," and decided to recommend its adoption by the Minister, the minute accordingly detailing the case as explained formally.—A.O.M., F.W.H., W.B.}

## No. 30.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to Messrs. Salting Bros.

New South Wales, } Notice to appear at Local Land Board.  
to wit. }

You are hereby notified to attend at the Court-house, at Binalong, on the 23rd day of July, 1889, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question stated at the foot hereof will be investigated.

On proof of due service of this notice, the investigation may proceed whether you appear in Court or not.

Given under my hand, at Goulburn, this 8th day of July, 1889,—

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

Matter for investigation.

As to the determination of a common boundary between Coppabella leasehold area No. 290, and Cumbamurra resumed area No. 227, postponed from last sittings for your attendance, and you are hereby warned that the matter will be dealt with, whether you are represented or not.

## No. 31.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to Mr. J. Maher.

New South Wales, } Notice to appear at Local Land Board.  
to wit. }

You are hereby notified to attend at the Court-house, at Binalong, on the 23rd day of July, 1889, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question stated at the foot hereof will be investigated.

On proof of due service of this notice, the investigation may proceed whether you appear in Court or not.

Given under my hand, at Goulburn, this 8th day of July, 1889,—

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

Matter for investigation.

Your applications for a conditional purchase, No. 87-215, of 540 acres, and conditional lease No. 88-8, of 100 acres, also the determination of a common boundary between Coppabella leasehold area No. 290, and Cumbamurra resumed area No. 227. Postponed from last sittings.

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No. 32.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to The Manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.

New South Wales, }  
to wit. } Notice to appear at Local Land Board.

You are hereby notified to attend at the Court-house at Binalong, on the 23rd day of July, 1889, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question stated at the foot hereof will be investigated.

On proof of due service of this notice, the investigation may proceed whether you appear in Court or not.

Given under my hand, at Goulburn, this 8th day of July, 1889,—

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

Matter for investigation.

As to the determination of a common boundary between Coppabella leasehold area No. 290 and Cumbamurra resumed area No. 227.

Postponed from last sittings for your attendance, and you are hereby warned that the matter will be dealt with, whether you are represented or not.

No. 33.

Decision of the Local Land Board at Binalong.

New South Wales, }  
to wit. }

WHEREAS on the 23rd day of July, 1889, it became a matter for investigation before us the boundary between the leasehold area of Coppabella No. 290, and the resumed area of Cumbamurra No. 227.

Reverting to the proceedings on the 20th November, 1888, the original official documents and correspondence herein, with illustrative maps and reports, were now resubmitted, by direction of the Minister, who had requested the Board to make full inquiry, and take such evidence as would assist him in determining the matter.

Notice of this inquiry had been given for the 18th June, when, there having been no appearance on the part of the respective lessees, it was adjourned to the present date.

Austin Thomas Wilshire now appeared as the holder of Coppabella Run, subject to a mortgage to the Commercial Bank.

There was no appearance on the part of the holders of Cumbamurra, Messrs. George and Severin Salting.

James Maher, who had applied for a conditional purchase and lease of part of the land in question, appeared with his solicitor, Mr. Brennan.

The evidence of the following witnesses was taken—David Nicholson and Austin Thomas Wilshire.

Mr. Brennan was invited to suggest any question to be put to the witnesses after their examination, or to call further evidence. No questions were asked, or further evidence called, but Mr. Brennan was heard on the part of James Maher.

Before arriving at a decision the Board expressed a desire to inspect the maps supplied to the Land Agent at Burrowa, and adjourned the inquiry to Burrowa, where its consideration was on the following day resumed, James Maher being present.

The Board found that an overlap had been shown by the plans submitted in accordance with the Act of 1884, but that no determination thereof by the authority of the Minister had been arrived at prior to the division of the pastoral holdings being notified.

After careful examination they now found the common boundary between the Coppabella and Cumbamurra Runs to have been substantially in accordance with the yellow line shown upon the plan marked C, appended to the District Surveyor's report, and already signed and agreed to on the part of the respective holders, and they decided to respectfully recommend to the Minister that such boundary should be recognised and adopted as the boundary between the leasehold area of Coppabella No. 290, and the resumed area of Cumbamurra No. 227.

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

F. W. HUME,  
Member of the Land Board.

[Enclosure.]

This deponent, *David Nicholson*, of Coppabella, in the Colony of New South Wales, boundary rider, being duly sworn, saith:—I have been residing at Coppabella for about twenty years, and know the boundary between it and Cumbamurra; I could find it, I suppose; I have known it for seventeen or eighteen years; I never heard of its being disputed; sheep have been shepherded on Coppabella; the shepherds worked by that boundary; the fence is pretty nearly on the boundary; it is off it in some places; I think the fence has been up for ten years, and I never heard of any other boundary which runs from M'Gally's run along the Barren Range to Heydon's Flat, thence to the Round Hill, from the Round Hill to a peg on the Jugiong Creek below the junction of Cunningham Creek.

*By the Board:* Between Heydon's Flat and the Round Hill the boundary runs through broken ranges following the watershed, the northern waters being on Cumbamurra and the southern on Coppabella runs; from the Round Hill to the peg on Jugiong Creek the boundary is the same watershed; the fence runs from M'Gally's Run to Heydon's Flat; it is a give and take line generally following the watershed not more than half a mile from it at any part.

Sworn before us at Binalong, this 23rd July, 1889,—

DAVID NICHOLSON.

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

FRED. W. HUME,  
WILLIAM BROUGHTON,  
Members of Land Board.

THIS

THIS deponent, *Austin Thomas Wilshire*, of Coppabella, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier, being duly sworn, saith:—I am the present holder of Coppabella Run, subject to a mortgage to the Commercial Bank; I have heard the evidence of David Nicholson; I have held the run for about nine years; when I purchased it the boundaries were pointed out to me, and I went over them when taking delivery; the northern boundary pointed out to me was that described by Nicholson, commencing at the point marked B on the map marked C now produced; the Round Hill is the hill shown on the map lying between reserve 5,566, portion 138, and Dargin's portion of 500 acres, a little south of the yellow line; this was the boundary shown on the plan submitted when the lease was applied for under the present law; the yellow line is nearly the same as the fenced boundary, but has been made to follow the lines of selected and measured portions.

Sworn before us at Binalong, this 23rd July, 1889,—

A. T. WILSHIRE.

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

FRED. W. HUME,  
WILLIAM BROUGHTON,  
Members of Land Board.

The Chief Draftsman.—E.L., 3/9/89. Mr. M'Minn.—C.J.S., 3/9/89. Suggested that the line recommended by the Board as the boundary between Coppabella and Cumbamurra Holdings by adopted.—A.B.M., 5/9/89.

Submitted in connection with my previous memo. on Occ. 89-6,278 enclosed, which suggested that before arriving at a final decision the lessees of Coppabella are prepared to pay up the arrears of rent involved in the acceptance of the boundary agreed upon.—C.J.S. 6/9/89.

F.H.W.—S.F., 18/9/89. Approved.—J.N.B., 30/9/89.

### No. 34.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to Mr. J. Maher.

Conditional Purchase.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Goulburn, 26 July, 1889.

I have the honor to inform you that the conditional purchase applied for by you, as per margin, has been disallowed, being within leasehold area 290.

2. The deposit paid thereon, amounting to £54, will be refunded to you by the Colonial Treasurer on application, or will be paid into any Bank you desire by filling up the order at foot hereof, and forwarding the same, together with this communication, to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, Sydney.

3. It is pointed out that your signature to such order must be witnessed by a magistrate, clergyman, or clerk of Petty Sessions.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

Burrowa; James Maher; date of application, 22nd December, 1887; area applied for, 540 acres; amount of refund, £54.

### No. 35.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(No. 85-215.)

Conditional Purchase—Revenue Refunded.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Goulburn, 26 July, 1889.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to refund to Mr. James Maher, of Coppabella, Bookham, the sum of £54, being deposit paid in connection with the conditional purchase specified in the margin, the same having been disallowed.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

Burrowa; James Maher; date of application, 22nd December, 1887; area applied for, 540 acres; amount of refund, £54.

### No. 36.

The Chairman, Land Board, Goulburn, to The Crown Land Agent, Burrowa.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Goulburn, 26 July, 1889.

I have the honor to inform you that the application made by James Maher on the 22nd December, 1887, for the conditional purchase of 540 acres of land has been disallowed being within leasehold area No. 290.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,  
Chairman.

Conditional purchase No. 85-215; deposit paid, £54.

### No. 37.

Office Memorandum.

(89-10,435 Occ.)

WILL Mr. M'Minn please state what area will be added to the leasehold of Coppabella No. 290, Eastern Division, if the line recommended by the Board is adopted.

E.L., 2/10/89.

650 acres of Crown land will be added to the leasehold area of Coppabella.—G.H.K. (*pro* A.B.M.), 8/10/89.

Mr. Landers.—The lessee of Coppabella No. 290, Eastern Division, may be asked to state if the boundary between that holding and Cumbamurra No. 227 be adopted, as recommended by the Board, whether he is willing to pay rent on the 650 acres to be added to his leasehold from date of division.—E.L., 11/10/89.

For approval.—F.H.W., S.F., 14/10/89. Approved.—J.N.B., 16/10/89. Mr. M'Minn,—Please have illustrative tracing prepared.—E.L., 23/10/89. Tracing herewith.—A.B.M., 4/11/89. Correspondence Branch,—To inform and forward tracing.—E.L., 4/11/89. General Manager Commercial Banking Company, with tracing, 7/11/89.

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## No. 38.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 7 November, 1889.

Referring to previous correspondence, I have the honor to forward herewith a sketch showing part of the boundary between the holdings noted in the margin, and to request that you will be good enough to state in the event of the boundary as recommended by the Local Land Board, and indicated on tracing, being adopted, whether the bank is willing to pay rent on the 650 acres to be added to the leasehold area of Coppabella Holding from date of division.

Coppabella,  
No. 290, Cumbamurra, No. 227,  
Eastern  
Division.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. H. CAPPER

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 39.

## The Manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Sydney, 3 January, 1890.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter 89 Occ. 12,664, dated 7th November, 1889.

We return tracing sent.

We concur with the owner of Coppabella Run (Mr. Thos. Broughton) in the alteration of the boundary, provided rent commences from date of confirmation of the additional leasehold area.

Yours, &amp;c.,

WM. R. SAYERS

(Pro General Manager).

Mr. M'Minn,—E.L., 16/1/90.

This is not an acceptance of the terms proposed by the Department, which, if the present proposal were adopted, would lose rent on 650 acres for about four years and two months. Submitted for instructions as to the course to be pursued.—A.B.M., 20/1/90.

The Chief Draftsman,—If the land is to be added to the estimated area and lease, and Maher's conditional purchase and conditional lease are to be disallowed on account of their encroachment on the leasehold, it seems only reasonable that rent from date of division should be paid.—C.J.S., 21/1/90. It may perhaps be observed that Maher's case has not yet been finally disposed of.—F.H.W., 24/1/90.

The recommendation of the Local Land Board is now submitted for the consideration of the Secretary for Lands. It will be observed that the Board find the common boundary of Coppabella and Cumbamurra Runs to be substantially that indicated by yellow lines on the plan marked "C." The adoption of this line, which in the circumstances appears inevitable involve the disallowance of J. Maher's conditional purchase 87-213, which has apparently been in abeyance pending the settlement of the question of the boundary of the pastoral lease.—W.H., 29/1/90. Approved.—J.N.B., 31/1/90.

The boundary having now been determined apart from the conditions sought to be imposed by the lessee of Coppabella, the amount of rental (£53 11s. 4d.) due by him on the additional area now found to have been within his holding at the date of division has been calculated and should therefore be demanded. The conditional purchase paper herewith should be detached and forwarded to the Chairman for formal disallowance of conditional purchase.—A.B.M., 8/2/90.

Mr. Landers. Papers separated.—E.L. The District Surveyor at Goulburn for noting them; to be returned.—F.H.W. (for Under Secretary), B.C., 21/2/90. Office maps noted.—E.G.L., 24/2/90. The Under Secretary.—W. D. ARMSTRONG (pro District Surveyor). Mr. M'Minn,—Place with Coppabella papers.—E.L., 26/2/90.

## No. 40.

## The Acting District Surveyor, Goulburn, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

16 January, 1890.

*Re* boundary between leasehold area 290 and resumed area 227.

A SECOND edition of the parish map of Coppabella, county Harden, has just been issued, but it is observed that the common boundary between the holdings referred to above has not been shown thereon.

Will you kindly inform me whether the recommendation to adopt a line following the southern boundaries of portions 52, 49, 51 pt., 66 then 95, 61, and 63 as the common limits of these holdings has been approved.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. D. ARMSTRONG

(For the District Surveyor).

Chief Draftsman.—T.G., 31/1/90. Mr. M'Minn.—C.J.S., 3/2/90. The boundary, as recommended by the Board, has received Ministerial approval, 31/1/90 (Occ. 90-243)—C.J.S. (for the Under Secretary), 6/2/90. The District Surveyor, Goulburn,—The papers in connection with Maher's case will be separated and returned to the Chairman. Mr. Landers,—See if the papers are with the Chairman.—W.D.A., 7/2/90.

It is requested that the portion of the common boundary between leasehold area 290 and resumed area 227 should be shown on the accompanying lithograph, in order that the district office maps may be noted accordingly.—W. D. ARMSTRONG (for the District Surveyor), 18/2/90.

No. 41.

## No. 41.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. Carroll.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 March, 1890.

Adverting to your letter of the 9th May last, I have the honor to inform you that the boundary between Coppabella and Cumbamurra Holdings now adopted will cause the conditional purchase application noted in the margin to be within the leasehold area.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. H. CAPPER

(For the Under Secretary).

Burrowa;  
O.P., 87-215;  
James Maher.

## No. 42.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 April, 1890.

I have the honor to inform you that investigation shows the area available for lease to be increased by 920 acres, and the lessee has been requested to pay into the Treasury the sum of £53 11s. 4d., being rent on that area for the years shown in the annexed statement.

I have to add that the annual rent has been increased to £64 17s. 1d., and the area available for lease to 4,447 acres.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(Per R. H. DeLow).

Division, Eastern;  
No. 290;  
Coppabella;  
Commercial  
Banking Com-  
pany.

## [Enclosure.]

STATEMENT of Reversions—Rate, 3½d. per acre.		£	s.	d.
85-86—650 acres under estimate of area for one year, 31 July, 1885, to 30 July, 1886	.....	9	9	7
86-87—650 acres under estimate of area for one year, 31 July, 1886, to 30 July, 1887	.....	9	9	7
87-88—650 acres under estimate of area for one year, 31 July, 1887, to 30 July, 1888	.....	9	9	7
88-89—650 acres under estimate of area for one year, 31 July, 1888, to 30 July, 1889	.....	803 acres	14	14
270 acres from 5 January to 30 July, 1889, or 207 days	.....			
920				
89-90—920 for one year	.....	13	8	4
				£53 11 4

## No. 43.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager of The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 April, 1890.

I have the honor to inform you that investigation shows the area available for lease to be increased by 920 acres, as owing to reversion and as readjustment of boundary between Coppabella and Cumbamurra, and to request that you will be good enough to pay into the Treasury the sum of £53 11s. 4d., being rent on that area for the years 1885-86, 1886-87, 1887-88, 1888-89, 1889-90.

I have to add that the annual rent has been increased to £64 17s. 1d., and the area available for pastoral lease to 4,447 acres.

Full particulars in connection with the account are set forth in the statement on next page.

I have, &amp;c.,

WILLIAM HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(Per E. C. LANDERS).

Eastern  
Division;  
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## No. 44.

The Manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Sydney, 17 April, 1890.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter Occ. 90-4, 189, dated 14th instant, claiming £53 11s. 4d., adjusted rent for Coppabella for years 1885-86, 1886-87, 1887-88, 1888-89, 1889-90.

Mr. Thomas Broughton, the owner, points out that he has only enjoyed the extra land for about twelve months, and therefore we now apply for another adjustment of the amount, and in support of our contention we send the following copy of our letter to you of 3/1/90:—

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter 89 Occ. 12,664, dated 7th November, 1889. We return tracing sent. We concur with the owner of Coppabella Run (Mr. Thos. Broughton) in the alteration of the boundary, provided rent commences from date of confirmation of the additional leasehold area."

I have, &amp;c.,

W. R. SAYERS

(Pro General Manager).

When



When the boundary agreed to by the lessees, and recommended by the Local Land Board was submitted for consideration, it was pointed out that if the land in dispute was added to the leasehold area Maher's conditional purchase and conditional lease would be disallowed, and therefore it was only reasonable that rent should be charged from date of division. If it had been decided that the alteration in the boundary should date from the confirmation of the agreement by the Minister, then it would appear that the Department could have confirmed Maher's application for land in question. If considered advisable, the District Surveyor might be asked to report whether Maher has occupied the land to the detriment of the pastoral tenant, who states that he has only enjoyed it for about twelve months.—A.B.M., 3/6/90.

Submitted for approval.—C.J.S., 4/6/90. The Under Secretary,—Above recommendation submitted for approval.—E.L., 6/6/90. Submitted that rent be charged from date of division of the run.—R.H.D., 9/6/90. F.H.W., 26/6/90. For approval.—W.H., 26/6/90. Approved.—J.N.B., 27/6/90. Inform.—E.L., 27/6/90. Received, 28/6/90. The Manager of the Commercial Banking Company, 5/7/90. Mr. M'Minn, with Coppabella papers.—E.L., 5/7/90.

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No. 45.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board,  
Goulburn.

27 June, 1890.

PLEASE furnish immediately all papers *re* James Maher's conditional purchase, two hundred and sixteen of eighty-seven; twenty-second December, eighty-seven; five hundred and thirty-seven acres, Burrowa; with any remarks you desire to make.

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary for Lands.

Papers herewith, with the exception of those relating to the boundary between Coppabella and Cumbamurra Holdings, forwarded on the 21st August, 1889. I do not wish to offer any remarks on subjects dealt with by this Board in open Court under the law, and as to which the proper procedure for any person dissatisfied therewith is duly provided for.—A.O.M., B.C., 27/6/90. The Under Secretary for Lands.

The land was again applied for by same person, 28th November, 1889, and again disallowed for same reason on 15th May last.—J. G. BLAXLAND.

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No. 46.

Question and Answer, Legislative Assembly, Tuesday, 1st July, 1890.

(12.) Case of James Maher, conditional purchase selected at Burrowa:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Secretary for Lands.—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all papers, &c., relating to the case of James Maher, conditional purchase 87-216, selected at Burrowa, 22nd December, 1887, of 537 acres.

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes, if moved for in the usual manner.

[One plan.]



**COPY**  
**OF PART OF PLAN "C"**  
**PARISH OF COPPABELLA**  
**COUNTY OF HARDEN**  
*Land District of Boorowa*  
*Eastern Division*

SCALE  
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PHOTO-LITHOGRAPHED AT THE GOVT. PRINTING OFFICE,  
 SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

Part of Boundary of COPPABELLA PASTORAL HOLDING as shewn on Plan submitted for division of that Holding (Red hatched line on Plan marked "C")

Shewn hereon thus 

Part of Boundary of CUMBERMURRA PASTORAL HOLDING as shewn on Plan submitted for division of that Holding (Red band on Plan marked "C")

Shewn 

Common Boundary between COPPABELLA and CUMBERMURRA Pastoral Holdings adopted at time of Division of those Holdings (Brown band on Plan marked "C")

Shewn 

Common Boundary agreed to by the respective Lessees of the Pastoral Holdings, recommended by the Land Board, and Approved by the Minister for Lands (Yellow band on Plan marked "C")

Shewn 

Modification of the Common Boundary Suggested by the District Surveyor (Black band on Plan marked "C")

Shewn 

Land Applied for by J Maher as CP 87/215

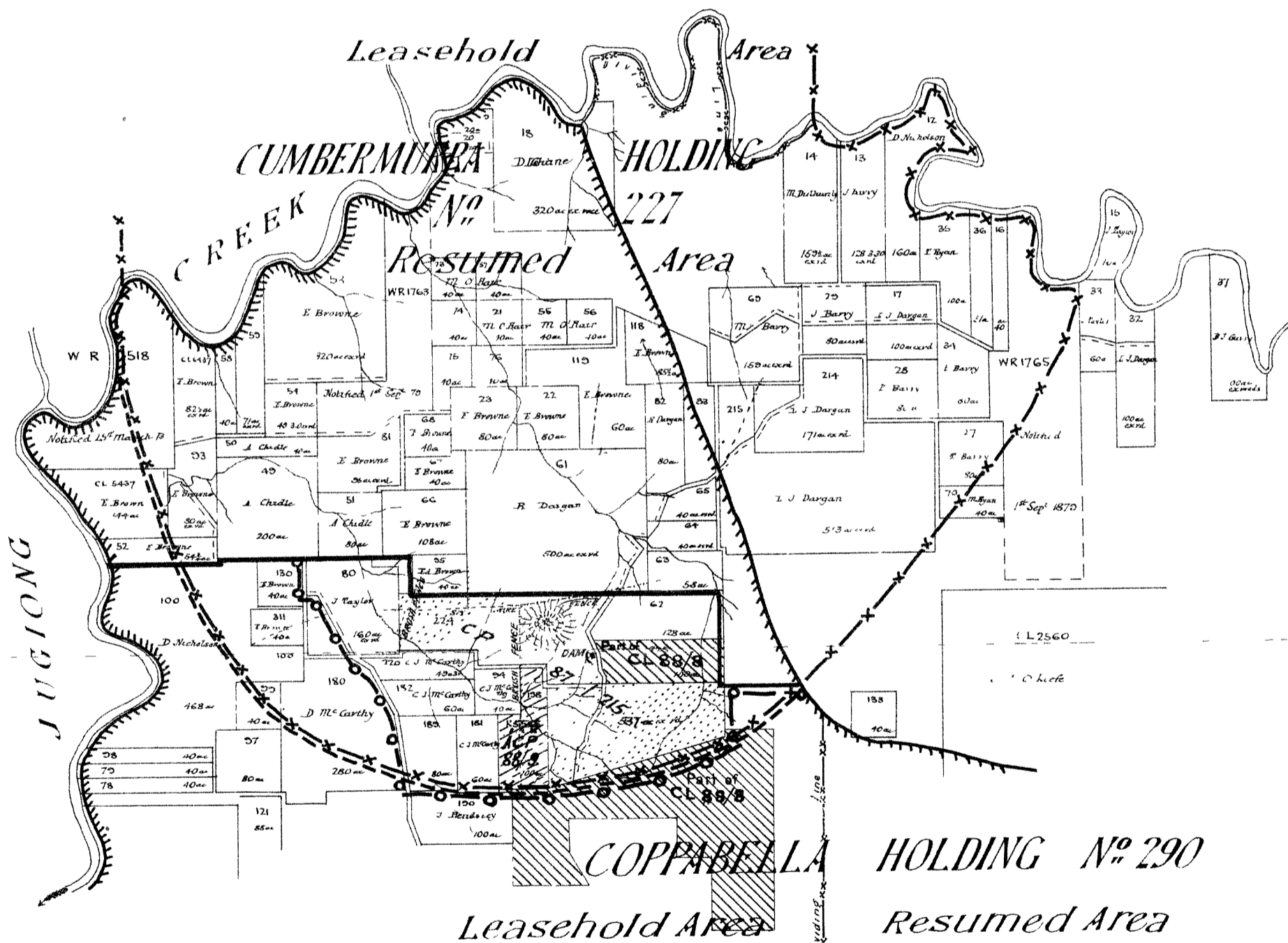
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We the undersigned Lessees of CUMBERMURRA and COPPABELLA PASTORAL HOLDINGS agree to accept as our Common boundary the line indicated by a Yellow band above (shewn hereon thus )

(Signed) Thomas Broughton (Lessee Coppabella Run)

George Salting } by their Attorney

William Severa Salting } Edward Knox

For Lessees Cumbermurra Run

1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF J. SMITH, J. M. D. SULLIVAN,  
AND A. CAMPBELL, LAND DISTRICT OF LISMORE.

(CORRESPONDENCE, &c., IN CONNECTION WITH.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 23 October, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 7th August, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all papers, documents, &c., in connection with the circumstances surrounding the conditional purchases of J. Smith, J. M. D. Sullivan, and A. Campbell, in the Land District of Lismore.”

(Mr. Nicoll.)

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CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF J. SMITH, J. M. D. SULLIVAN, AND A. CAMPBELL,  
LAND DISTRICT OF LISMORE.

No. 1.

Application by A. Campbell.

D.

[Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, and 19.]  
No. 180 of 1878.

District of Richmond River.

Application by Archibald Campbell for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 150 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section No. 13.

Received by me, with a deposit of £37 10s., this 25th day of April, 1878, at 11:20 o'clock,—  
M. M. CAMPBELL,

Agent for the sale of Crown Lands at Casino.

Sir,

25 April, 1878.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 150 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £37 10s., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

I am, &c.,  
ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,

Lismore.

To the Agent for the sale of Crown Lands at Casino.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 150 acres, situated on the right bank of Jiggi Creek, joining the north boundary of Ernest Shybel's conditional purchase of 200 acres, made on the 18th April, 1878.

R. 4,327-1,759, portion 89, 150 acres.—Forfeited, *Gazette*, 31/12/83. Revoked, *vide* 84-35,609, Dep., December, 1884. Replied to by my plan and letter of 2nd May, No. 79-77.—F. VERDON HUNTER.

No. 2.

Application by A. Campbell.

G.

[Alienation Act, sections 21 and 22.]  
No. 112 of 1879.

Casino.

Application by Archibald Campbell for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 20th day of March, 1879, at 10 o'clock,—  
M. M. CAMPBELL,

Agent for the sale of Crown Lands at Casino.

Sir,

20 March, 1879.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 150 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years, and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of five shillings per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 150 acres.

I am, &c.,  
ARCHD. CAMPBELL,  
Tunstall, Lismore.

To the Agent for the sale of Crown Lands, at Casino.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 40 acres, adjoining part of the south boundary of my conditional purchase, 25th April, 1878, and west of Shybill's conditional purchase of 18th April, 1878, in a square block.

First conditional purchase 78-180. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hunter to measure if unobjectionable if first conditional purchase is satisfactory.—W. M. M. (*pro*. Surveyor General), 7/4/79. B.C., 19/4/79. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Keley, 17/8/79.—F. VERDON HUNTER. Returned with my letter of this date, 80-3.—F. B. KELEY, 2/2/80. R. 3,259-1,759. Portion 104. Forfeited, *Gazette*, 31/12/83. Revoked, *vide* 84-35,609, Dep.

No. 3.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor F. V. Hunter to The Surveyor-General.

(No. 79-77.)

Sir,

Gunderimba, 2 May, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan\* of one portion of land containing 150 acres, numbered 89, in the parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, applied for by Archibald Campbell under 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. Surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 20th September, 1878, B.C. No. 204.

Applicant is resident, and has made improvements to the value of £2 sterling.

I have, &c.,  
F. VERDON HUNTER.

Dealt with in Charting Branch.—J.H., 8 March. R. 1,608-1,759. Cancelled by R. 4,327-1,759. Description prepared, 5/4/80, R.U. Catalogue noted.—Mr. Haslam, 13/4/80.

No. 4.

## No. 4.

## Application by A. Campbell.

E. [Alienation Act, section 21 and 22.]  
No. 79-196.

Casino.

Application by Archibald Campbell for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 100 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £25, this 12th day of June, 1879, at 10 o'clock.

M. M. CAMPBELL,  
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Casino.

Sir,

Casino, 12 June, 1879.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. Acres.
180	Apl., 1878.	150
112	Mar., 1879.	40
196	June, 1879.	100
Total area .....		290

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 100 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 150 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years, and I herewith tender the sum of £25, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the second selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 150 acres. I am, &c.,

ARCHD. CAMPBELL,  
Lismore.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Casino.

## Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 100 acres; starting at the north-east corner of my conditional purchase of April, 1878; then along Jiggi Creek to the crossing and the south-east corner of Oestreich's conditional purchase of 5th June, 1879; then west; then south; and then east to starting point.

First conditional purchase 78-180; plan and application 79-20,620; Hunter.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hunter, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory; to measure, if unobjectionable. I cannot identify the position of this conditional purchase, as portions 87 and 89 are not yet charted on county map.—J.P.G. (for Surveyor-General), 25/6/78.

B.C., 30/7/79. No. 220. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Keley.—F. VERDON HUNTER, 17/8/79. Return with my letter of this date, No. 80-16; portion 96; R. 3,260-1,759.—J. B. KELEY, 18 February. Forfeited, *Gazette*, 31st December, 1883. Forfeiture reversed, *vide* C.S. 81-35,609 D. Declared void, *vide* C.S. 87-34,298 D.

## No. 5.

## Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Keley to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Lismore, 2 February, 1880.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 40 acres, No. 104, in the parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, applied for by Archibald Campbell, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 19th April, 1879, No. 120, to Licensed-Surveyor Hunter.

This portion is dense brush and broken forest for the most part. Improvements, nil; date of survey, 19th November, 1879.

I have, &c.,  
JOSEPH B. KELEY.

R. 1,820-1,759; No. 79-120, to Licensed-Surveyor Hunter, and plan herewith. Dependent on first conditional purchase.—T.H.L., 13/5/80. Catalogue noted. Mr. Underwood. Description prepared.—W.J.N., 21/7/80.

## [Enclosure.]

## Description.

Conditional purchase 79-196, Casino, 100 acres, county of Rous, parish of Tunstall, portion 96: Commencing on the right bank of Jiggi Creek, at the eastern end of the northern boundary-line of portion 89 of 150 acres; and bounded thence on the south by that boundary-line and its westerly continuation in all bearing west 63 chains 30 links; on the west by a line bearing north 16 chains 67 links; on the north by part of the southern boundary of portion 101 of 150 acres bearing east 55 chains and 88 links to Jiggi Creek; and on the north-east and east by that creek downwards, to the point of commencement.

Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide passing through this land in a north-westerly direction, the area of which has been deducted from the total area.

## No. 6.

## Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Keley to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Lismore, 18 February, 1880.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan\* of one portion of land, containing 100 acres, Appendix B No. 96, in the parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, applied for by Archibald Campbell, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 30th July (to Mr. Hunter), No. 79-220.

This portion comprises forest and brush land, and is well adapted for grazing and agricultural purposes.

There are no improvements; date of survey, 20th November, 1879.

I have, &c.,  
JOSEPH B. KELEY.  
No.



No. 79-220, to Mr. Hunter, and plan herewith; R. 1,841-1,759; memo. as to continued width of road.—J.K., 3/6/80. Returned.—C.B.K., 21/6/80. Referred to District Surveyor for report.—C.B.K., 24/6/80. Report now herewith.—C.B.K., 15/9/80.

Appendix C.

Deputy Surveyor-General.—The survey in this case is not according to description, which could not be adhered to, without departing from the regulations, as regards depth. Submitted in connection with 80-10,095 C.S., transmitting plan\* of Oestreich's conditional purchase of 5th June, 1879, referred to in description.—J.F.G. 29/9/80.

May be received as in accordance with regulations.—ROBERT D. FITZGERALD, 24/11/80. Dependent on first conditional purchase.—J.P., 7/1/81. Tracing herewith.—W.H.M'L., 17/2/81, 80-10,094, C.P.; portion 96, parish of Tunstall, county of Rous.

Applicant applies for a re-survey, objecting to the present measurements; awaits papers, 80-10,095, C.S. Referred to Commissioner Bolding, 17th June, 1881. Inquire for 17th October, 1881; 7th November, 1881; 14th November, 1881; 21st December, 1881; 21 January, 1882; 6th March, 1882; 17th April, 1882; 20 May, 1882.—W.H.

## No. 7.

## Office Memorandum.

(Papers No. 80-10,094, C.S.)

Charting Branch.

3 June, 1880.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion 96, parish of Turnstall, county of Rous, transmitted by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor J. B. Keley, letter No. 80-16, of 18th February, and on which Mr. Licensed-Surveyor J. B. Keley's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.	Report.
<p>THE road through portion 89 being 150 links wide, Mr. Keley will be good enough to explain why the same width was not preserved through portions 96, 101, and 102?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P.F.A., 4th June.</p> <p>Should not this be referred to Mr. District Surveyor Donaldson in view of the nature of the ground through which the road passes as to whether the answer to above memo. can be accepted as satisfactory?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P.F.A., 26th June.</p>	<p>Roads 1 chain wide are the usual widths of roads of access. This width is only extended when the nature of the ground renders it desirable. In portions 96, 101, and 102, a road 1 chain wide is ample for all requirements.—J. B. KELEY, 14th June, 1880.</p> <p>I think Mr. Keley's reply may be accepted as satisfactory. I have examined this road and think the width left by Mr. Keley is sufficient.—P. R. DONALDSON, 4th September, 1880.</p>

## No. 8.

## Declaration by A. Campbell.

(C.P. No. 78-180.)

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, of Lismore, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of house, fencing, and ringbarking, and to the value of £100 have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona fide* residence continuously of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the abovenamed holders until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extrajudicial oaths and affidavits."

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

Taken and declared, at Lismore, this 4th }  
day of May, 1881, before me,— }

PHILIP F. RICHARDSON, Commissioner for Affidavits.

## Description.

County of Rous, parish of Turnstall, 150 acres, being conditional purchase No. 180, of 1878, in the district of Casino, now Lismore, made on the 25th April, 1878.

Instalment credited at Treasury, 18/5/81, £7 10s. Declaration correct in form, 23/8/81. Inspector Trollope, 8/10/81. Balance and deed fee paid, *vide* 86-5,235 Dep. Mr. M'Kern for deed. Deed prepared, 16/ /89.

No. 9.

## No. 9.

H. H. Brown &amp; Co. to The Chief Commissioner for Lands.

Sir,

21 Exchange Buildings, Pitt-street, 10 June, 1881.

On behalf of our client, Mr. Archibald Campbell, we have the honor to inform you that by conditional purchase 79-196 Casino, he applied for 60 acres of land, but the survey has not been made in accordance with the application, in fact, as measured it is of no service to him, as it embraces little or nothing but scrub and broken lands. We have therefore to request that you will be pleased to instruct a fresh survey to be made of the land as applied for.

Casino; C.P.  
79-196; A.  
Campbell;  
parish Tun-  
stall, county  
Rous, papers  
80-10,094.

Trusting this matter may have your most careful consideration,

We have, &amp;c.,

H. H. BROWN &amp; CO.

This letter is now submitted for your consideration, in connection with your previous decision on 80-10,094 C.S. enclosed and papers 80-10,095 C.S., which these papers have been a long time awaiting.—J.F.G., 29/5/82.

As this application is under the 21st clause it could not be made to adjoin the crossing without departing altogether from the regulations. It is therefore recommended that no alteration be made in this survey.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD, 19/6/82.

Approved.—JOHN R. Dealt with in Charting Branch. The writer of this letter should probably be informed of the decision in this case.—J.F.G. (for Surveyor General), 27/7/82. Description prepared.—W.J.N. 15/8/82. H. H. Brown & Co. informed, 2/9/82. Mr. Ardell.—End of October then get declaration.—W.A., 5/9/82. \*Herewith.

\* Appendix D.

## No. 10.

Mr. Inspector F. Trollope to The Chief Commissioner.

Report respecting the selection of Archibald Campbell, made at Lismore on 25th April, 1878.

Sir,

Grafton, 23 December, 1881.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 2nd November, 1881, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

C.P. 78-180,  
section 13

The land which consists of open forest ridges and plains, and comprises 150 acres, is occupied and used by selector as pasture, and the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Hut	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£20
20 chains fence at 3s. per rod	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£40

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am doubtful if the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

It would have been better if this case had been sent for inspection before the declaration was made. Nobody now lives here.

This place shows very little sign of any past residence.

I have, &amp;c.,

FRED. TROLLOPE,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

[Enclosure.]

Description.

Forty acres, county of Rous, parish of Tunstall, portion 104 : Commencing at the north western corner of portion 87 of 237 acres ; and bounded thence on the east by part of the western boundary of that portion bearing south 20 chains ; on the south by a line bearing west 20 chains ; on the west by a line bearing north 20 chains ; and on the north by a line dividing it from part of portion 89 of 150 acres bearing east 20 chains, to the point of commencement.

Referred, 80-1,081. Plan, 79-20,620. Declaration, 81-20,581. Noted, 31/1/82. Inspected seven months after three years ; selection, 13 : area, 150 acres ; improvements, £40 ; residence very doubtful under this report.—W.B. (for Commissioner), 28/2/82.

— Included in *Gazette* of 25/5/82. Archibald Campbell, 82. B.C., 1/6/82. Commissioner Burns.

## No. 11.

Application by A. Campbell.

E.

[Alienation Act, sections 21 and 22.]

Application by Archibald Campbell, of full age, for the conditional purchase without competition of 50 acres, unimproved Crown Land under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £12 10s., this 29th day of June, 1882, at 11.10 o'clock,—

A. BENEST,

Agent for the sale of Crown Lands at Lismore.

Sir,

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. Acres.
89-180	25 April, 1878	150
104-112	20 Mar., 1879	40
96-196	12 June, 1879	100
201-435	29 June, 1882	50
Total area . . . . .		340

Sir,

Lismore, 29 June, 1882.

I am desirous of purchasing without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 50 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase property of 150 acres, upon which I am now residing, or upon which I have resided for three years, and I herewith tender the sum of £12 10s., being a deposit at the rate of five shillings (5s.) per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the third selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 150 acres.

I am, &amp;c.,

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,

Lismore.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Lismore.

(By his Agent F. H. GERARD, Tunstall.)

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 50 acres. Starting from the south-west corner of my additional conditional purchase of 40 acres, portion No. 104; thence west 20 chains; thence north; thence east and south to starting point.

Subject to approval. Original conditional purchase under inquiry.—A.B.

First conditional purchase, 78-180. R. 1,608, 1,759, 13th section. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan if first conditional purchase is satisfactory to survey if unobjectionable.—F.H.L. (for Surveyor General), 31/7/82. Nature of instructions, conditional purchase, Geographical Division No. 7, instructions No. 27. Copy of conditional purchase application to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan for measurement.—F.H.L., 31/7/82. Portion 201, 50 acres, parish of Tunstall. Catalogue No. R. 2,743,-1,759.

## No. 12.

## Declaration by A. Campbell.

(C.P. No. 79-112.)

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, of Lismore, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of falling, and to the value of £30, have been made on such land; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

Taken and declared at Lismore, this 21st }  
day of August, 1882, before me,— }

ANLY BENEST, J.P., Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 40 acres, at Lismore, being conditional purchase No. 112, of 1879, in the district of Lismore, made on the 20th March, 1879.

Instalment, £2, credited at Treasury, 1st September, 1882. Correct in form, 14/10/82. 84-25,191, Dep.—Inspector Trollope's report, 16/1/83.

## No. 13.

## Declaration by A. Campbell.

(C.P. No. 79-196.)

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, of Lismore, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of fencing on the original, and this to the value of £50, have been made on such land; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

Taken and declared at Lismore, this 21st }  
day of August, 1882, before me,— }

ANLY BENEST, J.P., Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 100 acres, at Lismore, being conditional purchase No. 196, of 1879, in the district of Lismore, made on the 12th June, 1879.

Instalment, £5, credited at Treasury, 1st September, 1882. Correct in form, 10/10/82.

No. 14.

No. 14.

The Chief Commissioner to H. H. Brown & Co.

Gentlemen,

Conditional Sales Division, Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 2 September, 1882.

With reference to your letter of the 10th June last, requesting that a fresh survey of the conditional purchase noted in the margin may be made as applied for, I am directed to inform you that, as the application is under the 21st clause, it could not be made to adjoin the crossing without departing altogether from the regulations, and the Minister for Lands has decided that no alternative can be made in the survey.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN  
(For the Chief Commissioner).

Casino, C.P.  
79-196, 100 acres,  
Archd. Campbell,  
12 June, 1879.

No. 15.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Lismore, 30 December, 1882.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan\* of one portion of land containing 50 acres, numbered 201, in the parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, applied for by A. Campbell, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed in accordance with instructions dated the 31st July, 1882, No. 82-27. \* Appendix F.

Improvements, none; date of survey, 9th November, 1882.

I have, &c.,

C. F. GARVAN.

R. 2,743-1,759. I recommend the acceptance of this survey; to have measured in a square block, as applied for, would have left a narrow strip of land between this portion and portion 153, and also between this and the road, which would have been objectionable.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 17/1/83.

Memo. to Surveyor, *re* non-closing, 27/7/83. Replied, 17/9/83. Examined and charted.—F.G.S., 21/9/83. Send an information form, drawing his attention to the omission of water-course on the plan, although shown on adjoining portion.—T.H.L., 11/10/83. Dependent on first conditional purchase.—T.H.L., 11/10/83. Reply of Mr. Garvan is submitted, relative to the chainage of south boundary of portion 104, 12 links deficient.—T.H.L., 11/10/83. Mr. Twynam. Referred to the District Surveyor for investigation and report.—F.G.L., 22/10/83. Copy of original memo. to District Surveyor, requesting early action.—F.G.L., 20/5/84. Reply received, stating that report may be expected at an early date.—F.G.L., 30/6/84. Check survey and report received, 8/8/84, and dealt with; *see* papers of R. 3,249-1,759. If this additional conditional purchase should again become Crown land for auction sale, whenever those sales are again resumed.—J. H. LEWIS, 29/1/87. Mr. District-Surveyor Donaldson. Forwarded for notation of action, *re* conditional purchase. When Campbell's claim is settled; *see* C.S. 86-32,578 Dep., noted to Land Board (*see* cover).—R. SHELTON (for the Surveyor-General), 28/1/87.

(Papers No. C.S. 83,831 Sur.)

Charting Branch.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion 201, parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, transmitted by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan's letter No. 105, of 30th December, 1882, and on which Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.	Report.				
The length of the southern boundary of portion 104 and the length and bearing of the northern boundary of portion 153 do not agree with those given on the plan of above portion 201. Attention is directed to paragraph 165 of Regulations of 1882 for Licensed Surveyors, 82. The survey of the above portion does not close.	Close of portion.				
		N.	S.	E.	W.
	East, 3,413...	.....	.....	3,413	.....
	South, 899...	.....	899	.....	.....
	East, 1,988...	.....	.....	1,988	.....
	South, 548...	.....	548	.....	.....
	270-58, 4,280...	72	.....	.....	4,280
320-38, 1,747..	1,350	.....	.....	1,107	
330-20, 29.....	25	.....	.....	14	
	1,447	1,447	5,401	5,401	
The plotting is inaccurate.	I believe my chainage is correct, as the portion closed.				
The year in which the survey was completed has been omitted from the certificate on the plan.	1882.				
Report on residence has been omitted. Attention is directed to paragraph 84 of Regulations of 1882 for Licensed Surveyors.	Applicant was not resident.				
P.F.A., 30/7/83.	C. F. GARVAN, 20/8/83.				
J.J.C., 27/7/83. 288-71; vol. 3; folio 482. <i>See</i> Mr. Surveyor Ewing's report 81-39 herewith.—P. R. DONALDSON, 16/7/84.	Referred to District Surveyor at Grafton, for investigation in connection with inspection of Licensed-Surveyor Garvan's surveys on an early opportunity.—E. TWYNAM (for Surveyor-General), 20/10/83. No. 273.				

The Surveyor-General,—The foregoing is a copy of memo. forwarded to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan, with his reply thereto, and instructions to the District Surveyor for investigation, &c., on 22/10/83. No check survey has yet been received.—J. J. CALLACHOR, 12/5/84. Submitted. Folio 41, No. 17.

Referred to the District Surveyor at Grafton for attention as soon as convenient for Surveyor-General.—E. TWYNAM, 19/5/84. The field work of the inspection has been completed by Mr. Surveyor Ewing, to whom the instruction was transferred, and the report may be expected at an early date.—P. R. DONALDSON, 19/6/84.

No. 16.  
Office Memorandum.

(Papers No. C.S. 83-831 Sur.)

Charting Branch.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion 201, parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, transmitted by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan, letter No. 105, of 30th December, 1882, and on which Mr. Garvan's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.	Report.				
The length of the southern boundary of portion 104 and the length and bearing of the northern boundary of portion 153 do not agree with those given on the plan of this portion 201. Attention is directed to paragraph 165 of Regulations of 1882 for Licensed Surveyors.	Close of Portion.				
		N.	S.	E.	W.
	East, 3413 ... ..	.....	.....	3,413	.....
	South, 899 ... ..	.....	899	.....	.....
	East, 1,988 ... ..	.....	.....	1,988	.....
	South, 548 ... ..	.....	548	.....	.....
	No. 58-4,280..	72	.....	.....	4,280
	320, 38, 1,747.	1,350	.....	.....	1,107
	330, 20, 29 ...	25	.....	.....	14
		1,447	1,447	5,401	5,401
The survey of the above portion does not close. The plotting is also inaccurate.	I believe my chainage is correct, as the portion closed.				
The year in which the survey was completed has been omitted from the certificate on the plan. Report on residence has been omitted. Attention is directed to paragraph 84 of Regulations of 1882 for Licensed Surveyors.	1882.				
	Applicant was not resident.				
	C. F. GARVAN, 20/8/83.				
P.F.A., 30/7/83.	Referred to the District Surveyor at Grafton for investigation in connection with inspections of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan's surveys on an early opportunity.				
Jno. J.C., 21/7/83. Entered folio 285, No. 71. Vol. 3, folio 482. See Mr. Surveyor Ewing's report, 84-89, herewith.—P. R. DONALDSON, 16/7/84.	E. TWYNAM (for Surveyor-General), 22/10/83.				
	No. 273.				

To Mr. Surveyor Ewing,—In connection with my instructions of the 15th November, 1883, No. 224.—P. R. DONALDSON.

No. 17.  
Application by A. Campbell.

83-263. E. [Alienation Act, sections 21 and 22.]  
Application by Archibald Campbell for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this 13th day of September, 1883, at 10-15 o'clock.

A. BENEST,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Lismore.

Land Agent's Number.	Dates of previous conditional purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. Acres.
Freehold (if any) contains per deed .....		
89-180	25 April, 1878	150
104-112	20 March, 1879	40
96-196	12 June, 1879	100
201-483	29 June, 1882	50
231-263	13 Sept., 1883	40
Total.....		380

Sir,

13 September, 1883.

I am desirous of purchasing without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 40 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase property of 150 acres, upon which I have resided for three years, and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the fourth selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 150 acres.

I am, &c.,

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,

Lismore.

Description.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Lismore.

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## Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 40 acres: Starting from the north-west corner of my additional conditional purchase portion No. 96; thence west 20 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence east and north to starting-point.

One conditional purchase, 78-180, R. 1,608-1,759. Copy of conditional purchase application to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan for measurement.—JNO. J. C., 27/9/83. Noted, 29/9/83. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan, if first conditional purchase is satisfactory, to survey, if unobjectionable.—JNO. J. CALLACHOR (for Surveyor-General), 27/9/83. First Clerk, Surveyor-General's Office, 27/9/83. Nature of instructions:—Conditional Purchase, Geographical Division, No. 7, Instruction No. 103. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Somerville.—C. F. GARVAN, 21/1/84. Returned measured, with plan letter dated 26th February, 1884.—RICHD. N. SOMERVILLE.

## No. 18.

## Mr. Commissioner Bolding to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, minutes of evidence taken at an inquiry under the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, held by me in pursuance of the reference notified in the *Gazette* of the 25th May, 1882, in the matter of the above-described conditional purchase.

The claimant, having been duly served with notice of the time and place of holding the inquiry, was present thereat.

The following facts bearing upon the fulfilment by the selector of the conditions of purchase were elicited in evidence, viz.:—He states that he passed two or three nights every week on this selection for the three years, excepting when occasionally in Sydney, but he sometimes stayed at his mother's, where his business was chiefly. He values improvements worth £140 on these 150 acres. Licensed Surveyor reports residence, March, 1879, but Inspector Trollope valued them in November, 1881, at £40 only, three and a half years after selection, when there was little evidence of past residence.

I have, therefore, to report that I find such conditions not to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be forfeited.

I have, &c.,

H. J. BOLDING,  
Commissioner.

78-180. Noted, 5/12/83.

The residence of the claimant, as described by himself, does not appear to me to have been such as the law contemplates, and I feel bound to concur in the Commissioner's recommendation of forfeiture.—A.O.M., 14/12/83. J.S.F.

Applicant informed, December, 1883. Forfeited, *Gazette*, 31/12/83.

## [Enclosure.]

Archibald Campbell, sworn, states:—I selected on 25th April, 1878, 150 acres, county Rous, parish Tunstall, for which I made the declaration I now see; I went to live there within three months after selecting, in a hut, a small one of bark, and lived in it until I had put up a better one, which is now standing, and I have lived in this better one every week for two or three nights until I made my declaration, excepting on occasional visits to Sydney, when I have been absent a month or six weeks; I am not married, and I had no other home of my own, but I sometimes stayed at my mother's, where my business is chiefly attending to station work, and her house is 4 or 5 miles from my selection; I had men working at my selection, and they sometimes did the cooking for me; they did not occupy the hut, but lived in their tents; my improvements when I made my declaration were—House, worth £30; scrub-clearing 20 acres, at 50s. per acre, £50; fencing, 150 acres, 2-rail, 431 panels, at 2s. 6d. per panel, £53 17s. 6d.; and dams, £7.

£	s.	d.
30	0	0
50	0	0
53	17	6
133	17	6
7	0	0
140	17	6

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

Taken and sworn at Lismore, this 2nd October, 1883, }  
before me,—  
H. J. BOLDING, Commissioner.

## No. 19.

## Office Memorandum.

Geographical Division, No. 7.—24th October, 1883. Registration No. of outside papers, C.S. 83-831 Sur.; name of surveyor, C. F. Garvan; county of Rous, parish of Tunstall, portion 201; to Mr. Draftsman F. G. Lender, issued 18 July, 1883.

CONCISE statement of cause of detention, also an account of the steps taken to forward the case, and the date and result of the efforts used to that end.

Memo. to Surveyor *re non-closing* 27/7/83. Reply received.—J.H., 17/9/83. Reply of C. F. Garvan submitted to Mr. Twynam, 11/10/83. Referred to District Surveyor for investigation and report, 22/10/83. Copy of original memo. to District-Surveyor Donaldson for early action, 20/5/84. Reply received stating that plan and report may be expected at an early date.—F.G.L., 30/6/84. Check survey received.—F.G.L., 8/8/84.

## No. 20.

## Gazette Notice.

## Forfeited Conditional Purchases.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Branch, Sydney, 31 December, 1883.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that the undermentioned portions of Crown Lands conditionally purchased under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, and the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, are hereby

hereby declared forfeited, and unless again conditionally purchased, where legally open to such purchase, after thirty days from the present date, will be brought to sale by auction, on a day or days to be hereafter notified.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

Registration No.	Catalogue No.	Number of C.P.	Name.	Land District.	Date of Selection.	Section.	Area.
80-30,496	R. 1,608-1,759...	78-180 ...	Archibald Campbell.	Casino (now Lismore)...	25 April, 1878...	13	150
"	R. 1,820-1,759...	79-112 ...	"	"	20 March, 1879..	21	40
"	R. 1,841-1,759...	79-196 ...	"	"	12 June, 1879 ...	21	100
"	.....	82-485 ...	"	Lismore .....	29 June, 1882 ...	21	50
"	.....	83-263 ...	"	" .....	13 Sept., 1883 ...	21	40

No. 21.

J. A. Martin to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Land Agency Office, 17, Macquarie-place, Sydney, 3 January, 1884.

Under instructions from Mr. Archibald Campbell, I have the honor to request that you will grant a re-inquiry, so as to enable my client to produce further evidence to prove that the conditions of the law were carried out upon the conditional purchases specified in the margin.

I have, &c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

Agent for Mr. Campbell.

Papers.—W.B., 4/1. 84-30,496 D. Commissioner Bolding reporting on conditional purchases, 78-180. Mr. Capper, 8/12/83. Chief Commissioner, 13/12/83. Despatched, 20/12/83. No claim for further consideration.—W.B. (for Chief Commissioner), 5/1/84. Approved.—J.S.F., 16/1/84. Mr. F.—W.B., 16/1/84.

The enclosed statutory declarations have now been handed in. They do not carry the case much further than the claimant's own evidence, but as he requests an opportunity of bringing forward further evidence in support of his claim, I am not prepared to recommend that the request should be refused, but this is without prejudice to the existing forfeiture in the meantime.—A.O.M., 17/1/84.

Approved.—J.S.F., 1/2/84. Mr. Capper.—W.B., 6/2/84. Commissioner Bolding (M) with papers. John A. Martin informed, 18/2/84. To be returned.

No. 22.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Commissioner Bolding.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 18 February, 1884.

I have the honor, by direction of the Minister for Lands, to retransmit to you the accompanying documents relative to the conditional purchase of 150 acres, made by Archibald Campbell, at Casino, on the 25th April, 1878, and to instruct you to be good enough to institute a further inquiry in the case, and afford the claimant an opportunity of bringing forward further evidence in support of his claim.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

Received 20 February, 1884. Papers sent under separate cover.

No. 23.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Somerville to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Lismore, 26 February, 1884.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan\* of one portion of land containing 40 acres, numbered 231, in the parish of Tunstall, in the county of Rous, conditionally purchased by Archibald Campbell, under the 21st section of Crown Lands Alienation Act, measured by me on 4th, 5th, and 6th February, 1884, in accordance with instructions No. 83-103, dated 27th September, 1883, issued to Mr. L.-S. Garvan. Applicant has, I believe, completed his residence on original conditional purchase. Improvements, nil. This survey, although not in exact correspondence with description, forms a more suitable design, and has the applicant's approval. I am aware of the somewhat large discrepancies in chainage with previous surveys, and have consequently carefully rechecked the whole of my lines, which I believe to be as nearly correct as the nature of the country will allow. The proposed road on the south-west is a continuation of that passing between portions 200 and 201, and is a very suitable site.

I have, &c.,

RICHD. N. SOMERVILLE,

Licensed Surveyor.

I have instructed Mr. Surveyor Ewing to make a check survey of this and the adjoining portions.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 7/3/84. R. 3,130-1,759 examined and charted.—F. G. LENDER, 8/4/84. Dealt with in Charting Branch.—A.G., 23/4/84. Catalogue No. noted. May be put away, 15/5/84. Geographical Division No. 7, 13/8/84. Forwarded to the Chairman, Local Land Board, Grafton, as requested in his letter of 27th January, 1886.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), B.C., 30/4/86. The Chairman, Local Land Board, Grafton. Inspector West, with copy of conditional purchase, no tracings being with papers, 9/6/86.

No. 24.

Casino, now Lismore. C.P. 78-180, A.C.P. 79-112, A.C.P. 79-196, A.C.P. 82-485, and A.C.P. 83-263, 150, 40, 100, 50, and 40 acres respectively. Papers 83-30,496.

Richmond River; 78-180; Archibald Campbell; 25th April, 1878; area, 150; section 13; Gazette, 25 May, 1882.

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No. 24.

## Application by J. Smith.

C.

[Alienation Act, Section 13.]

No. 47 of 1884.

District of Lismore.

Application by James Smith for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 70 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £17 10s., this 20th day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock.

A. BENEST,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Lismore.

Sir,

20th March, 1884.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 70 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £17 10s., being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply. I am of full age and have never selected.

I am, &amp;c.,

Witness—A. W. Benest.

his  
JAMES × SMITH,  
mark

Usual signature of James × Smith.  
mark

Lismore.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Lismore.

## Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tenstall, 70 acres, starting from the south-east corner of portion No. 96, of 100 acres; thence west, thence south, thence east to Jiggi Creek, upwards to starting-point, being part of Archibald Campbell's forfeited conditional purchase 78-180 of 150 acres.

This conditional purchase forms portion of A. Campbell's conditional purchase, which was forfeited, but it appears a rehearing of the case has been allowed. I have warned applicant how the case stands, and he appears satisfied, and this application is accepted subject to the approval of the Minister for Lands.—A. BENEST, Crown Lands Agent, 20/3/84.

Subdivision fee of £3 15s. forwarded to the Treasury.—A.B., Crown Lands Agent, 25/3/84. Conditional Sales Branch.—For particulars of A. Campbell's conditional purchase 78-180, of Lismore.—R. J. MALCOLM, 23/4/84. Conditional purchase 78-180, 150 acres R. 1,608-1,759. 83-30,496 Commissioner report. Forfeited 31st December, 1883.—W.S., 26/4/84. Portion 214 of 70 acres, parish of Tunstall. Catalogue R. 3,878-1,759. Void; *vide* 87-11,182. Dep., April, 1887.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan,—For measurement, if unobjectionable, of the land applied for, provided such land is not sufficiently improved to bar conditional purchase. Subdivision in the form applied for having been approved by the Secretary for Lands.—J.J.C. (for Surveyor-General), 5/8/84. First Clerk, Surveyor-General's Office.—6/8/84. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Somerville.—C. T. GARVAN, 22/8/84. Dealt with under survey and letter 84-47, dated 28th November, 1884.—RICH. N. SOMERVILLE, Licensed Surveyor.

No. 25.

## The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Chief Commissioner.

Subdivision fee.—Conditional Purchase.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, 7 April, 1884.

I have the honor to inform you that the sum of £3 15s., being estimated cost of subdivision of a measured portion under clause 10 of the Regulations under the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, part 1, chap. 2, to allow of the conditional purchase mentioned below, was credited on the 29th March, 1884:—District, Lismore; name, James Smith; area, 70 acres; date of selection, 20th March, 1884.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. NEWCOMBE

(For the Under Secretary).

Geographical Division, No. 7. Mr. Callachor. Application to Charting Branch.—31/3/84. Noted.—21/4/84.

No 26.

## Mr. J. Smith to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Lismore, 24 June, 1884.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to send me information with regard to 75 acres of land selected by me, in Lismore, on the 20th March, 1884.

The survey has not been made, and I am desirous of improving the land, but am not in a position to commence the same until satisfied that I may safely do so.

Any information you can give with regard to the land, or if you can cause the survey to be made at once, I will feel ever grateful.

I have, &amp;c.,

JAMES SMITH,

Care of R. N. Somerville, Esq.,

Lismore.

Geographical Division, No. 7. Mr. Callachor. Application to Charting Branch.—31/3/84. Subdivision fee, 84-9,192. Dep. Noted.—30/6/84.

No. 27.



## No. 27.

## Mr. Surveyor Ewing to The Surveyor-General.

[No. 8,438.]

Sir,

Lismore, 30 June, 1884.

\*Appendix H.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan\* of one portion of land containing 40 acres, numbered 104, in the parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, applied for by Archibald Campbell under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and surveyed (amended) in accordance with instructions dated the 22nd October, 1883, No. 83-273. Improvements—felling, £12; fencing on boundary, £10; total, £22.

I found, after inspection, it necessary to alter this portion, it being short in area as originally measured, and have done so with as little interference as possible with adjoining measurements.

Ridges are very rough, and covered in places with dense brush.

I have, &amp;c.,

THOS. T. EWING.

See my memo. on Mr. Ewing's letter, 84-83.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 19/7/84. R. 3,259-1,759. Examined and charted, 31/12/84.—F. G. LENDER. Geographical Division No. 7. Secretary and Cashier.

## No. 28.

## Mr. Surveyor Ewing to The Surveyor-General.

[No. 84-44.]

Sir,

Lismore, 30 June, 1884.

\*Appendix I.

I have the honor herewith to transmit plan\* of one portion of land containing 102 acres, numbered 96, in the parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, applied for by Archibald Campbell under 21st section of Crown Lands Act of 1861, and amended in accordance with general instructions.

Amended survey was necessary (in accordance with instructions issued), for on examination of survey serious errors were exposed.

The western portion of this measurement is broken and partly covered with brush; the remainder is composed of fair ridges and flat.

Improvements—fence, £23.

I have, &amp;c.,

THOS. T. EWING.

I moved road a little further west to avoid some low ground, bringing it a short distance along line of portion. See my letter on Mr. Surveyor Ewing's letter, 84-43.—P. R. DONALDSON, 19/7/84. R. 3,260-1,759. Information form to surveyor *re* difference in area, 31/12/84. Examined and charted 31/12/84.—F. G. LENDER.

Additional conditional purchase 79-112 and additional conditional purchase 79-196 have been forfeited. The portions may be sent to auction whenever the sales are resumed, if not selected in the meanwhile.—F.J.L., 10/1/85. Mr. District-Surveyor Donaldson. Forwarded for notation of completion of action *re* conditional purchases, when that can be made. See papers C.S. 86-32,578 Dep., as action.—R. SHELTON, for the Surveyor-General. No. 54. 28/1/87.

## No. 29.

## Office Memorandum.

Copy of conditional purchase 84-55, Lismore, Henry Edward Rees, 40 acres. 27th March. 11-5, 13th section. Section 13, county of Rous, parish of Tunstall. Being portion of A. Campbell's forfeited conditional purchase 79-196 of 100 acres, to the north of and adjoining portion 89, and fronting Jiggi Creek. Instruction for measurement to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hunter, 1st July, 1884.

Copy of conditional purchase 84-47 Lismore, James Smith, 20th March, 70 acres. 13th section, county of Rous, parish of Tunstall. Starting from the south-east corner of portion 96, of 100 acres; thence west, thence south, thence east to Jiggi Creek, upwards to starting-point, being part of Archibald Campbell's conditional purchase 78-180 of 150 acres. Instruction for measurement to Garvan, 5/8/84. Void; *vide* 87-11,182 Dep. April, 1887.

## No. 30.

## The Surveyor-General to The Chief Commissioner.

4 July, 1884.

Additional conditional purchase 84-47, Lismore, James Smith.

\*Appendix J.

THE land applied for by additional conditional purchase 84-47 is for 70 acres, and is shown by red hatching on tracing,\* being part of Archibald Campbell's conditional purchase 78-170, forfeited on 31st December, 1883, and in the form applied for is unobjectionable.

It is submitted whether subdivision may be allowed in the absence of the papers relating to A. Campbell's forfeited conditional purchase, which stands noted to Commissioner Bolding, as it can on survey be ascertained whether there are sufficient improvements on the land applied for to bar conditional purchase.

ROBT. D. FITZGERALD

(For Surveyor-General).

Approved.—J.S.F., 31/7/84. Certified copy has this day been issued to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan to measure the area applied for, provided the land is not sufficiently improved to bar conditional purchase. Applicant should be informed of the above action.—J.J.C., 5/8/84. J. Smith, care of R. N. Somerville, 19/8/84. Await surveyor's report.

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No. 31.

Application by J. M'D. Sullivan.

C.

[Alienation Act, Sections 13, 14, and 19.]

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of unimproved Crown land.

District of Lismore, No. 127 of 1884.

Application by James M'Dowell Sullivan for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 80 acres unimproved Crown land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £20, this 10th day of July, 1884, at 10.15 o'clock,—

A. BENEST,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Lismore.

Sir,

10 July, 1884

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 80 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £20, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply. I am of full age and have never selected.

I am, &amp;c.,

JAMES M'DOWELL SULLIVAN,

Lismore.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Lismore.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 80 acres, being the balance of vacant land in portion 89, to the south of and adjoining J. Smith's conditional purchase 84-47, and fronting Jiggi Creek.

"Memo" attached to this application subject to approval.—A.B., 10/7/84. Void, *vide* 87-11, 182 Dep., April, 1887, portion 89, R. 4,289-1,759, 73 acres 3 roods.

No. 31A.

Office Memorandum.

Conditional purchase 84-127, 80 acres, James M'Dowell Sullivan, 10th July; conditional purchase 84-130, 60 acres, Nathaniel Gordon, 10th July; county of Rous, parish Tunstall.

THE applications for land herewith embrace portions of forfeited conditional purchases of Archibald Campbell upon which a rehearing has been sanctioned and now being held here, viz., conditional purchases 78-180 and 79-196. Applicants have been both warned of this circumstance, and are willing to abide the result.

These applications might perhaps be placed with conditional purchases 84-47, James Smith, and 84-55, H. E. Reis, which also embrace portions of the same conditional purchases above named.

A. BENEST,

Crown Lands Agent, Lismore,

10/7/84.

The Chief Commissioner, Lands Department.

Not herewith when registered.—J.P.M. Herewith, 23/7/84. Records.—Submit with Commissioner's report after rehearing of A. Campbell's case.—E.B., 20/7/84.

Mr. Commissioner Bolding held Courts of Inquiry at Lismore on the 10th, 11th, and 12th ultimo, but no particulars of the cases heard have yet been received in the office. It might be stated that his last circuit commenced on the 19th June and terminated on the 29th July, but no reports have been furnished.—W.H.C., 16/8/84. The Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Bolding is preparing his reports.—A.O.M., 3/9/84.

No. 32.

Mr. Commissioner Bolding to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Lands, minutes of evidence taken at an inquiry under the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875, held by me in pursuance of the reference notified in the *Gazette* of the 25th May, 1882, in the matter of the above-described conditional purchase.

The claimant, having been duly served with notice of the time and place of holding the inquiry, was present thereat.

The following facts bearing upon the fulfilment by the selector of the conditions of purchase were elicited in evidence, viz.:—He corrects his former evidence by stating that his residence was continuous for weeks together, excepting for two or three nights weekly, and he was considerably more frequently sleeping on his selection than elsewhere, but paid occasional visits to Sydney.

The witness Funnell states he was sleeping in the house constantly for two years and off and on in the third year, and the selector was nearly always there night after night.

J. Josephson states he knew the selector to be living there for eighteen months, and he was occasionally there afterwards and saw the selector there.

Wm. Graham states that he lived in the same hut with selector for two years. He usually slept there then, and he has seen him there subsequently. It was his only home, and Felix Tonkin gives similar evidence.

There are also the affidavits, not statutory declarations, of R. Graham, D. Hanan, F. Schroder, and W. Graham, all with some evidence of the selector's residence for shorter periods, which may be truthful probably, but they are all highly illegal, being voluntary affidavits, and prohibited by the Statutory

Declarations

Declarations Act. The several Magistrates are liable to prosecution for misdemeanours, and I have requested the Police Magistrate to call their attention to the irregularity.

I have therefore to report that I find such conditions perhaps to have been fulfilled, and to recommend that this conditional purchase be for special consideration.

I have, &c.,

H. J. BOLDING,  
Commissioner.

NOTE.—By Mr. A. Martin's letter of 3rd January, 1884, 84-53, there appears to be additional selections, making total area 380 acres. The declarations are not all due, and improvements on 150 acres, 13th section, were valued in November, 1881, by Inspector, £40 only, and in selector's former evidence at £140.

The aspect of the case does not appear to me to be materially altered, and I do not see any ground for recommending remission of the existing forfeiture.—A.O.M., 4/10/84. Approved.—J.S.F., 3/11/84. Mr. F., 4/11/84. J. A. Martin (M.) and A. Campbell, 13/11/84. Mr. Wiseman as to conditional purchases 84-127 and 130, then to Charting Branch.

[Enclosure.]

Archibald Campbell.

Mr. Alingham: Archibald Campbell, sworn, states:—I gave evidence at the inquiry on 2nd October, 1883, and now I hear it read; it is true, but I desire further to state that I intended to describe my residence as being continuous for weeks together, excepting for two or three nights weekly, when absent at the station, and during the occasional visits at Sydney, as before stated, and it was my only home all three years; I passed the greater number of nights considerably sleeping in my house on my selection.

Taken and sworn, at Lismore, this 11th July, 1884, }  
before me,—

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

H. J. BOLDING, Commissioner.

Joseph Funnell, sworn, states:—I know Archibald Campbell's selection on Jiggi Creek, 150 acres; in 1878, when he selected it, I was working for him then as a bullock-driver on and near the selection; he was living on the selection constantly, sleeping there night after night; I slept in the same house with him; there were two rooms; there was the usual furniture for a single man in it, and three beds in it; I was there for two years constantly, sleeping in that house, and on and off for the third year, and he was nearly always there night after night; I was working on the selection most part of the time for him.

Taken and sworn at Lismore, this 11th July, 1884, }  
before me,—

his  
JOSEPH x FUNNELL.  
mark.

H. J. BOLDING, Commissioner.

John Josephson, sworn, states:—I know Archibald Campbell's selection on Jiggi Creek; I knew it in 1878 and until 1881; I was working for him on the selection, and lived on it about eighteen months; he was living there too, and slept in the hut and had his food there; sometimes he cooked it, and sometimes we cooked it for him; the last witness was there; he, i.e., selector, made it his home all the time; he was sometimes away for two or three days, but sometimes stayed there three or four weeks without leaving it; this was so for the eighteen months I was there, and I also was there off and on, and saw him there then afterwards for the three years.

Taken and sworn at Lismore, this 11th July, 1884, }  
before me,—

JOHN JOSEPHSON.

H. J. BOLDING, Commissioner.

William Graham, sworn, states:—I hear my affidavit read, dated 12th January, 1884; it is true; I worked for him (Archibald Campbell) just before he selected; it was on this selection the huts were put up about two months after selecting; he lived in one of the huts on it, and I lived in the same hut with him for two years; he usually slept there for that time, and made it his only home; I have seen him there after I left.

Taken and sworn at Lismore, this 11th July, 1884, }  
before me,—

WILLIAM GRAHAM.

H. J. BOLDING, Commissioner.

Felix Tonkin, sworn, states:—I know Archibald Campbell's selection, and knew it when he selected it, and for more than two years afterwards; I had a selection about 1½ mile from it; I went past it every week, and always saw him there; he made it his home continuously for three years.

Taken and sworn at Lismore, this 11th July, 1884, }  
before me,—

FELIX TONKIN.

H. J. BOLDING, Commissioner.

Robinson Graham, being duly sworn, states:—I reside at Jiggi Creek, near Lismore, in the Colony of New South Wales; I know Archibald Campbell's selection of 150 acres, situate on Jiggi Creek, in the county of Rous, parish of Tunstall; I have acted as agent for the said Archibald Campbell, and paid away the sum of £37 10s on his account for expenses, incurred in fencing his land, the fence being a good substantial two-rail fence, and was approved of by me; I have seen the said Archibald Campbell residing on his said selection on numerous occasions and at all hours.

Sworn before me at Lismore, this 12th day }  
of January, 1884,—

ROBINSON GRAHAM.

WM. CARSON, J.P.

Denis Hanan, now residing at Tunstall, near Lismore, in the Colony of New South Wales, overseer, states:—That for a considerable length of time I was engaged by Archibald Campbell to superintend the working of pine on his selection of 150 acres, situate on Jiggi Creek, in the county of Rous, parish of Tunstall, and also in planting maize on a quantity of land which Archibald Campbell had felled and cleared, and during the time I was so engaged, which was of some months' duration, the said Archibald Campbell resided on this selection continuously.

Sworn before me at Lismore, this 12th day }  
of January, 1884,—

DENIS HANAN.

JAMES BARRIE, J.P.

Frederick Schroder, residing at Hanging Rock Creek, near Lismore, in the Colony of New South Wales, labourer, states:—I was engaged for a considerable time in fencing on Archibald Campbell's selection of 150 acres, which is situated on Jiggi Creek, in the county Rous, parish Tunstall, and the sum of £45 was paid to me for the said fencing by Robinson Graham, who was acting as agent for the said Archibald Campbell, and during the time I was engaged in fencing, I saw the said Archibald Campbell, resident on the selection, on a great many occasions.

Sworn before me, at Lismore, this 12th day }  
of January, A.D. 1884,—

F. SCHRODER.

GEORGE LARKIN, J.P.

William

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*William Graham*, residing at Jiggi, near Lismore, in the Colony of New South Wales, states:—I had a selection near Archibald Campbell's selection of 150 acres, parish Tunstall, situated on Jiggi Creek, while I was engaged on my conditional purchase; I have seen the said Archibald Campbell residing on his selection of 150 acres, for many months engaged in improving his conditional purchase; I know that he had a lot of fencing, clearing, building, on his conditional purchase, to the value of over £150, before making his declaration at the end of the three years.

WILLIAM GRAHAM.

Sworn before me, at Lismore, this 12th day  
of January, A.D. 1884,—

GEORGE LARKIN, J.P.

See report of Inspector Trollope as to improvements in November, 1881.—W.B.

No. 33.

Mr. A. Campbell to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Jiggi Creek, 21 July, 1884.

At the late land inquiry held at Lismore, Richmond River, before Commissioner Bolding, I had a selection of 150 acres on Jiggi Creek before the inquiry. I omitted to state in my evidence that when Inspector Trollope inspected my conditional purchase in November, 1881, I held another incomplete selection that I selected on 5th May, 1881, six months before the Inspector looked at my old conditional purchase of 150 acres, about 10 miles from my now incomplete conditional purchase. Hoping you take this into consideration, and I will be ever thankful.

I have, &amp;c.,

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

Geographical Division No. 7; Conditional purchase, 78-180, 83-30,496, Commissioner's report. Forfeited 31st December, 1883. Conditional purchase, 81-23. Void, *vide* application. Refund, 10/8/81. Noted, 29/7/84. No report from Commissioner Bolding.—F.S.M., 4/8/84. Papers, 84-59, Cor., noted to.—H.W. Commissioner Bolding, 18/2/84. Records,—Place with Commissioner's report.—E.B., 11/8/84. This letter should perhaps be sent to Mr. Commissioner Bolding, in reference to previous papers in the case, and writer informed.—C.N., 28/8/84. Yes.—W.B., 29/8/84. A. Campbell (*m*), 12/9/84. Mr. Capper—Special. Mr. M'Guanno,—To communicate with Commissioner. Commissioner Bolding (*m*), 23/9/84. To be returned.

No. 34.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Smith.

Sir,

Conditional Sales Division, Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 August, 1884.

In reference to your conditional purchase, noted in the margin, I have to inform you that instructions have been issued to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan for the measurement of the area applied for under your selection in question, provided the land is not sufficiently improved to bar conditional purchase.

Lismore, C.P.  
84-47, 70 acres;  
20 March, 1884.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 35.

Mr. Inspector F. Trollope to The Chief Commissioner.

Respecting the selection of Archibald Campbell, made at Lismore on 20 March, 1879.

Sir,

Sydney, 26 August, 1884.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 19th April, 1884, and that I found the selector then not resident upon his selection.

C.P. 79-106, 112;  
section 21;  
portions 104 and  
96; parish  
Tunstall

The land, which consists of forest and brush, and comprises forty 100 acres, is occupied and used by selector as pasture, and the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz:—

Ninety-six.—Nil. 104—8 acres brush fell at £2—£16. Line B.C., fenced at 5s.; but belonging to adjoining portion 89. Two lines of 96 fenced, but belonging to adjoining conditional purchase, portion 101. These do not belong to this selector.

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

I have, &amp;c.,

FRED. TROLLOPE,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Referred, 25/7/83. Forfeited, 31/12/83. Declaration, 82-25,659; plan and application, 80-7,636; first conditional purchase, 78-180. Forfeited, 31/12/83. Trollope's report, 81-58,973—£40. Noted, 12/11/84.

No. 36.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. Campbell.

Sir,

Conditional Sales Division Department of Lands, Sydney, 12 September, 1884.

With reference to your letter of 21st July last with regard to the inquiry by Commissioner Bolding, respecting the fulfilment of conditions of the Act on the conditional purchase noted in the margin. I have to inform you that your letter is about to be forwarded to Mr. Bolding whose report has not yet been received.

Lismore  
C.P. 78-180,  
150 acres  
forfeited,  
31/12/83.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

## No. 37.

## The Chief Commissioner to Mr. Commissioner Bolding.

Sir, Conditional Sales Division Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 September, 1884.

I have the honor to forward for your information a letter from Archibald Campbell, having reference to recent inquiry at Lismore into his conditional purchase. The papers in connection with the case were forwarded to you on the 18th February last under the conditional sales, No. 84-59 Cor. to which you will be good enough to attach this document.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For Chief Commissioner).

My report in this case with all papers was posted 18th instant.—H.J.B., Commissioner, 26/9/84.

It may be added that the inquiry was on 150 acres selected 25th April, 1878, and this further conditional purchase in 1881 is stated to be of 5th May, 1881, and therefore ten days beyond the three years required for the 1878 selection.—H.J.B., Commissioner.

84-26,453 Dep., Commissioner Bolding's report noted to the Chief Commissioner, 22/9/84. Commissioner report herewith.—Z.M., 8/10/84. See memo. dated 4th October, 1884 enclosed. Commissioners report. The Chief Commissioner, 8/10/84. Mr. Wiseman.—Then Charting Branch as to conditional purchases, 84-127 and 84-130. Noted, 19/11/84. I think this is a case in which I can recommend the remission of the forfeiture.—J.S.F., 20/11/84. Mr. Fitzpatrick, 21/11/84.

## No. 38.

## Mr. J. McD. Sullivan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Goonellebah, Lismore, Richmond River, 24 September, 1884.

I have the honor respectfully to lay my case before you, and request that you will be pleased to let me know whether I may take possession of the land hereunder specified, which was selected by me at the Lands Office, Lismore, or cause my money to be returned to enable me to select in another locality.

1. The land as per sketch was selected by Archibald Campbell on 25th April, 1878, it was afterwards declared forfeited and thrown open for re-selection.

2. Upon the 10th July, 1884, I selected at the Lismore Land Office 80 acres out of said portion (No. 89).

3. During the latter part of July, an inquiry was held at Lismore before the Commissioner, the same land being again up for re-inquiry the result of which has not yet been made known.

4. As I am very desirous of settling down, and the time allowed before I have to take up my residence upon the land being nearly expired, I respectfully ask that you will let me have the required information.

I have, &c.,

JAMES McDOWELL SULLIVAN.

## No. 39.

## Mr. N. Gordon to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Goonellebah, Lismore, Richmond River, 24 September, 1884.

I have the honor respectfully to lay my case before you, and request that you will be pleased to let me know whether I may take possession of the land hereunder specified, which was selected by me at the Lands Office, Lismore, or cause my money to be returned, to enable me to select in another locality.

1. The land, as per sketch, was selected by Archibald Campbell on 12th June, 1879, as an additional. It was afterwards declared forfeited, and thrown open for re-selection.

2. Upon the 10th July, 1884, I selected, at the Lands Office, Lismore, 60 acres out of said portion (No. 96).

3. During the latter part of July an inquiry was held at Lismore before the Commissioner, the same land being again up for re-inquiry, the result of which has not been made known.

4. As I am very desirous of settling down, and the time allowed before I have to take up my residence upon the land being nearly expired, I respectfully ask that you will let me have the required information.

I have, &c.,

N. GORDON.

## No. 40.

## Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Somerville to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Lismore, 15 October, 1884.

I have the honor to request that you will forward to me instructions to measure conditional purchase 84-127, Lismore, James McDowell Sullivan who on 10th July, 1884, selected 80 acres under the 13th section, being the balance of vacant land in portion 89 to the south of and adjoining J. Smith's conditional purchase 84-47, because in surveying Smith's conditional purchase under instructions 84-75, 5th August, to Licensed-Surveyor Garvan, I have almost surveyed Sullivan's, and I would prefer sending both plans in together, especially as I found it desirable to make a slight alteration in the reserve road.

I have, &c.,

RICHD. N. SOMERVILLE,

Licensed Surveyor.

Conditional Sales Branch,—Please attach 84-19,021 Dep.—Jno. J.C., 31/10/84.

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No. 41.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. A. Martin.

Sir,

Conditional Sales Division, Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 November, 1884.

In reference to the re-inquiry held at Lismore on the 11th July last by Mr. Commissioner Bolding respecting the conditional purchase noted in the margin, which was declared forfeited on 31st December last, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that the aspect of the case by such re-inquiry does not appear to him to be materially altered, and that he does not see any ground for remission of the existing forfeiture.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 42.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. Campbell.

Sir,

Conditional Sales Division, Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 November, 1884.

In reference to my letter of 12th September last, informing you of the reference of your communication of 21st July, regarding your conditional purchase noted in the margin to Mr. Commissioner Bolding, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that the aspect of the case does not appear to him to be materially altered by the Commissioner's report of re-inquiry, and he does not see any ground for remission of the existing forfeiture.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 43.

Application by Mr. D. Hanan.

Application for the conditional purchase, without competition, of unimproved Crown Land.

C. [Alienation Act, sections 13, 14, and 19.]

District of Lismore.

No. 193, of 1884.

Application by Denis Hanan for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 40 acres unimproved Crown Land.

Received by me, with a deposit of £10, this thirteenth day of November, 1884, at 10 o'clock.

A. BENEST,

Agent for the sale of Crown Lands at Lismore.

Sir,

13 November, 1884.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown Land hereunder described, containing 40 acres; and I herewith tender the sum of £10, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply. I am of full age, and have never selected under the Lands Act Amendment Act of 1880.

I am, &amp;c.,

DENIS HANAN,

Lismore.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Lismore.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 40 acres; being measured portion No. 104, to the south of adjoining portion No. 89.

Application accepted, subject to the approval of the Secretary for Lands. The land applied for forms a portion of A. Campbell's forfeited conditional purchase, viz., 79-112, 40 acres. Applicant warned.

—A. BENEST, Crown Land Agent, 13/11/84.

84-25,191 D. forfeited, 31/12/85. Void, vide 85-33,699 D, January, 1886.

No. 44.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Somerville to The Surveyor General.

Sir,

Lismore, 28 November, 1884.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the\* plan of one portion of land containing 70 acres, numbered 214 in the parish of Tunstall, in the county of Rous, conditionally purchased by James Smith under the 13th section of Crown Lands Alienation Act, measured by me on 8th October, 1884 in accordance with instructions No. 84-75, dated 5th August, to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan. Improvements, humpy formed of slabs thrown together. Applicant non-resident so far as I am aware.

In surveying this portion I have altered the road at the wish of several residents, slightly more to the west, that it may be on firmer ground, and I have written for instructions to measure Sullivan's conditional purchase 84-127, 10th July, 1884, by my letter to Surveyor General 84-35, 15th October, as I think it desirable to continue this alteration, and also to have a road between portions 89 and 214, to give access to the vacant land at the back, to which there is at present none.

In measuring 215, the new number, I have given to the southern division of original portion No. 96, I will alter the southern end of the one-chain road left Mr. Surveyor Ewing in his amended survey of that portion, so that the chain and chain and a half may run into one another in the manner indicated on the plan.

I have, &amp;c.,

R. N. SOMERVILLE,

Licensed Surveyor.

R. 3,878-1,759 cancelled by R. 432-1,759. Geographical Division No. 7. Original herewith for charting.—J.J.C., 24/6/85. Mr. District Surveyor. For action in accordance with recent Ministerial decision *re* cases under repealed Acts. Plan and adjoining originals herewith, see cover.—R. SHELTON, for Surveyor General. 28/1/87.

No. 45.

## No. 45.

## Executive Council Minute.

## Remission of Forfeiture of Conditional Purchases.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 9 December, 1884.

THE several conditional purchases specified in the annexed Schedule were declared forfeited in the *Government Gazette*, on the dates set opposite respectively thereto.

The authority of the Governor and Executive Council is now requested for the remission of the forfeiture of the purchases in question.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

## SCHEDULE.

No. of C.P.	Applicant.	Place of Selection.	Date of Selection.	Area	Date of Notification.
78-180	Archibald Campbell ...	Casino (now Lismore)	25 April, 1878 .....	150	31 December, 1883.
79-112	Do .....	" .....	20 March, 1879 .....	40	" "
196	Do .....	" .....	12 June, 1879 .....	100	" "
82-485	Do .....	Lismore .....	29 June, 1882 .....	50	" "
83-263	Do .....	" .....	13 September, 1883..	40	" "

The Executive Council advise, as herein recommended, that the forfeiture of the conditional purchases referred to be reversed.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Minute 84-55, 9/12/84, approved, 9/12/84.—A.L. Confirmed, 16/12/84. Applicant care of J. A. Martin, and Agent. Forfeiture, conditional purchases 78-180, 79-112, 196, 82-485 and 83-263 revoked, Treasury, by Schedule 20/12/84. Mr. Sturrock, then to Charting Branch.

Charting Branch memo. to Mr. Horton not to proceed with survey of conditional purchase 84-55 Lismore. Charting Branch memo. to Mr. Garvan not to proceed with survey of conditional purchase 84-47 Lismore.—J.J.F., 22/1/85.

## No. 46.

## The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent, Lismore.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 December, 1884.

Sir, I am directed to inform you that the forfeiture of the conditional purchases noted in the margin, has been revoked, and the purchases stand now in his name, as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner

(Per J.B.)

Lismore; areas, 150, 40, 100, 50 and 40; dates, 25/4/78, 20/3/79, 12/6/78, 29/6/82, and 13/9/83; name, Archibald Campbell.

## No. 47.

## The Chief Commissioner to Mr. A. Campbell.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 December, 1884.

Sir, I am directed to inform you that the forfeiture of the conditional purchases noted in the margin, has been revoked, and the purchases stand now in your name, as before.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner

(Per J.B.)

Lismore; areas, 150, 40, 100, 50, and 40; dates, 25/4/78, 20/3/79, 12/6/78, 29/6/82, and 13/9/83; name, Archibald Campbell.

## No. 48.

## Office Memorandum.

## Charting Branch.

No. 7, C.S.; 84-6,590, Sur.; portion, 96; amended survey; parish, Bungabbee.

Observed.

THOS. T. EWING, 26/1/85.

Folio 147, No. 9.

Necessary alterations made on papers, plans, &c., in the District Survey Office, Grafton.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 3/2/85. Mr. Surveyor T. T. Ewing.

The following is forwarded for the information of Mr. Surveyor T. T. Ewing:—

Upon calculation it has been found that the area of portion 96, parish of Bungabbee, county of Rous, is 102½ acres, and not 100 acres, as noted on plan.

To be returned through the District Office at Grafton, for the information of the District Surveyor.

JNO. J. CALLACHOR

(For the Surveyor-General),

31/12/84.

First Clerk, Surveyor-General's Office, 2/1/85. Received, Surveyor-General's Office, geographical division.—F.G.L., 6/2/85.

## No. 49.

Mr. J. Smith to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Lismore, Richmond River, 1 January, 1885.

I beg to bring under your notice that I selected a forfeited conditional purchase of Archibald Campbell's 84-47, on the 20th March, 1884. In letter 84-5,824, of 19th August, 1884, from the Department, instructions were said to be issued to have ground surveyed. The ground was surveyed by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor R. N. Somerville. I have since been annoyed by the original selector, Campbell. He had men up that I have employed, for trespass, at the police court here. Case was dismissed by the Bench. Failing that, he has now taken, through one of our local lawyers, action against me in the Supreme Court, Sydney, for trespass. Would the Honorable the Minister protect me in my holding? It comes very hard on me to have a Supreme Court action pending against me, after having taken the land up under the prescribed rules. Money paid at the land office here, ground surveyed and approved of, and now threatened with a Supreme Court action for trespass. I pray for the protection of the Honorable the Minister for Lands.

I have, &c.,  
his  
JAMES + SMITH,  
mark.

For self and,  
JAMES McDOWELL SULLIVAN.

Address:—Jiggi Creek, Lismore.

C.S. Branch. The writer should perhaps be informed of the Ministerial decision of 4th instant, on 85-3,178 Cor. enclosed. This conditional purchase application 84,127 is for part of Campbell's forfeited conditional purchase 78,180. These papers perhaps should be returned to this division for action in connection with 85-160 Sur.—Jno. J.C., 24/6/85.

Mr. J. Smith informed, 9/7/85. C. Branch for Mr. Wilkinson.

## No. 50.

## Office Memorandum.

Charting Branch No.

Papers No. 84-35,609 Dep. Survey was effected 8th October, 1884, and plan, &c., forwarded with my letter, 84-47, 28th November. I respectfully request that final instructions will speak definitely concerning the reserved road whether it is to remain in its former position or not, it will be seen from my plan I considered it advisable to alter its position.

RICH. N. SOMERVILLE,  
Licensed Surveyor.

25th February, 1885.

The following is forwarded for the information of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garvan:—

Mr. Garvan is requested not to proceed with the surveys of any of the lands referred to in the undermentioned applications pending definite instructions as the remission of forfeiture of portion 89, Archibald Campbell's conditional purchase has been approved, and the case is under consideration.

JNO. J. CALLACHOR,  
For Surveyor-General.

22nd January, 1885.

First Clerk, Surveyor-General's Office, 23rd January, 1885.

## APPLICATION REFERRED TO.

Class of Purchase.	No.	District.	Area.	Applicant.	Remarks.
Conditional purchase ...	84-47	Lismore .....	acres. 70	James Smith ...	Land applied for forms part of portion 89, &c.

## No. 51.

## Office Memorandum.

Geographical Division No. 7.—23/1/85.

Registration No. of outside papers, C.S. 88-160 Sur.; name of Surveyor, R. N. Somerville; county of Rous, parish of Tunstall; portion 214; to Mr. Draftsman F. G. Sender; issued, 8/4/86; concise statement of cause of detention, also an account of the steps taken to forward the case, and the date and result of the efforts used to that end:—

To await action on Campbell's case (85-33,699 Dep.), Land Board, Grafton.—F.G.L., 6/2/86. Inquired for, 9/4/86.

Action on this case is dependent on final action with regard to conflicting claim by A. Campbell in virtue of his conditional purchase 78-180, which embrace portion 89, as originally measured. Papers 86-32,578 Dep. noted to Land Board, Grafton, 14/10/86. Undealt with plan, R. 3,878-1,759, and original plan R. 1,608-1,739 and 3,259-1,759 enclosed.—R.S.

For Mr. District-Surveyor Donaldson, 28/1/87. Received in District Survey Office, Grafton, 10/2/87. The Chief Draftsman.—P.R.D., 10,2/87. Mr. Butler.—Obtain papers 86-32,578.—R.P., 19/2/87. Papers with me.—F.B.N., 8/6/87. Mr. Nowell.—J.B., 8/6/87. To await decision on papers C.S. 87-14,668 Dep., relating to Campbell's, Sullivan's, Smith's, Reis, and Gordon's conditional purchase submitted to the Under Secretary for Lands.—F.B.N., 24/6/87. Papers forwarded as requested by memo. of 30th June, 1877.—J.B. (*pro* District Surveyor), 6/7/87. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 52.



## No. 52.

## The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Conditional purchase 84-55, H. E. Reis ; conditional purchase, 84-47, James Smith ; conditional purchase 84-127, J. Sullivan ; conditional purchase 84-130, Nat. Gordon.

84-35,609 Dep.—By *Gazette* notice of 31st December, 1883, Archibald Campbell's conditional purchases, portions 89, 96, 231, 104, and 201 were declared forfeited, and on the 9th December, 1884, the remission of such forfeiture was approved by the Governor in Council.

Between the date of forfeiture and the date of remission of forfeiture conditional purchases 84-55 and 84-130 have been made for portion 96, and conditional purchases 84-47 and 84-127 for portion 89.

It is therefore submitted whether those conditional purchases should not stand on their merits, being lodged prior to the remission of the forfeiture.

ROBT. D. FITZGERALD  
(For Surveyor-General).

13th February, 1885.

Submitted.—C.O., 23/2/85.

When the forfeiture of A. Campbell's conditional purchase was reversed it was not known to me that the land had been selected by other persons, consequently the reversal of the forfeiture will not under the fact reinstate the selections, therefore the conditional purchases of the other persons on this ground must be upheld, provided there are no other exceptions or exemptions under the law.—J.S.F., 13/3/85.

[Enclosure.]

Office Memorandum.

THE enclosed cases should await action on 84-35,609, Executive Council minute *re* reversal of Archibald Campbell's conditional purchase.

It has been submitted by the Deputy Surveyor-General's memo. of the 13th February, 1885, that the four conditional purchases lodged between date of forfeiture and date of remission of forfeiture stand on their merits.

J. J. F.,  
13th February, 1885.

## No. 53.

## Mr. D. Hanan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Lismore, 6th March, 1885.

I have to request that you will be kind enough to remit me the money which I paid on 40 acres of land, viz., £10. The ground was some time ago selected by A. Campbell, but forfeited, and then I selected it, but A. Campbell got a fresh inquiry, and the forfeiture being reversed, I lose the ground, and beg that you will be good enough to remit me the amount, £10, at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,

DENIS HANAN.

40 acres, selected originally by A. Campbell, situate on Jiggi Creek, on the south-west of Sullivan's conditional purchase.

## No. 54.

## Messrs. Cope and King to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

139, Pitt-street, Sydney, 18 March, 1885.

We have the honor to request that you will allow us to have copies of all papers in this matter on behalf of the original selector.

We have, &c.,

COPE AND KING.

Minutes on foregoing may be copied after office hours at applicant's expense.—F.H.W., 26/3/85. Copies may be prepared at the expense of the applicants.—C.O., 26/3/85. Messrs. Cope and King informed.—26/3/85. Inform Cope and King that copies have been prepared at a cost of £2 9s. 6d., including 7s. 6d. for a tracing.—S.F., 9/4/85. Cope and King accordingly.—9/4/85. Communicate decision of the 13th March.—J.S.F., 30/4/85. Mr. Campbell, care of J. A. Martin informed.—V.C., 2/5/85. Conditional Sales Branch for necessary action in respect to decision, then for preparation of Executive Council Minute. Applons noted.—V.C., 7/5/85. Mr. Wilkinson.

## No. 55.

## Mr. D. Hanan to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Lismore, 21 March, 1885.

Some three months ago I selected a portion of land at the Lismore Land Office ; it was part of a forfeited selection of Archibald Campbell. Since I heard that the land has been given back to Campbell, I selected under protest, so if such is the case would you kindly remit me my money as soon as possible, as I am at a stand still. Kindly let me know at once.

I have, &c.,

DENIS HANAN.

The land was selected in the Lismore Land Office, Richmond River ; it is in the parish of Tunstall, county of Rous. I wish to have the thing settled, as I intend to select a larger portion when the land office is open again. I think there are sufficient improvements on my piece to debar selection, as I am told I cannot hold it. There are improvements to the value of £1 per acre, which there is considerably over on my piece.—DENIS HANAN, Lismore, Richmond River.

Application to Charting Branch.—10/12/84. Geographical division, No. 5, noted.—10/4/85. Charting Branch.—14/4/85. Geographical division, No. 5, 14/4/85.

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No. 56.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Cope and King.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 March, 1885.

In reference to your letter of the 18th instant, applying for copies of all papers relating to the conditional purchases in the parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, taken up by Mr. A. Campbell, I have the honor to inform you that the requisite copies will be supplied at your expense.

I have, &amp;c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

No. 57.

Messrs. Cope and King to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

139, Pitt-street, 2 April, 1885.

In answer to your letter of March, ultimo, intimating that certain papers in the matter of Campbell's conditional purchase would be copied for us, provided we were willing to pay cost of same, we beg to inform you that we will pay the necessary sum on completion of the copy.

We are, &amp;c.,

COPE AND KING

(Per T.H.B.)

To be placed with previous papers.—S.F., 2/4/85.

No. 58.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Campbell.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 2 May, 1885.

Referring to the conditional purchases made by Mr. Archibald Campbell, as per margin, the forfeiture of which was reversed, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to apprise you that when the reversal took place it was unknown to him that the land had been selected by other persons during the interval that had elapsed between the date of forfeiture and the reversal thereof, consequently the reversal will not under the facts reinstate your selections, and the selections made by the other persons must be upheld, unless there are other exemptions or exceptions to them under the law.

I have, &amp;c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

No. 59.

Mr. J. A. Martin to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Land Agency Office, 248, George-street, Sydney, 12 May, 1885.

In reply to your communication of 2nd instant, relative to the conditional purchases of Mr. A. Campbell, as per margin, the receipt of which caused me considerable surprise, as you a short time back, when Mr. Campbell and myself did ourselves the honor of interviewing you, decided in view of all the circumstances of the case, to void the applications by Sullivan, Reis, Smith, and Gordon, and to vest the land in Campbell, who returned, believing your decision would be carried out, and prevented proceedings that he was about to take against these men, and now beg to ask whether your letter referred to is to be taken as your final decision in this matter, because there is no doubt in my mind that the men referred to are trespassers, and that the land in question is the legal property of my client, who will, to protect himself, be compelled to enter an action at law against his opponents if you decide not to void the adverse applications referred to.

A reply at your earliest convenience will greatly oblige.

I have, &amp;c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

Agent for Mr. A. Campbell.

This is a protest against decision of 13th March, 1885 (*vide* 85-1,412), Survey. The survey minute upon which paper shows the state of the case.—Ed. BROWN, 22/5/85. Submitted.—F.H.W., 23/5/85. Submitted. There would appear to be no other course open than that by the Minister directed to be taken, which may be intimated as the final decision.—C.O., 2/6/85. Approved.—F.A.W., 4/6/85. Mr. John A. Martin informed, 18/6/85. Submitted that the conditional purchases of A. Campbell should be re-gazetted forfeited.—H.W., 15/7/85. F.H.W., 22/7/85. Again recommended for forfeiture.—F.H.W., 31/7/85.

No. 60.

Mr. D. Hanan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Lismore, 10 June, 1885.

I selected a piece of land in Lismore in November, 1884, and have since heard the land stands good in the name of A. Campbell. It was portion of a forfeited conditional purchase of A. Campbell. I selected the land under protest, and it is currently reported the forfeiture has been reversed, and the land stands good in the name of Campbell. I wish you would send me my money at once. The land was taken up in the Lismore Land Office in November, 1884, by me. I am quite willing to give up claim to my conditional purchase as soon as I get my deposit money back, which is £10. I selected 40 acres. By letting me know at once you will oblige.

Yours, &amp;c.,

DENIS HANAN.

85-211 Cor., Geographical Division No. 5. Noted 6/7/85.—C.S., 15/7/85. Geographical Division No. 5, 15/7/85. Please attach papers, 85-2,111 Cor. sent to you, 13/4/85. 85-2,111 Cor. to Mr. J. J. Callachor, 14th April, 1885.—P.B.L., 30/7/85. To Lands, 30/7/85.

No. 61.

## No. 61.

## Mr. A. Campbell to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Lismore, 29 June, 1885.

I have a selection of 150 acres, selected on the 25th April, 1878; some time ago it was declared void through an error. I immediately saw the Minister for Lands, and he at once reversed the forfeiture. During this time it was selected in different portions, under protest, by J. Smith, J. Sullivan, H. Reis, and N. Gordon, on the 9th April, 1885. The whole of the selections were declared void, and the Minister told me that refund vouchers would be immediately issued, which has not yet been done, as one of the selectors told me he would be satisfied if he got his money returned. I am sorry to trouble you, but they are a little annoyance to me. I have, since the forfeiture has been reversed, paid interest twice on the conditional purchase.

Hoping I may hear from you shortly.

I have, &amp;c.,

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

The land was selected in the Richmond River District, at the Lismore Land Office.

## No. 62.

## Declaration by Mr. A. Campbell.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

C.P. No. 82-485.

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, of Lismore, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described; and that improvements consisting of house, fencing, falling, clearing, and to the value of £250, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Lismore, this 1st }  
day of July, 1885, before me,— }

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

ANTY. BENEST, J.P.,  
Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall; 50 acres at Lismore, being conditional purchase No. 485 of 1882, in the district of Lismore, made on the 29th June, 1882.

Plan 83-831, original conditional purchase 78-180; 84-35,609 Dep. Examined and entered in conditional purchase register, C.C., 28/7/85. H.R., 30/7/85.

## No. 63.

## Telegram from Mr. A. Campbell to The Under Secretary for Lands.

21 July, 1885.

HAVE refunds been issued, Smith, Sullivan, Gordon, their selections being declared void on 10th April, parish Tunstall; let me know; Lismore District.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

Conditional purchases 84-47, 127-130, Lismore. Void *vide* 85-1,815 Corres. Noted, 25/7/85.

Mr. Martin (Mr. Campbell's agent) was informed on the 18th June that the voidance of these conditional purchases was reversed, and that the forfeiture of his conditional purchase must stand.—F.H.W., 10/3/85.

Telegram.—C.O., 13/8/85. Telegram, 14/8/85-1,037. Conditional purchase 84-55 removed from these papers and placed with 85-1,392, Sur. Plan letter, Licensed-Surveyor Somerville.—J.H.A.L., 4/9/85.

## No. 64.

## Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Campbell.

14 August, 1885.

MR. MARTIN, your agent, was informed on 18th June, that the voidance of Smith, Sullivan, and Gordon's conditional purchase was reversed, and that the forfeiture of your conditional purchase must stand.

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary for Lands.

## No. 65.

## Telegram from The Surveyor-General to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

4 September, 1885.

ADDITIONAL conditional purchase 83, Lismore stands good at present in conditional purchase register, but the first conditional purchase of series 78-180, which was declared forfeited, and forfeiture revoked, has again been declared forfeited by Ministerial decision 85-1,412, Survey, which will, therefore, of necessity implicate additional conditional purchase 83-260. This portion, 96, Tunstall, was originally held by A. Campbell, under additional conditional purchase 79-196, which was forfeited as above, and now stands under conditional purchase 84-130, Nat. Gordon, and conditional purchase 84-55, H. E. Reiss.

THOMAS EVANS

(For Surveyor-General).

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## No. 66.

Mr. District-Surveyor Donaldson to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Sir,

District Survey Office, Grafton, 5 September, 1885.

I have the honor to request that the papers in the cases of the following conditional purchases may be obtained from the Department of Lands, Sydney, in order to enable me to furnish report upon Nathaniel Gordon's application, No. 85-5, Lismore, for a conditional purchase of 40 acres:—

Conditional purchase 83-263, Lismore.

" " 78-180, "

" " 79-196, "

" " 84-130, "

and papers 84-1,412, Survey, with which some of the papers connected with the above conditional purchases may be placed.

I have, &amp;c.,

P. R. DONALDSON,

District Surveyor.

Telegram, 14/10/85. Asked for, 15/9/85.

## No. 67.

The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Grafton, 15 September, 1885.

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the papers connected with the undermentioned conditional purchases, in order that the District Surveyor may be enabled to report on conditional purchase 85-5, Nathaniel Gordon, selected at Lismore 6th August, 1885:—

Conditional purchase 83-263, Lismore.

" " 78-180, "

" " 79-196, "

" " 84-130, "

and papers 84-1,412, Survey.

I have, &amp;c.,

JOHN WISEMAN

(For Chairman).

No. 85-6,758, Survey, is an Office memo., Deputy-Surveyor General, *re* conditional purchases of Campbell, Hanna Smith, and Sullivan, at Lismore.—J.P.M.

## No. 68.

Mr. J. W. Pidgeon to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

9, Macquarie-place, Sydney, 1 October, 1885.

Under instructions from my client, Mr. A. Campbell, I have the honor to request that you will declare the conditional purchase of J. Smith and J. Sullivan's conditional purchases 84-127 and 84-47, Lismore, void, on the following grounds:—

My client's conditional purchase 78-180, Richmond River, was forfeited by *Gazette* notice, 31st December, 1883, and the forfeiture revoked 20th December, 1884.

In the interim between the said forfeiture and revocation thereof, Sullivan and Smith selected portion of the aforesaid conditional purchase 78-180, Richmond River.

On reference to Inspector Trollope's report, of date 22nd November, 1881, you will find that the improvements on conditional purchase 78-180 were valued at £40, and again, when the case came on for hearing at the Commissioner's Court, 2nd October, 1883, the improvements were proved to be of the value of £140 17s. 6d. Under the above circumstances, the measured portion embraced by conditional purchase 78-180, being improved to the value of £40 and over, the selections by Smith and Sullivan are illegal, and I therefore request that you will declare the said selections void, and uphold your decision given 20th December, 1884, in favour of my client, and allow the said conditional purchase 78-180 to remain intact.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. W. PIDGEON.

## No. 69.

Mr. D. Hanan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Lismore, 10 October, 1885.

I wrote you some time ago for a refund of £10.

I selected a portion of a forfeited selection of A. Campbell's, taken up on the 25th April, 1878, of 150 acres, and his forfeiture was afterwards reversed. I wish you would forward me a cheque by return post, and oblige.

Yours, &amp;c.,

DENIS HANAN.

## No. 70.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

14 October, 1885.

The papers applied for by my letter of 15th ultimo are urgently required by the District Surveyor. Please forward.

JOHN WISEMAN

(For the Chairman).

Mr. M'Guanne,—Are the papers required now available?—W.H.C., 2/12/85.

## No. 71.

Mr. D. Hanan to The Secretary for Lands.

Lismore, 18 October, 1885.

Appendix

I wrote to you some time ago for a refund of £10. I selected a portion of a\* forfeited selection of Archibald Campbell, selected on 25th April, 1878, of 150 acres, and his forfeiture was afterwards reversed. I have now been several months waiting for a refund, and wrote you three times. I wish you would forward me a cheque by return of post, and oblige.

Yours, &amp;c.,

DENIS HANAN.

Have applications for refunds been made by J. Smith and J. Sullivan?—C.O., 23/10/85. There is no record of such applications having been made.—J.P.M., 23/10/85. The Under Secretary.

## No. 72.

The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

21 October, 1885.

Conditional purchase 78-180, A. Campbell, Lismore; conditional purchase 84-193, D. Hanan, Lismore; conditional purchase 84-47, J. Smith, Lismore; conditional purchase 84-127, J. Sullivan, Lismore.

CONDITIONAL purchase 84-193, of 13th November, by D. Hanan, is for measured portion 104, parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, formerly additional conditional purchase 79-112, which, together with his other conditional purchases of the series, was forfeited on 31st December, 1883, and revoked on 20th December, 1884, but forfeiture was upheld, *vide* 85-1,412 Survey, as the first conditional purchase 78-180 was selected by J. Smith, conditional purchase 84-47, and J. Sullivan, conditional purchase 84-127, and between the dates of forfeiture and reversal of same.

Hanan applied for a refund on the grounds that he had been informed that the land stood in the name of Campbell, but as his conditional purchase 84-193 was applied for on 13th November, 1884—that is, between the dates of forfeiture and remission of same of Campbell's conditional purchases, it stands good provided there were not improvements of sufficient value on the land at date of conditional purchase to bar selection.

It is submitted that Hanan should be so informed.

Attention is also invited to letter by Cope and King (85-2,233 Corr.) enclosed.

Since writing the foregoing, the enclosed letter has been received from Campbell's Agent, protesting against Smith's and Sullivan's conditional purchases 84-47 and 84-127 respectively, on the grounds that portion 89 embraced by those conditional purchases is improved to the value of £140 7s. 6d.

On the 23rd December, 1881, Mr. Inspector Trollope valued the improvements on this portion 89 at £40, *viz.*, hut £20, and 20 chains of fencing at £20.

On the 2nd October, 1883, *vide* 83-30,493, Dep. enclosure, Campbell on oath states the improvements are worth £140 17s. 6d., *viz.*, house £30, scrub clearing £50, fencing £53 17s. 6d., and dams £7.

Smith's conditional purchase 84-47, for the north part of portion 89 has been provisionally measured as portion 214 of 70 acres by Mr. L. S. Somerville, who reported no improvements on that area; so that they must exist upon the southern part of portion 89, selected by J. Sullivan under conditional purchase 84-127.

It is therefore submitted whether Smith's conditional purchase 84-47 should not stand and Sullivan's conditional purchase 84-127 be declared void, or whether, in view of applicant's sworn evidence, that the improvements are worth £140 17s. 6d., both conditional purchases, 84-47 and 127, should not be declared void. If the latter course be adopted, perhaps the remission of forfeiture of conditional purchase 78-80 by A. Campbell may be allowed, or possibly a reference might be made to the Local Board as to value of improvements.

ROBT. D. FITZGERALD

(For Surveyor-General).

## No. 73.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Chairman, Local Land Board.

Sir,

District Survey Office, Grafton, 27 October, 1885.

I have the honor to invite your attention to my letter of 5th September, 1885, asking that the papers in connection with conditional purchase 85-5, Lismore, may be procured from Sydney, and to request that the matter may be expedited as much as possible.

I have, &amp;c.,

P. R. DONALDSON,

District Surveyor.

Received in District Survey Office, Grafton, 25/2/86. Mr. Thornton.—H.P., 25/2/86. N. Gordon's case.

## No. 74.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Grafton.

District Survey Office, Grafton, 25 November, 1885.

THE attention of the Chairman of the Local Land Board at Grafton is invited to my memorandum of 5th September last, in which I asked for certain papers, in order to deal with conditional purchase application 85-5, Lismore. The papers have not yet come to hand, and I would therefore suggest the expediency of reminding the Head Office.

GEO. WM. PACKER

(Pro District Surveyor).

Have papers been received, Mr. Blackman?—27/11/85. No.—A.A.B., 30/11/85. Mr. Wiseman.

No. 75.

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No. 75.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. W. Pidgeon.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 January, 1886.

In reference to your letter of the 1st October last, respecting the conditional purchase noted in the margin hereof, I am directed to inform you, that the Secretary for Lands has approved of the selection in question being declared void, and of the papers in the case being forwarded to the Local Land Board at Grafton, with a view to its being ascertained whether the land embraced by conditional purchases 84-47 and 127, by Messrs. Smith and Sullivan, alluded to in your communication, were sufficiently improved at dates of purchase to bar selection.

C.P. 84-193; D.  
Hanan;  
Lismore; 13th  
November.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 76.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(C.P. No. 84-193; C.S. No. 85-33,699 D.)

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 9 January, 1886.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, being void at applicant's request, as at date of application the land applied for was embraced in Archibald Campbell's prior conditional purchase, 79-112, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon.

Lismore; Denis  
Hanan; 13th  
Nov., 1884;  
40 acres.

Deposit, £10

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 77.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Lismore.

(C.S. No. 85-33,699 D.; C.P. No. 84-193.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 January, 1886.

I desire to inform you that the application of Denis Hanan, on the 13th November, 1884, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is void at applicant's request, as at date of application the land applied for was embraced in Archibald Campbell's prior conditional purchase 79-112.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

The Land Agent at Lismore.

No. 78.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. D. Hanan.

(C.S. No. 85-33,699D.; C.P. No. 84-193.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 January, 1886.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Lismore on the 13th November, 1884, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land, is void at your request, as, at date of application, the land applied for was embraced in Archd. Campbell's prior conditional purchase 79-112.

Deposit paid £1

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

Mr. Denis Hanan, Lismore.

[Enclosure.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to Denis Hanan.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 January, 1886.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz.:—C.S. No. 85-33,699D; C.P. No. 84-193.	
Land office at Lismore; date of selection, 13th day of November, 1884; deposit paid on 40 acres .....	£ s. d. 10 0 0
Selection void to the extent of 40 acres; at applicant's request, as, at date of application, the land applied for was embraced on Archibald Campbell's prior conditional purchase 79-112. ...	
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres .....	£ 10 0 0

No. 79.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Chairman, Local Land Board.

District Survey Office, Grafton, 13 January, 1886.

I WOULD desire to draw your attention to the fact that conditional purchase application 85-5, Lismore, has not yet been dealt with, owing to the want of certain papers. These were asked for on the 5th September last, since which date several reminders have been forwarded. The papers, however, have not yet come to hand. The above application was made on the 6th August, 1885.

P. R. DONALDSON,  
13/1/86.

Despatched from District Survey Office, Grafton, 15/1/86. Have papers been received yet?—  
J.W., 23/1/86. Mr. A. Blackman. Not yet.—A.B. Asked for on 15/9 and 14/10/85. The Under  
Secretary, 27/1/86. The Chief Draftsman. Received in District Survey Office, Grafton, 28/1/86.

No. 80.

Telegram from The Surveyor-General to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

29 January, 1886.

CONDITIONAL purchase 83-263, Lismore, stands good in the name of A. Campbell. No information can at present be given with reference to portion 96, parish Tunstall, as the papers are with the Minister. The case will be looked up again in a few days.

JOHN F. LANDERS  
(For Surveyor-General).

Received in District Survey Office, Grafton, 30/1/86. Mr. Packer.—P.R.D., 30/1/86.

No. 81.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(C.P. 78-180, Casino.)

Conditional purchases.

Sir, The Treasury, New South Wales, 20 February, 1886.

I have the honor to inform you that the balance of purchase money due on the selection mentioned in the margin was credited to Revenue on 19th February, 1886.

I have, &c.,  
W. NEWCOMBE  
(For the Under Secretary).

Archibald Campbell, Lismore; area, 150 acres; selected on 25th April, 1878; £112 10s. balance; £1 deed fee; total, £113 10s.

No. 82.

Mr. A. Campbell to The Registrar-General.

Sir,

I have to request that you will be good enough to forward to Messrs. Shorter and Stocks, solicitors, Lismore, or deliver to their agent, Mr. T. A. Shorter, solicitor, the deed of grant of land purchased by me at the Land Office, Lismore, and described in the schedule hereunder.

I have, &c.,  
ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

Witness to Signature,—JAMES BARRIE, J.P.

Schedule above referred to.

Date of Sale.	How sold.	Date of Payment of Purchase Money.	Town or Parish, &c.	County.	No. of Lot or Portion.	Area.
April 25, 1878.....	Conditional purchase	8/2/86.	Tunstall .....	Rous .....	78-180.	acres. 150

Register Book Vol., Folio.

N.B.—The deeds of all lands purchased prior to the 1st January, 1863, may be obtained at the Surveyor-General's Office.

The assurance fee of ½d. in the £ on the purchase money must be remitted by postage stamps or by money order with this application, unless previously paid to the Land Agent at time of sale.

All grants purchased since July, 1880, are liable to stamp duty, which must be remitted with the assurance fee.

[Enclosure.]

This receipt should be produced when next payment tendered.

NEW SOUTH WALES.  
(Receipt B.)  
Conditional purchases.

[No. 157,508.]

Land Office, Lismore, 8 February, 1886.

RECEIVED from Archibald Campbell the sum of ninety-nine pounds one shilling and fivepence sterling, being on account of the under-mentioned conditional purchases in this district :—

Date of selection.	Area.			Period of Interest.	Amount of Interest.			Amount of Instalment of Purchase Money.			Balance of Purchase Money in full.			Deed fees.
	a.	r.	p.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
April 25, 1878 .....	150	0	0	1885.	4	13	5	...	...	...	93	8	0	1
Totals .....	150	0	0		4	13	5	...	...	...	93	8	0	1

£99 ls. 5d.

PROSPER DE MESTRE,  
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

No. 83.

## No. 83.

Mr. Inspector West to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

C.P. 84-47, section 13, portion 89, parish Tunstall.

Report by George W. West, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of James Smith, made at Lismore on 20th March, 1884.

Sir,

Lismore, 28 February, 1886.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 27th February, 1886, and that I found the selector then resident upon his selection.

The land, which consists of forest and scrub, and comprises 70 acres, is occupied and used by selector as a home, and the selector, who follows the avocation of labourer, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Improvements at date of selection ... ..			Nil.
Since selection—			
House, 21 x 12, split slabs, two rooms, floored, shingle roof, and verandah ... ..	25	0	0
Gully ... ..	1	0	0
9 rods three-rail fence, at 6s. ... ..	2	14	0
Ringling ... ..	3	0	0
158 rods top-rail and two-barb wire, at 3s. ... ..	23	14	0
20 rods two-barb wire, at 2s. ... ..	2	0	0
4 acres felled and running fire, at £3 ... ..	12	0	0
6 acres felled, at £2 ... ..	12	0	0
	£81	8	0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

Remarks.

I met selector on the road to Lismore on business, his wife and family living here, and have no other home. Selector works out most of his time.

I have, &amp;c.,

GEORGE W. WEST,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

## No. 84.

Mr. Inspector West to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

C.P. 84-127, section 13, portion 89, Tunstall.

Report by George W. West, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of J. M. Sullivan, made at Lismore on 10th July, 1884.

Sir,

Lismore, 28 February, 1886.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 27th February, 1886, and that I found the selector's wife then resident upon selection.

The land, which consists of forest and scrub, and comprises 80 acres, is occupied and used by selector as a home, and the selector, who follows the avocation of labourer, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
House, 18 x 12, split slabs, two rooms, slabbed, shingle roof ...	20	0	0
At time of selection ... ..	20	0	0
Improvements since selection—			
Skillion ... ..	10	0	0
Fowl-house and pig-stye ... ..	1	10	0
24 rods of two-rail fence, at 4s. ... ..	4	16	0
5 acres felled, partly burned, at £5 ... ..	25	0	0
5 acres felled, at £2 ... ..	10	0	0
Ringling ... ..	2	0	0
	£53	6	0

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

Remarks.

At the time of my visit selector was working on the Tweed, but his wife and family were living here, and she stated he returned every week, and had no other home. I noticed some fencing laid on the ground, but not erected. About 30 chains of two-rail fence on the line between Sullivan and Armstrong, but claimed, and I believe erected, by Armstrong.

I have, &amp;c.,

GEORGE W. WEST,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.



## No. 85.

Mr. Inspector West to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

C.P. 83-263, section 21, portion 231, parish Tunstall.

Report by George W. West, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, respecting the selection of Archibald Campbell, made at Lismore on 13th September, 1883.

Sir,

Lismore, 9 August, 1886.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 29th July, 1886, and that I found the selector then not resident upon selection.

The land, which consists of scrub, and comprises 40 acres, is not occupied and used by and the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Improvement, nil.

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

Remarks.

The original conditional purchase of this selection was forfeited, and since selected by Sullivan.

I have, &amp;c.,

GEORGE W. WEST,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

## No. 86.

The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands

Geographical Division No. 7.

17 September, 1886.

THE papers quoted below are noted to the Land Board, Grafton, 6th February, 1886.

It is requested that the Chairman be asked to return papers to Head Office as soon as action is complete, as several charting cases are delayed in this division, awaiting the papers.

Papers S5-33,699 Dep., *re* Campbell's conditional purchase at Lismore.

J. J. FINN

(For Surveyor-General).

For approval.—F.H.W., 30/9/86. S.F. Approved.—H.C., 1/10/86. Should not the Land Board be requested to return papers to Charting Branch in view of Ministerial decision?—J. J. FINN, 20/10/86. Conditional Sales Branch. Conditional Sales Branch, 23 and 28. Put by after notation, and let this await return.—J.P.M., 13/12/86.

## No. 87.

Decision of the Local Land Board.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 14, Sub-section 4).

New South Wales, }  
to wit. }

Decision of Local Land Board.

WHEREAS on the 20th day of September, 1886, it became a matter for investigation before us whether the lands applied for by Nathaniel Gordon, James Smith, and James M'D. Sullivan, were sufficiently improved to bar selection at the date of the respective applications, viz., on the 10th July, 1884, 20th March, 1884, and on the 10th July, 1884; and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, we find that Archibald Campbell has no claim whatever to be considered the owner of any improvements on portion 89, except a hut and fencing on the southern line, the value of which, hut £15, fencing £30 12s., was £45 12s., an amount sufficient to bar the selections of Smith and Sullivan, and no claim to any improvements on portion 96 except fencing on the north line worth £20, an amount not sufficient to bar the selection of N. Gordon; that is assuming the fencing was, as Campbell swore, his own and paid for by him, and not shared with his neighbours, and the Board desires to emphatically record its conviction that Archibald Campbell never had on portions 89 and 96 anything like the amount of improvements required by the law, and it is not deserving of any consideration.

Given under our hands, at the office of the Local Land Board, at Court-house, Lismore, in the Colony of New South Wales, this 21st day of September, 1886.

WM. BLACKMAN, Chairman.  
DUNCAN M'DONALD, } Members.  
S. GARRARD, }

[Enclosure.]

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 14, Sub-section 1).

New South Wales, }  
to wit. }

Caption to Deposition of Witnesses.

THE examination of Archibald Campbell, of Tunstall, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier; Edmund H. Tipper, of Jiggi; Frederick Schroder, of Pine Creek; Robinson Graham, of Jiggi; Richard N. Somerville, of Lismore; George W. West, of Lismore; Nathaniel Gordon, James M'D. Sullivan, of Tunstall; James Smith, of Tunstall; and Archibald Campbell, of Tunstall, in the said Colony.

WHEREAS it has been alleged that the lands applied for by Nathaniel Gordon, James Smith, James D. Sullivan were sufficiently improved to bar selection at date of their respective applications, and it hath been found necessary to investigate the said matter on oath, the depositions of the several witnesses are appended hereto.

Mr.

Mr. E. W. Allingham, Solicitor, appeared for A. Campbell.

THIS deponent *Archibald Campbell* of Hanging Rock Creek, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—I selected 150 acres on the Parish of Tunstall on the 25th April, 1878, and subsequently measured as portion No. 89; I commenced to put fencing on it seven or eight months after selecting; I first put up a slab house of two rooms with shingle roof, which cost me about £30 or £35; it was my dwelling-house upon the selection; (evidence taken at an inquiry before Commissioner Bolding here put in, and read to applicant and admitted to be correct); I had a small hut previously which cost about a couple of pounds; on the 2nd of October, 1883, I had 20 acres of clearing and burning off, and 153 rods of fencing, which I value at 5s. a rod; I also made a dam on the land in a small gully since selected by Sullivan, it was worth £7; that is all the improvements on the 150 acres; the land was forfeited by the Minister, and subsequently reversed, subject to approval; between the time of forfeiture, and the date of the reversal it was selected by Sullivan and Smith, I took up portion 96 of 100 acres on the 12th June, 1879, as an additional to portion 89; I put 110 rods of fencing on it, before I made the declaration; I value the fencing at 5s. a rod; the 110 rods of fencing was on the northern line between my land and Ostreich's land; I value the clearing and burning off on portion 89 at £5; I value the clearing and burning off on portion 96 at £15; that is all the improvements on portion 96; this portion was also forfeited and then reversed, and since selected by Gordon; there was 58 rods of fencing at 5s. a rod, and about 20 acres of scrub fell on portion 104; I value the falling at £2 an acre; I put up a hut now worth £2; I did not put it in when giving my evidence before Commissioner Bolding.

Sworn by this deponent, Archibald Campbell, on this 20th day } ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.  
of September, 1886, at Lismore, before us,—  
WM. BLACKMAN, Chairman.  
DUNCAN M'DONALD, } Members of Board.  
S. GARRARD, }

THIS deponent *Edmund Henry Tipper*, of Jiggi, in the Colony of New South Wales, farmer, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—

*By Mr. Allingham*:—I know Campbell's 150 acres, portion 89, in the parish of Tunstall, subsequently selected by Smith and Sullivan; I also know portion 96, I knew them before they were selected; I knew perfectly well what improvements were on them before they selected them; on the 150 acres there was 153 rods of 2-rail fencing which I value at 5s. a rod; there is 110 rods of fencing between Gordon and Ostreich's; I counted it and helped to draw it; there is a house on the 150 acres, built of slabs with shingle roof worth about £30, when Smith and Sullivan selected; on portion 96 there is some clearing, but I cannot say what it is worth; there is only the house and fencing on portion 89 so far as I know.

E. H. TIPPER.

When Smith and Sullivan selected, the fence Schroder erected was as good as new.

Sworn by this deponent, Edward H. Tipper, on this 20th day } E. H. TIPPER.  
of September, 1886, at Lismore, before us,—  
WM. BLACKMAN, Chairman.  
DUNCAN M'DONALD, } Members of Board.  
S. GARRARD, }

THIS deponent, *Frederick Schroder*, of Pine Creek, in the Colony of New South Wales, farmer, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—I know portions 89 and 96 in the parish of Tunstall; I put the fencing on them; I commenced the fencing in November, 1880, and finished it in March, 1881; I split the stuff and put it up; I have never been there since.

*By Board*: I have not seen the fence since Smith and Sullivan selected it; I got 3s. 6d. a rod for splitting and erecting it; I got the timber on the selection, but it was drawn through the scrub.

Sworn by this deponent, Frederick Schroder, on this 20th day } F. SCHRODER.  
of September, 1886, at Lismore, before us,—  
WM. BLACKMAN, Chairman.  
DUNCAN M'DONALD, } Members of Board.  
S. GARRARD, }

THIS deponent, *Robinson Graham*, of Jiggi, in the Colony of New South Wales, farmer, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:—

*By Mr. Allingham*: I know portions 89 and 96, in the parish of Tunstall, taken up by Archibald Campbell; I remember about the time Smith and Gordon selected it; on portion 89 there was 153 rods of fencing, which I value at 5s. a rod; I saw it last Saturday; it was in fairly good order, with the exception of a few panels down; I saw it before Sullivan took it up, and immediately afterwards and it was in good repair; there was a house on it which I valued at £30 at that time; I believe there was some clearing done; I saw some men working there; I cannot say how much; I believe there was a dam there, but I cannot swear it; there was 110 rods of fencing on portion 96 when Gordon selected it; I saw it immediately before and immediately after it was selected; I know who erected the fencing; it was done at Campbell's expense; it was in good repair when Gordon selected it; about half a dozen has been burnt since Gordon selected; the same men were working on the ground burning off logs.

*By Board*: To my knowledge there was no scrub burnt.

Sworn by this deponent, Robinson Graham, on this 20th day } ROBINSON GRAHAM.  
of September, 1886, at Lismore, before us,—  
WM. BLACKMAN, Chairman.  
DUNCAN M'DONALD, } Members of Board.  
S. GARRARD, }

THIS deponent, *Richard Somerville*, of Lismore, in the Colony of New South Wales, licensed surveyor, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:—

*By Board*: I know the lands comprised in Archibald Campbell's forfeited selections; it is about two years since I divided portions 89 and 96; I dealt with only a part of portion 89, that is the part Smith selected; I did not notice any improvements on Smith's portion; there was a fence on the southern boundary of Sullivan's portion, about 40 or 50 chains; I should say it was worth 15s. a chain; it is a two-rail, and in good repair; there was a hut there, which had been recently repaired; I measured the land about six months after Sullivan took it up; I should say the hut was worth £15; I believe there was some burning and falling there.

*By Mr. Allingham*: I should not estimate the value of the hut at £30 or near £30 when I saw it; I saw the hut some few months after Sullivan took it up; I did not examine the hut thoroughly with a view of estimating the value of it; it was a very loose kind of inspection I made of the hut; some part of the land appeared to have been cleared at some time; I went down the frontage creek.

*By Board*: I did not notice a dam there; I can say very little about the clearing.

Sworn by this deponent, Richard N. Somerville, on this 20th day } RICHD. N. SOMERVILLE.  
of September, 1886, at Lismore, before us,—  
WM. BLACKMAN, Chairman.  
DUNCAN M'DONALD, } Members of Board.  
S. GARRARD, }

THIS deponent, *George Wolfe West*, of Lismore, in the Colony of New South Wales, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows :—

*By Board* : I know James Smith's selection now under consideration ; I first inspected it on the 27th February, 1886 ; he was residing there with his wife and family ; I found the following improvements :—House, 21 x 12, split slabs ; two rooms, floored, shingle roof, and verandah, valued at £25 ; gully, £1 ; 9 rods of three-rail fence, valued at 6s. a rod ; ringbarking, £3 ; 158 rods top rail and two barbed-wire fence, £23 14s. ; 20 rods two-wire fence, £2 ; 4 acres felled and running fire, £12 ; 6 acres felled, £12 ; total value of improvements, £81 8s. ; I also inspected Sullivan's selection on the same date, and found the following improvements :—House, £20 ; skillion, £10 ; 24 rods of two-rail fence, £4 16s. ; 5 acres felled and partly burnt at £5 an acre ; 5 acres felled, at £2 per acre ; and ringbarking, £2 ; I noticed a fence on the southern line, between Schroder and Campbell ; I allowed nothing for it because I was told Armstrong claimed it.

*By Mr. Allingham* : I did not see Sullivan or Smith on the land ; I cannot say who told me the fence belonged to Armstrong ; I think Smith was one who told me ; Sullivan was living in the house I valued at £20 ; there was a good deal of forest there ; I did not take it as old clearing ; I valued the fence on the southern boundary at about 4s. a rod ; I saw no trace of a dam on the land.

Sworn by this deponent, George W. West, on this 20th day }  
of September, 1886, at Lismore, before us,—

GEORGE W. WEST.

WM. BLACKMAN, Chairman.  
DUNCAN M'DONALD, } Members of Board.  
S. GARRARD, }

THIS deponent, *Nathaniel Gordon*, of Tunstall, in the Colony of New South Wales, farmer, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows :—I applied for 40 acres in August, 1885 ; I took up 60 acres, portion of Campbell's forfeited selection, on the 10th July, 1884 ; I did not receive a letter from the Minister, allowing me to take the land ; there were no improvements on the land except a fence between me and Osterreich part of the way ; the fencing goes along the whole of the north line with the exception of 10 or 12 chains ; I cannot say the value of it ; part of it was burnt down and in bad repair when I took it up ; it was burnt down in patches, and some of it is down now ; not knowing that I was going to be examined to-day I cannot say exactly how much ; some of it is down now ; the fence was partly burnt down when I took it up in 1884 ; I know Osterreich ; he said he put the fence between them ; there were no other improvements on the land whatever besides the fencing when I took it up ; there was no clearing on it ; some of it is forest and some scrub ; there was no clearing done by labour.

*By Mr. Allingham* : Mr. Benest was Land Agent when I took up this land ; he did not warn me that I could not get the land ; I inspected the land before I applied for it ; I did not know the fence was on it ; I saw a two-rail fence there ; the first time I saw the fence there was several rods of it burnt ; I have repaired some of it ; I cannot say how many rods were burnt ; I will swear the land, or no part of it, had been cleared when I went there ; I was living about Lismore when I took the land up ; I was never at Tunstall before taking up the land ; Osterreich told me after I selected that he put up the dividing fence.

*By Board* : I cleared some land there myself—25 acres—and burnt some off.

Sworn by this deponent, Nathaniel Gordon, on this 20th day }  
of September, 1886, at Lismore, before us,—

NATHANIEL GORDON.

WM. BLACKMAN, Chairman.  
DUNCAN M'DONALD, } Members of Board.  
S. GARRARD, }

THIS deponent, *James M. Sullivan*, of Jiggi, in the Colony of New South Wales, farmer, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows :—I have heard Mr. West's statement as to the value of improvements on the land ; the statement made by him is true ; there was no clearing done on the land when I took it up, not so much as a tree ringbarked ; I did the whole of the clearing on the land ; the whole of the ringbarking was done by me ; there was no door or window in the hut when I went there, and the slabs were wide apart, and no flooring ; I had to put in new flooring, two new doors, and shutters ; I also put up a skillion room ; I could not put a valuation on the hut at the time I selected it ; it was not worth £5 ; it would be dear at £5 ; I put my fencing right across the land ; there was a fence on the southern boundary of the land, worth about 3s. 6d. a rod.

*Examined by Mr. Allingham* : Mr. Benest was Land Agent when I applied for it ; he did not warn me against selecting it ; I went to look at the land before selecting it, and saw the hut there ; it was about 20 feet long, and might have been 12 feet wide ; it was all in one ; there were a few slabs down for floor, and only a portion of a roof ; I am living in it now with my wife and six children ; I have been living there since a few weeks after selecting ; I cannot say how much fencing is in the fence on the southern boundary ; it was not a good fence when I first saw it ; it might have been worth 3s. 6d. a rod ; I will swear positively there was no clearing done before I went there ; I did not see a dam on the land or any sign of one ; I saw a sign of a dam on Armstrong's land ; I found no trace of a dam on my land.

Sworn by this deponent, James M. Sullivan, on this 20th day }  
of September, 1886, at Lismore, before us,—

JAMES M'DOWELL SULLIVAN.

WM. BLACKMAN, Chairman.  
DUNCAN M'DONALD, } Members of Board.  
S. GARRARD, }

THIS deponent, *James Smith*, of Jiggi, in the Colony of New South Wales, farmer, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows :—

*By Board* : I know Archibald Campbell's selection of 150 acres ; that was divided between myself and Sullivan ; I know of no improvements on the land, except an old humpy and a fence on Sullivan's southern boundary ; I was over the land when I took it up ; Sullivan has cleared some of the land and burnt it off since he took it up ; so far as I know the whole of it was done by Sullivan ; I did not see any clearing or burning off on his land prior to his taking it up ; I am sure there was no other clearing or burning done except what Sullivan did ; I know nothing about the fence ; I could not put any valuation on it ; I should think the hut would be worth £10 or £15 ; I saw it when Sullivan took it up ; it was a slab hut in very rough repair ; he had put a door and shutters in it ; I know Sullivan repaired it since ; he put a floor in it and fixed the slabs ; I know the land Gordon took up ; there were no improvements on it when he took it up, except the fence ; but whether Campbell claims it or not I do not know ; Gordon did all the clearing and burning off that is on the land ; I never saw a dam on Sullivan's land ; I don't think there could be a dam there without my knowledge, as I have been over the land very often during the last five years ; I was engaged with Mr. Somerville, the surveyor, in measuring the lines.

*By Mr. Allingham* : At the time I selected the land I was engaged by Surveyor Sommerville ; it was not through running the lines with him that I knew the land was open to selection ; I never told any one before coming into the Court-house to-day that I knew this land by running the line with the surveyor ; I had a look at the fence on the southern boundary ; I cannot say what repair it was in ; I do not know what quantity of fencing was there ; it was a two-rail fence ; the hut was worth £10 or £15 when Sullivan took it up ; he has been living in it ever since with his wife and six children ; I never saw a dam on the land ; I will swear all the clearing on the land was done by Sullivan ; I will swear there was no clearing done before Sullivan took it up ; I was living up there with Mr. Olley about five months ; I am prepared to swear there was no clearing done on the 150 acres by the Campbells ; I did not get permission from the Minister to select the land before I selected it ; my selection and Sullivan's were cut out of one measured portion ; I saw a fence on portion 96 ; I cannot say what it is worth ; I am prepared to swear Campbell did no clearing on Gordon's land.

Sworn by this deponent, James Smith, on this 20th day }  
of September, 1886, at Lismore, before us,—

JAMES SMITH.

WM. BLACKMAN, Chairman.  
DUNCAN M'DONALD, } Members of Board.  
S. GARRARD, }

THIS deponent, *Archibald Campbell*, of Jiggi, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—I know the selection taken up by Hanan, portion 104, on which he got his refund; there are 20 acres of scrub fell, which I value at £2 an acre, and 58 rod of fencing, at 5s. a rod—£18; I also know portion 201 of 50 acres, taken up on 29th June, 1882; there are no improvements on it.

Sworn by this deponent, Archibald Campbell, on this 20th day }  
of September, 1886, at Lismore, before us, — } ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.  
Wm. BLACKMAN, Chairman, }  
DONALD M'DONALD, } Members of the Board.  
S. GARRARD, }

N.B.—It may be stated by way of explanation that as Campbell declared that Gordon's land was also improved at date of selection, it was considered necessary to include his case in the inquiry. Of course the hut and fencing, as indicated, were on portions 96 and 89 at the date of selection by Smith, Sullivan, and Gordon.—Wm. B., Chairman.

### No. 88.

J. Barrie, Esq. to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Lismore, 27 September, 1886.

I have the honor to address you on a subject which will I feel assured commend itself to your best consideration and attention, and at the same time excuse my intrusion on your valuable time. At the recent Land Court held here, the Board had to inquire whether the improvements on the conditional purchases of one Sullivan, Smith, and Gordon were improved at date of selection, or rather application, so as to bar selection, and after a careful and impartial trial, the Board, on the evidence adduced, decided that the conditional purchase of Gordon was not improved, but that those of Smith and Sullivan were sufficiently improved to render them illegal. Now Smith and Sullivan do not question the ruling of the Board upon the evidence before it; but on their behalf, I assure you they attended the Court entirely ignorant of the allegations they would have to meet on the part of Mr. Archibald Campbell, who had previously claimed the land, and that had they known anything like as much of the case at the beginning of the inquiry as they did at the close, or shortly afterwards, they would have been prepared with any amount of evidence to show that Mr. Archibald Campbell's statements as to his claim to the improvements and their value were altogether untrue, and they were still more ignorant of what they should bring before the Court, as they fully relied on a letter, dated the 9th July (S5-3,178), sent to Smith by the Under Secretary, approving of his application to select, and informing him it was decided not to disturb the forfeiture of Mr. A. Campbell's selection.

As the homes and the labour of years of these two men are at stake in this matter, I confidently appeal to your sense of justice, and feel convinced you will not refuse two such industrious men, as I have every reason to believe they both are, all they seek, and that is another opportunity of bringing their case fully before the Board, in whose fairness and impartiality they assure me they have entire confidence, and by whose finding they are willing to be bound.

Under all the circumstances, I trust you will kindly remit the papers in the case to the Chairman of the Board, in order that the reinquiry may be held at the earliest moment the engagements of that gentleman will permit.

I have, &c.,

JAMES BARRIE.

Mr. Barrie handed me this letter with a request I would urge that the papers should be returned to the Board for reinquiry. I forward it without any remark other than this, that coming from such a man as Mr. Barrie, the letter is very serious. Should the reinquiry be authorised, I request the papers may be forwarded to me by return of post, in order that I may make immediate arrangements, as I shall have to leave for Casino in a few days.—Wm. BLACKMAN, Chairman, 5/10/86. The Under Secretary for Lands.

### No. 89.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

2 October, 1886.

PLEASE do not take any action in *re* case of Archibald Campbell and Smith and Sullivan, dealt with by the Board at the late Lismore Court, and forwarded to you awaiting an important letter on the subject from Mr. James Barrie, J.P., Ex-Mayor. I return to Grafton on Tuesday.

WM. BLACKMAN,  
Chairman.

Mr. Capper.—S.F., 4/10/86. Mr. M'Guanne.—To register and place with reports upon their receipt.—W.H.C., 5/10/86. Papers, 86-31,154, Dep.—Sent to the Under Secretary, 1st instant.—J.P.M., 6/10/86.

### No. 90.

Telegram from The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

12 October, 1886.

PLEASE return to me by to-night's steamer to Grafton, case of Archibald Campbell *versus* Smith and Sullivan, sent to you from Lismore, if the Minister grant a rehearing.

WM. BLACKMAN,  
Chairman.

Special, 86-31,505, Dep. Submitted to the Under Secretary, 5/10/86.—J.P.M., 8/10/86. The Assistant Under Secretary. Mr. Capper.—S.F., 12/10/86. Urgent.—Records for papers.—W.H.C., 13/10/86. Submitted that in view of the Chairman's communication, the case be returned to the Local Board for rehearing, the matter having been insufficiently considered.—S.F., 13/10/86. Approved.—H.C., 14/10/86. For next Court at Lismore.—Wm. BLACKMAN, Chairman, 12/11/86. Mr. Wiseman.

## No. 91.

## Inspector West to The Under Secretary for Lands.

C.P. 79-112, section 21, portion 104, parish Tunstall.

Report respecting the selection of Archibald Campbell, made at Lismore, on 20th March, 1879.

Sir,

Lismore, 5 November, 1886.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 14th October, 1886, and that I found the selector then resident upon selection.

The land, which consists of scrub, forest, and jungle, and comprises 40 acres, is occupied and used by \_\_\_\_\_; and the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
5 acres felled, burned, and partly under crop, £4 ... ..	20	0	0
5 acres felled and run, £2... ..	10	0	0
38 rod 2-rail fence, half line between selector and Armstrong 4s. ... ..	5	15	0
	£35 15 0		

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

The felling on this selection was very light and only jungle; all large trees still standing. Part of the 5 acres are under crop of potatoes, put in by Sullivan.

I have, &amp;c.,

GEORGE W. WEST,

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

Notice forms prepared for Smith, Sullivan, Gordon, and Campbell; also decision and caption forms, 20/11/86. Notices sent January, 1887.

## No. 92.

## The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Geographical Division No. 7, 7th December, 1886.

It is requested that the Chairman of the Land Board at Grafton may be asked to return papers 86-32,578 Dep., noted to him 14th October, 1886, to this office, in order that five cases now delayed in Charting Branch may be dealt with.

Papers required refer to Archibald Campbell's conditional purchase 78-170, Lismore, and the cases delayed are measurements for subsequent applications for same land as embraced by conditional purchase 78-170.

R.S., 7 December, 1886.

The above minute is submitted for the consideration of the Under Secretary for Lands, five charting cases being delayed for the required papers.

J. W. ELLIS

(For Surveyor-General).

10th December, 1886.

Chairman, Grafton, asked to return papers, 86-32,578 Dep., 16/12/86, Conditional Sales Branch. Not yet returned.—C.W.P. (*per* J.P.M.), 30/12/86.

## No. 93.

## Declaration by A. Campbell.

C.P. No. 83-263.

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, of Lismore, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of building, felling, clearing, and fencing, and to the value of £200, have been made on such land, in conjunction with my original conditional purchase; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

Taken and declared at Lismore, this 13th day }  
of December, 1886, before me,— }

PROSPER DE MESTRE, Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 40 acres, at Tunstall, being conditional purchase No. 263, of 1883, in the district of Lismore, made on the 13th September, 1883.

84-35,609 Dep., first conditional purchase, 78-180; balance, 86-5,235 Dep. Examined and entered.—C.C., 30/12/86. Instalment received at the Land Office, Lismore.—H.R., 13/12/86.

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No. 94.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 16 December, 1886.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to return to this Department, as early as practicable, all papers in connection with the conditional purchase noted in the margin, which were forwarded to you on the 14th October, 1886.

I have, &amp;c.,

STEPHEN FREEMAN

(For the Under Secretary).

Inform that the Minister for Lands has authorised a rehearing, which will take place at the earliest moment.—W.M. BLACKMAN, Chairman, 3/1/87. Inform. Under Secretary informed, 4/1/87. Notices issued to N. Gordon, J. M'D. Sullivan, Jas. Smith, and A. Campbell to attend Court on 15th February, 1887, by registered letter.—W.S., 15/1/87.

Papers 86-32,578, Dept., C.P. No. 78-170, made by A. Campbell, at Lismore.

No. 95.

The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Grafton, 4 January, 1887.

With reference to your communication of the 16th December last, requesting the return of all papers in connection with the conditional purchases noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the Minister for Lands has authorised a rehearing of the case, and which will be heard at the earliest moment.

I have, &amp;c.,

JOHN WISEMAN

(For Chairman).

86-32,578 to Land Board, Grafton, for rehearing, 14/10/86.—F.H., 13/1/87. Correspondence Branch,—Please supply a copy of letter of 16th December last, referred to herein.—W.H.C., 15/1/87. May be seen by Survey Branch.—W.H.C., 10/3/87. Seen.—J. J. FINN, 14/3/87.

86-32,578, Dept. C.P. 78-170; A. Campbell, Lismore.

No. 96.

Office Memorandum.

Geographical division No. 7, 27th January, 1887.

Registration No. of outside papers, C.S. 84-6,590, Sur.; name of surveyor, T. Ewing; county of Rous; parish of Tunstall; portions 96 and 104; to Mr. Draftsman Lender; transferred to Land Board District of Grafton, land district of Lismore.

Concise statement of cause of detention, also an account of the steps taken to forward the case, and the date and result of the efforts used to that end.

The plans in these cases have been approved, but action on the conditional purchase applications is incomplete, pending final action on papers C.S. 86-32,578 Dept. Papers C.S. 85-160 Sur., C.S. 85-1,392 Sur., and C.S. 83-831 Sur., forwarded to District Surveyor under separate covers, are also dependent on final action on papers C.S. 86-32,578 Dept., noted to Land Board Grafton, 14/10/86.

Original plans R. 3,259 and R. 3,260-1,759 to District Surveyor under cover of papers C.S. 85-160 and 85-1,392, Sur.—R.S. For Mr. District-Surveyor Donaldson, 28/1/87. Received in District Survey Office, Grafton, 10/2/87, No. 54. The Chief Draftsman.—P.R.D., 10/2/87. Mr. Newell.

No. 97.

Office Memorandum.

Geographical division No. 7, 27th January, 1887.

Registration No. of outside papers, C.S. 85-1,392, Sur.; name of surveyor, R. N. Somerville; county of Rous; parish of Tunstall; portion 215; to Mr. Draftsman Lender; issued 8/4/86; transferred to Land Board District of Grafton, land district of Lismore.

Concise statement of cause of detention, also an account of the steps taken to forward the case, and the date and result of the efforts used to that end.

Action on this case is dependent on final action with regard to conflicting claim by A. Campbell in virtue of his additional conditional purchase 79-196, which embraced portion 96, as originally measured; papers 86-32,578 Dept., relating to Campbell's claim are noted to Land Board, Grafton, 14/10/86. Undealt with plan R. 3,649-1,759 and original plans R. 3,130 and 3,260-1,759 enclosed.—R.S.

For Mr. District-Surveyor Donaldson, 28/1/87, No. 53. Received in District Survey Office, Grafton, 10/2/87. The Chief Draftsman.—P.R.D., 10/2/87. Mr. Newell. L.B.D. 87-4,182 placed herewith.—F.B.N., 22/9/87.

No. 98.

Office Memorandum.

Geographical division No. 7, 27th January, 1887.

Registration No. of outside papers, 83-831 Sur.; name of surveyor, C. F. Garvan; county of Rous; parish of Tunstall; portion 201; to Mr. Draftsman Lender; transferred to Land Board District of Grafton, land district of Lismore.

Concise statement of cause of detention, also an account of the steps taken to forward the case, and the date and result of the efforts used to that end.

Plan in this case has been approved. Action on conditional purchase incomplete, pending final action on papers C.S. 86-32,578, Dept., noted to Land Board, Grafton, 14/10/86; see also papers C.S. 84-6,590 Sur. Original plan R. 2,743-1,759 enclosed.—R.S.

For Mr. District-Surveyor Donaldson, No. 41, 28/1/87. The Chief Draftsman.—P.R.D., 10/2/87. Mr. M'Mahon, who has the above papers, 21/2/87. With Mr. Newell. Mr. Newell, 21/2/87.

No. 99.

No. 99.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.  
(C.S. 86-40,645 D, Lismore District.)

28 February, 1887.

C.P. No. 78-180 ; sec. 13 ; 150 acres ; stands good. C.P. No. 79-112 ; sec. 21 ; 40 acres ; stands good.  
C.P. No. 196 ; sec. 21 ; 100 acres ; stands good. C.P. 82-485 ; sec. 21 ; 50 acres ; stands good.  
C.P. No. 83-263 ; sec. 21 ; 40 acres ; for verification.

Name of applicant and alienee:—Archibald Campbell.

DECLARATION upon additional conditional purchase 83-263 requires verification. All papers in connection with the case are therefore referred to the Chairman of the Local Land Board, Grafton, 14th October, 1886, with a view to the necessary instructions being issued to the Inspector of Conditional Purchases at an early date.

If the report, when furnished by the Inspector, shows that the improvements are not sufficient on additional conditional purchase 83-263, or that there is not a surplus from those on the original conditional purchase, and intermediate conditional purchases of this series to cover the deficiency, an investigation by the Local Land Board may be instituted, subject to the provisions of the 20th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.—C.C., 24/2/87.

The above recommendation approved by the Minister for Lands, *vide* 87-5,891 D.

F.H.W.

(For the Under Secretary.)

No. 100.

Messrs. Duguid & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Pitt and Bridge Streets, Sydney, 30 March, 1887.

We have the honor to request that certificate conformity may be issued in matter noted in

We are, &c.,

DUGUID & Co.

Lismore ; C.P.  
25 ; apl. 78 ; 150  
acres ; Campbell ;  
margin.  
C.S. 87-8,493  
Dep.

No. 101.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Chairman, Local Land Board.

District Survey Office, Grafton, 14 April, 1887.

PAPERS 86-32,578 are urgently required in this office, in order to deal with certain old cases under the repealed Acts. I am informed that these papers were with you at Lismore. Will you be good enough to cause them to be forwarded to me as soon as possible.

P. R. DONALDSON,

District Surveyor.

No. 102.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

15 April, 1887.

FROM the attached memo. it will be observed that papers C.S. 86-32,578 Dep. were forwarded to head quarters on the 14th ultimo. There are five cases under the repealed Acts, in connection with which the above papers are required, now in this office awaiting its receipt. I have therefore to respectfully request that it may be forwarded to me as soon as the necessary action has been taken thereon in Sydney.

P. R. DONALDSON,

District Surveyor.

Applied for by letter of the 20th instant, C.S. 87-17,110 Dep. The District Surveyor, Grafton.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), B.C., 26/5/87. Received in District Survey Office, Grafton, 30/5/87. Urgent. The Chief Draftsman.—P.R.D., 31/5/87. Mr. Newell.—J. B., 7/6/87.

No. 103.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. McD. Sullivan.

(C.S. No. 87-11,182 ; C.P. No. 84-127).

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

Deposit paid, £20

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Lismore, on the 10th July, 1884, for the conditional purchase of 80 acres of land is void, as the land applied for is sufficiently improved to bar selection.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

[Enclosure.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue Refunded.

Dr. to James M'Dowell Sullivan.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

	Amount to be refunded.		
	£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.S. No. 87-11,182 D. ; C.P. No. 84-127.			
Land Office at Lismore ; date of selection, 10th day of July, 1884 ; deposit paid on 80 acres .....	20	0	0
Selection void to the extent of 80 acres, as the land applied for is sufficiently improved to bar selection.			
Deposit to be refunded on 80 acres .....	20	0	0

## No. 104.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Lismore.

(C.P. No. 84-127; C.S. No. 87-11,182D.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application of James M'D. Sullivan, Lismore, on the 10th July, 1884, for the conditional purchase of 80 acres of land is void, as the land applied for is sufficiently improved to bar selection.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 105.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

(C.S. No. 87-11,182D; C.P. 84-127.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, being void, as the land applied for is sufficiently improved to bar selection, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £20, being the amount of deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add, that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

Lismore;  
J. M'D. Sullivan;  
date of selection,  
10 July, 1884;  
area, 80 acres;  
deposit, £20.

## No. 106.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

(C.P. No. 84-127; C.S. No. 87-11,182D.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application of James M'Dowell Sullivan, at Lismore, on the 10th July, 1884, for the conditional purchase of 80 acres of land is void, as the land is sufficiently improved to bar selection.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 107.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

(C.P. No. 84-127; C.S. No. 87-11,182D.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application of James M'Dowell Sullivan, at Lismore, on the 10th July, 1884, for the conditional purchase of 80 acres of land is void, as the land is sufficiently improved to bar selection.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For Under Secretary).

## No. 108.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

(C.P. No. 84-47; C.S. 11,182D.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application of James Smith, at Lismore, on the 20th March, 1884, for the conditional purchase of 70 acres of land is void, as the land applied for is sufficiently improved to bar selection.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For Under Secretary).

## No. 109.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

(C.P. No. 84-47; C.S. No. 87-11,182 D.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application of James Smith, at Lismore, on the 20th March, 1884, for the conditional purchase of 70 acres of land is void, as the land applied for is sufficiently improved to bar selection.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 110.



## No. 110.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Lismore.

(C.P. No. 84-47; C.S. No. 87-11,182 D.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application of James Smith on the 20th March, 1884, for the conditional purchase of 70 acres of land is void, as the land applied for is sufficiently improved to bar selection.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 111.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

(C.P. No. 84-47; C.S. No. 87-11,182 D.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, being void, as the land applied for is sufficiently improved to bar selection, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £17 10s., being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 112.

Telegram from Mr. J. Smith to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Grafton, 22 April, 1887.

*Re* conditional purchase 84-47, Lismore; papers, conditional sales 87-11,182 D. Please stay issuing certificate conformity favour Archibald Campbell, it being my intention to lodge complaint, as provided subsection 5, clause 14, the effect. Campbell's application is in violation of provisions of the Act. See subsection, this clause, 13. Urgent.

JAMES SMITH,

Care of T. BAWDEN,

Jeggo Creek, Grafton.

Mr. Capper.—S.F., 22/4/87. Records for the papers quoted.—W.H.C., 22/4/87. Special.  
Mr. Wilkinson to note.—W.H.C., 23/4/87. Noted.—H.W., 23/4/87. Records to await return of papers.

## No. 113.

Telegram from T. Bawden, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Grafton, 25 April, 1887.

PLEASE reply James Smith's telegram Friday last *re* certificate, Archibald Campbell. Has certificate been issued?

T. BAWDEN.

Mr. Capper. Urgent.—S.F., 25/4/87. Records for telegram referred to.—W.H.C., 25/4/87. Herewith.—C.W.P., 26/4/87. Reply. Certificate not yet issued.—W.H.C., 26/4/87. See Mr. Yorke, and ascertain reason for voidance.—W.H.C., 26/4/87. Conditional purchase 84-47 Lismore, was declared void, as land applied for was sufficiently improved to bar selection.—E.F.W., 26/4/87. May be so informed by telegraph.—W.H.C., 26/4/87. Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 27/4/87. Telegram sent.—27/4/87-1,856.

## No. 114.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to T. Bawden, Esq.

Sydney, 27 April, 1887.

CONDITIONAL purchase 47 of 1884, A. Campbell, declared void, land applied for being sufficiently improved to bar selection.

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

## No. 115.

Telegram from T. Bawden, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Grafton, 28 April, 1887.

*Re* land forty seven of eighty-five, declared void as per your wire of yesterday, please take warning not to issue certificate of conformity in respect of said land to Archibald Campbell, it being my intention to proceed with complaint under subsection three, clause thirteen.

T. BAWDEN,

Agent for James Smith.

Mr. Yorke,—I would like to see the papers before the voucher issues.—W.H.C., 28/4/87. Voucher has been issued some days, and papers resubmitted.—J.R.Y., 28/4/87. Mr. Capper.

No. 116.

## No. 116.

T. Bawden, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Grafton, 30 April, 1887.

Referring to James Smith's telegram, dated 22nd April, *re* conditional purchase 84-47, Lismore, my telegram of the 25th April, and your reply, dated 27 April, in which you intimate that the conditional purchase in question, A. Campbell's, had been declared void, I now do myself the honor to submit that the purport of James Smith's telegram above referred to, must have been misunderstood, as your reply of the 27th is scarcely an answer to his request, or to my question. This may have arisen through a confusion as to the numbers of the respective conditional purchases involved.

Upon receipt of yours of the 27th I wired you as follows:—"Re land 47 of 84, declared void as per your wire of yesterday, please take warning not to issue certificate of conformity in respect of said land to Archibald Campbell, it being my intention to proceed with complaint under subsection 3, clause 13.—T. BAWDEN, agent for James Smith."

I now desire to explain more fully, in the absence of the papers for reference, the circumstances that led up to this correspondence, and to the proposed further action.

It appears that Archibald Campbell made a conditional purchase on 25th April, 1873, 78-180. This conditional purchase was declared forfeited on 31st December, 1883.

While the land was under forfeiture, that is to say, on the 20th March, 1884, James Smith made a conditional purchase of a portion of it, conditional purchase 84-47. Subsequently, while the land was still under forfeiture, J. M. Sullivan conditionally purchased, 10th July, 1884, conditional purchase 84-127, the residue of the land comprised in Campbell's forfeited conditional purchase 78-180. Smith and Sullivan respectively went into occupation; and upon the strength, as I am informed, of an official communication to the effect that the forfeiture in respect to conditional purchase 78-180 had not been rescinded, proceeded with their improvements, which are now, as I believe, of a substantial and valuable nature. Smith and Sullivan were left in undisturbed possession until on or about the 20th September, 1886, when conditional purchase 84-47 and 84-127 came before the Local Land Board for inquiry. At that inquiry Smith and Sullivan assert that they were taken by surprise by evidence submitted in Campbell's interest in respect to the improvements upon the land at the time conditional purchases 47 and 127 were made. Subsequent to the inquiry referred to, and upon a recent date, Smith and Sullivan have been informed that a decision has been arrived at in favour of Campbell, and conditional purchases 84-47 and 84-127 have been declared void.

Smith and Sullivan are now, I am informed, prepared with evidence which will entirely prove the unreliable nature of that previously submitted in Campbell's interest.

The object of this correspondence is to obtain a rehearing of the whole matter, for which purpose a complaint against Campbell under subsection 2, clause 13, Land Act, 1884, will be lodged. It was for the purpose of enabling this course to be followed by delaying the issue to Campbell, who, it is reported, was to have conditional purchase 78-180 reinstated if a certificate of the completion of conditions that Smith's telegram of the 22nd April and mine of the 28th April were sent you.

What I now desire to urge is that no further action shall be taken in the direction of confirming or reinstating conditional purchase 78-180, until the rehearing referred to has taken place, and that such rehearing may be as early as possible.

I may add that I am informed the very strongest evidence will be forthcoming, showing that the improvements upon the land at the time Smith and Sullivan made their conditional purchases were not as represented in Campbell's interest at the Court of Inquiry before the Local Land Board.

I would also ask in the interests of justice towards Smith and Sullivan, for whom I am acting, that all the papers connected with conditional purchases 78-180, 84-47, 84-127 may be forwarded to the Local Land Board Office, Grafton, and that I may have permission to inspect same for the purpose of preparing our case.

Requesting that this matter may receive your early and most favourable attention,  
I have, &c.,

T. BAWDEN.

## No. 117.

Declaration by J. Smith.

(C.P. No. 84-47.)

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Declaration of conditional purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. I, JAMES SMITH, of Lismore, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements consisting of building, clearing, falling, and fencing and to the value of £200 have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bonâ fide* residence continuously of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the above-named holders, until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extrajudicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Lismore, this 3rd }  
day of May, 1887, before me,— }

JAMES SMITH.

PROSPER DE MESTRE, J.P.,

Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 70 acres, at Tunstall, being conditional purchase No. 47 of 1884, in the District of Lismore, made on the 20th March, 1884.

Conditional

Conditional purchase void, *vide* S7-11,182 D., noted 21/5/87; instalment received at Land Office, Lismore, 3/5/87; examined and entered.—F.G., 21/5/87.

Mr. Smith warned that the conditional purchase referred to in the annexed declaration has been proclaimed void, but he insisted upon making same, and paying instalment.—P.DeM., Crown Lands Agent, Lismore, 3/5/87. The Under Secretary for Lands, Department of Lands, Sydney.

Papers in this case S7-14,668 D., are noted to District Surveyor, Grafton, 27/5/87, as applied for by letter of 20th instant; also 85-160, Sur., noted to District-Surveyor Donaldson, 4/2/87.—A.J.L. (*pro* J.P.M.), 31/5/87.

Mr. Capper,—The papers may, it is submitted, be recalled, with a view to a communication being sent to the declarant in regard to the state of the case.—W.H.C., 22/6/87. F.H.W., S.F., 24/6/87. Approved.—F.G., 25/6/87.

### No. 118.

T. T. Ewing, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Parliament House, 8 May, 1887.  
As I explained in interview, I should be glad if you would send me a letter for applicant, fully setting out case.  
Yours, &c,  
THOS. EWING.

### No. 119.

#### Office Memorandum.

THE Assistant Under Secretary expressed his surprise at the enclosed letter and voucher being sent out of the office with such meagre information regarding the reason of voidance, and directs that the voucher be completed and a manuscript letter written giving details *re* voidance.

It would be as well if all the clerks noted the desire of the Assistant Under Secretary that they should be as explicit in their memos., minutes, and notes as practicable.

W.H.C.,  
10/5/87.

Mr. Yorke,—To be noted.—J.R.Y., 10/5/87, Noted.—F.G., 10/5/87; H.R., 10/5/87; C.C., 10/5/87; T.G., 10/5/87; J.M., 10/5/87; C.C., 10/5/87; H.C. Letter and voucher also dated, Correspondence Branch for manuscript letter.—J.R.Y., 10/5/87. Thos. Ewing, with refund order for £17 10s., and printed letter to J. Smith, *re* conditional purchase, 84-47, Lismore.—H.L.T., 11/5/87 Mr. Yorke.

### No. 120.

The Under Secretary for Lands to T. T. Ewing, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 May, 1887.

With reference to your recent interview, relative to the voiding of the conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am to inform you that the question sent to the Land Board for report was as to whether the conditional purchases of Smith, 84-47, and Sullivan, 84-127 (being for 70 and 80 acres respectively of portion 89 of 150 acres) were sufficiently improved at date of application to bar selection. The Board held two inquiries, and report that the only improvements on portion 89, which could belong to Archibald Campbell, the former selector of the land, were a hut worth £15, and a dividing fence on the southern line of the portion worth £30 12s.—in all £45 12s. The Board, however, submitted the case to the Minister for Lands, who decided that portion 89 was sufficiently improved to bar selection, and that the conditional purchases of Smith and Sullivan, should be declared void.

I have, &c.,  
STEPHEN FREEMAN  
(For the Under Secretary).

[Enclosures.]

(C.P. No. 84-47; C.S. No. S7-11,182, Dep.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Lismore, on the 20th March, 1884, for the conditional purchase of 70 acres of land, is void, as the land applied for is sufficiently improved to bar selection.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,  
F. H. WILSON  
(For the Under Secretary).

Mr. James Smith, Lismore, care of T. T. Ewing, Esq., M.P.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to James Smith.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 April, 1887.

For the following refund, viz. :—C.S. No. S7-11,182 D.; C.P. No. 84-47.

	£	s.	d.
Land Office at Lismore: date of selection, 20th day of March, 1884; deposit paid on 70 acres .....	17	10	0
Selection void to the extent of 70 acres, as the land applied for is sufficiently improved to bar selection.			
Deposit to be refunded on 70 acres.....£	17	10	0

Amount to be refunded.

£ s. d.  
17 10 0

Deposit to be refunded on 70 acres.....£ 17 10 0

Lismore, C.P.  
84-47, 20 March,  
1884, 70 acres;  
parish Tunstall,  
county Ross;  
James Smith.

Deposit paid,  
£17 10s.

## No. 121.

T. Bawden, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Grafton, 4 June, 1887.

I do myself the honor to request that I may be favoured with a reply to my letter of the 30th April last, respecting conditional purchases 84-47, 78-180, and 84-127, Lismore; and also that I may be informed if my request that the papers connected therewith should be forwarded to the Local Land Board Office, Grafton, in order that I might inspect the same, can be complied with.

I may again mention that Smith and Sullivan (84-47 and 84-127) are desirous of lodging a complaint against Campbell (78-180); but are delayed in doing so, pending a reply to my letter of the 30th April, and the granting me an opportunity of inspecting the papers.

Requesting that this matter may receive your very earliest attention.

I have, &c.,  
T. BAWDEN.

## No. 122.

Office Memorandum.

9 June, 1887.

PAPERS C.S. 86-9,814 Dep., 86-10,204 Dep., 86-18,190 Dep., have been removed from here, as they have reference to another series of Campbell's conditional purchases in the Casino Land District, parish of Bonabeo, county of Rous.

This should be noted in Sydney and the necessary alterations made in the registers.

The above quoted papers have been placed with C.S. 86-22,730, Dep. only.

J. BURT  
(*pro* District Surveyor).

Mr. Gibson,—Please obtain above quoted papers as soon as practicable, if in Head Office.—W.H.C., 20/10/87. I have made a search for this paper, but cannot find it.—T.D., 21/10/87.

## No. 123.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

24 June, 1887.

Respecting the following conditional purchases in the Land District of Lismore:—C.P. 78-180, of 25th April, for 150 acres; C.P. 79-112, of 20th March, for 40 acres; C.P. 79-196, of 12th June, for 102 acres; C.P. 82-485, 29th June, for 50 acres; C.P. 83-263, of 13th September, for 40 acres—A. Campbell; C.P. 84-47, of 20th March, for 70 acres, James Smith; C.P. 84-127, of 10th July, for 80 acres, J. M'D. Sullivan; C.P. 84-55, of 27th March, for 40 acres, H. E. Reis; C.P. 84-130, of 10th July, 60 acres, N. Gordon; C.P. 84-193, of 13th November, for 40 acres, D. Hanan.

As the papers in connection with the above-mentioned conditional purchases were forwarded on my application before any decision was given respecting Mr. Bawden's request (C.S. 87-2,312 Cor.) for a further inquiry into the merits of the several conditional purchase applications, they are now returned, in order that he may be informed if any further steps are to be taken with reference to his letter on behalf of Smith and Sullivan.

Advantage has been taken of the opportunity to revise the case, to set forth the course of action proposed to be adopted in this office, and to obtain approval thereof.

Two inquiries having already been held on conditional purchase 78-180 and conditional purchase 84-47, J. Smith, and 84-127, J. M. Sullivan (the two conflicting applications), it is presumed the further investigation sought by Mr. Bawden on behalf of his clients will be declined, and consequently the voidance of conditional purchases 84-47 and 84-127, and the reinstatement of Campbell's conditional purchase will stand good (C.S. 87-11,182 Dep.)

In the subdivision of portion 89, to satisfy the claim of Smith and Sullivan (the instructions for which had been issued prior to reinstatement of conditional purchase 78-180), the surveyor (Mr. Somerville) has deviated from the road reserved in the original survey of portion 89, in order to secure firmer ground, and has requested that instructions should be issued for the continuation of the survey of the line of road selected by him to the southern boundary of portion 89.

The reinstatement of conditional purchase 78-180, will necessitate the cancellation of the survey of portion 214; but as it is advisable that the road should traverse the land best adapted to traffic, I would recommend that the subdivision effected by Mr. Somerville be adopted, the road continued as he advises, and that the conditional purchase 78-180 be located upon these two portions (Nos. 89 and 214), provided the approval of the original survey of portion 89 (dated 8th March, 1880) does not present an insuperable objection, thus avoiding the expense of obliterating the survey of portion No. 214, in addition to which the areas (80 and 70 acres) would be more suitable for selection in the event of forfeiture of conditional purchase 78-180.

The forfeiture (dated 31st December, 1883) of conditional purchases 79-196 and 83-263, should, I presume, be upheld, and action on Reis and Gordon's application, Nos. 84-55 and 84-130, be proceeded with.

Attention is invited to memo. dated 18th April, 1887, on C.S. 87-16,165 Dep., with reference to refund of deposit paid on additional conditional purchase 83-263.

The amended tracing marked A shows the subdivision of portions 89 and 96 effected by Mr. Somerville. Portions 214 and 89 are the portions proposed to be approved for conditional purchase 78-180 if no legal objection exists to such a course.

Attention is further directed to the enclosed slip, dated 9th June, 1887, with reference to the removal of certain papers in order that they might be placed with C.S. 86-22,730 Dep., the case to which they refer.

As several cases are dependent upon this decision, I would respectfully request that the matter may meet with early attention.

P. R. DONALDSON,  
District Surveyor.

Tracing herewith, marked A. Submitted.—F.H.W. (for Under Secretary), 2/7/87.

Appendix O.

## No. 124.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 June, 1887.

Papers, Nos.  
87-14,668 D.  
and 85-160 Sur.,  
C.P. No. 84-47,  
made by James  
Smith, at  
Lismore

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to return to this Department, as early as practicable, all papers in connection with the conditional purchase noted in the margin which were forwarded to you on the 27th ultimo and 4th February, 1887, respectively.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

The Chief Draftsman.—P.R.D., 5/7/87. Mr. Buller,—85-160 Sur. transferred to Mr. Nowel.—F.B., 6/7/87. C.S. 85-160 Sur. herewith. C.S. 87-14,668 D., referred to above, was forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands, 24th June, 1887.—F.B.N., 6/7/87. The Under Secretary for Lands.—J.B. (*pro* District Surveyor), 6/7/87.

## No. 125.

Messrs. Allingham and Judge to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Lismore, 8 July, 1887.

We are instructed by Mr. Archibald Campbell to write to you as to the cause of the delay in the issuing of the Crown grants to the land noted at the foot hereof. The land was paid for as far back as 8th February, 1886, and although the land has been in dispute, the Land Board decided in favour of the applicant, and that decision has been confirmed by the Minister for Lands.

We shall be glad if you will order that the grants for these lands may be ordered to issue at once, as important legal measures are delayed in consequence of the non-receipt of them.

We have, &amp;c.,

ALLINGHAM AND JUDGE,

Conditional purchase No. 180, 25th April, 1878, 150 acres, parish Tunstall.

## No. 126.

T. Bawden, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Grafton, 25 July, 1887.

I do myself the honor to invite your attention to the fact that I have not yet received any reply to my letter of the 4th June last *re* conditional purchases 84-47 and 84-120, Lismore. I may add that the delay is retarding the action which Messrs. Smith and Sullivan are desirous of taking to maintain their rights in respect to the land embraced within the conditional purchases above referred to.

Requesting the favour of your early attention,

I have, &amp;c.,

T. BAWDEN.

## No. 127.

## Office Memorandum.

1. A. Campbell, Lismore:—Conditional purchase 78-180, 13th section, 150 acres, portion 89; additional conditional purchase 79-112, 21st section, 40 acres, portion 104; additional conditional purchase 79-196, 21st section, 100 acres, portion 96; additional conditional purchase 82-485, 21st section, 50 acres, portion 201; additional conditional purchase 83-263, 21st section, 40 acres, portion 231.
2. Jas. Smith:—Conditional purchase 84-47, 13th section, 70 acres, portion 214, subdivision of portion 89. J. M'D. Sullivan:—Conditional purchase 84-127, 13th section, 80 acres, portion 89. H. E. Reis:—Conditional purchase 84-55, 13th section, 40 acres, portion 215, subdivision of portion 96. N. Gordon:—Conditional purchase 84-130, 13th section, 60 acres, portion 96. D. Hanan:—Conditional purchase 84-193, 13th section, 40 acres, portion 104. N. Gordon:—Conditional purchase 85-5, 42nd section, 40 acres, portion 231.

THE facts of this case are set out on papers 85-33,699 Dep. and 87-11,182 D. herewith. The following is now the position of the case:—

The forfeiture of A. Campbell's conditional purchases, as shown in No. 1 Schedule above, was revoked on 16th December, 1884. In the meantime, however, *i.e.*, between notification of forfeiture and reversal thereof, conflicting interests had arisen, as shown in Schedule No. 2. Conditional purchase 84-193 (portion 104) was declared void at applicant's request on 9th January, 1886, and upon inquiry by the Land Board it was found that portion 89 was sufficiently improved to bar selection, and conditional purchases 84-47 and 127, which embraced that portion, were therefore declared void. As the reason for voidance shows that these conditional purchases were void *ab initio*, it will be seen that the objections to the reversal of forfeiture of conditional purchases 78-180 and 79-112 have been removed, and that they, together with conditional purchase 82-485, which was not reselected, will now stand good.

The case is different, however, as regards conditional purchases 79-196 (portion 96) and 83-263 (portion 231), the former of which was re-selected by conditional purchases 84-55 and 130, and the latter by additional conditional purchase 85-5.

The Land Board held an inquiry with regard to conditional purchases 84-55 and 130, and decided that the portion (96) embraced by them was not sufficiently improved to bar selection. It is submitted that those conditional purchases stand good, and conditional purchase 79-196 declared void.

Conditional purchase 83-263 will then be separated from the series, and it has also, as already stated, been re-selected under the Act of 1884, as additional conditional purchase 85-5, in virtue of original conditional purchase 84-130, portion 96. It is therefore submitted that conditional purchase 83-263 (portion 231) be also declared void, and a refund issued.

It is also submitted that Mr. Bawden be informed, in answer to his letters of 6th May last (87-2,312 Cor.) and 4th June last, that the question of void conditional purchases 84-47 and 127 cannot be re-opened,

reopened, as the cases were fully investigated by the Local Land Board, and two inquiries were held in connection therewith, at which it was found that the portion embraced by those conditional purchases was sufficiently improved to bar selection.

W.H.C.

F.H.W., 30/8/87. S.F. For approval.—S.F., 3/9/87. Approved.—T.G., 6/9/87. Mr. Bawden informed, 13/9/87. Applicant, care of Duguid & Co., refund orders. Agent, Treasury, Chairman, and District Surveyor informed conditional purchases 79-196 and 83-263, Lismore, void, 23/9/87. Noted. Charting Branch.—Please give date of approval of plans of measurement of portion 89-104 and 201.—W.H.C., 20/10/87. Plans R. 1,608-1,759, R. 3,259, and R. 2,743, which should show the above portions in parish Tunstall, county Rous, are recorded to the District Office, Grafton.—B.W.T. (for J. T. Keating), 20/10/87. Mr. Capper.

#### No. 128.

E. W. Allingham, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Barwang, Moore Park Road, 7 September, 1887.  
Referring to the conditional purchases noted below, I wish to be informed in what position, as regards the dispute with one Archibald Campbell, they now stand.

As my stay in town is limited, I shall be glad to hear from you at once.

I have, &c.,

E. W. ALLINGHAM.

Sullivan, 10th July, 1884, 127 acres, parish Tunstall; Smith, 20th March, 1884, 47 acres, parish of Tunstall, Lismore Land District.

Conditional purchase, 84-127, Lismore, void (*vide* 87-11,182 D). Conditional purchase 84-47, Lismore, void (*vide* 87-11,182 D.) Inform that conditional purchases quoted must remain void, as intimated on the 15th April last.—W.H.C., 28/9/87.

Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 4/10/87. Then to Charting Branch.

#### No. 129.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 19, Macquarie-place, Sydney, 7 September, 1887.  
We have the honor to request, on behalf of Archibald Campbell, that you will be good enough to cause the issue of a certificate of approval for the conditional purchase noted in the margin, the conditions required by law having been duly fulfilled.

At Lismore ;  
C.P. No. 82-465.

We have, &c.,

BRETT AND COGHLAN.

#### No. 130.

The Under Secretary for Lands to T. Bawden, Esq.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 September, 1887.  
With reference to your letters of the 6th May and 4th June last, relative to the voidance of the conditional purchases noted in the margin hereof, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that the cases in question cannot be re-opened, as they were fully investigated by the Local Land Board, and two inquiries were held in connection therewith, at which it was found that the portion embraced by these selections was sufficiently improved to bar selection.

Lismore ; C.P.  
84-47, James  
Smith ; C.P.  
84-127, J. M'D.  
Sullivan.

I have &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

#### No. 131.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

(C.P. No. 79-196; C.S. No. 87-34,298 D.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.  
I desire to inform you that the application of Archibald Campbell, at Lismore, formerly Casino, on the 12th day of June, 1879, for the conditional purchase of 100 acres of land is void, as the land had been re-selected prior to date of revocation of forfeiture, by conditional purchase 84-55, by H. E. Reich, and 84-130, N. Gordon.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

#### No. 132.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

(C.P. No. 79-196; C.S. No. 87-34,298 D.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.  
I desire to inform you that the application of Archibald Campbell, at Lismore, on the 12th day of June, 1879, for the conditional purchase of 100 acres of land is void, as the land had been re-selected prior to date of revocation of forfeiture by conditional purchases 84-55 by H. E. Reich and 84-130, N. Gordon.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 133.

## No. 133.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

(C.P. No. 79-196; C.S. No. 87-34,298 D.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.

Lismore; Archibald Campbell; date of selection, 12/6/79; area, 100 acres. Deposit, £25.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the land had been re-selected prior to date of revocation of forfeiture by conditional purchases 84-55 by H. E. Reich and 84-130, N. Gordon, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £25, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 134.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Lismore.

(C.P. No. 79-196; C.S. No. 87-34,298 D.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application of Archibald Campbell on the 12th of June, 1879, for the conditional purchase of 100 acres of land is void, as the land had been re-selected prior to date of revocation of forfeiture by conditional purchases 84-55 by H. E. Reich and 84-130, N. Gordon.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 135.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Campbell.

(C.P. No. 79-196; C.S. No. 87-34,298 D.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.

Deposit paid, £25.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Lismore, formerly Casino, on the 12th June, 1879, for the conditional purchase of 100 acres of land is void, as the land had been re-selected prior to date of revocation of forfeiture by conditional purchases 84-55 by H. E. Reich and 84-130, N. Gordon.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

[Enclosures.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to Archibald Campbell.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.

	Amount to be refunded.
For the following refund, viz.:—C.S. No. 87-34,298 D; C.P. No. 79-196.	
Land Office at Lismore, formerly Casino; date of selection, 12th day of June, 1879; deposit paid on 100 acres .....	£ s. d. 25 0 0
Selection withdrawn or void to the extent of 100 acres, as the land had been re-selected prior to date of revocation of forfeiture by conditional purchases 84-55 by H. E. Reich and 84-130, N. Gordon.	
Deposit to be refunded on 100 acres .....	£ 25 0 0

## No. 136.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Campbell.

(C.P. No. 83-263; C.S. No. 87-34,298 D.)

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.

Deposit paid £10.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Lismore on the 13th September, 1883, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is void, as, owing to avoidance of conditional purchase 79-196, the land applied for does not now adjoin the other conditional purchases of the series.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

[Enclosure.]

[Enclosure.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to Alexander Campbell.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.

	Amount to be refunded.		
	£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.S. No. 87-34,298 D. ; C.P. No. 83-263. Land Office at Lismore ; date of selection, 13th day of September, 1883 ; deposit paid on 40 acres .....	10	0	0
Selection void to the extent of 40 acres, as, owing to voidance of conditional purchase 79-196, the land applied for does not now adjoin the other conditional purchase of the series.			
Deposit to be refunded on 40 acres.....£	10	0	0

## No. 137.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

(C.P. No. 83-263 ; C.S. No. 87-34,298 D.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application of Archibald Campbell, at Lismore, on the 13th September, 1883, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is void, as, owing to voidance of conditional purchase 79-196, the land applied for does not now adjoin the other conditional purchases of the series.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 138.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Land Agent, Lismore.

(C.P. No. 83-263 ; C.S. No. 87-34,298 D.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application of Archibald Campbell, on the 13th September, 1883, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is void, as, owing to voidance of conditional purchase 79-196, the land applied for does not now adjoin the other conditional purchase of the series.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 139.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

(C.P. No. 83-263 ; C.S. No. 87-34,298 D.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.

I desire to inform you that the application of Archibald Campbell, at Lismore, on the 13th September, 1883, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of land is void, as, owing to voidance of conditional purchase 79-196, the land applied for does not now adjoin the other conditional purchases of the series.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 140.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase.—Revenue refunded.

(C.P. No. 83-263 ; C.S. No. 87-34,298 D.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 23 September, 1887.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as, owing to voidance of conditional purchase 79-196, the land applied for does not now adjoin the other conditional purchase of the series, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £10, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.,

CHARLES OLIVER

Under Secretary.

No. 141.



## No. 141.

## Declaration by Mr. J. M'D. Sullivan.

(C.P. No. 84-127.)

Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES M'DOWELL SULLIVAN, of Lismore, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of building, falling, clearing, fencing, &c., and to the value of £250, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona-fide* residence, continuously, of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date (and that no alienation of the land has been made by any of the above-named holders, until after the residence thereon of such holder for a period of one whole year). And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Lismore, this 29th day }  
of September, 1887, before me,— }

JAMES M'DOWELL SULLIVAN.

PROSPER DE MESTRE,  
Commissioner for Affidavits.

## Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 80 acres, at Tunstall, being conditional purchase No. 127, of 1884, in the district of Lismore, made on the 10th July, 1887.

Instalment received, Lands Office, Lismore, 29th September, 1887.

This declaration, together with instalment, has been accepted by me under protest, the land therein referred to being void (*vide* C.S. 87-11,182 Dep.)—P. DE M., Crown Land Agent, Lismore, 29/9/87. The Under Secretary, Department of Lands, Sydney.

## No. 142.

## Mr. J. Smith to The Secretary for Mines.

Sir,

Jiggi, 29 September, 1887.

I with confidence enclose to you a statement of my case, together with the dates and particulars relative to it since I came into possession of my holding here. I took up 70 acres conditionally on 20th March, 1884, which land was forfeited on Archibald Campbell 31st December, 1882. Campbell got two inquiries on it and the forfeiture was never disturbed. In the month of July I wrote to know if my land was going to be measured, as I was going to reside on it, and I got a reply from the Chief Commissioner stating that it was. I should state here that this land was gazetted forfeited, 31st December, 1882. I selected subject to approval, and on 31st January, 1885, I wrote to know if I was approved of, and in reply I received from the Minister for Lands, signed by Charles Oliver, Under Secretary, stating that I was. On the faith of that letter from the Minister for Lands I proceeded with my improvements—building house, fencing it all round, scrub falling, ploughing, and burning off, planting fruit trees—in all, it cost me £246 15s. After two years, Mr. West, Land Inspector, came and inspected my premises and improvements, and after two years and two months I was summoned to the Land Court as to whether there was sufficient improvements on it at the date of my selecting it to bar selection. The finding of the Land Court was not announced here, but was left for the Minister for Lands, who, I am privately informed, has given his decision that there was improvements on it at the time to bar selection, although they directed their officer, Mr. Somerville, to measure this portion if the improvements were not on it to bar selection. Mr. Somerville measured it off for me, knowing there was not sufficient, or believing there was not sufficient, improvements at the time. If he saw there was, why did he measure it and cause all this trouble and expense this last three years and more? And on the 9th July, 1885, the Minister for Lands approved of my selecting, and signed by Charles Oliver, Under Secretary.

Now, Sir, might I most respectfully request that you would be good enough to lay this case, together with the facts, before Mr. Garrett, Minister for Lands, who I trust will take the trouble in sifting this, and facts relating to it since 31st December, 1882—the time it was declared forfeited on Archibald Campbell.

I have, &amp;c.,

JAMES SMITH,

Jiggi, Lismore, Richmond River.

P.S.—I enclose copies of letters received from officials in the several Government Offices to strengthen my case.—J.S.

## [Enclosures.]

Sir,

Conditional Sales Division, Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 August, 1884.

Lismore,  
C.P. 84-47,  
70 acres,  
20th March, 1884.

In reference to your conditional purchase noted in the margin, I have to inform you that instructions have been issued to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Garland for the measurement of the area applied for under your selection in question, provided the land is not sufficiently improved to bar conditional purchase.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN,

(For Chief Commissioner).

Mr. James Smith, care of R. N. Somerville, Esq., Lismore.

Sir,

Sir, Referring to your letter of the 31st January last respecting your conditional purchase noted in the margin, I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Lands having decided not to disturb the forfeiture of Mr. Archibald Campbell's conditional purchase, has approved of your application to conditionally purchase part of the same land being received and dealt with on its merits.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 July, 1885.  
Lismore, C.P. 84-47, 20th March, 1884.  
I have, &c.,  
**CHARLES OLIVER,**  
Under Secretary.

Mr. James Smith, Lismore.

My dear Garrett,—I know nothing about this case further than that the man is a decent hard-working fellow, and he thinks he has been hardly dealt with.—F.A. Let me have the papers.—T.G., 4/10/87. Papers herewith. *Précis* of case registered, 87-34,293.—W.H.C., 5/10/87. The Assistant Under Secretary.

No. 143.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 4, Spring-street, Sydney, 6 October, 1887.  
We have the honor to request, on behalf of A. Campbell, that you will be good enough to cause the issue of a certificate of approval for the conditional purchase noted in the margin, the conditions required by law having been duly fulfilled.

Lismore; C.P. No. 78-180; area, 150 acres.  
We have, &c.,  
**BRETT AND COGHLAN.**

No. 144.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 4, Spring-street, Sydney, 6 October, 1887.  
We have the honor to request, on behalf of A. Campbell, that you will be good enough to cause the issue of a certificate of approval for the conditional purchase noted in the margin, the conditions required by law having been duly fulfilled.

Lismore; C.P. No. 79-112; area, 40 acres.  
We have, &c.,  
**BRETT AND COGHLAN.**

No. 145.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 19, Macquarie-place, Sydney, 7 October, 1887.  
We have the honor to request, on behalf of Archibald Campbell, that you will be good enough to cause the issue of a certificate of approval for the conditional purchase noted in the margin, the conditions required by law having been duly fulfilled.

Lismore; C.P. No. 79-196.  
We have, &c.,  
**BRETT AND COGHLAN.**

No. 146.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, 19, Macquarie-place, Sydney, 7 October, 1887.  
We have the honor to request, on behalf of Archibald Campbell, that you will be good enough to cause the issue of a certificate of approval for the conditional purchase noted in the margin, the conditions required by law having been duly fulfilled.

Lismore; C.P. No. 83-268.  
We have, &c.,  
**BRETT AND COGHLAN.**

No. 147.

Mr. A. Campbell to Messrs. Brett and Coghlan.

Sydney, 7 October, 1887.

I HEREBY authorize Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to obtain certificates of conformity for my conditional purchases Nos. 79-112 and 78-180, Lismore, and 79-196, 82-485, 83-268.

**ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.**

Conditional purchases entered in Agent's book.—11/10/87. Mr. Yorke to quote papers, and then to Records to attach.—H.W., 11/10/87. Mr. Capper,—There is nothing to show that first instalment on A. Campbell's conditional purchase 82-485, Lismore, was paid.—G.W.G., 14/10/87. Please ascertain at the Treasury whether all the necessary instalments have been paid.—W.H.C., 14/10/87. Yes.—W.H.B., 14/10/87. Upon personal inquiry at the Treasury it has been ascertained that the instalments have been paid.—W.E.T., 14/10/87.

No. 148.

Office Memorandum.

CONDITIONAL purchases 78-180, 79-112, and 82-485, A. Campbell, Lismore Land District. Forfeited 31st December, 1883. Forfeiture reversed 16th December, 1884. Declarations on conditional purchases 78-180 and 82-485 are herewith; but the declaration on conditional purchase 79-112 is with District Surveyor Donaldson, sent to him with papers, C.S. 84-6,590 Survey on 4/2/87-54. It is suggested that before finally submitting declarations for approval, Mr. Donaldson be requested to return the papers. W.H.C., 14 October, 1887.

The Assistant Under Secretary,—Telegraph for the papers. Telegraph for papers.—S.F., 14/10/87. Wire, 14/10/87, No. 1,843. Noted. Records to await papers being returned.—J.R.Y., 15/10/87. Have the papers been returned?—W.H.C., 18/10/87. Records,—Not yet.—J.P.M., 18/10/87.

## No. 149.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

14 October, 1887.

PLEASE return earliest convenience papers G,590 of /84, Survey, A. Campbell's conditional purchase; 112 of /79, Lismore; to you 4th February last; instructions No. 54 of /87.

STEPHEN FREEMAN

(For Under Secretary).

Chief Draftsman,—Cause this case to be dealt with at once, and the papers returned at once as requested.—P.R.D., 15/10/87.

## No. 150.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

15 October, 1887.

PAPERS C.S. 84-6,590 Survey are returned herewith, as requested by telegram enclosed. I also forward C.S. 83-831, 85-1,392 Survey, C.S. 87-23,281 Dep., as they are all dependent upon the action taken upon C.S. 87-14,668 Dep., under cover of my submission to the Under Secretary for Lands, dated 24th June, 1887.

At the same time, I have to respectfully request that all the papers in connection with these cases may be returned to me after completion of action at Head Office, in order that the case may be dealt with in the District Survey Office.

P. R. DONALDSON.

## No. 151.

Declaration by Mr. A. Campbell.

(C.P. No. 79-112.)

D.

Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, of Lismore, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of scrubbing, clearing, and fencing, and to the value of £50, have been made on such land. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared, at Sydney, this 19th day }  
of October, 1887, before me,—

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

PHILLIP F. RICHARDSON, J.P.,  
Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 40 acres, at Lismore, being conditional purchase No. 79-112, of 1879, in the district of Lismore, made on the 20th March, 1879.

First conditional purchase, 78-180. Examined and entered.—T.G., 19/10/87. J.R.Y.

## No. 152.

Office Memorandum.

21 October, 1887.

Conditional purchase 78-180, 13th section, 150 acres, portion 89, date of survey 8th March, 1880; conditional purchase 79-112, 21st section, 40 acres, portion 104; conditional purchase 79-196, 21st section, 100 acres, portion 96, declared void 23rd September, 1887; conditional purchase 82-485, 21st section, 50 acres, portion 201; conditional purchase 83-263, 21st section, 40 acres, portion 231, declared void 23rd September, 1887.

THE conditional purchases were declared forfeited on the 31st December, 1883, upon a report of an inquiry by Mr. Commissioner Bolding; but upon the 1st February, 1884, authority was given by Mr. Secretary Farnell for a fresh inquiry, so that Campbell might have an opportunity of bringing forward further evidence in support of his claim, but without prejudice to the existing forfeiture in the meantime. The fresh inquiry was held on the 11th July, 1884, and the Commissioner submitted the case for special consideration.

Mr. Secretary Farnell dealt with the case upon the 3rd November, 1884, and decided that it did not appear to be materially altered by the fresh evidence, and that there was no ground for remitting the existing forfeiture.

On the 20th of the same month, however, Mr. Secretary Farnell minuted the papers to the effect that he thought it was a case which he could recommend the reversal of the forfeiture.

In view of this, the Executive Council reversed the forfeiture upon the 9th December, 1884, confirming it on the 16th of the same month; but, prior to the reversal of the forfeiture, conflicting interests had arisen by applications to select the same land by J. Smith and J. M'D. Sullivan, H. E. Reis, N. Gordon, D. Hanan, and W. Gordon, and upon the 13th March, 1885, Mr. Secretary Farnell remarked that

that when the forfeiture of A. Campbell's conditional purchase was reversed, it was not known to him that the land had been selected by other persons, consequently the reversal of the forfeiture will not, under the fact, reinstate the selection, therefore the conditional purchases of the other persons, on this ground, must be upheld, provided there are no other exceptions or exemptions under the law. This was communicated to Mr. Campbell, care of J. A. Martin, on the 2nd May, 1885, under direct instructions from the Minister. It now became necessary to consider the claims of those recent applicants, whose interests were affected by the reversal of the forfeiture. The authority for this, however, is not with these papers, so, upon the 20th September, 1886, an inquiry by the Lismore Board was instituted to ascertain whether the land applied for by N. Gordon, J. Smith, and J. M'D. Sullivan was sufficiently improved to bar selection at date of their respective applications. In view of the evidence taken at this Court, the Board reported that Archibald Campbell had no claim whatever to be considered the owner of any improvements on portion 89, except a hut and fencing on the southern line, the value of which (fencing, £30 12s., and hut, £15) was £45 12s., an amount sufficient to bar the selections of Smith and Sullivan, and no claim to any improvements on portion 96, except fencing on the north line worth £20, an amount not sufficient to bar selection of N. Gordon, that is, assuming the fencing was, as Campbell swore, his own, and paid for by him, and not shared by his neighbours; and the Board desired emphatically to record its conviction that Archibald Campbell never had on portions 89 and 96 anything like the amount of improvements required by the law, and is not deserving of any consideration. This report was not acted upon, as, in view of a telegram of the 12th October, 1886, from the Chairman, the papers were retransmitted to him for rehearing, the matter having been insufficiently considered. The reinvestigation was held on the 15th February last. The Board reported that the value of the improvements at £45 12s. was not disturbed in any way; but a material point in the case, which was clearly brought out by the inquiry, was submitted, *i.e.*, as to the ownership of the boundary-fence between portions 89 and 87. Mr. Secretary Garrett, upon the 30th March last, decided the point in favour of Mr. Campbell.

The following adjustment has been made:—Conditional purchase 84-193, portion 104, by D. Hanan, was declared void on the 9th January, 1885, at applicant's request. Conditional purchase 84-47, portion 214, by James Smith, was declared void on the 15th April last, on account of improvements. Conditional purchase 84-127, portion 89, by J. M'D. Sullivan, was declared void on the 15th April last, on account of improvements. Additional conditional purchase 79-196, portion 96, by A. Campbell, declared void on the 23rd September last, as it was applied for after forfeiture by H. E. Reis, under conditional purchase 84-55. Additional conditional purchase 83-263, portion 231, by A. Campbell, declared void on the 23rd September last, as it was improved and applied for after forfeiture by N. Gordon, under additional conditional purchase 85-5.

It will thus be seen that conditional purchase 78-180, additional conditional purchase 79-112, and additional conditional purchase 82-485, by A. Campbell, now stand good, and the issue of the certificate is urged.

In view of the recommendation by Mr. Secretary Farnell of the 20th November, 1884, for the reversal of the forfeiture, it might be assumed he was at the time satisfied that the conditions had been complied with, and that Campbell's claim to that land, free from conflicting interests, was good. The evidence in favour of the due fulfilment of the conditions of residence and improvements by the selector is not, however, strong, nor is it free from doubt; but it would appear that Mr. Secretary Farnell's decision referred to pledges the Department in favour of Campbell's conditional purchases, now standing in his name; if this be so, there is no reason why the declarations upon conditional purchases 78-180, 79-112, and 82-485 may not pass; but if Mr. Secretary Farnell's decision is not a sufficient basis to justify such action, it will be necessary to bring corroborative evidence that the conditions of improvements have been fulfilled, and if not fulfilled, to grant extension of time in those instances where it can be done. Dates of survey cannot now be given, as the plans are with the District Surveyor.

Recent protests by Smith and Sullivan have not yet been considered.

W.H.C.

Whatever decision may be arrived at in this case, it would not appear that, in view of the Board's report, the opposing parties have any right to be considered as regards the land comprised by conditional purchases 78-180, 79-112, and 82-485. It will be for the Minister to determine whether Mr. Secretary Farnell's decision, as approved by the Executive Council, is in effect an acknowledgment on behalf of the Crown that the conditions of the law are duly complied with by Campbell.—S.F., 21/10/87.

As the Executive Council did, on the recommendation of the Minister, reverse the forfeiture of conditional purchases 78-180, 79-112, and 82-485, and so led Campbell to believe his claims stood good at that time, and as subsequent contentions as to Campbell's claim to these conditional purchases may have interfered with his improvement of them, an extension of three months may be given him to complete the improvements to the value required by law. At the expiry of that period, if the report of Inspector is favourable, certificate may issue.—T.G., 21/10/87.

Inform Brett and Coghlan.—S.F., 21/10/87. Brett and Coghlan informed, 24/10/87.

### No. 153.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Brett and Coghlan.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 October, 1887.

Referring to the conditional purchases noted in the margin, I am to inform you that as the Executive Council did, on the recommendation of the Minister, reverse the forfeiture of the conditional purchases in question, and so led Mr. Campbell to believe his claim stood good at that time, and as subsequent contentions as to Mr. Campbell's claim to these purchases may have interfered with his improvement of them, Mr. Secretary Garrett has decided that an extension of three months may be given him to complete the improvements to the value required by law, and that at the expiry of that period, if the report of the Inspector is favourable, certificates of conformity will issue.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

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No. 154.

Lismore; C.P.  
78-180, 150  
acres; C.P.  
79-112, 40 acres;  
C.P. 82-485, 50  
acres, A. Camp-  
bell.

## No. 154.

## Office Memorandum.

(C.S. 87-50,103D.)

Lismore District.

C.P. No., 78-180; section, 13; area, 150 acres; date, 25th April, 1878. C.P. No., 79-112; section, 21; area, 40 acres; date, 20th March, 1879. C.P. No., 82-485; section, 21; area, 50 acres; date, 29th June, 1882; name of applicant, Archibald Campbell.

THE above-described conditional and additional conditional purchases require inspection. All papers in connection with the case are therefore referred to the Chairman of the Local Land Board, Grafton, with a view to the necessary instructions being issued to the Inspector of Conditional Purchases at an early date.

If the report, when furnished by the Inspector, shows that the conditions of the Act under which the conditional purchases were made have not been carried out, an investigation by the Local Land Board may be instituted, subject to the provisions of section 20 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

J.R.Y.

The above recommendation approved by the Minister for Lands; *vide* 87-52,363 Dep.

F.H.W.

(For the Under Secretary),

17/11/87.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Grafton, B.C. Inspector West, 19/12/87.

## No. 155.

## Office Memorandum.

[Urgent.]

WILL the District Surveyor be so good as to show on the accompanying tracing additional conditional purchases 79-112 and 82-485, made in virtue of conditional purchase 78-180, Lismore.

B.S.L.

(For Chairman),

19/12/87.

The District Surveyor.

Additional conditional purchases 79-112 and 82-485 are now shown by red hatched lines on the attached tracing.—J.B. (*pro* District Surveyor), 19/12/87. The Chairman.

## No. 156.

## Office Memorandum.

FOR confirmation, being a subdivision of portion 96, proved to have been unimproved at date of application.

The amount of litigation that has ensued does not appear to have interfered with the fulfilment of conditions in this case. Declaration herewith (*vide* 87-4,182 L.B.) should perhaps be sent to Inspector West for report at once.

The Minister has decided to allow these conditional purchases to stand good for the present. The applicant has been granted three months from 21st October last (*vide* 87-50,103 Dep.) to complete the improvements necessary to admit of the series being finally approved; and these improvements, if not completed within that time, will, presumably, render the conditional purchases liable to forfeiture.

These conditional purchases were declared void, as they embrace land held under conditional purchase 78-180, viz., portion 89. As that conditional purchase, together with the series, appears to be entirely dependent upon the fulfilment of the improvement condition as already referred to, these conditional purchases (84-47 and 84-127) should not, perhaps, be lost sight of, as, in the event of Campbell's conditional purchases being again forfeited, the restitution of Smith and Sullivan's conditional purchases would probably be recommended and approved of.

Conditional purchase 85-5., N. Gordon; conditional purchase 84-55, H. E. Reiss; papers detached and noted to await report of Inspector, case being now independent of conditional purchases 78-180, &c.; C.P. 78-180, portion 89; C.P. 79-112, portion 104; C.P. 82-485, portion 201, A. Campbell.—20/12/87. Inspector West.—20/12/87. Report herewith (*vide* 88-831).—A.A.B., 8/2/88. Conditional purchases 84-47 and 84-127, J. Smith and J. Sullivan. C.P. 84-55 referred to Inspector West for report.—A.B., 10/1/88. To await report.

## No. 157.

## Mr. Inspector West to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Report respecting the selection of Archibald Campbell, made at Lismore, on 25th April, 1878.

Lismore, 4 February, 1888.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 23rd January, 1888, and that I found the selector then resident upon selection.

The land, which consists of forest and scrub, and comprises 150 acres, is not occupied and used by selector now; and the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier, had at the time of my visit made the improvements

improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

Improvements on this conditional purchase, date of last inspection,		£	s.	d.
27th February, 1886 ... ..		134	14	0
Improvements since—				
House... ..		50	0	0
Bark shed and pig-paddock...		4	0	0
Kitchen and barn ... ..		26	0	0
Garden and ringing ... ..		2	0	0
8 acres felled, part run and part under corn, at £3		24	0	0
1 acre light felling, at 30s. ... ..		1	10	0
82 chains three-barb wire fence, at 12s. ... ..		49	4	0
29 rods top-rail and two wires on nails, at 3s. ... ..		4	7	0
74 rods two-rail fence, at 5s. ... ..		18	10	0
14 rods two-rail and cap, at 8s. ... ..		5	12	0
290 rods two-rail fence (light), at 4s. ... ..		58	0	0
Cultivation ... ..		20	0	0
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		£397	17	0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

Remarks.

I found Smith, Sullivan, and their families living on this conditional purchase, and they have put all the extra improvements on since my last visit, except about 1 acre light felling, which Mr. Campbell had done lately.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE W. WEST,  
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 158.

Mr. Inspector West to The Chairman,<sup>1</sup> Land Board, Grafton.

Report respecting the selection of Archibald Campbell, made at Lismore, on 20th March, 1879.

Sir,

Lismore, 4 February, 1888.

I have the honor to report that I visited and inspected the above-described conditional purchase on the 23rd January, 1888, and that I found the selector then resident upon selection. The land, which consists of scrub, and comprises 40 acres, is occupied and used by the selector, who follows the avocation of grazier, and had at the time of my visit made the improvements hereunder particularly described, the value of which I estimate at the sums respectively stated, viz. :—

		£	s.	d.
56 rods two-rail fence, at 4s....	... ..	11	4	0
15 acres felled and run, at £2 ... ..		30	0	0
5 acres partly burned and has been under crop, at £4 ... ..		20	0	0
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		£61	4	0

Additional conditional purchase 82-485, portion 201, section 21,  
50 acres, on the 29th June, 1884:—25 acres, partly felled,  
and part run, at £2 ... .. 50 0 0

From the appearance of the land, and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has been continuously resident upon the selection.

Remarks.

The felling on additional conditional purchase 82-485 has been done quite recently by Mr. Campbell, also most of the felling on additional conditional purchase 79-112.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE W. WEST,  
Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

No. 159.

Messrs. Smith and Sullivan to The Land Agent, Lismore.

[Crown Lands Act of 1884—Part 2, section 14, sub-section 5.]

Notice of prosecution of complaint before Local Land Board.

WE hereby notify to you, as Land Agent at Lismore, that we are desirous of prosecuting a complaint before the Local Land Board, for that the provisions of the law have not been fulfilled as regards the conditional purchase, at Lismore, of 150 acres of land, county of Rous, parish of Tunstall, alleged to have been made by Archibald Campbell, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and the Lands Amendment Act of 1875, and the regulations thereunder respectively, at Lismore, on or about the 25th day of April, 1878 (conditional purchase No. 78-180), the said land has been purchased by the said Archibald Campbell in violation of the said Acts and Regulations in the following particular, viz. :— That the improvements required by law were made on the land referred to, and that the declarations and allegations

allegations made to that effect by the said Archibald Campbell are wilful misrepresentations of the facts, and we hereby deposit the sum of £10 as security for any costs which may be awarded against us by such Board.

Given under our hands, at Lismore, this 17th day of February, 1888,—

JAMES M'DOWELL SULLIVAN.  
JAMES SMITH.

Received the sum of £10 above mentioned,—

PROSPER DE MESTRE, Land Agent at Lismore.

Statutory Declaration by a person desirous of prosecuting a complaint before the Local Land Board.  
New South Wales, } [Crown Lands Act of 1884—Part 2, section 14, sub-section 5.]  
to wit. }

WE, James M'Dowell Sullivan and James Smith, of Lismore, in the Colony of New South Wales, farmers, do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that we are desirous of prosecuting a complaint before the Local Land Board, and that the notice on the other side hereof correctly sets out the grounds of such complaint; and we make this solemn declaration as to the matters aforesaid according to the law in this behalf made, and subject to the punishment by law provided for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.

JAMES M'DOWELL SULLIVAN.  
JAMES SMITH.

Made and signed by the declarants, at Lismore, this }  
17th day of February, 1888, before me,— }

JAMES BARRIE, J.P.

#### No. 160.

#### Protest from Mr. E. W. Allingham.

I BEG, on behalf of the said Archibald Campbell, to protest against the Board entering into the inquiry *re* complaint of James Smith and James M'Dowell Sullivan, dated the 17th day of February, 1888, on these grounds:—

1. That the Minister has already decided in favour of Archibald Campbell.
2. That the Minister has allowed the said Archibald Campbell time for making his improvements, which improvements were on the land within the prescribed time.

E. W. ALLINGHAM,  
Solicitor to Archibald Campbell.

#### No. 161.

#### J. Barrie, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, .

Lismore, 17 February, 1888.

I have the honor to inform you, as agent for James M'D. Sullivan and James Smith, that they have this day lodged with the Land Agent, Lismore, under Form 64, notice of prosecution of complaint before the Local Land Board against Archibald Campbell in respect of conditional purchase No. 78-180, county of Ross, parish of Tunstall, for that the provisions of the law have not been fulfilled as regards the said conditional purchase by the said Archibald Campbell, on the ground that the improvements required by law were never on the land referred to, and that the allegations and declarations made to that effect by said Archibald Campbell are wilful misrepresentations of the facts.

I have further to warn you against the issue of any certificate or title from the Crown in respect to the said land or conditional purchase to the said Archibald Campbell until the complaint shall have been heard by the said Board.

I have, &c.,  
JAMES BARRIE.

#### No. 162.

#### Telegram from Messrs. Smith and Sullivan to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

17 February, 1888.

NOTICE of complaint, with £10 deposit, has been lodged with Land Agent, Lismore, against A. Campbell's selection, parish Tunstall, No. 78-180, by the undersigned.

JAMES M'DOWELL SULLIVAN.  
JAMES SMITH, JUN.

For telegram,—Have received a telegram from Smith and Sullivan, informing me that they lodged a complaint and £10 with Land Agent, Lismore, against Archibald Campbell's selection, parish of Tunstall, No. 78-180. Papers 88-831 sent down on 17th February, 1881.—W.M. BLACKMAN, Chairman, 20/2/88.

Mr. L.—Telegram to Under Secretary for Lands in terms of above.—B. S. LEVICK, 20/2/88, Forwarded to the Under Secretary; to be placed with the papers in the case.—B.S.L. (for the Chairman), B.C., 20/2/88.





improved to bar selection, and as they were therefore void *ab initio* the reversal of forfeiture of conditional purchase 78-180 was given effect to.

On 21st October last, Mr. Secretary Garrett gave the following decision:—"As the Executive Council did on the recommendation of the Minister at that time reverse the forfeiture of conditional purchases 78-180, 79-112, and 82-485, and so led Campbell to believe his claim stood good at that time, and as subsequent contentions as to Campbell's claim to these conditional purchases may have interfered with his improvement of them, an extension of three months may be given him to complete the improvements to the value required. At the expiry of that period, if the report of inspection is favourable, certificates may issue.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan were informed in terms of this decision, and the case was referred to the Land Board on 17th November last. Inspector West visited the land on 23rd ultimo, and reported as follows:—"Improvements, £397 17s.; portion 89. I found Smith, Sullivan, and their families living on this conditional purchase, and they have put all the extra improvements on since my last visit, except about 1 acre light felling, which Mr. Campbell had done lately." With regard to additional conditional purchases 79-112 and 82-485, he reported improvements £61 4s. and £50 respectively, and the felling on additional conditional 84-485 has been done quite recently by Mr. Campbell; also most of the felling on additional conditional purchase 79-112.

A notice of prosecution of complaint, together with the sum of £10, has now been lodged by J. M. Sullivan and Jas. Smith, that the provisions of the law have not been fulfilled as regards conditional purchase 78-180.

It is therefore submitted, in view of this complaint, that the case be referred to the Chairman of the Land Board, Grafton, for inquiry, subject to the provisions of the 20th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

F.H.W.—S.F., 1/3/88. Approved.—T.G., 2/3/88.

W.H.C., 28/2/88.

### No. 166.

#### Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Somerville to The District Surveyor.

Sir,

Lismore, 21 April, 1888.

\*Appendix P.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan\* of one portion of land containing 73 acres, numbered 89, in the parish of Tunstall, in the county of Rous, conditionally purchased by James M'Dowell Sullivan under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, measured by me on 13th April, 1888, in accordance with instructions No. 88-6, dated February 22nd.

This survey was virtually completed some years ago, as the ordinary course of making the plan in the office could not be carried out, owing to the differences with previous surveys and the necessary alterations in roads, but plan, &c., were not forwarded in consequence of subsequent information. Sullivan is resident with his wife and family.

Sullivan's improvements consist of:—Dwelling, £55; fencing and yards, including half-dividing fence on north boundary, and excluding fence across road between portions, £62; cultivation and garden, £12; scrub-felling and ringbarking, £40; shed and improvements to old hut, £6. Total, £175.

Original selector's improvements consist of:—Half-dividing fence along south boundary, £13; old clearing—difficult to estimate—say £3; old hut (without Sullivan's improvements to it), £11 10s.; Total, £27 10s.

I have, &c.,

RICHD. N. SOMERVILLE,

Licensed Surveyor.

R. 4,289-1,759 cancelled by R. 4,327-1,759.—MR. BURT, P.R.D., 15/5/88. Mr. Newell.—T.F.C., 16/5/88. To await decision of Local Land Board on papers C.S. 88-7,023 Dep. having reference to Campbell's conditional purchase 78-180.—J.B., 16/5/88. Plan of portion 89 forwarded to Surveyor-General with explanatory memo.—F.B.N., 13/3/89. Por. 89 provisionally catalogued. R. 4,287-1,759.

### No. 167.

#### Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

19, Macquarie-place, Sydney, 26 June, 1888.

With reference to the conditional purchases noted in the margin, we beg to point out that the papers relative to same are with the Local Land Board, Grafton, since 7th March last.

We have therefore the honor to ask that you will cause some action to be taken with a view of having the matter dealt with as early as possible. We have, &c.,

BRETT AND COGHLAN.

Papers 88-8,397 Dep. noted. B.C. Land Board, Grafton, 7/3/88 (20th section).—J.P.M., 10/7/88. The Chairman may be urged to hasten local action and return the papers of the conditional purchases quoted as early as possible, and writer informed of action taken.—F.B.S., 23/7/88. W.H.C., 25/7/88. Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary). Chairman, Grafton. Messrs. Brett and Coghlan.—H.L.T., 28/7/88.

### No. 168.

#### The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Brett and Coghlan.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 June, 1888.

Referring to your letter of 26th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the papers relating to the conditional purchases noted in the margin have been referred to the Local Land Board at Grafton, who have been asked to expedite action.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON

(For the Under Secretary).

No. 169.

C.P. 78-180, 150 acres; C.P. 79-112, 40 acres; C.P. 82-485, 50 acres; Lismore, A. Campbell.

C.P. 78-180, 150 acres; C.P. 79-112, 40 acres; C.P. 82-485, 50 acres; Lismore, A. Campbell.

## No. 169.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 July, 1888.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to expedite your action on papers numbered Departmental 88-8,397, relating to conditional purchases 78-180, 79-112, 82-485, Lismore, A. Campbell, forwarded to your address on the 7th March, 1888.

I have, &c.,  
F. H. WILSON  
(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 170.

The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Land Board Office, Grafton, 6 August, 1888.

In reply to your letter quoted hereon, urging expedition on the cases noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the papers relating thereto have been taken by the Chairman to Sydney, having left Kempsey on Friday, 27th ultimo.

I have, &c.,  
B. S. LEVICK,  
Clerk-in-charge.

Perhaps Mr. Blackman left the papers with Mr. Capper.—J.P.M., 15/8/88. Mr. Blackman did not leave any papers with me.—W.H.C., 27/8/88. Records.—The papers are still noted to the Board.—J.P.M., 28/8/88. It is submitted that Mr. Blackman be asked if he has any recollection of the particular case in question.—W.H.C., 3/9/88. Ask if they are among the papers Mr. Blackman returned to Grafton about the end of August.—S.F., 2/10/88. Acting-Chairman asked.—2/10/88.

88-3,340 Corr.;  
88-8,397 Dep.;  
Lismore; 78-180,  
79-112, 82-485;  
A. Campbell.

## No. 171.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Acting Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Sir, Department of Lands, 2 October, 1888.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to state whether the papers in connection with the conditional purchases noted in the margin are among the papers. Mr. Blackman returned to Grafton about the end of August.

I have, &c.,  
CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

Lismore; C.P.  
78-180, 79-112,  
82-485; A. Camp-  
bell. Papers No.  
88-8,397 Dep.

## No. 172.

The Acting Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Local Land Board Office, Grafton, 5 October, 1888.

Adverting to your letter of the 2nd instant, asking whether the papers noted in the margin are among the papers Mr. Blackman returned to Grafton, I have the honor to apprise you that the papers have been returned, and are now at Lismore for Court action.

I have, &c.,  
A. BOOT  
(*pro* Acting Chairman).

Lismore; C.P.  
78-180, 79-112,  
82-485;  
A. Campbell.  
Papers 88-8,397  
Dep

## No. 173.

Decision of the Local Land Board, Lismore.

[Crown Lands Act of 1884—Part II, section 14, sub-section 4.]

New South Wales, }  
to wit. }  
Decision of Local Land Board.

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of October, 1888, it became a matter for investigation before us whether the complaint lodged by James M'Dowell Sullivan and James Smith, that the provisions of the law have not been fulfilled as regards the conditional purchase of 150 acres selected at Casino (now Lismore) by Archibald Campbell, on the 25th April, 1878, after taking evidence and considering the same, the Board find that the conditions as to improvements have not been fulfilled, and therefore recommend forfeiture.

Given under our hands, at the Court-house, at Lismore, in the Colony of New South Wales, this 15th day of October, 1888,—

D. M'DONALD, Acting Chairman.  
S. GARRARD, Member.

88-1,354; C.P.  
78-180, 150  
acres, 25th April,  
1878, 15th  
section.

[Enclosures.]

[Crown Lands Act of 1884.]

New South Wales, }  
to wit. }  
Notice to appear at Local Land Board.

You are hereby notified to attend at the Court-house, at Lismore, on the 13th day of October, 1888, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question stated at the foot hereof will be investigated.

On proof of due service of this notice, the investigation may proceed, whether you appear in Court or not.  
Given under my hand, at Grafton, this 14th day of September, 1888,—

FRED. TROLLOPE,  
Acting Chairman.

To Mr. James M'Dowell Sullivan and Mr. James Smith, of Tunstall, Lismore.

Matter for investigation.

Your complaint of the 7th February, 1888, lodged against Archibald Campbell, under sub-section 5 of section 14, Act of 1884.

Declaration

## Declaration of Service.

I, JOHN BROWN, of Lismore, constable of police, sincerely declare and affirm that on the 18th day of September, 1888, I served a copy of the within notice upon James M'Dowell Sullivan, the person to whom it is addressed, by delivering the same to him personally at Jiggi; and I make this solemn declaration as to the several matters aforesaid, according to the law in this behalf made, and subject to the punishment by law provided, for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.

Made before me, at Lismore, this 28th }  
day of September, 1888,— }  
C. COGHLAN, Commissioner for Affidavits.

JOHN BROWN.

[Crown Lands Act of 1884.]

New South Wales, } Notice to appear at Local Land Board.  
to wit. }

You are hereby notified to attend at the Court-house at Lismore, on the 13th day of October, 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, when the matter or question stated at the foot hereof will be investigated.

On proof of due service of this notice, the investigation may proceed, whether you appear in Court or not.

Given under my hand, at Grafton, this 14th day of September, 1888,—

FRED. TROLLOPE,  
Acting Chairman.

To Mr. Archibald Campbell, of Lismore.

Matter for investigation.

Complaint lodged by James M'Dowell Sullivan and James Smith, under sub-section 5 of section 14, Act of 1881; copy of complaint attached.

## Declaration of Service.

I, JOHN BROWN, of Lismore, constable of police, sincerely declare and affirm that on the 18th day of September, 1888, I served a copy of the within notice upon Archibald Campbell, the person to whom it is addressed, by delivering the same to him personally at Tunstall; and I make this solemn declaration as to the several matters aforesaid, according to the law in this behalf made, and subject to the punishment by law provided, for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.

Made before me, at Lismore, this 28th }  
day of September, 1888,— }  
C. COGHLAN, Commissioner for Affidavits.

JOHN BROWN.

Form 64.

The Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, section 14, sub-section 5.)

Notice of prosecution of complaint before Local Land Board.

WE hereby notify to you as Land Agent at Lismore that we are desirous of prosecuting a complaint before the Local Land Board for that the provisions of the law have not been fulfilled as regards the conditional purchase at Lismore of 150 acres of land, county of Rous, parish of Tunstall, alleged to have been made by Archibald Campbell, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and the Lands Amendment Act of 1875, and the regulations thereunder respectively, at Lismore, on or about the 25th day of April, 1878 (conditional purchase No. 78-180). The said land has been purchased by the said Archibald Campbell, in violation of the said Acts and Regulations, in the following particular, viz., that the improvements required by law were made on the land referred to, and that the declarations and allegations made to that effect by the said Archibald Campbell are wilful misrepresentations of the facts; and we herewith deposit the sum of £10 as security for any costs which may be awarded against us by such Board.

Given under our hands, at Lismore, this 17th day of February, 1888,—

JAMES M'DOWELL SULLIVAN.  
JAMES SMITH.

To the Land Agent at Lismore,—Received the sum of £10, abovementioned.—PROSPER DE MESTRE, Land Agent at Lismore, 17/2/88.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, section 14, sub-sections 2 and 9.)

Summons of a Witness.

New South Wales, }  
to wit. }

To Fred. A. Trollope, Esq., of Grafton,—

WHEREAS in a certain matter wherein James Smith and James M'Dowell Sullivan complain that the provisions of the law have not been fulfilled in regard to conditional purchase of Archibald Campbell 78-180, under the 14th section of the Crown Lands Act 48 Victoria No. 18, it hath been made to appear that you are likely to give material evidence touching the said matter. These are, therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to command you to be and appear on Saturday, the thirteenth day of October instant, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at Court-house at Lismore, and then and there give such evidence and testify to what you may know concerning the matter, and produce all books, papers, deeds, and documents, particularly— which may be in your possession or under your control, having any reference to the matter under investigation, and so attend from day to day till the said matter be disposed of.

Given under my hand at Grafton, this 10th day of September, 1888,—

S. GARRARD,  
Member of the Local Land Board.

Place with papers of conditional purchase 78-180, Archibald Campbell.—F.T., 16/10/88.

*James Smith*, sworn, saith:—I am a farmer, living at Jiggi; I selected part of portion S9, a forfeited conditional purchase at the time I made my application; it was accepted subject to approval; I afterwards wrote to the Department to have my selection surveyed; the Government Surveyor measured the land; I afterwards got another letter, dated 19th July, 1885, from the Minister, stating that they would not disturb the forfeiture of Campbell's original conditional purchase, and that they had approved of my application; when I selected the land there was a hut; it was in a bad state; some slabs were out of the hut, and there were neither doors nor windows in it; and there were slabs out of the floor of the hut; the value of the hut in the state it was at that time was £5 at the very most; there was a fence on the south boundary between (something over 20 chains) Schiebel's and this portion S9; at the time I selected I valued the fencing at 2s. 6d. a rod—that was in the state it was in; a wire fence would cost about 3s. a rod; there were no more improvements of any description on the land at the time; the fencing that was up was a boundary-line between Schiebel and portion S9; the selection I refer to as Schiebel's now belongs to Armstrong; I selected 70 acres, and Sullivan the other 80 acres; the hut and fencing were on the portion that Sullivan selected.

Cross-examined by *Mr. Allingham*, solicitor for Campbell:—I gave evidence before the Land Court on 20th September, 1886, before Mr. Blackman, Mr. M'Donald, and Mr. Garrard; there is not much difference in my memory than then; I should think the hut would be worth about £10 or £15 (I remember saying this) on the 20th of September, 1886; I said that the hut was £10 or £15 when Sullivan took it up; I swear that I said that it had been recently repaired by Sullivan; I swear now that the hut was worth £5; it was a slab hut; and I say now, although I said in 1886 that it was worth £10 or £15, I say now that it is only worth £5; I had been talking to Sullivan about this; he did not tell me what  
he

he swore at the last inquiry; I did not measure the fencing on the southern boundary; I do not know how many chains; it is a two-rail fence; timber not hard to get there; have to draw it 200 yards in level country; I knew there was good splitting timber within 200 yards of fence; there might have been a little over 20 chains of fencing; I do not know how long it has been up; I saw no clearing before I took it up; so if Campbell says he had 20 acres burnt and cleared off this is untrue; Campbell never did at the time I took the land up; never burnt and cleared 20 acres; I value the fence at now 2s. 6d. a rod; at the last inquiry I could not put any valuation on the fencing; now I value it at 2s. 6d. a rod; all this has been gone over before; I think I have given evidence twice before; this is the third time; I have not heard that the decision of the Minister was against me; I got no letter or telegram from the Minister to say that the forfeiture of Mr. Campbell's conditional purchase was reversed, or from the Land Board at Grafton; and I never got any notice to accept a refund of my money; I know Sullivan is living there; there was never a letter addressed to me Smith and Sullivan; why I lodged the complaint, I was advised to do it; I have sworn that I never had any intimation from the Government that it had gone against me; I am living on the land now; I saw the remains of a dam on Mr. Armstrong's selection; there never was a dam on the 150 acres; I get my living by farming; I am not a carpenter; I have built houses; I decline to answer that Mr. Barry gave me the £10 to lodge this complaint; I know the southern end; I'll swear that Campbell never had a fence between me and Sullivan when I selected; I remember the Court; 20th September, 1886—Did not Mr. Blackman see Smith in connection with this case before he took his seat on this Board?

Question dis-  
allowed by the  
Board.

*Re-examined by the Board.*—Mr. Barry never gave me the £10 to lodge the complaint; since I took up the land I have always lived on it; when I swore at the inquiry on 20th September, 1886, that the hut was worth £10 or £15, I meant after Sullivan repaired it.

JAMES SMITH.

Sworn before us, at Lismore, this 13th day }  
of October, 1888,—

D. M'DONALD, Acting Chairman.  
S. GARRARD, Member of Board.

*James McDowell Sullivan*, sworn, saith:—I am a farmer living at Jiggi; I am one of the complainants in this case; I selected 80 acres, portion of forfeited selection of Archibald Campbell (part of the 150 acres disputed); I selected the land 10th July, 1884; at the time I selected the land there was a hut on it, and dividing fence between the portion 89, Sheiber's selection (now Armstrong's); Smith had selected before me; I saw the place at the time he selected; at the time Smith selected I wouldn't value the hut at anything; it might be worth £5, but I wouldn't give it if I wanted to take it away; I value the fence at 3s. to 3s. 3d., when new, and it was greatly broken down; I think it was worth about half the cost price; there was no floor in the hut, no doors, no chimney, and in a ruined state; I am speaking now in 1884; to the best of my opinion to about 20 to 30 chains of fencing; this selection of Campbell's had been gazetted forfeited before I took it up.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Allingham.*—I gave evidence 20th September, 1886; couldn't say if I heard Mr. Somerville give his evidence; I never told Smith I valued the hut at £5; I saw no clearing done there; I knew it in 1884; I am prepared to swear that Campbell never fell an acre, nor ringbarked a tree while it was a piece of land; I might have lived on it nine months; I couldn't say how many children I have got; I have six children at home; I was living on it with my wife and children; it might be six or eight months since I left it; I believe there were from 20 to 30 chains on the southern boundary; I will not swear that there were 40 chains there; I never got any instructions from the Government that the case had gone against me; Mr. Barry is not helping me whatsoever; I swear that the improvements were never on the ground referred to in complaint, and that the declarations and allegations made by Archibald Campbell are wilful misrepresentations of the facts; there never was a dam on portion 89; this hut would cost when new; I am not a carpenter; I am something; I didn't see it when new; I can't say; when I went to live in the hut I repaired it; I put doors and windows in it, slabs in where slabs were gone, floored it, put a partition across it, and made a fire-place, and put an addition to the end of it, put shingles on it; in fact, I made it almost new.

JAMES McDOWELL SULLIVAN.

Sworn before us, at Lismore, this 13th day }  
of October, 1888,—

D. M'DONALD, Acting Chairman.  
S. GARRARD, Member of Board.

*James Oestreich*, sworn, saith:—I am a farmer, living at Jiggi, on a portion which was formerly selected by myself, portion 101; this land adjoins the Campbells' selections, now under complaint; I believe I lived there since 1879, on and off; I know the land, portion 89, which Smith and Sullivan took up; I think I remember the time they selected; at the time Smith took up the land I knew there were some improvements on the land; there was an old hut on the selection; when he took it up there was some fencing on the dividing line betwixt his and Armstrong's, formerly Schiebel's; I consider the value of the hut the time selector took it up; the hut was out of repair; there were slabs laying down in different places; fire-place broken down; there was a doorway, but no door; there were windows, but no glass or shutters; the value of the hut at the time Smith selected was worth about £7; this is what I would give for it; I saw Armstrong and a man named Fred. Schroder erect the fencing; it was a boundary fence of Armstrong's; the portion I live on adjoins Archibald Campbell's; the fence was broken down in dozens of places; I value the fence at the state it was in at 2s. a rod; as near as I could guess there might have been about 20 chains standing; in '79 I took the land up; I never saw Campbell put any improvements on the land; I lived alongside this selection; I never saw Campbell on the selection; I used to cross it every week twice; I never saw any burning or clearing done there; I never saw any other improvements on the land.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Allingham.*—I have no down on the Campbells; not the least in the world; positive they never sued me for money; they did not write the letter to me; I paid up like a man; I knew the land in 1881; when the declaration was made; the hut was worth £10 in 1881; £10 would be quite enough for it; the fence was worth in 1881; I could not say if it was worth 3s.; I consider the fence worth 2s. 9d. when put up, drawing included; might have to take the fence to draw about 300 yards; there was never a dam on the land, and no clearing; I never saw any clearing; I am not quite certain about clearing.

*Re-examined by Mr. Simmons.*—Armstrong and Fred. Schroder erected the fencing; I never heard before Smith and Sullivan took it up of any clearing being done; there was never any burning off, and no men working on it.

*Cross-examined by the Board.*—I could not say how much fencing there was on the land; I adjoin this land on the one side.

*Re-examined by Mr. Simmons.*—There were four of the Armstrongs and one Fred. Schroder working there.  
Sworn before us at Lismore, this 13th day }  
of October, 1888,—

JOHN OESTREICH.

D. M'DONALD, Acting Chairman.  
S. GARRARD, Member of Board.

*George Oestreich*, sworn, saith: I am a farmer, living at Rose Hill; I formerly lived on portion 101; I made this selection 5th June, 1879, conditional purchase 79-190; I lived on the selection for some years; I know the selection of Campbell's, which was forfeited (portion 89); shortly after he selected I saw a hut on it; I valued the hut at £7 or £8; when Smith and Sullivan took up the land, shortly after Campbell selected, they put up a hut; this is the same hut that was on the ground when Smith and Sullivan took it up; it was pretty well wrecked about when Smith and Sullivan took it up; in 1881 the house was not habitable; I saw the place often; I used to go two or three times a week to my own place; I lived in my place, and my father lived with me; this place adjoins Campbell's; I never saw Campbell put up any other improvements; I saw the Armstrongs and another man putting up a fence on the boundary-line between Armstrong and Campbell's—the selection I call Armstrong's formerly Schroder's; I never saw anyone make any improvements on the land; no ringbarking done on the 150 acres; the only improvements I ever saw Campbell put on the land was the hut; at the time Smith and Sullivan selected the fencing was worth 2s. 9d. a rod; in 1881 I cannot say; I never valued it at more than 2s. 9d. a rod; I never saw a dam on the land.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Allingham.*—I have not been talking to my father about this matter; I may have mentioned it; my father never talked about it; we have only referred to it; I have spoken to Smith about it; I valued the fencing myself;

myself; I came here by subpoena; I have no down on the Campbells; they have sued me for money; I did not take up part of the forfeited land of Campbell's; when Smith and Sullivan took it up the hut was worth £7; it would not be worth much more in 1881; it was never worth £10; a slab hut; I never measured it; I do not know the dimensions of it; it had a shingle roof; there was from 20 to 30 chains of two-rail fence; I think splitting, putting up, and drawing worth 2s. 9d. a rod; I never saw any clearing; I will swear there was never any clearing done by anyone; I did not give evidence at the last Court.

Sworn before us, at Lismore, this 13th day }  
of October, 1888,—

GEORGE OESTREICH.

D. M'DONALD, Acting Chairman.  
S. GARRARD, Member of Board.

*By Mr. Simmons: Jacob Grisinger, sworn, saith: I am a farmer, living at Bongabut Plain; I know the selection Campbell had that was forfeited (portion 89); I knew the place before ever he selected; I live near to it; at the time Campbell selected I lived near to it; I have been living there these last eighteen years; during the time Campbell had it I never saw him put any improvements on the land; I saw some fencing on the dividing line between him and Campbell; but I cannot say who put it up; I believe Campbell put the hut up; it was a slab hut; in 1881 the hut would be worth £10 or £11; there were a few slabs on the floor; no door to it; in 1881 the fence was in a good state, and worth about 2s. 9d. new; I have had similar fence put up, and have never given more than 2s. 9d. for fencing of that description; I know it was between Armstrong and Campbell; I never saw any other improvements except the hut on that portion; there was no clearing or falling.*

*Cross-examined by Mr. Allingham: This hut might be worth £10 or £11; it is a two-rail fence; it was badly put up and very light stuff; this fence would be worth about 3s. a rod; I never saw any clearing or falling on portion 89; I used to go by there drawing timber; I never measured the fencing nor the hut.*

Sworn before us, at Lismore, this 13th day }  
of October, 1888,—

JACOB GRISINGER.

D. M'DONALD, Acting Chairman.  
S. GARRARD, Member of Board.

*Alfred Olley, sworn, saith: I am a farmer living at Jiggi.*

*By Mr. Simmons:—I know the complainants in the case and Mr. Campbell, and I know the selection of Campbell, which was forfeited and selected by Smith and Sullivan; I lived close to this portion 89, about 2 miles; I used to see it often, every time I passed that way; the track was that way; the road went through it; I have known the selection since Campbell selected it, and before; I have seen the improvements on the ground by Campbell—fencing and a house; the fence divided Armstrong and Campbell; about 40 chains; I could not say whom the fence was put up by; it was an old hut; the hut was erected soon after Campbell selected; I have seen people there; I saw a man working there for Mr. Campbell; in 1881 the hut was very rough, the doors were all down and dilapidated; it was never looked after; it was a good fence when put up; the timber was split on the ground, and a very little drawing; could get a new fence put up of that description for 3s. 3d. a rod; I never saw any other improvements on the land and no ringbarking and burning off; I will swear that there was no ringbarking done by Campbell and his men; I was never brought up for taking other men's timber; I know a man named Stead; there was a full line of fencing; it looked to me like 40 chains; it was put up about that time; I saw the fence going up; I could not tell you the date—about 1881; I never measured the house; about 18 feet I think; shingle roof; I only saw a man working in the house for Campbell; I have a selection up that way fulfilled.*

*By the Board:—I value the hut about £8.*

Sworn before us, at Lismore, this 13th day }  
of October, 1888,—

ALFRED OLLEY.

D. M'DONALD, Acting Chairman.  
S. GARRARD, Member of Board.

*Frederick James Anthony Trollope, sworn, saith:—I am Acting Chairman of the Land Board, formerly Conditional Purchase Inspector in this district; I inspected conditional purchase 78-180 on 22nd November, 1881; this was after the residence period had expired (over six months after); I found a hut and 20 chains of fencing; the hut had been worth £20 when new and 20 chains of fencing, which I valued at 5s. a rod when new; I think the fencing was on part of the south line of the conditional purchase; these were the only improvements on the land at that time; I valued the fence at 5s. a rod when new, but as a matter of fact the land being open land it could have been done for a less amount.*

*Cross-examined by Mr. Allingham:—The hut was still a good hut; it was worth £20 when put up; I ascertained the measurement of the fence (the fence which is shown on tracing); if 40 chains were there I allowed Campbell a half of it; I only allowed him for 20 chains of fencing; there were not 50 chains on the dividing line; there were not more than 20 chains in upon the land, or 40 chains of fencing on the dividing line; there was no clearing on the land and no dam on the land; Campbell was, I think, not with me when I made this inspection; I cannot say if Campbell told me he put up this fence; it has been the custom of the Department to grant an extension of time to complete improvements; I think that the land being frontage to Jiggi Creek, and being south and bounding measured portion 89, was a selection at the time I inspected; I see by reference to parish map that there was a selection beside it south of measured portion 89; I enclose letter, dated 24th October, 1887, tendered by Mr. Allingham, solicitor; I tender a letter from the Under Secretary for Lands, addressed to Messrs. Brett and Coghlan, agents for Mr. Archibald Campbell, the conditional purchaser, in which Mr. Secretary Garrett states that he should have an extension of three months to complete the improvements as to the value required by law, and at the expiry of that period if the report of the Inspector is favourable the certificate of conformity will issue. [This letter was refused as evidence by the Board.]*

Sworn before us, at Lismore, this 15th day }  
of October, 1888,—

FRED. TROLLOPE.

D. M'DONALD, Acting Chairman.  
S. GARRARD, Member of the Board.

*Inspector G. W. West, sworn, saith:—I am a Conditional Purchase Inspector, living at Lismore.*

*By Mr. Allingham:—I visited this selection of Archibald Campbell's on 23rd January, 1888. [Mr. Allingham tendered evidence by Mr. Inspector West as to improvements on this series of conditional purchases in pursuance of a letter from the Department, 24th October, 1887; Mr. Simmons objected to this evidence, and the Board rejected the evidence; Mr. Allingham tendered similar evidence by Archibald Campbell; Mr. Simmons again objected; the Board upheld the objection; Mr. Allingham here tendered written protest against the Board dealing with the case; Mr. Simmons objected to protest being received at this stage; Mr. Allingham here tendered the depositions taken 20th September, 1886, in case *re Campbell v. Sullivan and Smith*; Mr. Simmons objects to these being received; the Board ruled objection was good, and refused to receive depositions as evidence.]*

Sworn before us, at Lismore, this 15th day }  
of October, 1888,—

D. M'DONALD, Acting Chairman.  
S. GARRARD, Member of the Board.

## No. 174.

Messrs. Smith and Sullivan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Jiggi, 15 October, 1888.

We beg to inform you that the complaint lodged by us against Archibald Campbell's conditional purchase No. 78-180, was heard by the Board to-day in Lismore, and the decision given in our favour, the Board holding that the improvements were not on the land according to the declaration made by Archibald Campbell.

We

We have been to great expense over these inquiries, and we do trust, now that a final decision has been given, that you will be pleased to give us certificates of conformity for our selections, being conditional purchases portions 89 and 214, which formerly was forfeited conditional purchase No. 180.

Hoping you will reply to the letter as early as possible, as these are our homes, and our wives and families are depending upon it, having spent all our time and money upon them.

We have, &c.,  
JAMES M'D. SULLIVAN.  
JAMES SMITH.

C.P. 78-180, Lismore, 88-7,023 D., 88-3,346 Cor., A. Campbell; C.P. 84-47, Lismore, 87-11,182 D., 87-4,986, Cor., Jas. Smith; C.P. 84-127, Lismore, 87-11,182 D., 87-4,986 Cor., J. M'D. Sullivan. Papers 88-7,023 Dep., noted. Land Board, Grafton, B.C., 11/8/88. Returned.—S.A.J. (*pro* J.P.M.), 29/10/88.

Mr. Capper,—1. The writers may be informed that on return of the papers from the Land Office the case will receive attention. 2. The Chairman might be asked to return the papers if action is completed in Board Office.—W.H.C., 31/10/88.

Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 1/11/88. J. Smith and J. Sullivan informed and Chairman asked, 7/11/88.

No. 175.

Messrs. Allingham and Somerville to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

*In re* Archibald Campbell's conditional purchase No. 78-180, parish of Tunstall, county of Rous.

Sir, Lismore, 6 November, 1888.

Herewith we send you notice of appeal to the Minister against the decision of the Local Land Board in respect of this selection.

We enclose Post Office order for £10, the amount of deposit.  
Kindly furnish us with a copy of the depositions in this matter.

We have, &c.,  
ALLINGHAM AND SOMERVILLE.

Mr. Sturrock,—These may be supplied at the usual charge.—F.T., 8/11/88.

No. 176.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Smith and Sullivan.

Gentlemen, Department of Lands, Sydney, 7 November, 1888.

With reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo, respecting the conditional purchases noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the papers in the case are at present under reference to the Chairman, Local Land Board, Grafton, upon return of which the case will receive attention.

I have, &c.,  
H. CURRY  
(For the Under Secretary).

Lismore: C.P. 78-180; C.P. 84-47; C.P. 84-127.

No. 177.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 7 November, 1888.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to return to this Department, as early as practicable, all papers in connection with the conditional purchases noted in the margin which were forwarded to you on 11th August, 1888, if action has been completed in Board Office.

I have, &c.,  
H. CURRY  
(For the Under Secretary).

Papers No. 88-7,023 Dep. C.P. Nos. 78-180, 84-47, and 84-127, made by A. Campbell, J. Smith, and J. M'D. Sullivan, at Lismore.

No. 178.

Mr. A. Campbell to The Acting Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Crown Lands Act of 1884 (Part II, Section 17).

Notice of appeal to the Minister from decision of Local Land Board to be lodged with the Chairman. New South Wales, }  
to wit.

WHEREAS on the 13th and 15th days of October, 1888, a certain matter wherein a complaint lodged by James M'Dowell Sullivan and James Smith that the provisions of the law had not been fulfilled on conditional purchase No. 78-180, of 150 acres, county of Rous, parish of Tunstall, selected by me at Lismore on the 25th April, 1878, and in particular that the improvements required by the law were never on the said land, came before the Local Land Board at Lismore, in the Colony of New South Wales, for adjudication, I being a party to such proceeding, and the said Board, after having inquired into the premises, decided that the conditions as to improvements had not been fulfilled, and therefore recommended forfeiture.

And whereas I am dissatisfied with such decision and intend to appeal therefrom to the Minister. These are, therefore, to give you notice of my intention to appeal as aforesaid, and I herewith tender the sum of £10 as security for the costs of such appeal, and the grounds of such appeal are annexed.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,  
Tunstall.

Received the sum of £10 referred to above.

FRED. TROLLOPE,  
Acting Chairman.  
Grounds

Grafton, 8th November, 1888.

## Grounds of Appeal.

1. That the adjudication within referred to was against evidence and the weight of evidence.
2. That the Board wrongly rejected the evidence of Mr. Conditional Purchase Inspector West and the appellant, that improvements were put on the land in pursuance of the Minister's letter of the 24th October, 1887, to the appellant's agents, Messrs. Brett and Coghlan, the said letter, and Mr. Inspector West's report as to the improvements sanctioned by such letter.

## No. 179.

Mr. N. J. Simmons to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Lismore, 13 November, 1888.

I am instructed by Mr. James Smith, of Jiggi Creek, to apply to you for a refund of the sum of £10, deposited with the Chairman of the Local Land Board, as security for the costs of an appeal from the decision of the said Board in reference to conditional purchase No. 180, of 1878, of 150 acres, county of Rous, parish of Tunstall, selected by Archibald Campbell at Lismore, of the 25th April, 1878, and which was decided in my client's favour on the 15th October last.

Yours, &amp;c.,

NATHAN J. SIMMONS.

## No. 180.

Telegram from Mr. N. J. Simmons to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Lismore, 14 November, 1888.

*Re* Archibald Campbell's appeal, conditional purchase 78-180. Is this appeal set down for hearing yet; if so, when?

NATHAN J. SIMMONS,

Solicitor.

Urgent. Mr. Wilson.—S.F., 14/11/88. No appeal yet received at head quarters.—F.H.W., (for Under Secretary), 15/11/88. Wire, 15/11/88.

## No. 181.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. N. J. Simmons.

Sydney, 15 November, 1888.

In reply to your yesterday's wire, *re* A. Campbell's appeal, no appeal yet received at head quarters.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 182.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Sir,

Macquarie-place, Sydney, 24 November, 1888.

We have ascertained that the papers in the cases noted in the margin were referred to your Board on the 11th August last, and as we are desirous of procuring certificates of conformity as early as possible. We shall esteem it a very great favour if you would inform us when the cases are to be dealt with.

We have, &amp;c.,

BRETT AND COGHLAN.

Mr. Hall,—For papers please.—A.B., 26/10/88. Papers 88-5,859, Under Secretary, 10/11/88. R.P.H., 27/11/88. Inform the writers.—A.B., 27/11/88. Informed.—A.B., 27/11/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.—A. Boor (*pro* Acting Chairman), B.C., Grafton, 27/11/88

## No. 183.

The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, to Messrs. Brett and Coghlan.

Gentlemen,

Local Land Board Office, Grafton, 27 November, 1888.

Adverting to your letter of 24th instant, *re* the cases noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you the papers were, on the 10th instant, forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands under number L.B.D., 88-5,859.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. BOOT

(*Pro* Acting Chairman).

## No. 184.

Office Memorandum.

28 November, 1888.

APPEAL by Archibald Campbell against the proposed forfeiture of his conditional purchase 78-180, Lismore. The case is stated on C.S., 88-8,397 D. F.H.W.

Appellant, care of Allingham and Somerville, and Smith and Sullivan, care of N. J. Simmons (Lismore), informed that Appeal Court will be held on 17th instant.—F.H.W., 1/12/88.

No. 185.

## No. 185.

## Office Memorandum.

11 December, 1888.

On 25th April, 1878, Archibald Campbell selected 150 acres (portion 89), under 13th section, at Lismore, conditional purchase 78-180. By conditional purchase 79-112, he selected 40 acres (portion 104), in virtue of original conditional purchase 78-180; on 12th June, 1879, he selected 100 acres (portion 96), in virtue of original conditional purchase 78-180.

THE above conditional purchases were declared forfeited on 31st December, 1883. The forfeiture was revoked on 20th December, 1884.

On 20th March, 1884, by conditional purchase 84-47, James Smith selected 70 acres of portion 89, and on 10th July, 1884, James D. Sullivan selected, by conditional purchase 84-127, the remaining 80 acres of portion 89 (forfeited conditional purchase 78-180).

On 13th November, 1884, by conditional purchase 84-193, Denis Hanan applied for portion 104 (forfeited conditional purchase 79-112).

On 27th March, 1884, by conditional purchase 84-55, H. E. Reiss applied for 40 acres of portion 96, and on 10th July, 1884, by conditional purchase 84-130, Nathaniel Gordon applied for the remaining 60 acres of portion 96 (forfeited conditional purchase 79-196).

It was submitted on 13th February, 1885, as to whether conditional purchases 84-47, 84-55, 84-127, and 84-130 should stand on their merits, being lodged prior to the remission of forfeiture.

Upon this the Minister decided as follows, 13th March, 1885:—"When the forfeiture of A. Campbell's conditional purchase was reversed, it was not known to me that the land had been selected by other persons, consequently the reversal of forfeiture will not, under the fact, reinstate the selection, therefore the conditional purchases of the other persons on this ground must be upheld, provided there are no other exceptions or exemptions under the law." Mr. Campbell, care of J. A. Martin, was informed to the above effect, 2nd May, 1885.

A letter is enclosed (85-7,255c) from Mr. J. W. Pidgeon, as agent for A. Campbell, asking that conditional purchases 84-47, and 84-127 be declared void on the grounds that there were improvements at date of conditional purchase sufficient to bar selection.

W. H. C.

The Surveyor-General's memo. of 21st October also explains the case. This case is considerably involved. Perhaps Hanan's conditional purchase may be declared void as desired by him, and a reference made to the Local Land Board as to whether the lands embraced in the conditional purchases of Smith and Sullivan were sufficiently improved at date of conditional purchase to bar selection.—C.O., 14/12/85. Approved.—J.P.A., 15/12/85. Mr. Way.—30/12/85. Applicant refund order. Agent and Treasury. Conditional purchase 84-193 void, 9th January, 1886. Mr. Pidgeon informed, 9th January, 1886. Mr. Rich.—Noted 14th January, 1886.—C.C. Charting Branch. Inspector West for report on conditional purchases 84-47 and 127, Lismore.—23/2/86.

## No. 186.

Mr. N. J. Simmons to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

*Re* Smith and Sullivan's complaint against Archibald Campbell.

Dear Sir,

Lismore, 14 December, 1888.

I am instructed by Messrs. Smith and Sullivan to apply for the refund of amount lodged by them on making complaint, and shall feel obliged if you will forward it to me at Lismore.

Yours, &amp;c.,

NATHAN J. SIMMONS.

Mr. Hall,—Papers please.—A.B., 17/12/88. Papers in the case are noted to the Under Secretary, 10/11/88.—R.P.H., 18/12/88. Inform the writer in terms of above, and steps will immediately be taken on return of papers to carry his wishes if ripe for that action.—A.B., 18/12/88. Informed.—A.B., 18/12/88.

## No. 187.

## Decision of Minister.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 18).

Decision of Minister on a case of appeal from Local Land Board.

New South Wales }  
to wit. }

WHEREAS on the 15th day of October, 1888, a certain matter wherein the fulfilment of the conditions of improvement by Archibald Campbell on his conditional purchase 78-180, Lismore, came on for investigation and adjudication before the Local Land Board at Lismore, Colony of New South Wales, and the said Board decided to forfeit such conditional purchase, and Archibald Campbell, one of the parties thereto, appealed from such decision to the Minister, and the said matter having this 17th day of December, 1888, come before me, James N. Brunker, on appeal, I, being the Minister charged with the administration of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, having heard the said appeal in open Court, do hereby decide as follows:—I adhere to the decision given by Mr. Secretary Garrett in this case, and, as the improvements required by such decision were completed within the time therein specified,

I sustain the appeal, direct the certificate to issue, and order the deposit lodged with the appeal to be refunded.

Given under my hand at the Department of Lands, }  
Sydney, this 17th day of December, 1888. }

JAMES N. BRUNKER,  
Minister.

[Enclosure.]



## [Enclosure.]

Archibald Campbell—case No. 16, Appeal Court, 17th December, 1888—Mr. Allingham for appellant, Mr. N. J. Simmons for respondents, Smith and Sullivan.

Appeal by Archibald Campbell against the proposed forfeiture of his conditional purchase, No. 78-180, Lismore.

17 December, 1888.

In this case it appeared that this conditional purchase, with its additional, was forfeited on the 31st December, 1883, and the forfeiture reversed on December 16, 1884; that conflicting interests had arisen between the forfeiture and the reversal by the conditional purchase of the land by J. M. Sullivan and J. Smith, but owing to the land being sufficiently improved to bar selection their conditional purchases were declared void; and that the improvements were not sufficient to fulfil the conditions of the law. On the case being submitted to the Minister, Mr. Secretary Garrett decided on the 21st October, 1887, that "as the Executive Council did, on the recommendation of the Minister, at that time reverse the forfeiture of conditional purchase 78-180, 79-112, and 82-485, and so led Campbell to believe that his claim stood good at that time, and as subsequent contentions, as to Campbell's claim to these conditional purchases may have interfered with his improvements of them, an extension of three months may be given him to complete his improvements to the value required. At the expiration of that period, if the report of the inspector is favourable, certificates may issue."

On the 17th February, 1888, Smith and Sullivan lodged a complaint against Campbell for not having fulfilled the conditions of improvements within the time prescribed by law, and when the case came on for hearing the Board ignored Mr. Secretary Garrett's decision, refused to take the evidence of the Conditional Purchase Inspector as to the value of the improvements on the land, in compliance with such decision, and approved of the forfeiture of the conditional purchase.

Mr. Allingham produced a letter, acquainting Campbell of Mr. Secretary Garrett's decision before mentioned, stated that such letter led appellant to make improvements, that the Inspector reported favourably upon such improvements, thought the Minister could not go behind that letter, and contended that as Mr. Secretary Garrett's decision had been carried out Campbell's conditional purchase should pass.

Mr. Simmons urged to the contrary. The complaint made was that Campbell made a false declaration on the 4th May, 1881, as to the value of the improvements on the land. He quoted the valuation of Mr. Trollope of the improvements as not being worth £40, and also the evidence of Smith, Estridge, Geo. Estridge, &c., as to the value of the improvements. He contended that the Board were perfectly correct in their action. All they had to do was to ascertain whether Campbell made a false declaration. He thought the evidence had proved that his clients were justified in lodging their complaints. That it was a clear case of false declaration, and the appeal should be dismissed.

The Minister quoted the decision of Mr. Secretary Farnell in 1884, and said that Mr. Garrett had, on the 21st October, 1887, decided that three months extension to complete improvements should be given Campbell. It appeared Campbell had completed the improvements, doubtless on the faith of that decision. He sustained the appeal, directed that the certificates issue, and ordered the deposit lodged with the appeal to be refunded.

WALTER D. BINGLE,  
Shorthand-writer.

Archibald Campbell, appellant. District, Lismore. Department of Lands. Proceedings of Court of Appeal held by the Honorable James N. Bruncker, Minister for Lands, Sydney, 17 December, 1888.

Deposit on appeal refunded to Allingham and Somerville, solicitors, Lismore, by cheque No. 414, to Land Agent, Lismore, on 7th January, 1889.—B. S. LEVICK, 7/1/89. Mr. Boot. The Under Secretary for Lands.—A. BOOR (*pro* Acting Chairman), B.C., Grafton, 7/1/89.

In giving their decision in this case the Local Board made no order as to disposal of deposit of £10 paid to enable Sullivan and Smith to institute inquiry. As their decision was given in support of the complaint of Sullivan and Smith, it seems only feasible that that decision should carry with it the right to refund of the deposit mentioned. It is therefore submitted that such deposit be refunded. (I did not sit on this case and have no authority to act). Submitted refund issue from Head Office.—F. TROLLOPE, 7/1/89. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Under the 30th clause of the Act of 1884 it would appear that the Land Board only have power to make an order as to the deposit lodged with a caveat, and the papers should be returned for that purpose.—F. H. W., 30/1/89.

The deposit should be refunded under the provisions of sub-section V of section 14, the case being one of complaint by a "person not authorised." The Land Board, it is observed, is the proper authority to issue the refund order.—W. H., 31/1/89.

Submitted.—S.F. Approved.—J.N.B., 21/6/89.

## No. 188.

The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, to Mr. N. J. Simmons.

Sir,

Local Land Board, Grafton, 18 December, 1888.

Adverting to your letter of the 14th instant, asking on behalf of Messrs. Smith and Sullivan for refund of amount lodged with complaint in case *re* Smith and Sullivan against Campbell, I have the honor to apprise you that the papers are with the Under Secretary for Lands, and immediately on their return steps will be taken to carry out your request, if ripe for that action.

I have, &c.,

A. BOOT

(*Pro* Acting Chairman).

## No. 189A.

Mr. E. W. Allingham to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

32A, York-street, Sydney, 20 December, 1888.

Referring to the conditional purchase noted in the margin, and which has been passed in favour of Mr. A. Campbell by the Minister of Lands on appeal on the 17th instant, I beg, on behalf of Mr. Campbell, to request that the Crown grants for the conditional purchase in question may be issued at once. The land was paid for as far back as the year 1886, and it is of the utmost importance that the grant may issue.

I have, &c.,

E. W. ALLINGHAM.

Conditional purchase 78-180, Lismore.

## No. 189B.

The Acting Clerk-in-Charge to The Land Agent, Lismore.

Sir,

Land Board Office, Grafton, 7 January, 1889.

I have the honor to forward herewith three cheques as per margin, in favour of Archibald Campbell, James Kennedy, and Emanuel Davis, respectively, being the refund of deposits on appeal in connection with the conditional purchases quoted hereon, and to request that you will be so good as to pay over to Messrs. Allingham and Somerville the cheques referred to.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. BOOT,

Acting Clerk-in-Charge.

Lismore; A. Campbell; C.P. 78-180, 150 acres, 25/4/78. C.P. 83-63, 100 acres, 12/4/83; James Kennedy; C.P. 83-327, 80 acres, 29/11/83; Emanuel Davis. Cheque 412, James Kennedy; cheque 413, Emanuel Davis; cheque 414, A. Campbell. £10 each.

## No. 190.

Messrs. Sly and Hamilton to The Under Secretary for Lands.

*Re grants to A. Campbell,*

Dear Sir,

32A, York-street, Sydney, 11 February, 1889.

Will you kindly inform us whether the grants to Archibald Campbell of the following lands are ready for issue:—150 acres, selected 25th April, 1875, No. 78-180; 40 acres, selected 20th March, 1879, No. 79-112; 100 acres, selected 12th June, 1879, No. 79-196.

It is now some time since the Appeal Court decided in Mr. Campbell's favour, and it is extremely important that the grants should issue as soon as possible in as much as parts of the land are now in the possession of persons other than Mr. Campbell, and it will be necessary for that gentleman, before proceeding in the matter, to have the grants standing in his name.

We shall be obliged, moreover, if you will see that delay in the issue of one grant (though any delay seems now inexplicable) does not delay the issue of the others.

Yours, &amp;c.,

SLY AND HAMILTON

*(per H.H.R.)*

See submission, dated 31st ultimo, upon 89-1,064, Dep., enclosed.—W.H.C., 21/2/89.

The parties are pressing for the issue of the deed, the Minister having approved in the Appeal Court, of the certificate issuing on conditional purchase 78-180, it is submitted that, as the balance of purchase money has been paid, the deed be now issued; the question of refund of deposit lodged with caveat to be hereafter dealt with.—F.H.W., 2/3/89.

The deed should issue with the least possible delay.—S.F., 5/3/89. Mr. M'Kern.

## No. 191.

Mr. A. Campbell to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Lismore, 12 February, 1889.

I had a case before the last Appeal Court before J. N. Brunker, Esq., and his decision was that he would sustain the appeal, and ordered the certificate to be issued to me at once. I, Archibald Campbell, appealed from the Land Board at Lismore. The date of my selection is 1st June, 1878. It came before the Minister on the 17th December, 1888. I have since disposed of the land, so I wish you would send me the certificate as soon as possible. I saw Mr. Wilson when I attended the Appeal Court, and he told me the certificate would be issued to me in January. The papers had to go to Grafton to have my refund sent back to me. By doing so you will greatly oblige,

Yours, &amp;c.,

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

## No. 192.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Memo.

13 February, 1889.

It is requested that the papers in connection with Archibald Campbell's conditional purchase 78-180, Lismore Land District (L.B.D. 88-7,045, Grafton) be forwarded as soon as possible, in order that the necessary action in regard to the plans may be completed.

J. BURT

*(Pro District Surveyor).*

## No. 193.

Mr. N. J. Simmons to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Sir,

Lismore, 19 February, 1889.

*Re* refund of Smith and Sullivan's deposit of £10, I have the honor to inform you that I am in receipt of a communication from the Treasury herein as follows:—

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1st instant, and to state, in reply, that the Grafton Land Board has not yet authorised this Department to refund the amount applied for."

Kindly give the necessary authority and oblige.

Yours, &amp;c.,

NATHAN J. SIMMONS.

Mr. Edwards,—Where are the papers in this case.—A.B., 11/3/89. 88-7,045, Under Secretary, 7th January, 1889.—J.E., 11/3/89. The Under Secretary.—A. Boot *(pro* Acting Chairman), B.C., Grafton, 11/3/89. Cannot trace papers in Conditional Sales Records.—J.P.M. *(per* F.B.) Mr. Capper.

No. 194.

## No. 194.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

19, Macquarie-place, Sydney, 26 February, 1889.

We have the honor to ask that you will cause a certificate of conformity to be issued for the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, with as little delay as possible.

We have, &amp;c.,

BRETT AND COGHLAN

(Per J.H.M.)

Conditional purchase 78-180, Casino, now Lismore. Balance has been paid, and deed will shortly be prepared. In such cases certificates are not issued.

## No. 195.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

19, Macquarie-place, Sydney, 26 February, 1889.

We have the honor to ask that you will cause a certificate of conformity to be issued for the conditional purchase, noted in the margin, with as little delay as possible.

We have, &amp;c.,

BRETT AND COGHLAN

(Per J.H.M.)

Conditional purchase 79-112, Casino (now Lismore) ; 88-6,948 West's report. Certificate not yet issued. Noted, 28/2/89.

## No. 196.

Telegram from The Surveyor-General to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Sydney, 5 March, 1889.

PLEASE return plan R. 1,608-1,759, as it is urgently required.

E. J. BRISCOE

(For the Acting Surveyor-General).

## No. 197.

Telegram from The Surveyor-General to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Sydney, 13 March, 1889.

PLEASE return as soon as possible plan R. 3,878-1,759.

E. J. BRISCOE

(For the Acting Surveyor-General).

## No. 198.

The District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Surveyor-General.

13 March, 1889.

R. 3,878-1,759 & It will be observed that the enclosed plan R. 3,878-1,759 (which is returned as requested by telegram of portion 89, this date) has not been approved, being still under reference in connection with conflicting applications parish Tunstall, by Campbell, Sullivan, and Smith. herewith.

The Minister for Lands decided to allow Campbell (the original holder of portion 89 conditional purchase 78-180) three months to complete improvements required by law. The case subsequently came before the Land Board, and forfeiture of the conditional purchase was recommended.

Mr. Surveyor Somerville, in subdividing portion 89, in satisfaction of Smith's application now measured as portion 214, altered the position of the reserved road to secure firmer ground (and it was deemed advisable to continue the deviation through the remainder of portion 89. In view of the forfeiture of Campbell's conditional purchase having been recommended, Mr. Somerville was instructed to carry out the alteration which has now been effected, and an amended plan forwarded numbered as portion 89, and containing only 73 acres, ex road.

Campbell appealed against the decision of the Board, and although no official intimation has yet been received, I believe the Minister sustained the appeal.

I would suggest that if conditional purchase 78-180 is to be upheld it should be located on portions 89 and 214 as resurveyed by Mr. Somerville, and the area reduced to 143 acres, ex road.

The reduction in area is caused by the reservation of a road along south boundary of portion 214 to afford access from the back country to the road to Lismore running through these portions.

Should this suggestion be approved, the plan of amended survey of portion 89 (which is forwarded herewith) can be catalogued R. 4,289-1,759.

P. R. DONALDSON,

District Surveyor.

No. 89-9.

Deeds Branch.—Why are these plans required? They are not yet approved.—C.J.S., 16/3/89. Mr. M'Kern. Mr. Shepherd.—F. M'K., 18/3/89. C.S. 89-4,249, Dep.—Surveyor-General, 20/3/89. Note plans to Charting Branch to await result of Acting Surveyor-General's submission recommending re-survey.—C.J.S., 21/3/89.

## No. 199.

## The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Conditional purchase 78-180, Lismore, 150 acres, by Archibald Campbell.

21 March, 1889.

THE Minister has formally approved, in the Appeal Court, of the certificate issuing in respect of conditional purchase 78-180 of 150 acres. The balance of purchase-money has been paid, and the parties concerned are pressing for issue of deed. The amended survey (under a former decision now reversed) comprised two portions which together contain 143 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres. Of course it is very desirable that the conditional purchase be measured to contain the full area, so that there may be no further difficulties in disposing of this protracted case (in which it appears other parties are now concerned); and, therefore, I think there should be re-survey with all possible despatch, to contain the full area exclusive of necessary roads. Such re-survey of this conditional purchase should not prevent issue of deeds for the other portions of this series of conditional purchase as desired (C.S. 89-542).

I may add that the original survey appears to have been deficient in area, and also that the plans of the later amended surveys have not been approved.

Approval of the course above suggested is sought.

E. TWYNAM.

For approval.—F.H.W. S.F., 22/3/89. Approved.—J.N.B., 23/3/89. Instructions to effect survey in accordance with this decision issued to District Surveyor at Grafton this day on copy hereof. Now to Deeds Branch for any action necessary with regard to other portions.—J.T.K., 29/3/89. Mr. M'Kern,—Final certificates on conditional purchases 79-112 and 82-485 sent to A. Campbell, care of Brett and Coghlan, 30/4/89. 78-180 for deed on receipt of amended survey. Has amended survey been received?—C.W.P. (*pro* J.P.M.), 4/6/89. Miscellaneous Charting Branch. Mr. Hurlihey,—Please ascertain.—J.T.K., 7/6/89. Survey not yet received.—J.T.K., 10/6/89.

## No. 200.

## Mr. N. J. Simmons to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

*Re* refund to Smith and Sullivan, deposit of £10.

Dear Sir,

22 March, 1889.

Referring to my letter to you herein of the 19th ultimo, I have the honor to request you to kindly inform me if the necessary authority to refund the deposit has been forwarded to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.,

NATHAN J. SIMMONS.

In this case the decision given by the Board entitled Smith and Sullivan to a refund of the application; but an appeal was lodged against the decision of the Board, and the appeal was sustained. Unless the Minister has made a contrary order, will the Under Secretary be good enough to have the necessary refund forwarded to the applicants, if this has not already been done.—F.T., Acting Chairman, Grafton, 29/3/89. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Mr. Simmons informed.—W.S., 29/3/89. B.C., 29/3/89.

## No. 201.

## Declaration by Mr. J. Smith.

(C.P. No. 84-47.)

D,

[Alienation Act.]

Final Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES SMITH, of Lismore, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of house, fencing, felling, stumping, clearing, &c., and to the value of £314, have been made on such land; and I declare further, that the said land has been the *bona-fide* residence, continuously, of myself, from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Taken and declared at Lismore, this 25th }  
day of March, 1889, before me,— }

JAMES SMITH.

CHAS. H. GALE, Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 70 acres, being conditional purchase No. 47, of 1884, in the district of Lismore, made on the 20th March, 1884.

Final declaration received under protest, this conditional purchase being void according to the register.—C.W.C., 25/3/89.

## No. 202.

## The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, to Mr. N. J. Simmons.

Sir,

Land Board Office, Grafton, 29 March, 1889.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant, *re* refund of Smith and Sullivan's deposit of £10, I have the honor to inform you that your letter has been forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands, with a request to have the necessary refund forwarded to the Treasury, if not already done.

I have, &amp;c.,

B. S. LEVICK

(Pro Acting Chairman).

## No. 203.

Mr. J. Smith to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Dear Sir,

Jiggi Creek, 1 April, 1889.

Having fulfilled all conditions on my conditional purchase No. 214, and made final declaration on same at Lismore, it has been inspected by Inspector West in the year 1886 for me, by instructions from Sydney. Hoping it will please you to urge the issue of certificate as soon as possible, as the time of residence was up on 20th March, 1889. Trusting it will receive your earliest attention.

I am, &amp;c.,

JAS. SMITH,

Jiggi Creek.

Paper please.—W.S., 4/4/89.

Mr. Hall,—The papers relating to the conditional purchase referred to herein were forwarded to the Head Office on 7th January last, under L.L.B. 88-7,045.—B. S. LEVICK (*pro* Acting Chairman), B.C., 5/6/89. The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

89-9,488 Dep., declaration only, Land Board, Grafton, 11th January, 1889, to place with papers. 89-2,445 Cor., Land Board, Grafton, 25/6/89.—J.P.M. (*per* C.W.P.), 17/7/89. Mr. Capper,—This letter is now returned to the Chairman to place with the former papers of the case.—W.H.C. (for the Under Secretary), Department of Lands, B.C., 23/7/89. The Chairman, Local Land Board, Grafton, noted.—L.H.W.J., 23/7/89.

## No. 204.

Mr. J. Smith to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Jiggi Creek, 1 April, 1889.

I beg to inform you that I have fulfilled all conditions required by the Act, and made final declaration at the Land Office, Lismore, on my conditional purchase No. 214, and time of residence was up on 20th March. Hoping you will issue me certificate without delay. It has been inspected once for me by Inspector West.

I am, &amp;c.,

JAS. SMITH,

Jiggi Creek.

88-7,022 Dep., B.C., to Land Board, Grafton.—11/8/88. Returned.—J.P.M. (*per* C.W.P.), 21/5/89. Mr. Capper may be informed of position of papers; also that conditional purchase stands void and this letter referred to Chairman.—F.B.S., 30/5/89. Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 31/5/89. J. Smith informed.—H.L.T., 7/6/89. The Chairman Local Land Board, Grafton.—W.H.C. (for the Under Secretary), B.C., 7/6/89. L.L.B. 88-7,045 noted to the Under Secretary, 7th January, 1889.—R.P.H., 11/6/89.

Papers L.L.B. 88-7,045, forwarded to Head Office on 7th January last, comprised conditional purchase 78-180, by Archibald Campbell, and conditional purchase 84-47, Lismore, by James Smith.—B. S. LEVICK (*pro* Acting Chairman), Land Board Office, Grafton, B.C., 12/6/89. The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

## No. 205.

Telegram from the District Surveyor, Grafton, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

4 April, 1889.

PLEASE state how Hanan's conditional purchase 193 of /84, Lismore, stands.

P. R. DONALDSON,

District Surveyor.

Conditional purchase 84-193, Lismore, void (*vide* 88-33,699 Dep.) Noted, 8/4/89. 88-7,023 Dep. Noted, Land Board, Grafton, 11/8/88.—J.P.M. (*per* E.W.P.), 8/4/89. Mr. Yorke has not stated how conditional purchase stands in the register.—J.P.M., 8/4/89. Information already given (*vide* above records).—C.C., 8/4/89.

Conditional purchase 84-193, Lismore, was declared void, 9/1/86, at applicant's request, as at date of application the land applied for was embraced in Archibald Campbell's prior conditional purchase 79-112.—C.C., 8/4/89.

Mr. Capper,—Inform as above by telegraph, and that the papers are under reference to the Chairman of the Grafton Land Board since 11th August last.—W.H.C., 8/4/89. Yes.—F.H.W. (for the Under Secretary), 8/4/89. Wire, 8/4/89. 514.

## No. 206.

Telegram from The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

8 April, 1889.

IN reply to your wire, 4th instant, Hanan's conditional purchase 84-93, Lismore, declared void 9 January, 1886, at applicant's request, as at date of application land embraced in A. Campbell's conditional purchase 79-112. Papers 88-7,023 Dep., to Chairman, 14th August last.

STEPHEN FREEMAN,

Under Secretary.

## No. 207.

Mr. Surveyor Somerville to The District Surveyor, Grafton.

Sir,

Lismore, 25 April, 1889.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 150 acres, numbered 89, in the parish of Tunstall, in the county of Rous, conditionally purchased by Archibald Campbell, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, re-measured by me on the 24th April, 1889, in accordance with instructions No. 89-14, April 5th. I

I have made up the deficient area out of reserve 14, as directed; have obliterated old marking not utilized; and have altered the road giving access to reserve 14 into a much better position, now that portion has reverted to one owner.

The improvements I estimate as follows:—

Archibald Campbell—Hut, £11; clearing, £3; half dividing fence on southern boundary, £11; total, £25.

James Smith—Hut, £28; kitchen, £14; barn and pig-stye, £12; ringbarking, £2; scrub-falling and burning off, £30; grubbing and burning off  $7\frac{1}{2}$  acres, £22; cultivation, including fruit trees, but exclusive of growing crops, £30; fencing (inclusive of half dividing fence along north boundary and from C to creek), £90. All fencing wire used is barbed, and all fences erected prior to 1887. Total, £228.

James M'Dowell Sullivan—House, £60; shed and improvements to hut, £5; cultivation (exclusive of growing crops), £20; scrub-falling, ringbarking, grubbing, and burning off, £60; fencing and yards (including half dividing fence from C to the creek, and excluding fence across reserved road), £60; total, £205. Sum total, £458.

Smith and Sullivan are residing on the land.

I have, &c.,  
ROBERT N. SOMERVILLE,  
Temporary Salaried Surveyor.

R. 4,327-1,759, the Chief Draftsman.—P.R.D., 10/6/89. Mr. Newell,—Enter plan in catalogue book, so that the case may be dealt with at Head Office.—J.B. Plan catalogued, R. 4,327-1,759.—F.B.N., 12/6/89. Plan approved.—J. T. KEATING (for Acting Surveyor-General), 10/9/89.

The remeasurement of conditional purchase 78-180 has now been effected, and as all the papers connected with the case are in Sydney, the plan is forwarded under separate cover, in order that the necessary examination and approval may take place as soon as possible. It has been provisionally catalogued R 4,327-1,759, and I would request that a certified copy of the plan may be forwarded to this office after it has been approved. The following plans, which will be required in connection with this case, are also forwarded, viz.: R 1,739-, 2,743-, 3,130-, 3,260-, 3,649-1,759. It may be pointed out that plan of portion No. 215 (catalogued R 3,649-1,759), has not yet been approved. Licensed Surveyor Somerville's letter, No. 88-23, forwarding plan of sub-division of portion 89, representing J. M'Dowell Sullivan's conditional purchase No. 84-127, is also enclosed.—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 11/6/89.

The Surveyor-General,—Records. Please attach papers 88-7,023 Dep. (papers of conditional purchase 78-1,801), and forward to Miscellaneous Charting Branch.—W.H.C., 28/6/89. 89-2,445 Correspondence, noted to the Local Land Board, Grafton, 26th June, 1889, for action.—J.P.M. (*pro* C.W.P.), 29/6/89. Mr. Capper,—Memo. to Chairman, Land Board, Grafton, for papers.—F.A.R., 6/8/89. Memo. to Licensed Surveyor Somerville *re* cover G.—F.A.R., 9/8/89. Returned, 20/8/90.

[Enclosure.]

C.P. 78-180, Lismore, 150 acres, by Archibald Campbell.

21 March, 1889.

THE Minister has formally approved, in the Appeal Court, of the certificate issuing in respect of conditional purchase 78-180 of 150 acres. The balance of purchase money has been paid, and the parties concerned are pressing for issue of deed.

The amended survey (under a former decision now reversed) comprises two portions which together contain 143½ acres. Of course it is very desirable that the conditional purchase be measured to contain the full area, so that there may be no further difficulties in disposing of this protracted case (in which it appears other parties are now concerned); and, therefore, I think there should be re-survey with all possible despatch to contain the full area exclusive of necessary roads.

Such re-survey of this conditional purchase should not prevent issue of deed for the other portions of this series of conditional purchase as desired (C.S. 89-542).

I may add that the original survey appears to have been deficient in area, and also that the plans of the later amended surveys have not been approved.

Approval of the course above suggested is sought.  
The Under Secretary.

E. TWYNAM.

For approval.—F.H.W., 22/3/89. S.F. Approved.—J.N.B., 23/3/89. Forwarded to the District Surveyor at Grafton, who will be good enough to cause measurement to be effected in accordance with this decision.—E. TWYNAM, Acting Surveyor General, 29/3/89. 1 April, No. 35. Received in District Survey Office, Grafton, 4/4/89.

Forwarded to Mr. Surveyor Somerville, to effect a re-survey of portion 89, parish of Tunstall, with all possible despatch, to contain the original area applied for under conditional purchase 78-180, viz., 150 acres. All necessary roads to be reserved in the most suitable positions; and any old marking not utilized in amended survey to be obliterated. Any deficiency in area to be made up out of reserve No. 14, notified 29th July, 1885, on the western boundary. The number 214 should be obliterated from the corner trees, as that survey, together with the amended survey of portion 89, will be cancelled. The reserved road 150 links wide should be retained in the position already marked by Mr. Somerville, and the reserved road 100 links wide, forming part of the north boundary of portion 89 (as amended), should also be retained in reinstating portion 89.—J.B.

Tracings of portions 214 and 89 herewith (to be returned).—P. R. DONALDSON, District Surveyor, 5/4/89. No. 89-14. Dealt with by survey under letter No. 89-11.—RICHD. N. SOMERVILLE, Temporary Salaried Surveyor. Dealt with in Charting Branch; now for preparation of deed.—J.T.K., 10/9/89. Mr. M'Kern.

No. 208.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Campbell.

(89-8,129 Dep.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 April, 1889.

The declaration made by you, at Sydney, on the 19th October, 1887, with reference to the additional conditional purchase described at foot hereof, having been furnished, and it having been reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been duly paid, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions prescribed by law have been completed in respect of the said purchase.

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The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but if the necessary payment of interest or instalments be not made as prescribed, the conditional purchase will be liable to forfeiture, and the necessary steps will be taken with a view to the notification of such forfeiture.

I have, &c.,  
STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

Additional conditional purchase, No. 79-112; section, 21; district, Casino, now Lismore; date, 20th March, 1879; county, Rous; parish, Tunstall; No. of portion, 96; area, 40 acres; original applicant, present holder—Archibald Campbell.

### No. 209.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. A. Campbell.

(C.S. 89-8,129.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 April, 1889.

The declaration made by you, at Lismore, on the 1st July, 1885, with reference to the additional conditional purchase described at foot hereof, having been furnished, and it having been reported that an instalment of the balance of purchase money has been duly paid, I am now directed by the Minister for Lands to notify to you that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the conditions prescribed by law have been completed in respect of the said purchase.

The deed of grant may be obtained at any time hereafter by payment of the balance of the purchase money, with the interest, if any, then due; but if the necessary payment of interest or instalments be not made as prescribed, the conditional purchase will be liable to forfeiture, and the necessary steps will be taken with a view to the notification of such forfeiture.

I have, &c.,  
STEPHEN FREEMAN,  
Under Secretary.

Additional conditional purchase No. 82-485; section, 21; district, Lismore; date, 29 June, 1882; county, Rous; parish, Tunstall; No. of portion, 201; area, 50 acres; original applicant, present holder—Archibald Campbell.

### No. 210.

Mr. N. J. Simmons to The Under Secretary for Lands.

*Re* Smith and Sullivan's deposit.

Sir,

Lismore, 2 May, 1889.

I have the honor to inform you that I am in receipt of a communication from the Treasury, informing me that "the necessary refund authority has not yet been received from the Lands Department."

I shall feel obliged if you will kindly give this matter your immediate attention, and have the necessary authority sent to the Treasury at once.

I am, &c.,  
NATHAN J. SIMMONS.

See decision upon 89-1,064, Dep. Forward to Chairman of the Grafton Land Board for action indicated. Papers should then be returned to this Department.—W.H.C. (*pro* Under Secretary), 26/6/89. The communication from the Treasury refers to complainant's deposit of £10, received 24/2/88, lodged by Smith and Sullivan *v.* A. Campbell, conditional purchase 78-180. The usual authority for refund by the Local Land Board has not yet been received.

### No. 211.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. Smith.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 7 June, 1889.

Referring to your letter of 1st April last, I have the honor to inform you that the papers relating to the conditional purchase noted in the margin have been referred to the Local Land Board at Grafton, to whom your communication has been forwarded. I am to add that the conditional purchase in question stands void.

I have, &c.,  
W. H. CAPPER  
(For the Under Secretary).

C.P. 84-47,  
Lismore.

### No. 212.

Office Memorandum.

Department of Lands, 25 June, 1890.

R. 1,730-1,750,  
R. 2,743-1,750,  
R. 3,130-1,750,  
R. 3,260-1,750,  
R. 3,649-1,750,  
R. 4,327-1,750.

THE plans noted in the margin were a few days ago received in this office from Grafton, and it is noticed that R. 3,649- and 4,327-1,750, have not yet been approved. They are therefore returned herewith, in order that all necessary action may be taken and plans approved.

The District Surveyor, Grafton.

C.J.S.  
(For Under Secretary).

These plans have evidently been returned to me under a misapprehension. The papers connected with conditional purchase 78-180 and its additional, together with the papers relating to the conflicting conditional purchases by Reis, Gordon, Sullivan, and Smith are, it is supposed, with the Surveyor-General; for, by his directions, portion 89, Tunstall, was re-surveyed by Mr. Somerville on the 24th April last.

last. In view of the urgency of the case, and as the plan of the original survey, catalogued R. 1,608, and the unapproved plan of the subdivision, catalogued R. 3,878, were returned to the Surveyor-General, in reply to his telegrams of the 5th and 13th March, 1889, it was considered expedient, in order to facilitate completion of action on this protracted case, to supply a catalogue number for the amended survey of portion 89, as it is evidently the Surveyor-General's intention to approve of the plan himself; hence the pencil notation on back of R. 4,327-1,759. If it is now intended that the plans are to be approved by me, I would request that all the previous papers relating to the case, together with the plans, both approved and unapproved, now with the Surveyor-General be returned to me as soon as possible. Pending further communications, the plans specified in the margin have been returned.—J.B. (*per* District Surveyor), 2/7/89. The Surveyor-General.

Mr. Keating.—C.J.S., 5/7/89. See my memo. of this date and circular envelope.

The papers in this case, viz., C.S. 89-2,445, Correspondence, were forwarded to the Chairman of Land Board at Grafton on 25th June last, and I rather think the plans were forwarded to the District Surveyor for completion of action in connection therewith. No doubt the papers will reach him in due course.—J.T.K., 8/7/89. The Chief Draftsman.

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No. 213.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Sir,

19, Macquarie-place, 12 July, 1889.

We learn that the papers connected with the case noted in the margin were sent to your Board on the 25th June last. May we therefore ask when it is proposed to deal with the matter.

Lismore,  
C.P. 78-180,  
A. Campbell,  
89-2,445 C.S.

We have, &c.,

BRETT AND COGHLAN.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan informed that the papers, L.B.D. 89-4,058, were returned to the Head Office on 6th August, 1889.—B.S.L., 6/8/89.

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No. 214.

Declaration by Mr. J. M'D. Sullivan.

(C.P. No. 84-127.)

D.

[Alienation Act.]

Final Declaration of Conditional Purchaser under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

I, JAMES M'DOWELL SULLIVAN, of Jiggi, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the lawful owner, by conditional purchase under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, of the land hereunder described, and that improvements, consisting of houses, yards, fencing, clearing, grass, &c., and to the value of £450, have been made on such land; and I declare further that the said land has been the *bona-fide* residence continuously of myself from the period of selection and first occupation to the present date. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

JAMES M'DOWELL SULLIVAN.

Taken and declared, at Lismore, this 15th day }  
of July, 1889, before me,—

CHAS. H. GALE, Commissioner for Affidavits.

Description.

County of Rous, parish of Tunstall, 80 acres, at Lismore, being conditional purchase No. 127 of 1884, in the district of Lismore, made on the 10th July, 1884.

Void, *vide* 87-11,182 Dep., 89-2,445 Cor. Noted 8/8/89. Final declaration.—C.H.C., 15/7/89. Received under protest, the conditional purchase standing void in Register.—C.H.C., 15/7/89.

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No. 215.

Mr. J. Smith to The Chairman, Land Board, Grafton.

Dear Sir,

Jiggi Creek, 15 July, 1889.

I write you to know if the £10 lodged by myself and James Sullivan in the complaint against A. Campbell, and heard at Lismore in the month of October, 1888, by the Local Land Board, has been refunded, as ordered by the Board, and, if so, by whom has it been drawn, as no one was ever instructed by us to draw the same? You would oblige us by sending forms to apply for the same.

I have, &c.,

JAMES SMITH.

Send refund order to Smith and Sullivan, also notice to Treasury. Inform Mr. Simmons that we have a letter from one of the parties, Mr. Smith, objecting to payment to anybody else. Order has, therefore, been sent to Smith and Sullivan.—F.T., 2/8/89.

Order for refund of £10 issued to Smith and Sullivan, and Treasury informed.—W.S., 5/8/89. N. Simmons also informed refund order issued to Smith and Sullivan.—W.S., 5/8/89. Action as to refund of deposit lodged with complaint by Smith and Sullivan having now been completed in this office, the papers are returned to Head Office.—B.S.L. (*pro* Acting Chairman), Land Board Office, B.C., 6/8/89. The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

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No. 216.



No. 216.

The Acting Chairman, Grafton, to Mr. N. J. Simmons.

Sir,

Local Land Board, Grafton, 5 August, 1889.

In view of a letter received at this office from Mr. James Smith, objecting to the payment of the £10 lodged by him and J. M'D. Sullivan, in the matter of complaint against the conditional purchase noted in the margin, to anybody else, I have the honor to inform you that an order for refund of same has this day been forwarded to Smith and Sullivan.

I have, &c.,  
FREDK. TROLLOPE,  
Acting Chairman.

Lismore; C.P.  
78-180; 150  
acres; A.  
Campbell.

No. 217.

Office Memorandum.

Charting Branch.

Memorandum of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of portion 89, parish of Tunstall, county of Rous, transmitted by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Somerville, letter No. 89-11, of 25th April, 1889; instructions issued to him on 5th April, 1889, No. 14, and on which Mr. Somerville's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.	Report.
<p>THE reference to corner (the north-east corner of portion) does not agree with that shown on the plan of portion 215, transmitted with Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Somerville's letter of 24th January, No. 85-1.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R.M.</p> <p>Please refer to field notes, and state the correct bearing.—E.T., 9 August, 1889. Mr. Surveyor Somerville.—P.R.D., 15/8/89.</p>	<p>THIS difference was referred to in memo. No. 88-6, 22nd February, from the District Survey Office. 104-30, as stated in reply, is the correct bearing.</p> <p>Will the Surveyor-General kindly have my plan of portion 215 altered to agree.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RICHD. N. SOMERVILLE, Temporary Salaried Surveyor.</p> <p>23 August, 1889.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chief Draftsman.—P.R.D., 5/9/89. Charting Branch.—C.J.S. Mr. Bedley, 10/9/89. J.T.K., 12/9/89. Plan corrected accordingly.—F.A.R., 13/9/89.</p>

No. 218.

Messrs. Brett and Coghlan to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

19, Macquarie-place, Sydney, 10 September, 1889.

We have the honor to ask that you will cause the certificate for the conditional purchase noted in the margin to issue as speedily as possible. It is, you will observe, a selection of over ten years' standing, and certificates have issued for its additional conditional purchases.

We have, &c.,  
BRETT AND COGHLAN,  
Agents.

Writer informed as to position of case, 12th September, 1889.

Lismore,  
C.P. 78-180,  
A. Campbell;  
89-15,785, Dep.

No. 219.

Office Memorandum.

Record No., C.S. 89-4,332 Cor.; C.P. No. 78-180; balance paid, 19th February, 1886.

MR. SHEPHERD, for notation of the sale of 150 acres, portion 89, county of Rous, parish of Tunstall, Archibald Campbell of Lismore, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

F. M'K., 13th September, 1889.

Noted.—J.S., 13/9/89. Mr. Neill,—For preparation of description of the above land, 14/9/89. Description, examined and found correct, is enclosed. Description prepared.—W.J.N., 16/9/89. Mr. Bacon,—For diagram. Mr. M'Kern,—Diagram herewith, charted, examined, and found correct.—J.B., 16/9/89. Mr. Walker,—Engross the enclosed deed in accordance with endorsement on description form.—F.M'K., 16/9/89. Mr. M'Kern,—Engrossed and returned.—J.W., 16/9/89. Engrossment examined and found correct.—G.S., 16/9/89. Deed initialled and submitted to Secretary for Lands for signature, 17/9/89. To Colonial Secretary for great seal and signature of Governor, 18/9/89. To Registrar-General for delivery, 2/10/89.

[Enclosure.]

(Country lot, R. 4,327-1,759; A Campbell; 89-925.)

Description.

Deed prepared, 16/9/89. CONDITIONAL purchase 78-180, 150 acres, county of Rous, parish of Tunstall, portion 89. Commencing on the right bank of Jiggi Creek, at the south-eastern corner of portion 215 of 40 acres; and bounded thence on the north by part of the southern boundary of that portion bearing westerly 24 chains 42 links; on the west by a line bearing southerly 25 chains 85 links; on the south by a line bearing easterly 2 chains 60 links; thence by the northern boundary of portion 104 of 40 acres, bearing easterly 20 chains 51 links; and thence by the northern boundary of portion 87 of 237 acres, bearing easterly

easterly 40 chains 54 links to the aforesaid creek, and on all other sides by that creek upwards to the point of commencement.—Exclusively of the road 1 chain 50 links wide, from Jiggi to Lismore, passing through this land in south-easterly and easterly and thence again in a south-easterly direction, and of a road 1 chain wide from that road in a westerly direction, the areas of which have been deducted from the total area.

Archibald Campbell of Lismore, 13th, £150. Description prepared. Examined.—W.J.N., 16/9/89.

No. 220.

Mr. J. Smith to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Jiggi Creek, near Lismore, 28 March, 1890.

I have the honor to communicate with you in reference to my conditional purchase of 20th March, 1884, which was selected by me at the Lands Office, Lismore, and approved by the Minister for Lands, whose approval I received in July, 1885, as there was not any improvements of any description on the land to bar selection at the time I selected the same, which was proved by the evidence of Mr. Trollope at the last inquiry by the Local Land Board, Mr. Trollope being Inspector of Conditional Purchases at that time. When I received the letter of approval from the Minister for Lands I put on improvements to over the value of £321, and resided on the land, and the improvements have been inspected by Mr. Inspector West, and now I have received a writ of ejectment from Mr. Archibald Campbell to give him possession of the land, and I do not recognise him as having any hold of the same, as the land was declared forfeited on Campbell by the Government in the *Gazette*, and I conditionally purchased the land from the Government.

I appeal to you for assistance, as I have a wife and four children residing on the land, which is my home, and I think it would be a great injustice to take the land away from me and give it to Mr. Campbell, unless I am fully compensated for my loss, and I beg of you to see that I have justice done me—either that I am allowed to retain possession of the land, or that I receive full compensation for the same.

I shall feel much obliged if you will kindly reply by return post,

I have, &c.,

JAMES SMITH.

Conditional purchase 84-47 was declared void, and writer informed on 15th April, 1887, as the land therein described, was, at date of selection, sufficiently improved to bar conditional purchase. Mr. Smith might be referred to that letter.—W.H.C., 26/4/90.

Yes.—F.H.W. (for Under Secretary), 28/4/90. J. Smith informed, 30/4/90.

No. 221.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. J. Smith.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30th April, 1890.

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin was declared void, as the land applied for was, at the date of selection, sufficiently improved to bar conditional purchase, and that you were so advised on the 15th April, 1887.

Lismore,  
C.P. 84-47,  
20th March, 1884,  
70 acres,  
James Smith.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary,

(per W.H.C.)

No. 222.

Messrs. A. Lakeman and J. Perry, Ms.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Parliament House, 26 July, 1890.

Having gone through the papers in the case of James Smith and also Sullivan's papers, for which Mr. Nicoll has motion for production, we find that the original conditional purchase by A. Campbell was gazetted forfeited; that Smith and Sullivan selected portions of forfeited conditional purchase; that the portions applied for by them was ordered to be, and were surveyed for them by Department; that they were put in possession by the Crown.

That they have improved their selections, and were called upon by Department to make the usual declaration at the end of three years.

That the case for Campbell was re-opened, and that Smith and Sullivan, after three years' residence, were dispossessed on the ground that the land originally conditionally purchased by Campbell had improvements which would bar selection.

That Smith and Sullivan made all necessary inquiries, and were satisfied that they were in legal possession of land for over three years.

That these men have now lost all their improvements, besides time, &c., and are entitled to compensation from Crown.

We, therefore, trust that the Minister will see his way to compensate Smith and Sullivan for their loss.

These men have been ejected by Campbell, and, being married men with families, have suffered great hardship.

We have, &c.,

ALLEN LAKEMAN.  
JOHN PERRY.

[Seventeen plans.]



APPENDIX A


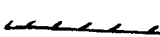
PLAN

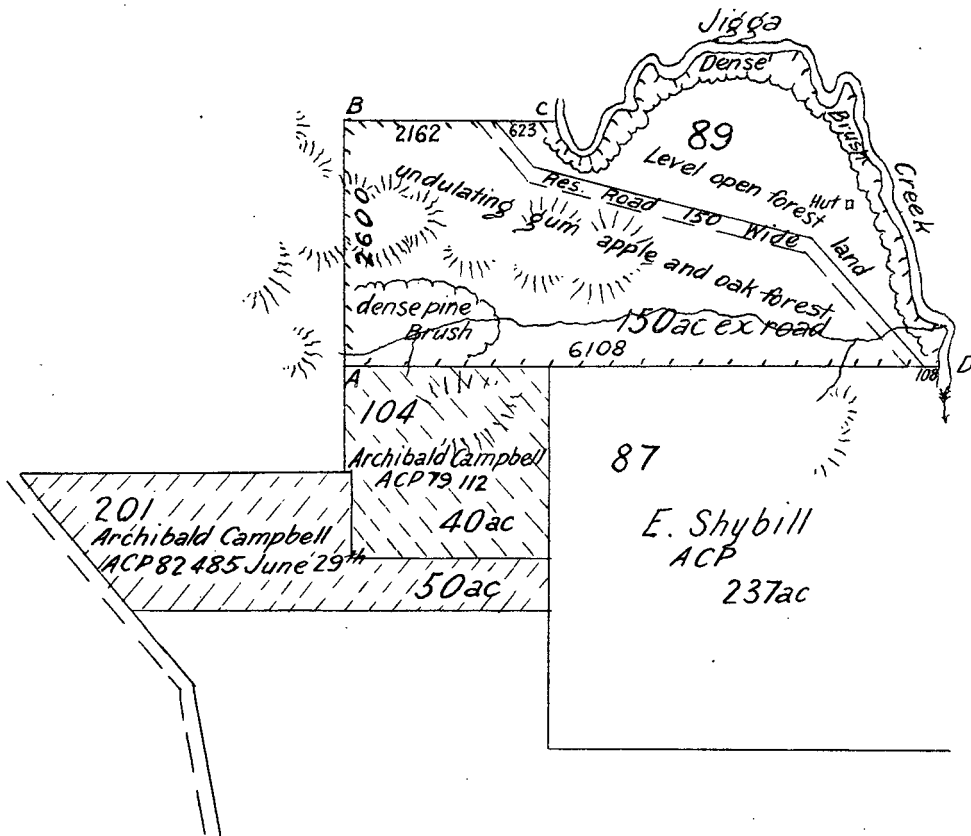
Enclosure to N<sup>o</sup> 3.

Of portion 89 in the  
PARISH OF TUNSTALL  
COUNTY OF ROUS

Applied for under the 13<sup>th</sup> Clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, by  
Archibald Campbell  
C.P N<sup>o</sup> 78-180 April 25<sup>th</sup>

ACP<sup>s</sup> 79-112 & 82-485 Shown by Red hatching

"NOTE" Red hatching on original shown by black broken hatching thus   
" edging " " " thus 



Reference to Corners				
Corner	Bearing	From	Links	N <sup>o</sup> on Tree
A	246° 40'	Brush	35	89
B	7° 15'	Gum	44	89
C	104° 30'	Brush	8	89
D	191° 50'	Gum	15	87-89

Marked in accordance with regulations  
Instrument used for Survey— Theodolite  
Date of Survey 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1879.  
Value of Improvements £2 Hut

F. Verdon Hunter  
Licensed Surveyor.

(Sig. 744-)

APPENDIX B.

TRACING

Enclosure to No. 5.

Of portion No 96 in the

Parish of Tunstall

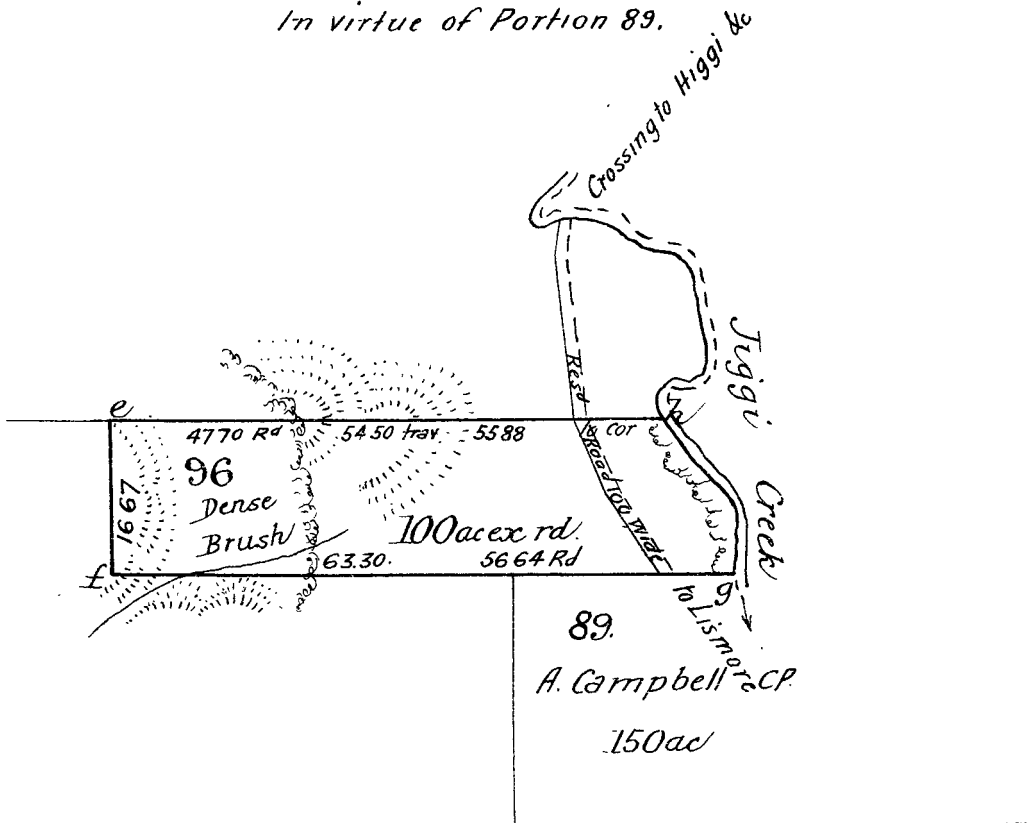
County of Ross.

Applied for under the 21<sup>st</sup> Clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, by

Archibald Campbell

C.P. No 79. 136. 12<sup>th</sup> June

In virtue of Portion 89.



Boundaries of portion colored red on Original  
Shown thus                     

C.P. Tracing Branch.  
(S.G.O.)  
(Signature) W. J. H. J.  
17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1881.

Insp. Trollope D.  
24.7.85

REFERENCE TO CORNERS.				
Corner.	Bearing.	From	Links	No. on Tree.
e	53° 45'	Brush	20	96
f	28° 30'	Oak	24	96
g	104° 30'	Brush	8	89.96
h	208° 55'	Iron bk	48	96/101.

Scale 20 Chains to an Inch.

Marked in accordance with regulations

Instrument used in Survey - Theodolite

Date of Survey 20<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1879.

Value of Improvements Nil

Situated in the

Joseph. R. Kelly  
Licensed Surveyor.

APPENDIX C.

TRACING

Enclosure to No 6.

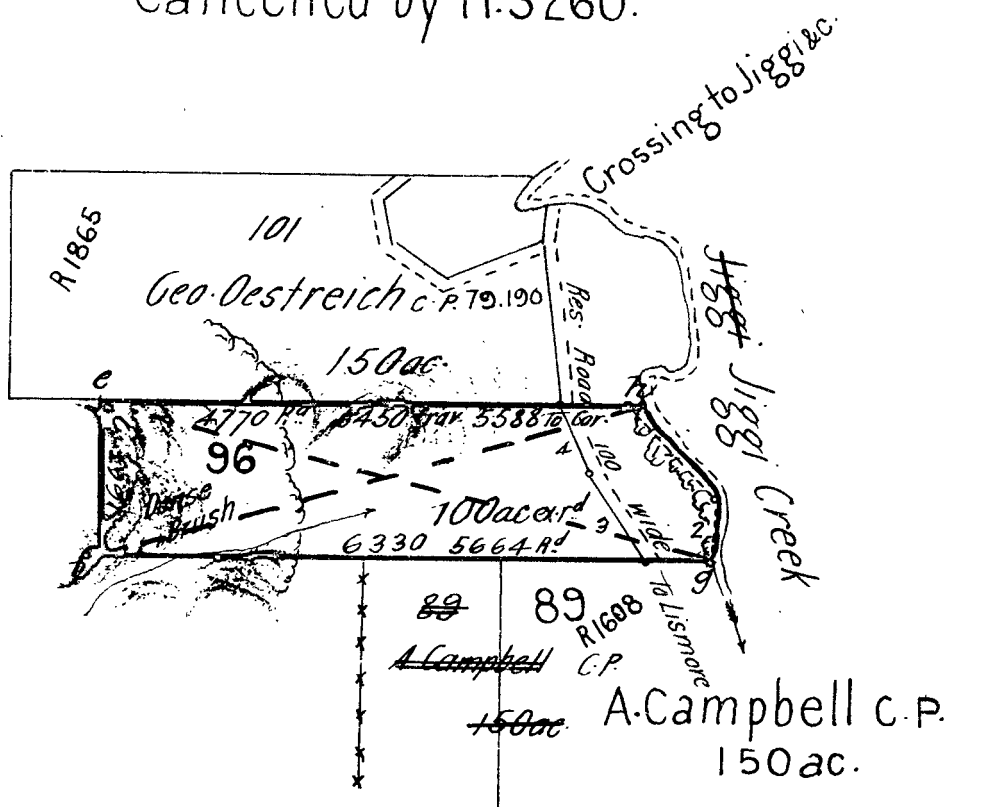
Of portion N<sup>o</sup> 96 in the  
Parish of Tunstall  
County of Ross

Applied for under the 21<sup>st</sup> Clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, by  
Archibald Campbell.

A.C.P. 79/196 12<sup>th</sup> June Forfeited Vide  
Gov<sup>t</sup> Gaz Dec<sup>r</sup>. 31<sup>st</sup> 1883.

Cancelled by R. 3260.

NOTE:- The red lettering on Original Plan is on this copy shown thus Cancelled by R 3260  
The boundaries of red tint on Original Plan are on this copy shown thus  
The red lines on Original Plan are on this copy shown thus



For Check Survey see R. 3248

For explanation as to width of road see memo with papers.

Scale 20 Chains to an Inch.

REFERENCE TO CORNERS.					REFERENCE TO TRAVERSE.		
Corner.	Bearing.	From	Links.	No on Tree	No.	Bearing.	Links.
e	53°45'	Brush	20	96.			
f	28°30'	Oak	24	96	1	136°30'	1340
g	104°30'	Brush	8	89.96	2	183°23'	695
h	208°55'	Iron b <sup>rk</sup>	48	96.10	3	327°45'	1089
					4	337°20'	809

Marked in accordance with regulations

Instrument used in Survey—Theodolite

Date of Survey 20<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 79

Value of Improvements Nil.

Situated in the Tunstall Run.

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of  
the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>. No. 80/16.

Signed

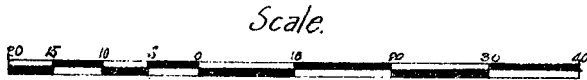
Joseph B. Kelly.  
Licensed Surveyor.

1. 3. 80.  
(S/g 744.)

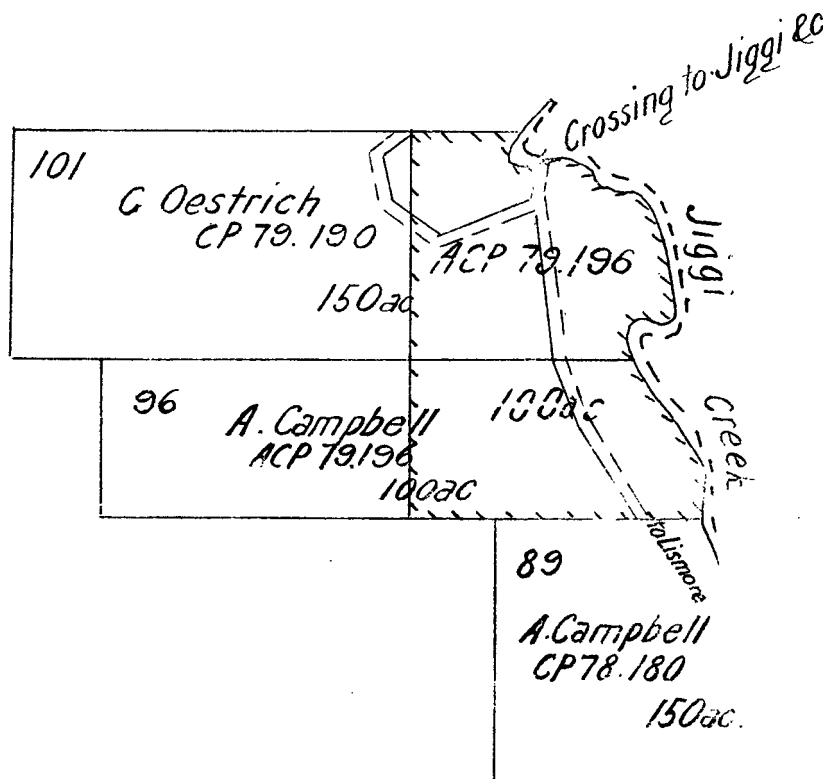
APPENDIX D.

Enclosure to No. 9.

Tracing shewing A Campbells ACP 79 196 as measured in black  
" " " " as applied for by blue edging  
Parish of Tunstall " " " " County of Rous



NOTE:— The Blue edging on original is shown thus .....  
" " writing " " " " " " ACP 79.196



(Sig 744.)

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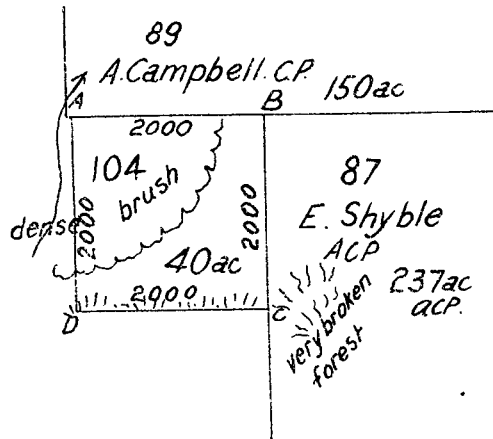
Of portion 104  
in the

Parish of Tunstall. County of Rows.

Applied for under the 21<sup>st</sup> Clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 by  
Arch<sup>d</sup> Campbell.

CP. No 79. 112. 20<sup>th</sup> Mar. In virtue of por 89.

Scale.



Reference to Corners.				
Corner	Bearing	From	Links	No on Tree
A	309° 57'	Pine	48	104
B	21° 30'	Gum	92	87.104
C	219° 00'	Apple	30	104
D	347° 25'	Sty Bark	22	"

Marked in accordance with regulations  
Instrument used in Survey- Theodolite  
Date of Survey Nov<sup>r</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1879.  
Value of Improvements. Nil.

Signed  
Joseph. R. Kelly.  
Licenced Surveyor.



APPENDIX F.

# PLAN

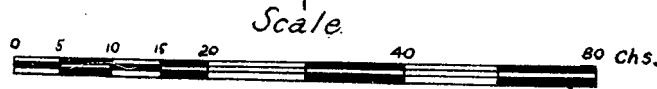
Of portion 201.  
in the

Parish of Tunstall, County of Ross.

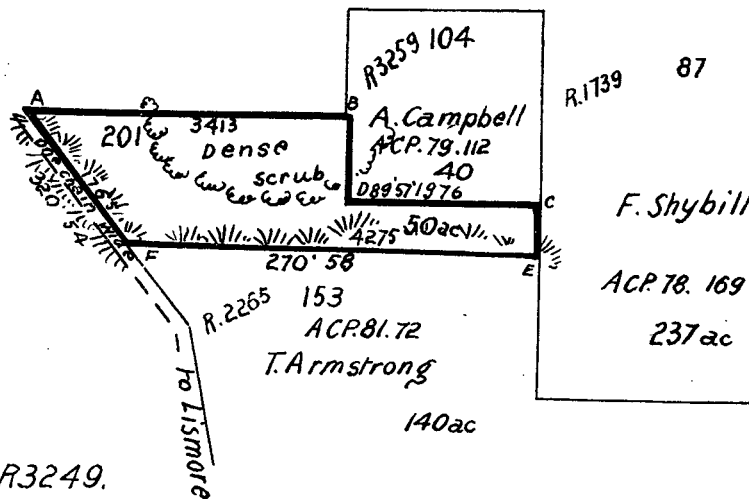
Applied for under the 21<sup>st</sup> clause of the Crown Land Alienation Act of 1861.

by A. Campbell.

A.C.P. 82. 485. June 29. Forfeited 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 83. Forfeiture revoked vide 84. 35609 C.S. Dep



boundaries of the  
Within the Tweed and Richmond  
Rivers Gold Field Proclaimed  
22nd October, 1887. Open to  
Conditional Purchase.



For Check Survey see R.3249.

Reference to Corners.				
Corner	Bearing	From	Links	No. on Tree.
A	74. 30	Bloodwood	31	201
B	11. 30	Box	53	201
C	219. 00	Apple	30	201.104
D	347. 25	Sty Brk.	22	201.104
E	121. 00	Ironbark.	31	201.153
F	186. 00	"	23	201.153

I hereby certify that I in person made and on the 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 82. completed the survey represented on this plan, on which are written the bearings and the lengths of the lines measured by me; and I declare that the survey has been executed in accordance with the regulations published for the guidance of Licenced Surveyors, and the practice of the Surveyors Generals Department.

(Signed) G. Garvan.

Licensed Surveyor.

Value of Improvements Nil.  
(Sig 744.)

APPENDIX G.

TRACING

Of portion 231 in the

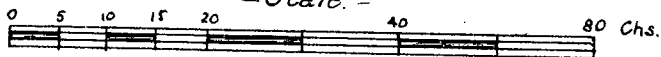
Parish of Tunstall

County of Ross

Applied for under the 21<sup>st</sup> clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861

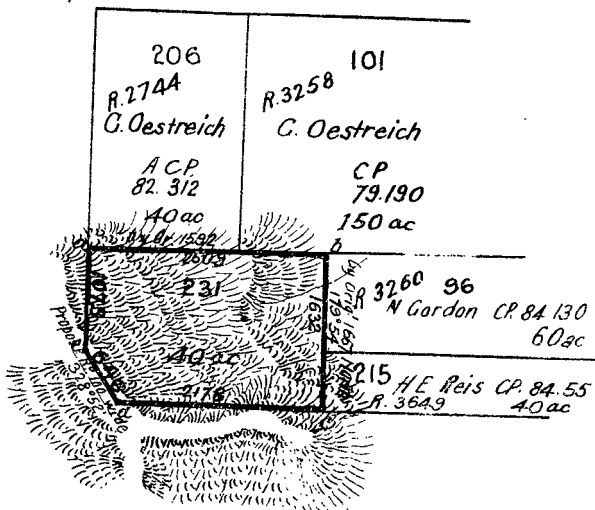
by Archibald Campbell

- Scale -



{ A.C.P. 83 263 Sept. 13 forfeited 31 Dec. 83.  
 Forfeiture Reversed vide CS 84.368 09 Dep. Declared void vide CS 87.34 29 8 Dep.  
 { A.C.P. 85-5 of 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. 85 by Nathaniel Gordon  
 { Confirmed 15<sup>th</sup> October 88 Vide LBD 88.5445

Boundaries of the  
 Within the Tweed and Richmond  
 Rivers Gold Field Proclaimed  
 22nd October, 1887. Open to  
 Conditional Purchase



For Check Survey see R. 3245

8.4.84  
 F.G. Lender  
 Approved A. Johnson  
 23.4.84

REFERENCE TO CORNERS.				
Corner.	Bearing.	From	Links.	No. on Tree.
a	S 41° 0' E	Box	32	206+231
b	N 53° 45' E	Brush	20	96+231
c	N 28° 30' E	Oak	24	96+231
d	N 82° 44' E	Sty Bark	65½	231
e	S 68° 47' W	Gum	48	231

I hereby certify that I in person made and on the 6<sup>th</sup> February completed the survey represented on this plan, on which are written the bearings and the lengths of the lines measured by me; and I declare that the survey has been executed in accordance with the regulations published for the guidance of Licensed Surveyors and the practice of the Surveyor General's Department.

(Signed)

Rich<sup>d</sup> N. Somerville

Surveyor (Temp. Staff)

Deot 532/36.

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 26. Feb. 1884

*[Signature]*

H.M. 8. Oct 90.

Value of Improvements Nil  
 Situated in the Tunstall Run  
 (Sig 744.)

APPENDIX H.

TRACING

Of portion 104 in

Enclosure to No 27

Parish of Tunstall

County of Ross

Scale 20 Chains to an Inch.

Applied for under the 21<sup>st</sup> clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861  
by Archibald Campbell

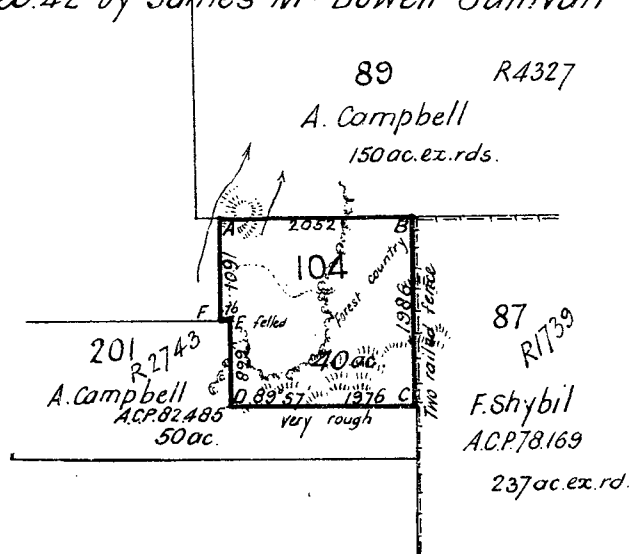
Within the boundaries of the Tweed and Richmond Rivers Gold Field  
Proclaimed 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1887 Open to C.P.

A.C.P. 79.112 March 20<sup>th</sup> Forfeited 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. '83 Revoked 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 84 Vide C.S. 84.35609 Dep.

Cancels R 1820

Denis Hanan C.P. 84.193 Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> void 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. '86 Vide C.S. 85.33699 dep. vide Telegram }  
Guard Book Vol. 2 fol. 205 }

C.P. 88.55 of 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. Sec. 42 by James M<sup>c</sup> Dowell Sullivan



Note: Boundaries of Portion tinted pink on original shewn thus —————

Azimuth taken from A. B.

(S<sup>d</sup>) J. H. Lewis  
(S<sup>d</sup>) T. H. Lewis

REFERENCE TO CORNERS.					REFERENCE TO TRAVERSE.		
Corner.	Bearing.	From	Links.	No. on Tree.	No.	Bearing.	Links.
A	245° 0'	Brush	34	89.104			
B	21° 30'	Gum	92	87.104			
C	219° 0'	Apple	30	104.201			
D	347° 25'	Stringy Brk	22	104.201			
E	11° 30'	Box	53	104.201			
F	283° 0'	Brush	34	104			
A	144° 0'	do.	50	89.104 new tree vide R. 4327			

I hereby certify that I in person made and on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 84 completed the survey represented on this plan, on which are written the bearings and the lengths of the lines measured by me; and I declare that the survey has been executed in accordance with the regulations published for the guidance of Licensed Surveyors and the practice of the Surveyor General's Department.

(Signed)

(S<sup>d</sup>) J. H. Lewis

Surveyor. Staff

Value of Improvements Felling £12 - Fencing on Bd<sup>l</sup> £10

Situated in the Jiggi Run

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> June

J. H. Webber

H. M. 8<sup>th</sup> (P. 19)

N<sup>o</sup> 84/38



APPENDIX J.

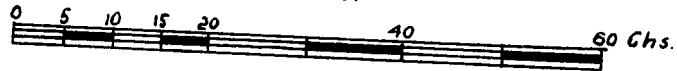
Enclosure to No. 30

Plan shewing part of portion 89.

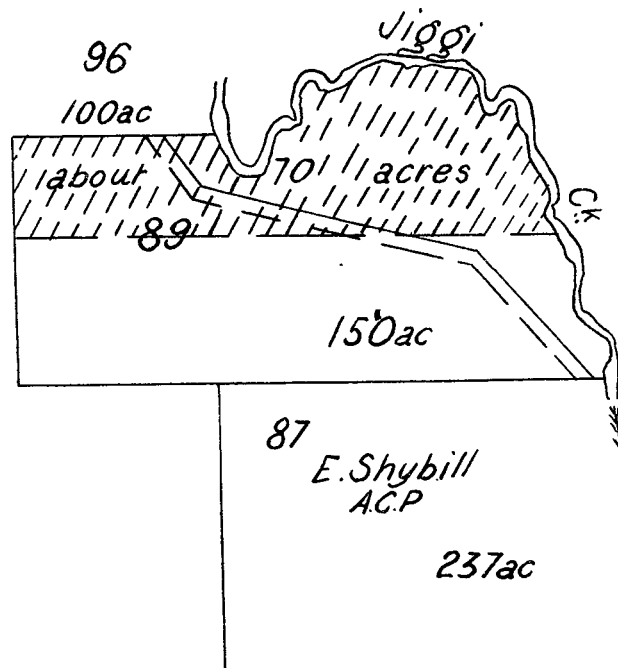
Parish of Tunstall. County of Rous.

Land District of Lismore.

Scale.

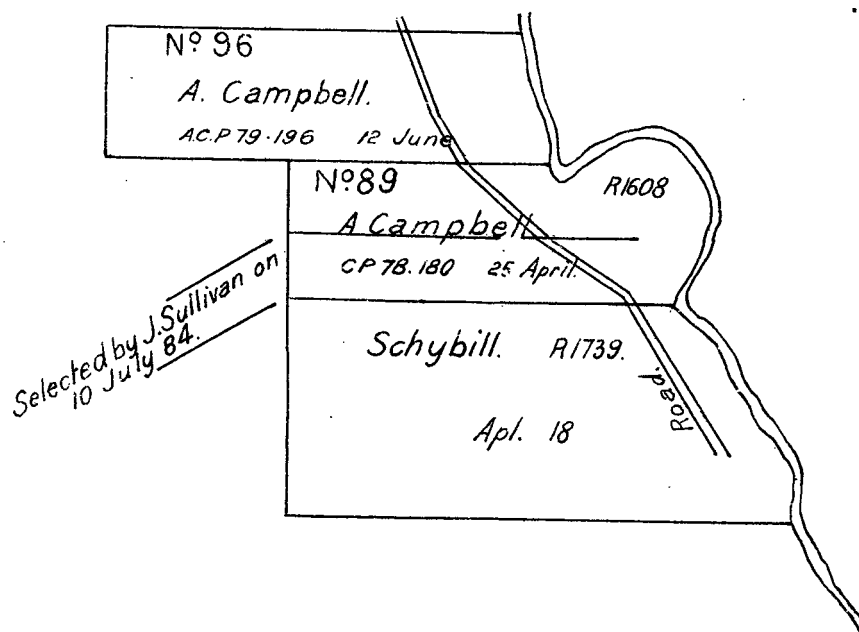


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is shown by black hatching.



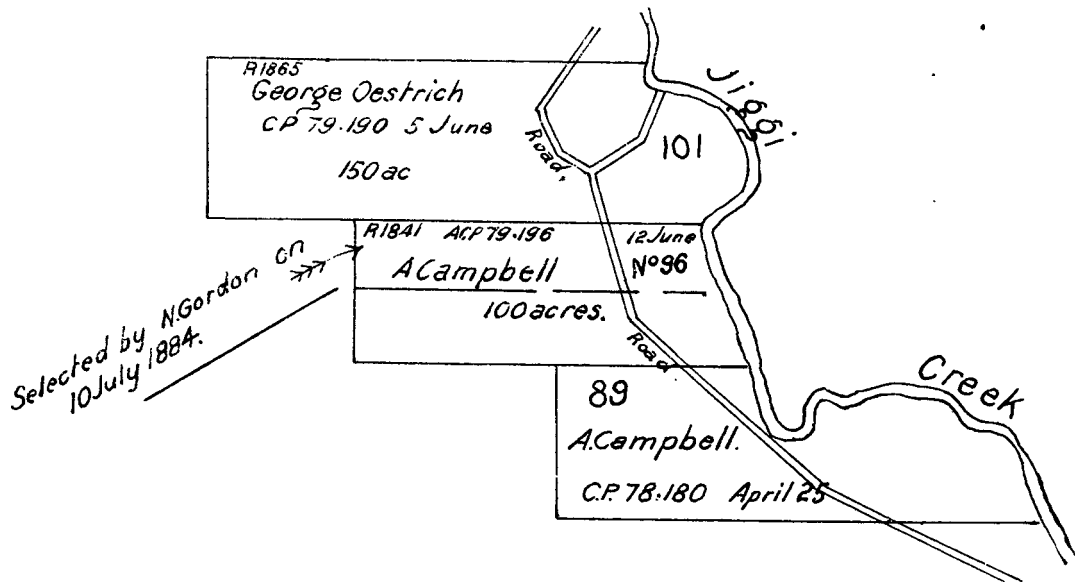
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Sketch taken from Map of  
Parish of Tunstall, County of Ross.



(Sig 744).

Sketch taken from Map of the  
Parish of Tunstall, County of Rous.



Minutes on foregoing.

Geographical Division. N° 7. 23. 10. 84.

84.130 Application with 84.19021. Dep.

Forfeited 31. 12. 83. 82.25658.

Conditional Sales Branch.

Please quote the Number of N. Gordon's  
Conditional Purchase of 10<sup>th</sup> of July. 1884, made at Lismore.  
mentioned in this Letter.

Jn. J. C.

29<sup>th</sup> October. 1884.

Papers quoted above.

21. 11. 84.

Geographical Division N° 7.

3. 2. 85.

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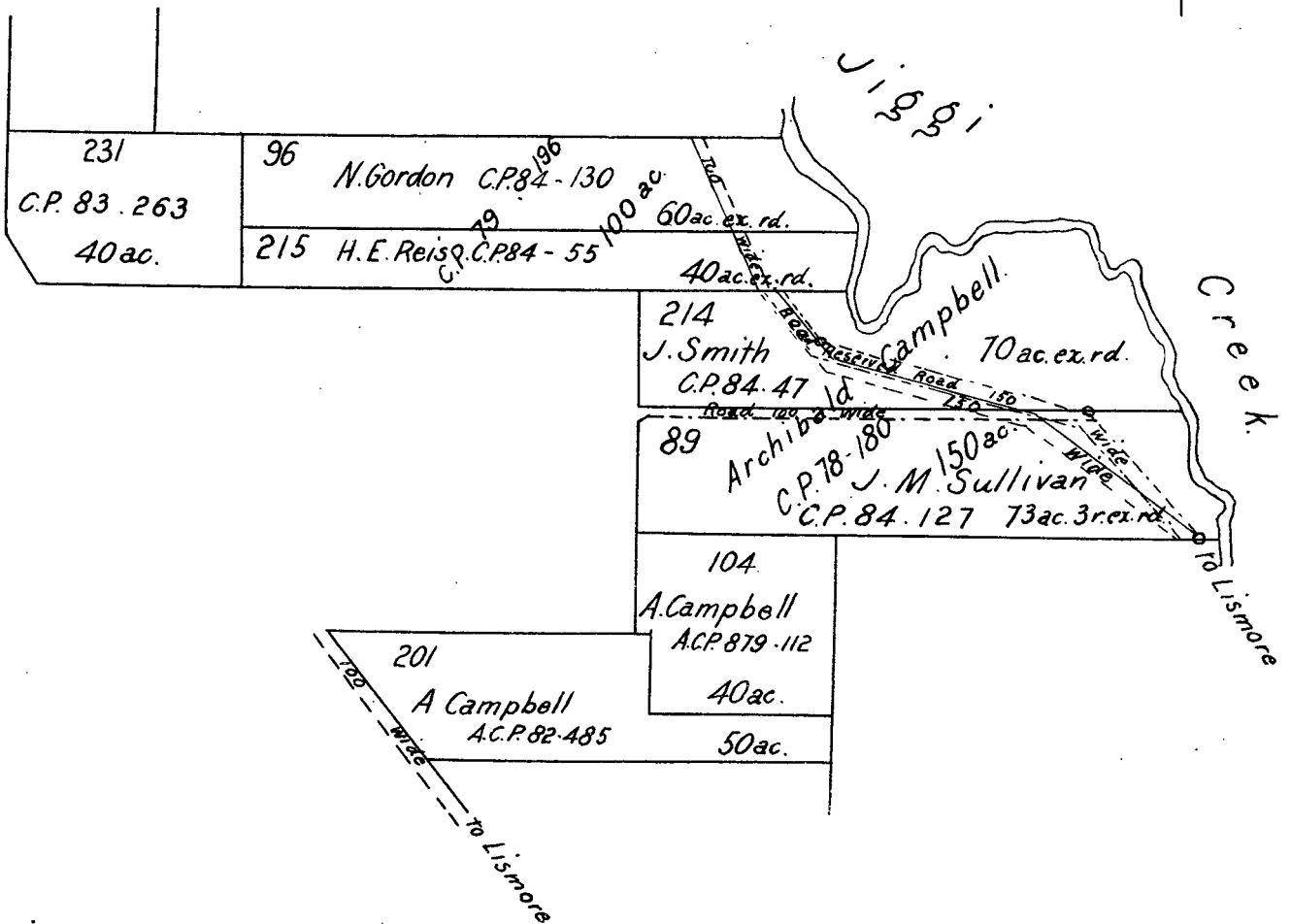
Plan shewing subdivision of Portions Nos 89 & 96.

Parish of Tunstall, County of Rouss.

Scale.



Note :- The Road shewn by red lines.  
 (Original position) shewn thus -----



to accompany my memorandum to the Under Secretary for Lands of this date

District Surveyor.

(Sig 744)

APPENDIX O

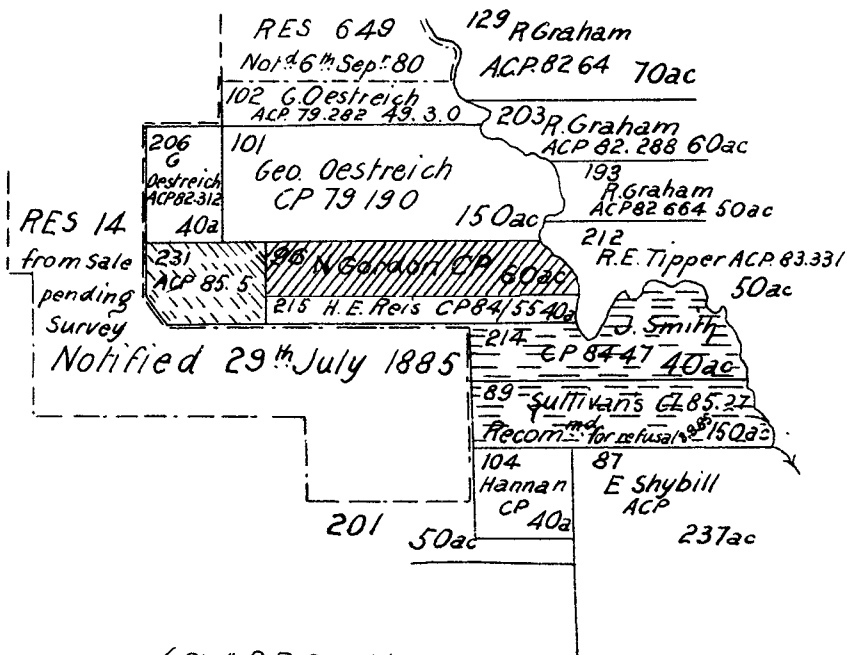
Enclosure to No 123.

Plan shewing the position of land applied for as ACP 85. 5 Lismore

Parish of Tunstall. County of Ross.  
by Nathaniel Gordon 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. 42<sup>nd</sup> Sec. Act 1884

Note:— ACP 85.5 Shown by red tint on the original, shown by broken, black, diagonal hatching  
Land shown by blue tint on the original, shown by firm, black, diagonal hatching  
" " brown " " shown by broken black horizontal hatching

Scale.



(Sigd) P. R. Donaldson.

(Sig 744.)

APPENDIX P

Land District Lismore  
Enclosure to No. 166.

TRACING

Of portion 214 in the

Parish of Tunstall

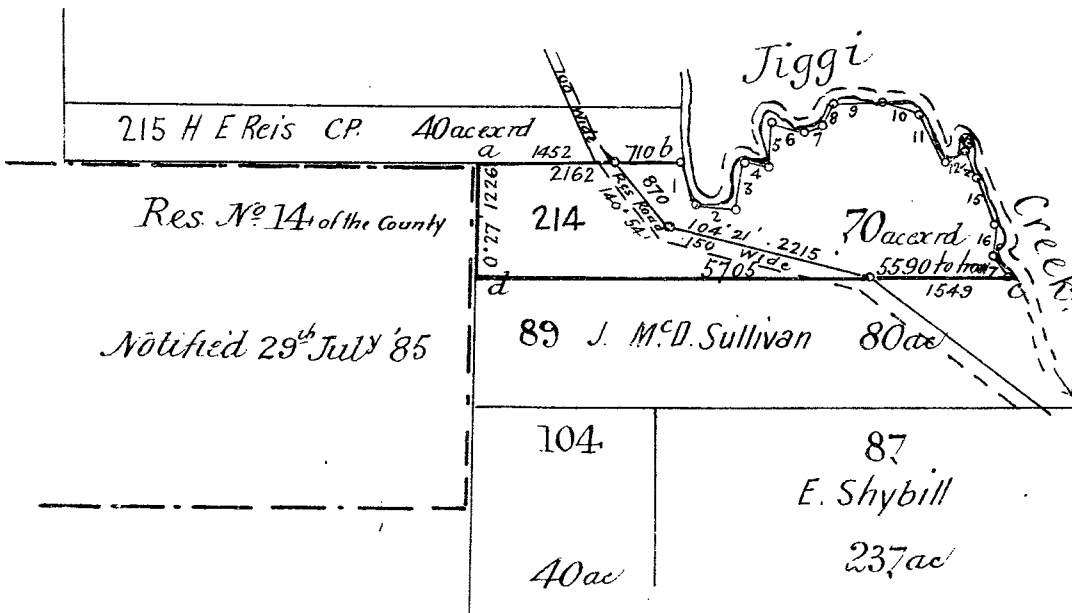
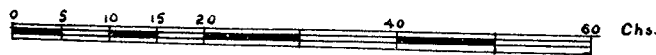
County of Ross

Applied for under the 13<sup>th</sup> Clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, by

James Smith

Application No

Scale.



REFERENCE TO CORNERS.					REFERENCE TO TRAVERSE.		
Corner.	Bearing.	From	Links.	No. on Tree.	No.	Bearing.	Links.
a	N 7° 15' E	Curn	44	214-215			
b	S 75° 30' E	Brush	8	214-215	1	164° 12'	488
c	N 46° 50' E	Brush	32	89-214	2	95° 46'	401
d	S 21° 30' W	Bloodwd	20	89-214	3	10° 01'	400
					4	101° 46'	275
					5	3° 06'	470
					6	107° 54'	376
					7	65° 37'	217
					8	23° 04'	252
					9	91° 15'	542
					10	101° 40'	426
					11	152° 48'	573
					12	61° 88'	263
					13	337° 21'	155
					14	157° 21'	301
					15	160° 05'	550
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Signed

R. N Somerville  
Licensed Surveyor.

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REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

CALAGHAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES,  
BRAIDWOOD AND QUEANBEYAN;

TOGETHER WITH THE

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VOTES No. 58. TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

6. CALAGHAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, BRAIDWOOD AND QUEANBEYAN:—Mr. Ball moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with Calaghan's conditional purchase, 81-51, Braidwood, and 83-246 and 84-30, Queanbeyan, recommended for forfeiture.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Colls, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Ryrrie, Dr. Ross, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 80. THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1890.

4. CALAGHAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, BRAIDWOOD AND QUEANBEYAN:—Mr. Ball, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 9th September, 1890; together with Appendix.
- Mr. Ball moved, That the document be printed.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
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**CALAGHAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, BRAIDWOOD AND QUEANBEYAN.**

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**REPORT.**

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly appointed on the 9th September, 1890, “with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with Calaghan’s Conditional Purchase, 81–51, Braidwood, and 83–246 and 84–30, Queanbeyan, recommended for forfeiture,”—have agreed to the following Report:—

Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the list\* \*See list, page 4. (whose evidence will be found appended hereto), find as follows:—

That it is satisfactorily proved that Calaghan was a *bona fide* resident upon his conditional purchase, and is entitled to get the land in question; and that he had justifiable reasons for leaving his wife and children to reside elsewhere.

Your Committee recommend Calaghan’s case to the favourable consideration of your Honorable House.

No. 3 Committee Room,

Sydney, 30th October, 1890.

E. J. BALL,

Chairman.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Ball, | Mr. Joseph Abbott,  
Dr. Ross.

Mr. Ball called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee *read* by the Clerk.  
Committee deliberated.*Ordered*,—That the Under Secretary for Lands be summoned to give evidence next meeting.[Adjourned to Thursday, 25 September, at *Ten* o'clock.]

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THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Ball, in the Chair.

Mr. Ryrie, | Mr. Joseph Abbott.

Alfred Salwey (*Chief Clerk, Conditional Sales Branch, Lands Department*), called in, sworn, and examined.Witness *produced* papers in connection with Calaghan's case, and *handed in* a copy of the evidence taken before the Land Board at Goulburn. (*See Appendix.*)

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned to Thursday, 16 October at a *quarter past Two* o'clock.]

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THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Ball in the Chair.

Mr. Colls, | Mr. Ryrie,  
Mr. Joseph Abbott.

James Calaghan called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

R. Cowley Cooper called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

*Resolved*,—That the Chairman prepare a draft report for next meeting.[Adjourned to Thursday week at a *quarter to Two* o'clock.]

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THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Ball in the Chair.

Mr. Colls, | Mr. Joseph Abbott.

Chairman submitted a draft report.

Same read and *agreed* to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

CALAGHAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES,  
BRAIDWOOD AND QUEANBEYAN.

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. E. J. BALL, | MR. JOSEPH ABBOTT,  
MR. RYRIE.

E. J. BALL, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Alfred Salwey called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] What are you? I am head of the Conditional Sales Branch of the Lands Department.
2. Do you produce papers in reference to Calaghan's conditional purchases—papers 81-51, Braidwood; 83-246, Queanbeyan; 84-30, Queanbeyan? Yes, I produce those papers. The case will rest entirely on the first conditional purchase.
3. Will you give us a history of the case? I have a short statement of the case here. The conditional purchase was selected on the 8th September, 1881. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Nash, who measured it in September, 1883, reported the selector non-resident; but Mr. Inspector Harrison, in September, 1885, found the selector then resident. On the 13th May, 1887, the Local Land Board had, on inquiry, recommended the forfeiture of the selection, on the ground that the selector's family home, he being a married man, was at another place. This recommendation was approved by Mr. Secretary Garrett on the 6th August, 1887. On the representation of Messrs. Holmes, Brown, and Company, land agents, Sydney, Mr. Garrett referred the case back to the Board for rehearing. The Local Land Board, on the 27th May, 1888, again heard the case, and found no ground for altering their decision of the 13th May, 1887, at the same time observing that in two other similar cases—those of F. Mason and John Wallace—the forfeiture recommended by the Board had not been enforced. The recommendation of the Board as to the forfeiture was approved by Sir Henry Parkes as Acting Minister for Lands, who was of opinion that the case was not exactly similar to the cases of Mason and Wallace.
4. Are you in possession of the evidence taken by the Board? Yes.
5. *Mr. Abbott.*] The Board recommended this forfeiture? Yes.
6. The matter was then referred to the Minister? Of course, all decisions of Land Boards are sent to the Minister.
7. The Minister upheld the forfeiture? Yes.
8. I understand that the case was referred back to the Board at the request of Messrs. Holmes, Brown, and Company? Yes; for rehearing.
9. They reheard the case, then this evidence came out? Yes.
10. Are you aware that on that second hearing the Board recommended that, inasmuch as the forfeiture of two other conditional purchases, Wallace's and Mason's, recommended by the Board, had not been upheld by the Minister, who refused to act upon the Board's recommendation, the Board considered that Calaghan should be allowed his conditional purchase? No; it was just the contrary; they upheld the forfeiture.

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11. Are you in possession of the evidence given by Calaghan before the Board, explaining the reason of his wife and children residing in a separate place? I can give you the evidence of Calaghan, from which you can draw your own inferences.

12. *Chairman.*] Will you read that evidence? Yes; it is as follows:—

THIS deponent, *James Calaghan*, of Tarago, in the Colony of New South Wales, selector, being duly sworn, saith:—I am the owner of portion 294, taken up in September, 1881; I went to live there before three months, and lived on it till the time was up on the 8th September last, and after that I had another place between 2 and 3 miles away; I used to go there sometimes; I lived on the selection; I am a married man; I have a family of four; they lived on the other place; I was living on the other place when I took up this land; when I left this place I went to the other place; I am living on another selection now; my family are living on the old place still; I have cleared about 26 acres since October, 1885, worth about £2 per acre; there was a school close to the old place, and the children used to go to it; I had a man working with me on the selection who used to live with me; there was no school near the selection.

That is the whole of Calaghan's evidence.

13. *Mr. Abbott.*] Do you know what witnesses were examined before the Board at the second hearing? Yes. The witnesses were John Brunton, R. Cowley Cooper, and Nathaniel Powell.

14. Will you produce their evidence? Yes, I hand in a copy of it. [*See Appendix A.*]

15. Can you give us the exact terms in which the Board declined to reverse their decision on the second appeal? Yes; the Board's decision was as follows:—"We, after full consideration, see no ground for altering the decision arrived at by us on a former occasion, as set forth in our minute bearing date 7th July, 1887. At the same time we have heard that in other cases which occurred at the same time, and the features of which were similar, the forfeiture of the land as recommended by us had not ultimately been enforced." The cases of F. Mason and John Wallace are those referred to.

16. In the case of Wallace's selection, does the information in the hands of the Department show that the circumstances were similar? I can only say that Sir Henry Parkes approved of the forfeiture in this case. They are somewhat similar.

17. Is there anything within your knowledge, the circumstances in both cases being similar, why the forfeiture was not insisted on in Wallace's case as well as in Calaghan's? All I can say is, that different Ministers dealt with the cases, and one Minister did not think the same as the other.

18. *Mr. Ryrie.*] Are you aware, in the district in which you were residing, of any similar case where a recommendation of the forfeiture of a selection has been made by the same Board on two occasions, and the Ministers granted the selection afterwards? I am not.

19. *Chairman.*] Do you know whether Calaghan's selection has actually been forfeited and gazetted as forfeited? It has not been gazetted as forfeited.

20. *Mr. Abbott.*] Was there any evidence produced before the Board rebutting Calaghan's, Powell's, Brunton's, and Cooper's evidence? There was not.

21. There was no rebutting evidence? No.

22. Are you aware if the Board gave any reasons for forfeiting the selection? I will read the decision of the Board:—"The selector's family home, he being a married man, during the period of his alleged residence on the land here in question, was at another place. We were of opinion that he was not a *bona fide* resident upon the conditionally purchased land, and we decided to recommend that it should be forfeited."

23. That is the first decision? Yes.

24. In the second decision they upheld that? Yes.

25. Did they make any reference in the second decision to the fact that the Minister had not treated similar cases in the same manner in which they treated Calaghan's case? Yes.

26. What is the nature of their reference? That is given in the decision that I have read.

27. Can you procure the evidence given by Thomas Evans in Calaghan's case? Yes; Thomas Evans' evidence is as follows:—

THIS deponent, *Thomas Evans*, of Tarago, in the Colony of New South Wales, boundary rider, being duly sworn, saith:—I have seen Calaghan on his selection often; I lived within a mile of him till September, 1885, and saw him often; I have stopped with him on the selection; I have never known him to live anywhere else, unless when he was away working; I do not know of any other land of his; I never saw his wife; I believe I have seen some of his children; I never saw his wife or children living on this selection; he was wire-fencing part of the time; he got his living by stacking timber and wire-fencing; I saw a few of the Cooper's sheep on it sometimes; he had his horses and working bullocks on it; he never cultivated it; he had his cattle on it sometimes and his working bullocks.

Sworn at Braidwood, this 13th May, 1887, before us,—

A. O. MORTARTY, Chairman.  
JAS. ALDCORN,  
J. W. BUNN.

THOMAS EVANS.

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1890.

Present:

MR. BALL,  
MR. COLLS,

MR. JOSEPH ABBOTT,  
MR. RYRIE.

E. J. BALL, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

James Calaghan called in, sworn, and examined:—

Mr.  
J. Calaghan.  
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28. *Chairman.*] What are you? A contractor and farmer.

29. Do you know the selections No. 81-51, Braidwood, and 83-246 and 84-30 Queanbeyan? Yes.

30. At the time when you took up those selections had you any other land? Yes.

31. Upon which of the selections were you residing when you selected this land? I was living on 200 acres which I had selected some time before.

32. After selecting the land in question did you erect a house upon any of the allotments? Yes.

33. What kind of building did you put up? It was slabs and an iron roof.

34. Did you reside any considerable time on the selection where you erected the residence? Yes.

35. How long after that did you go to reside there? I went there shortly after I selected the land—within a month.

36. Did you reside there continuously? Yes.

37. Had you any other residence in any other place? No.

38. Did your wife and family reside with you at that particular place? No, not on the selection. They used to come there sometimes.
39. Why did your wife and family not reside with you on this selection? Because there was a public school near the old place and the children were going to school. The school was within half a mile of the old place, but was not within two miles of the selection on which I was residing. It would be only on very fine days that the children could go to school from where the selection was—it was simply bush country without any roads.
40. If your children had lived on the selection with you they would have had to pass through the thick scrub and to travel 4 or 5 miles a day? Yes; the distance to the school and back would be about 5 miles.
41. *Mr. Ryrie.*] What would be the age of your youngest child? The ages of the children were from about 7 to 11 years.
42. *Mr. Abbott.*] Were they boys or girls? There were two girls and one boy.
43. *Chairman.*] What was your intention as to making your residence stationary after your children were educated? I intended to build a bigger house on the selection but the railway cut off one of the best corners, and another man selected a large piece of it.
44. Did you get compensation? No, I did not get the land. I think that the railway was measured there before I selected the land.
45. About what time did you live on the land? I lived over five years on it.
46. *Mr. Joseph Abbott.*] You said that you intended to build a house there, but the railway coming through it made you less anxious to do that? Yes.
47. Were there any other reasons why you were unable to build a house? There were. I borrowed money on the improvements.
48. I suppose you would have required more money before you could have put up a building to live in? Yes.
49. In the meantime what was your position—were you in a position to pay off the money you had borrowed? Not at the time.
50. I understand from you then, that owing to the railway going through the land, and your not having enough money available, you determined to sell the property? Yes, I thought I had better do so as the best of the land was taken.
51. To whom did you sell? To Mr. Cooper.
52. *Mr. Ryrie.*] I suppose that as a contractor you would frequently be away from the selection on business? Yes.
53. You say that you resided five years—that was not continuously but off and on? Yes.
54. *Mr. Colls.*] Are you a road contractor? No, I contract for fencing.
55. *Mr. Abbott.*] That house on the selection was your home? Yes.
56. *Mr. Colls.*] Were you at your dwelling when the inspector called there? Yes.
57. What improvements did you make besides building the hut? I ringbarked and cleared the land.
58. What quantity did you clear? 26 acres.
59. And what area did you ringbark? The whole of it except a few hills that were not worth ringbarking.
60. Did you make any dams on the property? Yes, one—sufficient to hold water at any time. The inspector saw the dam.
61. *Mr. Ryrie.*] The inspector never gave evidence against you? No.
62. *Mr. Abbott.*] On what ground did you understand the Board to recommend the forfeiture of your selection? Because my wife and family did not reside on it.
63. Which they learnt from your evidence? Yes.
64. Not from the inspector? Not from the inspector.
65. Did the Board give you an opportunity of explaining, as you have explained the matter to us or did they recommend the forfeiture merely because you did not reside there? That is all they asked.
66. And you did not explain the matter? Not as fully as I have done now.
67. *Mr. Colls.*] Had you a lawyer at the hearing of the case? I had not the first time, but I had on the second occasion.

Mr.  
J. Calaghan.  
16 Oct., 1890.

Robert Cowley Cooper, called in, sworn, and examined:—

68. *Chairman.*] Where do you reside? At Willaroo, Tarrago.
69. Do you know the matter of this investigation in reference to certain selections, Calaghan's conditional purchases, 81-51, 83-246, 84-30, recommended for forfeiture? Yes.
70. Can you state to the Committee what you know of Calaghan's residence on his selection? Yes.
71. How long did he reside on it? I saw him on the selection very often—in fact I have had lunch with him there. My business took me across there at least once or twice a month, and I always found Calaghan there.
72. According to you it was his legitimate residence? Yes.
73. Do you know whether he had any other residence? Yes, he had.
74. About what distance away? Three or 4 miles from that selection, that was where his family resided.
75. From your own knowledge, can you state to the Committee the reason why he lived in one place and his wife in another? I know what he told me. He told me that he did not take his wife to the selection because the school was nearer to the place where his wife resided.
76. Can you state the condition of the roads between the two places and the school? Yes; there is a main road from the place where his wife resided, but between the selection on which Calaghan lived and the school, it was all wild bush.
77. *Mr. Abbott.*] Would it have been a very difficult matter for children to have travelled from the selection on which Calaghan resided to the school? Yes; a very difficult matter.
78. Almost impracticable? Yes.
79. Have you any interest in the selection? None, beyond having lent the selector some money upon them.
80. *Mr. Ryrie.*] Are they still in Calaghan's name? No; they have been transferred to me.
81. *Mr. Abbott.*] You bought them? Yes.

Mr.  
R. C. Cooper.  
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82. What was your object in buying them; did he offer them to you? Yes; he borrowed money from me for improvements, and found that he could not make it pay, then he sold them to me.
83. I suppose that in the district as a contractor, he was a very useful man? Yes.
84. *Mr. Colls.*] Of course he had completed his term of residence? Yes.
85. Have you any idea how long Calaghan resided on the selection? Yes; five years.
86. I suppose that no question was raised as to his *bona fide* until the decision of the Board was given? None whatever.
87. He has made a great deal of improvements, has he not? Yes. He has rung the trees and fenced the land.
88. Has he cultivated? No; there is no cultivable land on it—that is why he sold. It is perfect scrub. He did not get what he originally selected. The best part of the land was taken for a railway, and by another selector.
89. How many acres are there in the selection? Six hundred and forty acres altogether.
90. *Mr. Abbott.*] The land not being cultivable he could not get a living on it? No.
91. What was the general character of Calaghan in the district? That of a good hard-working, honest, sober man.
92. *Mr. Colls.*] How long have you known him? Over thirty years.
93. And he has borne a good character all the time? He has borne a splendid character all the time.
94. Are you aware that Calaghan's children are very young? Yes; I do not think that the eldest was more than twelve when he was living on the selection.
95. They would not be capable of travelling 4 miles to school? Not at all.
96. *Mr. Abbott.*] In his evidence before the Board, Thomas Evans says that Calaghan got his living by stacking timber and putting up wire fencing. He also says, "I saw a few of Cooper's sheep on Calaghan's selection." Can you explain how it was that your sheep were on the selection before Calaghan sold it to you? My sheep used to run on the land before it was fenced in. I had land adjoining the selection. When the land was fenced, my sheep did not run over it.
97. *Chairman.*] The sheep were trespassing? They were.
98. Before Calaghan offered to sell to you, did he not fence off your boundary to keep the sheep out? Yes.
99. Did you bear any of the expense? No, he did it all himself. My adjoining land was only leased from the Crown.
100. How long before you purchased the selection did he fence in the land? It must have been some months.

## APPENDIX.

## [To the Evidence of Alfred Salwey.]

THIS deponent, *John Brunton*, of the New Line, in the Colony of New South Wales, labourer, being duly sworn, saith as follows:—I have been living on the New Line for the last seven or eight years; I know and have worked on Calaghan's selection of 244 acres, and remember the time that he took it up; I worked for about three months on it this time two years; I used to sleep on the selection; Calaghan slept there while I was there; I have been backwards and forwards to this selection before and since that; I know where Calaghan's wife and family lived; there was a school about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a mile from there; the school was about 3 miles from the selection now in question; some of Calaghan's family used to visit him; when I was at the selection Calaghan was always there.

*By Board*:—I have seen him where his wife lived; he never lived there, the other was his home; before he took up the selection he lived with his wife and children at the place where they lived; he has been living for the last three months on another selection; Calaghan takes contracts for ringing, wood-stacking, and fencing; I have not known him to be in anybody's hired service; I have seen stock on the land—sheep and cattle—the sheep were Graham's, the cattle Carney's; there were a team of bullocks of Calaghan's, and some cattle and horses besides; there were also some of Mr. Powell's cattle there; also horses of Butler's and some sheep of Mr. Cooper's.

Sworn before us, at Braidwood, this 27th March, 1888,—

A. O. MORIARTY, Chairman.  
JAS. ALDCORN,  
J. W. BUNN.

his  
JOHN × BRUNTON.  
mark.

THIS deponent, *Robert Cowley Cooper*, of Willeroo, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier, being duly sworn, saith as follows:—I know the conditional purchase of Calaghan, now under inquiry, since September, 1881; I have been very often on the land; there was a slab hut, with zinc roof, containing two rooms; on the occasions of my being on the land I found Calaghan there, either at the hut or working about somewhere; I used always to have my dinner at the hut every time I went out, and that was very often; he had cooking utensils, and there was always bed and bedding; the place presented the appearance of a dwelling; I have not seen the selector's wife and family on the selection; they lived some distance away; Calaghan has been married about twenty years.

*By Board*:—He was employed by me as a contractor, but never as a hired servant; the land is now my property; I purchased it some time after completion of the conditions.

R. C. COOPER,

Sworn before us, at Braidwood, this 27th March, 1888,—

A. O. MORIARTY, Chairman.  
JAS. ALDCORN,  
J. W. BUNN.

THIS deponent, *Nathaniel Powell*, of Bungendore, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier, being duly sworn, saith as follows:—I know the selection of Calaghan's of 244 acres on the New Line, I had some cattle running there, and was three or four times at the selection during the winter of 1883; I saw Calaghan there three times; there were, I think, two bunks in the place, with cooking utensils; I had some dinner there once; I have, on two or three other occasions, when passing by in the train, both before and since, seen Calaghan at the selection; you could see from the appearance of the place that it had been always inhabited.

N. POWELL.

Sworn before us, at Braidwood, this 27th March, 1888,—

A. O. MORIARTY, Chairman.  
JAS. ALDCORN,  
J. W. BUNN.

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THIS deponent, *Thomas Evans*, of Tarago, in the Colony of New South Wales, boundary rider, being duly sworn, saith :— I have seen Calaghan on his selection often ; I lived within a mile of him till September, 1885, and saw him often ; I have stopped with him on the selection ; I have never known him to live anywhere else unless when he was away working ; I do not know of any other land of his ; I never saw his wife ; I believe I have seen some of his children ; I never saw his wife or children living on the selection ; he was wire fencing part of the time ; he got his living by stacking timber and wire fencing ; I saw a few of Mr. Cooper's sheep on it sometimes ; he had his horses and working bullocks on it ; he never cultivated it ; he had his cattle on it sometimes, and his working bullocks.

THOMAS EVANS.

Sworn before us, at Braidwood, this 13th May, 1887,—

A. O. MORIARTY, Chairman.  
JAS. ALDCORN,  
J. W. BUNN.

THIS deponent, *James Calaghan*, of Tarago, in the Colony of New South Wales, selector, being duly sworn, saith :— I am the holder of portion 294 taken up in September, 1881 ; I went to live there before three months, and lived on it till the time was up on the 8th September last, and after that ; I had another place between 2 and 3 miles away ; I used to go there sometimes ; I lived on the selection ; I am a married man ; I have a family of four, they lived on the other place ; I was living on the other place when I took up this land ; when I left this place I went to the other place ; I am living on another selection now my family are living on the old place still ; I have cleared about twenty-six acres since October, 1885, worth about £2 per acre ; there was a school close to the old place, and the children used to go to it ; I had a man working with me on the selection who used to live with me ; there was no school near the selection.

JAMES CALAGHAN.

Sworn before us, at Braidwood, this 13th May, 1887,—

A. O. MORIARTY, Chairman.  
JAS. ALDCORN,  
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REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

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VOTES No. 4. TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1889.

16. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER, FORBES LAND DISTRICT:**—Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the forfeiture of the conditional purchases of C. H. Thatcher, in the Forbes Land District.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bruncker, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
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**EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
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VOTES No. 2. WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL, 1890.

27. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER, FORBES LAND DISTRICT:**—Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the forfeiture of the conditional purchases of C. H. Thatcher, in the Forbes Land District.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bruncker, and the Mover.
- (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the Second Session of 1889, be referred to the Committee.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 64. TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

6. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER, FORBES LAND DISTRICT:**—Mr. Greene, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table of Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 30th April, 1890, together with Appendix.
- Ordered to be printed.
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CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER, FORBES LAND DISTRICT.

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## REPORT.

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on 30th April, 1890, “with power to send for persons and papers to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the forfeiture of the conditional purchases of C. H. Thatcher, in the Forbes Land District,” and to whom was referred “the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the Second Session of 1889,” have agreed to the following Report:—

Your Committee having carefully considered the evidence referred, which is appended hereto, find as follows:—

- (1.) That Charles H. Thatcher applied for a conditional purchase of 100 acres, in the Forbes district, on 1st April, 1880, also  $147\frac{3}{4}$  acres on 12th August, and 40 acres on 14th April, 1881, and 40 acres on 21st April; making a total of  $327\frac{3}{4}$  acres.
- (2.) That these selections formed the subject of an inquiry by the Land Board, at Forbes, on 16th March, 1885, and were recommended for forfeiture, which forfeiture was subsequently gazetted.
- (3.) That the conditions of residence were carried out by the selector, when not employed elsewhere travelling stock or shearing, and that sufficient improvements were effected.
- (4.) That, on an investigation of the case, on the 24th March, 1886, Mr. Copeland, then Minister for Lands, made a minute on the papers to the effect that the land had been improperly forfeited, and that the forfeiture should be reversed, that in consequence of conflicting interests having arisen he cancelled that minute upon the same date.
- (5.) That, on the 4th March, 1886, in the meantime the land under consideration was selected by one Mary Zilka Walker.
- (6.) That subsequently Mary Zilka Walker’s claim lapsed through forfeiture of said land, and Charles Edward Thatcher, father of the claimant, became the lessee of the run.
- (7.) That the claimant has never abandoned possession, and that all instalments on the land have been regularly paid by him, such payments have, however, been received since notification of forfeiture under protest by being placed to Suspense Account.

Your Committee, taking all the circumstances into consideration, are of opinion that the case of Charles Henry Thatcher is entitled to the favourable consideration of the Government.

G. H. GREENE,  
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,  
Sydney, 27 August, 1890.



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF AND EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER,  
FORBES LAND DISTRICT.

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*Referred to the Select Committee appointed 30th April, 1890.*

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SYDNEY: CHARLES POTTER, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1889.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Greene,		Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Inglis,		Mr. Cooke,
	Mr. Stokes.	

Mr. Greene called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.

Committee deliberated.

*Ordered*,—That C. E. Thatcher and the Under Secretary for Lands be summoned to give evidence next Meeting.

[Adjourned to Thursday next, at *half-past Eleven* o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1889.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Greene in the Chair.

Mr. Inglis,		Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Cooke,		Mr. Bruncker.

William Henry Capper (*Chief Clerk, Conditional Sales Branch, Lands Department*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness *produced* the papers in the case of the Conditional Purchases of C. H. Thatcher, and *handed in* a copy of the evidence taken before the Land Board Inquiry. (*See Appendix.*)

Witness withdrew.

Charles Edward Thatcher called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That C. H. Thatcher be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned until Wednesday next, at *half-past Eleven* o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1889.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Greene, | Mr. Stokes.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1889.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Greene in the Chair.

Mr. Bowman, | Mr. Stokes.

Charles Henry Thatcher called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Charles Edward Thatcher called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Adjourned.

NOTE.—In consequence of the prerogation of Parliament no further meeting of the Committee was held.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Greene, | Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. J. P. Abbott.

Mr. Greene called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee and referring "Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject, during the Second Session of 1889, together with appendix," read by the clerk.

Papers *referred* before the Committee.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned till to-morrow, at *half-past Ten* o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 10 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Greene in the Chair.

Mr. Cooke, | Mr. J. P. Abbott.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned till Wednesday, 6 August, at *Ten* o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

None.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

None.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Greene, in the Chair.

Mr. Brunker, | Mr. Stokes,  
Mr. Inglis.

Draft Report submitted by Chairman, and certain amendments submitted by Mr. Brunker having been adopted,—

Same read and *agreed* to.

Chairman to report to the House.



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(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER,  
FORBES LAND DISTRICT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1889.

Present:—

MR. BOWMAN,  
MR. COOKE,MR. INGLIS,  
MR. GREENE.

GEORGE HENRY GREENE, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

William Henry Capper called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] You are the clerk in charge of the Conditional Sales Branch of the Lands Department? Mr. W. H.  
Capper.

Yes.

2. Are you aware of the circumstances surrounding the forfeiture of the selection under consideration? 12 Dec., 1889.

Yes; I produce all the papers in connection with the case.

3. Will you inform the Committee of the salient features in the case? Charles H. Thatcher applied for a conditional purchase, under section 14 of the Act of 1861, on 1st April, 1880, and he applied for three additional in virtue thereof on subsequent dates. In due course the local inspector was instructed to report on the case, and he visited the land in question on 1st April, 1882, and reported the selector resident. He again visited the selection on 5th March, 1884, and reported the selector non-resident, with the following comments:—"From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks:—"I am of opinion that the selector has not been continuously resident on the selection, as I have frequently passed this conditional purchase during the years wherein the conditions should have been fulfilled and never once saw the selector there. The hut being locked I was not able to see what was inside the place beyond looking through cracks. I therefore think this is a case for a court of inquiry where the selector may prove to the Commissioner that he has performed the conditions of residence." In view of this report the case was authorized for inquiry before the Commissioner on 22 September, 1884. The Act of 1884 coming into operation on 1 January, 1885, the case then was referred to the Board.

4. *Mr. Inglis.*] It had not been dealt with between September and January by the Commissioner? No. The case went before the Land Board under section 13 of the new Act. The case came before the Local Land Board at Forbes, on 16 March, 1885; the witnesses examined at that court were the Inspector of Conditional Leases, Charles Henry Thatcher, Charles Edward Thatcher, W. O'Connor, and Thomas Leslie, and on the evidence given the Board found as follows:—"That the selector has not satisfactorily carried out the residence conditions, that including the timber fallen and remaining on the ground, which we do not consider an improvement but rather the reverse, and the fence erected prior to the selection to which he can claim no right whatever, he has not the required amount of improvements on it, and we recommend it to be forfeited."

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- Mr. W. H. Capper.  
12 Dec., 1889
5. *Mr. Chairman.*] When was the award given—was it given in public by the Board? No, there was no necessity. It is not a decision. The matter was sent to the Board under section 13, not for decision, but for report to the Minister, and they so reported. Had it been a selection under the Act of 1884 it would have been different; the Board would have decided the conditional purchase to be forfeited. The matter was submitted by the Under Secretary to the Minister in these words:—"It appears to be a case for forfeiture, as recommended by the Board. The selector resided about half the time." It was approved by Mr. Secretary Farnell for forfeiture on 27 August, 1885. The conditional purchase was duly declared forfeited, and various protests against the forfeiture appeared, and exception was taken to the fact that the Chairman did not announce—I think they say "their decision," though it was not a decision—their recommendation in open Court. As a matter of fact it was not absolutely necessary that he should. When a case comes before a Board under the Act of 1884 for decision it naturally follows that the decision should be given in open court, so that the parties may know exactly what the decision is, and have an opportunity of appealing within a certain period; but that of course does not affect this case.
6. Under the section under which the case was treated there was no occasion to appeal within any specific time? No.
7. So that really the power of appeal was not lost to the applicant by reason of the Board not making their recommendation public? Certainly not. It was really an advantage to the party, because I think the papers will show that he has been appealing ever since. Had it been under section 20 of the Act of 1884 he could have appealed only within twenty-eight days after the decision was given.
8. Are you aware whether any new interests have been acquired in the land since the forfeiture took place? Yes; an application was made by Mary Zilka Walker, and it was duly confirmed; but the selection was ultimately forfeited for non-fulfilment of the fencing conditions.
9. Are there any hostile interests at present clashing in Mr. Thatcher's application—the land is not held by anyone? No; the land at present is reserved.
10. So that, practically, there is no departmental or other difficulty in dealing with the case on its merits? No; but the fact of the selection having been declared forfeited for non-fulfilment of conditions is the great obstacle to its being resuscitated.
11. *Mr. Inglis.*] Why is it being held in reserve—as what reserve? It was reserved because the land was within the leasehold area, and in view of the decision given in the case of *Edols v. Tearle*, that all forfeited selections within leasehold areas became Crown lands open to selection. It was anticipated directly after that decision was given, that, of course, the Land law would be amended so as to give the whole of the Crown lands within the leasehold area to the lessee of the run, and, of course, to prevent selectors coming in and taking up forfeited conditional purchases. There was no other means of treating this land until the new Act was passed but by reserving it, pending legislation.
12. *Chairman.*] This selection is practically in the same position as all forfeited selections within leasehold areas? Exactly; directly the reserve is revoked it will fall into the leasehold area and become part of it.
13. *Mr. Inglis.*] It will not become open to selection? No; of course in due course the lessee will be called upon to pay rent for it from the time it fell into the leasehold area.
14. Was it not the spirit of the Act that it should be open to selection? The Privy Council decided that these forfeited selections did not form part of the leasehold areas. I may say that ever since the forfeiture took place Mr. Thatcher has been in communication with the department endeavouring, of course, to bring about a reversal of the forfeiture.
15. On what grounds? He contends that the conditions were fulfilled. I will supply a copy of the evidence given before the Land Board. [*See Appendix.*]

Mr. Charles Edward Thatcher called in, sworn, and examined:—

- Mr. C. E. Thatcher.  
12 Dec., 1889.
16. *Chairman.*] You are the applicant's father in this case? Yes.
17. Will you be good enough to give a succinct statement of his case? I will commence with the reference of the case to the Land Board; my evidence on that occasion will be found on the papers that Mr. Capper is going to furnish. When the case was called on by the Board my son asked that I might be allowed to conduct it for him, but the Chairman objected saying that there was no occasion for me to conduct the case; that my son would have to do so himself. And as my son was a young man and had never had any thing to do with business of this kind before, it threw him back greatly in the inquiry. That is one of the points we are now working on, and I have in my hand a newspaper report of a parallel case where a man was allowed to be represented by an agent. Our next point is that the Board did not give their verdict in open court, and that my son was therefore unable to appeal. The matter passed over for some months when I met a Member of the Board, and he asked me how my son's case was getting on. I told him I thought it was perfectly safe, that I had heard that they had given no decision, and that I believed they were perfectly content with his residence and the improvements.
18. When did you first become aware that the selection was forfeited? This gentleman advised me to write to an agent in Sydney and find out what was being done. I wrote to Mr. Cummings, a son-in-law of Mr. Farnell, and he wrote back telling me that his fee was 5 guineas, and the very day he received my letter a paper came from the department to say that the selection was about to be forfeited for non-residence. I sent the fee and I took no further interest in it, until I heard nothing from the agent who it seemed to me did nothing. I saw it gazetted as forfeited. I came to Sydney to see the Minister; I saw Mr. Abbott as he was going into the Land Court, and he said he would see me at half past 2 o'clock that afternoon: but at that hour the Ministry resigned and nothing could be done then. I went home again and I stated the case then to the new Minister, Mr. Copeland. Business afterwards bringing me to Sydney, I was introduced to Mr. Copeland, and he handed me a minute he had written on the papers to the effect that he considered my son's residence was perfectly good, that on account of him being away droving sheep at times he could not always be there to meet the Inspector, and that the improvements which were disallowed by the Board should be allowed.
19. *Mr Cooke.*] Have you a copy of the minute? I think the papers are here.
20. *Mr. Inglis.*] It is to the effect that the improvements disallowed by the Board were sufficient and should have been allowed? Yes; it was for falling timber and partly burning it off, the weather set in bad and we could not burn it off, and for a fence erected on the land before my son selected. The land he selected was his prelease for which he was paying rent.



21. Have you seen the minute yourself? Yes. In the mean time it had been reselected by Miss Walker, a niece of the lessee of the run at the time. I explained this matter to Mr. Copeland, and he thereupon said "where there are conflicting claims I should have to reverse these minutes;" and I believe two days afterwards he did so.
22. On this ground? On the ground of a conflicting claim. However there is no conflicting claim now. Myson has kept possession of the land ever since; he has paid the rent and the instalments, and I have the receipts with me.
23. Have they been accepted? Yes, "awaiting reversal of forfeiture." They have led me to believe that they were still dealing with the case.
24. You do not know of any other Ministerial action that was taken in response to any direct appeal of yourself? No.
25. That is the last of it that you know as far as Ministerial action is concerned? Yes.
26. *Chairman.*] Have you had any notification from the present Minister that the forfeiture must stand good? I made a fresh claim; I called on Mr. Brunker just after he assumed office; The Under Secretary was present, but these papers could not be found anywhere. They asked me to see the Chairman of the Land Board at Forbes, and ask him to try and find the papers. The Board could not find the papers and told me that they must be in Sydney; I came to Sydney again and saw the Minister and the Under Secretary and they told me then to get a statutory declaration made by my son, one by Mr. Leslie, a witness in the case, and one by myself, and to hand them in with a letter from myself so that they might deal with the case. I got all these things done and went into the Under Secretary's office, and Mr. Freeman said, "It is strange, Mr. Thatcher; we found those papers, and I only dealt with your case yesterday."
27. *Mr. Inglis.*] What date was that? I think it must be about three months ago. I then waited on the Minister, Mr. Freeman being present, and they seemed to consider that my son was justly entitled to the land, that these conflicting claims might still arise, and that they would have to compensate Miss Walker if they gave the land to my son. That seemed to be the stumbling block.
28. Had Miss Walker's claim lapsed or had it been recognised in any way to your knowledge? It was at first, but when it came in for her declaration to be made the selection was forfeited for non-improvements. She was only a dummy for the lessee of the run.
29. *Chairman.*] As a matter of fact her selection has been forfeited? Yes; for not fencing. Mr. Freeman seemed to think that if he acknowledged my son's claim Miss Walker could then come in for compensation from the Government on the ground that they were not justified in selling her the land at the time. That seems to be the stumbling block as far as I can see through the matter.
30. *Mr. Cooke.*] Who is the lessee of the run? It still stands in my name. I was not the lessee at the time.
31. You are the lessee now? I may state that I have sold the run, but it still stands in my name. There will be no objections made as far as the ownership of the run is concerned.
32. What about Miss Walker? I do not know what became of Miss Walker. Her claim has lapsed, I consider, on account of the forfeiture of the selection. Mr. Capper did not state on what authority the Board was not justified in giving their decision in open court; this is the first I have heard of the matter, I do not know whether or not a case has cropped up in the Supreme Court, or any Court of law to justify him in what he said. In all the other cases the decision was given in open Court, and I believe there is a letter which Mr. Capper can produce from a member of the Board, which will prove that it was not done in this case through an oversight. I was dealing in sheep at the time, and my son was away a lot from home in buying sheep and taking delivery of them. The evidence did not come out properly at the inquiry before the Board through my not being able to conduct the case for him, though Miss Walker had the lessee and a lawyer to represent her interests.

Mr. C. E. Thatcher.  
12 Dec., 1889.

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1889.

Present:—

MR. BOWMAN, | MR. GREENE,  
MR. STOKES.

GEORGE HENRY GREENE, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Charles Henry Thatcher, Esq., called in, sworn, and examined:—

33. *Chairman.*] Are you the person who took up the selection which is now under consideration? Yes.
34. Do you remember the occasion on which this case was brought before the Local Land Board? Yes.
35. When? I do not recollect the date; but I believe it was in 1885.
36. When was the selection taken up? On the 1st April, 1880.
37. Were you represented by an agent before the Local Land Board? No.
38. You made application to be represented by an agent? Yes.
39. Was it refused or granted? It was refused.
40. Who was the chairman? Mr. Cropper.
41. And who were the members of the Board? Mr. Sharp and Mr. Hutchinson.
42. Was any decision given in open Court? No.
43. I presume that you gave evidence with reference to your residence and improvements? Yes.
44. With regard to the improvements, can you make any statement? I can give you my idea of the value of the whole of the improvements.
45. First of all, when did you go to reside on the selection? Within three months from the date of taking up the selection.
46. Was your residence then a continuous residence, within the meaning of the Act, from that date until the expiration of the time? It was, though I had been away from it occasionally.
47. But it was distinctly your *bonâ fide* residence? It was.
48. And you were absent from the land simply when it was necessary for you to attend to special work? Yes.
49. You had no other permanent residence during the three years? None.
50. If I do not make a mistake, under that Act you had to reside for only three years? Yes.

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- C. H. Thatcher, Esq. 51. So that your residence proper would be terminated on the 1st April, 1883? Yes.
- 19 Dec., 1889. 52. During the period of your residence did you ever meet Mr. Page, the inspector of conditional purchases? On one occasion.
53. Now, will you give a detailed statement of the improvements and the value which you attach to each improvement? A house, valued at £15; it was constructed with weatherboards and roofed with iron.
54. How many rooms? Only one.
55. Were there any outbuildings? None.
56. What other improvements? Nineteen acres of clearing.
57. Was it cleared for the plough? No. All the standing timber was felled and burned off.
58. What value do you assign to that? £3 per acre, making a total of £57 for the clearing.
59. *Mr. Bowman.*] You did not stump it, though? No; the stumps were left standing, the trees were felled, and all the underwood burned off.
60. *Chairman.*] What other improvements? Twenty-one and a half acres of felled timber, which had not been burned off. I allowed 25s. per acre for falling, making a total of £26 7s. 6d. Then there were 203 acres of ringbarking, at 1s. 3d. per acre, £12 18s. 9d.; 35 acres of scrubbing, at 1s. 6d. per acre, £3 15s.
61. Did the scrubbing consist of grubbing up small saplings and bushes? Cutting all the fine scrub. Then there were 35 chains 54 links of five-wire fencing, at £40 per mile.
62. Was the fencing erected by yourself, or had it been erected on the ground previously? It was on the ground at the time I selected. Thirteen chains 75 links of five-wire fencing and cap—a fine cap, twitched on with wire—at £50 per mile.
63. Was the fence on the ground when you selected? That also was on the ground.
64. Who was the original owner of this fencing, which was on the ground when you selected? I was; it was my pre-lease, and I selected it.
65. So that the fencing, though on the ground when you selected, was in reality your own property? Yes.
66. What other improvements? Six and a half chains of four-wire fencing—they were very long panels, being 16-foot panels with two battens—at £2 8s. 9d. per mile. Then there was a 40-acre paddock.
67. Were all these improvements on one block? No, on two. The first one I selected was 100 acres, and shortly afterwards I took an “additional” of 127 acres.
68. And it is on these two blocks that the improvements are which you have just mentioned? Yes.
69. Now, with regard to the 40-acre “additional” which was taken up? Forty acres of ringbarking at 1s. 3d. per acre, £2 10s.; 40 acres of scrubbing and packing at 2s. 6d. per acre, £5; 9 chains 34 links of 5-wire fencing at £40 a mile, £4 12s. 6d.
70. Were these improvements all effected before the termination of the three years? Yes, I believe some of them were put on within the three months grace.
71. But all within the three years and three months? Yes.
72. *Mr. Stokes.*] Did you appeal against the decision of the Land Board? No.
73. Why not? I never had the right to appeal, the Board did not give their verdict in open court, therefore I did not know their decision.
74. What witnesses had you at Forbes to give evidence in support of these improvements? Mr. Thomas Leslie and a man named William O’Connell, whom I had working on the place with me.
75. They swore that the improvements which you have enumerated were on the ground? Leslie went into the improvements, I think O’Connell was only to prove residence.
76. *Mr. Bowman.*] Are you living on the selection now? No.
77. *Mr. Stokes.*] You continued to reside on the selection until the end of the term? Yes. I do not know whether I gave you the whole of these improvements, but my valuation of the improvements is £156 9s. 4d.
78. What was the total area of the selections? Two hundred and eighty-seven acres. There is another 40-acre block which has not been dealt with yet.
79. *Chairman.*] Does your evidence refer simply to the improvements on the 287 acres? Yes.
80. *Mr. Stokes.*] You say that the fencing which was on the ground at the time you selected formed part of the fence of the pre-lease? Yes.
81. Did you hold the whole of the land under pre-lease before you selected? Yes, through another block of land which I had.
82. *Chairman.*] To whom did the fencing on the pre-lease belong originally;—did you put it up yourself? The fencing was arranged between me and the adjoining parties; they put the fences up.
83. You acquired a right to the fencing by purchase? Yes.
84. Were these fences boundary fences between you and your neighbour? Well, they were not all standing on the boundaries. Some of them stand in on my land a good deal. I think they all stand in on my side, except as regards a short piece of the four-wire fence.
85. I presume you would have only a half interest in these fences? No, the owner of these fences stood them on my land.
86. *Mr. Bowman.*] You paid for only half the fencing? You see I did not take all the leased land which we had arranged. This fencing was erected on the land which I held as a pre-lease.
87. *Chairman.*] What we want to arrive at is this: What interest did you acquire in this fencing? I believe all this fencing was mine. My father used generally to do the fencing business, and arrange about it. I daresay he can explain it, if you wish, better than I can do.
88. *Mr. Bowman.*] Did your neighbour put this fencing up? Yes.
89. You paid half and he paid half? Yes.
90. *Mr. Stokes.*] You arranged for one half the fence before you selected the land? Yes, my father used always to arrange about the fencing at that time.
91. Who is the owner of the other portion of the fence? I think Mr. Pearson, the lessee of the run at that time, owns it.
92. At the time you selected that land it formed no part of Wongagong Run at all, because you held it under pre-lease? Yes.
93. You were really selecting your own land? Yes.
94. By the time the decision was given the Land Act of 1884 had come into operation, and then this selected piece of land formed part of the leasehold area—it is on the leasehold portion of the run, and therefore could not be selected? Yes.

95. It was reselected by Miss Walker? Yes.

96. Do you know, as a fact, that her selection has been cancelled? It has.

97. The selection now forms part of the leasehold area, and is held under the new conditions of the law? Yes; I fancy it is at present a timber reserve, but still in the leasehold area.

C. H.  
Thatcher, Esq.  
19 Dec., 1889.

Charles Edward Thatcher recalled and further examined:—

98. *Chairman.*] Can you give any information with regard to the fencing on the prelease? It was at first my prelease. The lessee of the run, Mr. Pearson, held a prelease adjoining it, and without any leave from me he went and erected this fence on my prelease, which I afterwards transferred to my son. He gave me to understand that I was quite welcome to the fence. We put it there simply to keep the sheep back, and the land on the opposite side all belongs to me and my son.

Mr. C. E.  
Thatcher.  
19 Dec., 1889.

99. So that the fence was between you and your son? Yes.

100. No one had any claim against it? No.

101. It has not been made use of as an improvement on any other land? No.

102. It is not being allowed for twice over? No; it stood some distance in. Here is an old rough tracing which shows how the fence went.

103. There was no dispute as to the ownership of the fence between you and Mr. Pearson? Never.

## CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER, FORBES LAND DISTRICT.

### APPENDIX.

[To Evidence of W. H. Capper.]

*Inspector Page*, on oath states:—On the 1st April, 1882, I first examined the selection of Charles Henry Thatcher, now under inquiry; selector was resident; as far as I could see the place was supplied with the necessary bedding and cooking utensils; on the 5th March, 1884, I again visited it; selector was not there at that time, and the hut was locked the same as before; I could not on this occasion see into the hut; there was an appearance of traffic about the place; I have seen selector at his father's place, about a mile away, on two or three occasions; in my report I have valued about 17½ acres clearing too much.

Sworn by this deponent, Joseph Cope Page, on this }  
16th day of March, 1885, at Forbes, before us.— }

JOSEPH C. PAGE.

CHARLES CROPPER, Chairman.  
ERNEST A. L. SHARP, Member.  
G. F. HUTCHINSON, Member.

*Charles Henry Thatcher*, on oath, states:—I am the selector of the portion of land now under inquiry; within three months of selecting I went to reside on the selection in a weatherboard house; I am a single man, and resided on the selection except when travelling with stock or at shearing time; when I was away the place was shut up; during the three years I have been to Sydney about four times with stock; I was away about a month on each of these occasions; at each shearing time I was away about three weeks; I have been absent on other occasions during the three years; I have lived about as much on the selection as away from it; when travelling stock it has been on my father's business; my father lived about 2 miles from my place; I made my own place my usual residence; at times I have stayed at my father's place two weeks at a time; there was no permanent water on the selection; I used to draw it from a place 2 miles away; I helped to put on some of the improvements; the improvements on the land are:—

	£	s.	d.
House .....	15	0	0
19 acres felled timber, and cleared, £3 an acre .....	57	0	0
50 acres scrub-cutting, 1s. 6d. an acre .....	3	15	0
207 acres ring-barking, 1s. 3d. an acre .....	12	18	9
11 chains 4-wire fencing, 12s. 6d. a chain .....	6	17	6
	£95	11	3

Two and a half acres timber fallen, 66 chains wire fencing (40 chains 5-wire, and 26 chains 5-wire and cap); this fencing was on the ground when I selected it; it was never claimed, and I have not paid for it; the land selected was a portion of my own pre-lease.

C. H. THATCHER.

Sworn by this deponent, Charles Henry Thatcher, on this }  
16th day of March, 1885, at Forbes, before us.— }

CHARLES CROPPER, Chairman.  
ERNEST A. L. SHARP, Member.  
G. F. HUTCHINSON, Member.

*Charles Edward Thatcher*, on oath, states:—I have heard the evidence given by my son, the claimant of the selection under inquiry; the land selected was portion of a pre-lease held by me and afterwards by my son; during the time I held the pre-lease I made an arrangement with the lessee of the run to run a fence near the west boundary of the selection in question; there was no agreement by which I was to become the owner of the fence; I paid no part of the cost; there was another piece of 13 chains on the northern boundary which I bought from Elliott, and I allowed to be considered as part of my son's improvements.

C. E. THATCHER.

Sworn by this deponent, Charles Edward Thatcher, on this }  
16th day of March, 1885, at Forbes, before us.— }

CHARLES CROPPER, Chairman.  
ERNEST A. L. SHARP, Member.  
G. F. HUTCHINSON, Member.

*William M'Connell*, on oath, states :—I know the selection of Charles Henry Thatcher, now under inquiry ; I first saw him resident in the year 1883 ; I think in the latter end of the year ; he was residing in a weatherboard house ; I was inside the hut ; I was working there about five or six weeks, and he was there every night ; I have not been there since.

Sworn by this deponent, William M'Connell, on this 16th day }  
of March, 1885, at Forbes, before us,—

CHARLES CROPPER, Chairman.  
ERNEST A. L. SHARP, Member.  
G. F. HUTCHINSON, Member.

WILLIAM McCONNELL.

*Thomas Leslie*, on oath, states :—I know the selection of Charles Henry Thatcher, now under inquiry ; I have seen selector resident on the selection about three years ago ; I have passed the place about ten or eleven times a year, and have seen him there on about half those occasions ; once during 1883 I called at his hut late at night and he was in bed as I knew by his answering voice ; I have seen him at his father's place about as often as I have at his own ; I was as likely to find him at one place as at the other.

*By Claimant* :—I know you are engaged looking after stock on your father's place.

THOS. LESLIE.

Sworn by this deponent, Thomas Leslie, on this 16th day }  
of March, 1885, at Forbes, before us,—

CHARLES CROPPER, Chairman.  
ERNEST A. L. SHARP, Member.  
G. F. HUTCHINSON, Member.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

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REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT'S ADDITIONAL  
CONDITIONAL PURCHASES,

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

AND

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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VOTES No. 58. TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

5. ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT'S ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES :—Mr. Ball moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with Elizabeth Ann Cartwright's additional conditional purchases, 72-7,712 and 74-12,569, and 75-171, Windellama, near Goulburn.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Cooke, Dr. Ross, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Lakeman, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 72. THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1890.

5. ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT'S ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES :—
- (1.) Mr. Ball presented a Petition from Edward Rolfe, residing at Nerriga, praying that he may be heard personally or by counsel or attorney before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon Elizabeth Ann Cartwright's Additional Conditional Purchases.
- Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. Ball (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 83. THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1890.

9. ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT'S ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES :—Mr. Ball, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 9th September, 1890.
- Ordered to be printed.
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**ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT'S ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.**

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**REPORT.**

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly appointed on the 9th September, 1890, “*with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with Elizabeth Ann Cartwright's Additional Conditional Purchases, 72-7,712 and 74-12,569 and 75-171, Windellama, near Goulburn,*” —have agreed to the following Report:—

Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the list\* \*See list p 4 (whose evidence will be found appended hereto), find:—

That Elizabeth Ann Cartwright, widow, took up certain Additional Conditional Purchases, numbered 72-7,712, 74-12,569, and 75-171, by virtue of an Original Conditional Purchase, No. 68-926, taken up by Thomas Charles Cartwright, and transferred by him on the 17th July, 1871, to Elizabeth Ann Cartwright. The officers of the Lands Department are of opinion that the Elizabeth Ann Cartwright who took up the Additional Conditional Purchases is identical with the proprietor of the Original Conditional Purchase, No. 68-926.

That no evidence has been adduced which would warrant your Committee in believing that the contention of the Lands Department is erroneous.

E. J. BALL,  
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,  
Sydney, 6 November, 1890.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Ball, | Mr. Barbour,  
Dr. Ross.

Mr. Ball called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.  
Committee deliberated.

*Ordered*,—That the Under Secretary for Lands be summoned to give evidence next meeting.  
[Adjourned to Thursday next, at a *Quarter to Two* o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Ball in the Chair.  
Mr. Lakeman, | Mr. Barbour,  
Mr. Gormly.

The Chairman read a letter from Augustine M. Betts, solicitor for Edward Rolfe, asking for leave to give evidence before the Committee.

Richard John Yorke (*Clerk, Lands Department*) called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

*Ordered*,—That the Under Secretary for Lands be summoned to produce “transfer to E. A. Cartwright,” and Elizabeth Ann Moore (late Cartwright) be summoned to give evidence next meeting.  
[Adjourned to Thursday, 9 October, at a *Quarter to Two* o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1890.

MEMBER PRESENT:—

Mr. Ball.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Ball in the Chair.  
Mr. Lakeman, | Mr. Gormly.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, granting leave to Mr. Edward Rolfe, of Nerriga, to be represented by Counsel or Attorney, *read* by the Clerk.

Present:—Mr. Augustine M. Betts (*Solicitor for Mr. Edward Rolfe*).

Elizabeth Ann Moore called in, sworn, and examined.

Cross-examined by Mr. Betts.

Witness withdrew.

John Richard Yorke called in, and further examined.

Cross-examined by Mr. Betts.

Witness withdrew.

Edward Rolfe called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness *produced* deed of grant of conditional purchase No. 72-7,712; also certificates of conformity of conditional purchases 74-12,569 and 75-171.

Mr. Betts addressed the Committee, and withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Chairman to prepare Draft Report for next meeting.

[Adjourned to Tuesday, 4 November, at a *Quarter to Two* o'clock.]

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1890.

MEMBER PRESENT:—

Mr. Ball.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Ball in the Chair.  
Mr. Lakeman, | Mr. Barbour  
Dr. Ross.

Chairman submitted Draft Report.

Same read and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT'S ADDITIONAL  
CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. BARBOUR,  
MR. GORMLY,

MR. BALL,  
MR. LAKEMAN.

E. J. BALL, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. John Richard Yorke called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] You are in a position to produce documents from the Department of Lands with reference to the additional conditional purchases Nos. 72-7,712, 74-12,569, and 75-171 of Elizabeth Ann Cartwright? Yes. The first application by Elizabeth Ann Cartwright is made through an agent, George Martyr, on 5th December, 1872, and was for 40 acres. That is No. 72-7,712. Then the next is 74-12,569. The application is made through the same agent on the 29th October, 1874, and the area was 40 acres. Then as regards the third, 75-171, application was made through the same agent on the 10th June, 1875, for 50 acres.

2. Can you tell us anything about the original conditional purchase? The original conditional purchase was transferred and stood in the name of Elizabeth Ann Cartwright, that is, at the dates of the applications for the additional conditional purchases.

3. By whom was the original conditional purchase made, and what was the date of it? It is No. 68-926, and was taken up by Thomas Charles Cartwright, through his agent, George Martyr, on the 23rd April, 1868. The area was 40 acres. It was transferred by Thomas Charles Cartwright to Elizabeth Ann Cartwright, on the 17th July, 1871. The Committee will see that on the dates of the additional conditional purchase applications the original conditional purchase stood in the name of Elizabeth Ann Cartwright.

4. *Mr. Barbour.*] Is the Department aware of any discrepancy between the owner of the original conditional purchase and the owner of the additional conditional purchases? No. So far as the Department is concerned, we were under the impression that the Elizabeth Ann Cartwright who held the original conditional purchase was the same person who had made the additional conditional purchases. We received at a comparatively recent date a statement by a solicitor to the effect that the two persons were not identical.

5. *Mr. Gormly.*] Do the applications for the additional conditional purchases state whether the applicant is a spinster or a widow? The applicant is described as a widow. In the application for the first additional purchase the applicant uses these words, "which adjoins a conditional purchase of 40 acres made

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on the 23rd April, 1868, by Thomas Charles Cartwright, and subsequently alienated to me." In the case of the second application the applicant says "which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres." Of course at that date it stood in her name. In the third application the applicant says again "which adjoins my conditional purchase." The original conditional purchase and the additional conditional purchases were taken up by one and the same agent.

6. *Mr. Lakeman.*] Are the certificates issued for the additional conditional purchases? Deeds have issued for the original conditional purchase, and for the first additional conditional purchase, and certificates have issued for the second and third additional conditional purchase.

7. Then they are all complete? Yes.

8. *Chairman.*] When was the certificate issued in the case of the third additional conditional purchase? On the 3rd February, 1880.

9. *Mr. Lakeman.*] Has the Department taken any steps consequent upon the communication of the solicitor to whom you have referred with regard to the disputed ownership? I find that a letter was received from Mr. Harold O'Brien, on 2nd September, 1889, in which he asks that an inquiry might be made in order to expose a glaring fraud, and with a view to the additional conditional purchases being forfeited. Of course when the Department received that letter the certificates had issued in the case of the two last additional conditional purchases and the deeds in the case of the first additional conditional purchase and the original conditional purchase. The Department replied to Mr. O'Brien's letter in these terms:—

Sir,—Referring to your letter of 2nd September last, respecting the conditional purchases noted in the margin, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that there is nothing in the papers to show that the Elizabeth Ann Cartwright, to whom conditional purchase 68-926 was transferred on 17th July, 1871, is not identical with the person who made the additional conditional purchases in virtue of the cof, and the case is not such an one that should at this stage be investigated by the Department.

Mr. O'Brien wrote another letter under date of 7th November, acknowledging the receipt of the letter I have just read, which was dated November 5th, and repeating his request for an inquiry. I cannot find that any reply to his second letter was sent to Mr. O'Brien, but in reply thereto the late Wm. Teece, M.P. (who appears to have acted on Mr. O'Brien's behalf), was informed by letter, dated 21 January last, that the Crown could not interfere in the matter, certificates of conformity having issued, and nothing appearing in the documents that would indicate that the selector of the additional conditional purchases is not identical with the E. A. Cartwright's who held the original purchase.

TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. BALL, | MR. GORMLY,  
MR. LAKEMAN.

E. J. BALL, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. A. M. Betts, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of Edward Rolfe.

Elizabeth Ann Moore called in, sworn, and examined:—

Elizabeth Ann  
Moore.  
14 Oct., 1890.

10. *Chairman.*] Your maiden name was Cartwright? Yes.
11. Are you the owner of conditional purchase No. 68-926 in the parish of Yaralaw? Yes.
12. How long has it been in your possession? It was transferred to me in 1870, I think.
13. And you have held possession ever since? Yes.
14. By whom was it transferred to you? By my brother, Thomas Charles Cartwright.
15. *Mr. Lakeman.*] As a matter of fact, the date of the transfer was July, 1871? Somewhere about that.
16. *Chairman.*] Have you at any time since that date taken up any additional conditional purchases adjoining the land? No.
17. Did you authorise any other person to take any up? No.
18. Do you know of your own knowledge whether there are any improvements on the additional conditional purchases adjoining your land? Nothing to speak of.
19. Are there the improvements required by the law? No.
20. Do you know who took up the additional conditional purchases adjoining your land? Yes; my aunt—Elizabeth Ann Cartwright.
21. They were not taken up in your interest at all? No.
22. Do you know anything further of the matter? Well, I knew nothing about these additional conditional purchases until lately.
23. And you are sure at the present time that you have no interest in them? None whatever.
24. You have never had any? No.
25. You swear that you are the Elizabeth Ann Cartwright to whom Thomas Charles Cartwright transferred the original selection? Yes.
26. You are sure it was not transferred to your aunt? Yes.
27. *Mr. Betts.*] When did you first know of this transfer to you? At the time it was made.
28. Where were you living then? On the property.
29. With whom? With Mrs. E. A. Cartwright, senior.
30. What was your age then? I was between 16 and 17.
31. Were you present when T. C. Cartwright signed the transfer? Yes.
32. Where was it? At Goulburn.
33. Was your aunt present? Yes.
34. Your aunt was living on this particular property at the time? No.
35. Did you pay Thomas Charles Cartwright any money? No.
36. Did not your aunt find whatever money was found for Thomas Charles Cartwright to take up the land and for the improvements? She found my part in the first instance, but I know nothing about anything further.
37. She found the money for the improvements and for the taking up of the land? Yes.

38. As a matter of fact, did not Thomas Charles Cartwright take up the land for your aunt? No. My Elizabeth Ann aunt found money to select the land and to improve it, because I had not had it in my power to do so. I repaid her for everything years afterwards. She advanced me money to improve the land. Elizabeth Ann Moore.  
14 Oct., 1890.
39. How many years afterwards? About two years after the transfer I gave her a part payment.
40. When was the residue paid? Somewhere about two years after that.
41. Has not your aunt Elizabeth Ann Cartwright lived on the land from the time it was taken up until the present time? From the time it was transferred.
42. Did she not live on it before? No.
43. But from the time of the transfer to you she has lived on it? Yes.
44. Do we understand that she went to live on the land just after the transfer? Yes.
45. Were not the additional conditional purchases fenced in? They were fenced round. The boundaries of the purchases were never really fenced, but there was a fence enclosing them and other properties.
46. But was there not clearing and ringing, gathering up the timber, and things of that kind done on the land? No; nothing of the kind.
47. Not at any time? No.

Mr. John Richard Yorke recalled and further examined:—

48. *Mr. Lakeman.*] Can you produce the original transfer from Thomas John Cartwright to Elizabeth Ann Cartwright? Yes. Mr. J. R. Yorke.  
14 Oct., 1890.
49. There is nothing on the paper to show that the transferee was a spinster or widow? Nothing. There is nothing on the paper to show that, but as I have already pointed out the applications for the additional conditional purchases were made by Elizabeth Ann Cartwright, a widow. In one of her applications she described the original conditional purchase as belonging to her. The department assumed that Elizabeth Ann Cartwright, widow, was the alienee referred to in the transfer.
50. If a conditional purchase is transferred to a minor is it not necessary to specify the fact that the transferee is a minor? That was not the case at the time this transfer was made.
51. Who made the declaration with regard to the original conditional purchase? Thomas Charles Cartwright, at the end of 1871, three months over the three years.
52. Is there no declaration by any one afterwards? Not on that conditional purchase.
53. *Mr. Betts.*] Can you produce the first declaration on the first additional conditional purchase? Yes.
54. Does not that declaration show that improvements were said to have been made by Elizabeth Ann Cartwright on the additional conditional purchase to the amount of £40? The declaration was to that effect.

Mr. Edward Rolfe called in, sworn, and examined:—

55. *Mr. Betts.*] You reside at Nerriga? Yes. Mr. E. Rolfe.  
14 Oct., 1890.
56. You are a farmer and grazier? Yes.
57. And you are the owner of the three additional conditional purchases referred to in this matter as trustee under the will of your mother, the late Frances Rolfe? Yes.
58. That is to say, additional conditional purchases Nos. 72-7,712, 74-12,569, and 75-171? I am.
59. These selections were transferred by Mrs. Cartwright, senr., to your mother? Yes.
60. Taking the additional conditional purchases in their order—is the balance of the purchase money paid on the first? Yes.
61. Can you produce the receipt? No; but I can produce the deeds. [*Grant from the Crown to Frances Rolfe produced.*]
62. The purchase money was paid in full how many years ago? I could not say.
63. At all events the grant was issued on the 10th September, 1886? Yes.
64. Then as regards the next additional conditional purchase—is that paid for? Yes.
65. Have you the receipt? I produce the receipt for the balance of the purchase money; it is dated 8th July, 1889.
66. Do you produce the certificate of conformity in respect of all three additional selections? Yes.
67. They are all issued to Mrs. E. A. Cartwright? Yes.
68. When did your mother die? On the 11th April, 1888.
69. She and Mrs. E. A. Cartwright were sisters, were they not? Yes.
70. Since your mother's death upon what terms have you been with your aunt; have you had any disagreement? No.
71. Has there been no unpleasantness between you and your aunt? Well, nothing to speak of.
72. Until after your mother's death did you hear anything about a claim to this land by Mrs. Moore? No.
73. *Mr. Lakeman.*] Has Mrs. Moore made any claim on you? No.
74. Did you not know that this inquiry was going to take place? Only from the notice I received.
75. Did it not come to your ears that any persons were going to take steps to take the land away from you? Not until I received a notice of the appointment of this Select Committee.
76. Who sent you that? I cannot say—there is no name attached to the paper.
77. You never heard a word about any dispute before that? No.
78. *Mr. Gormly.*] Do you set up any claim to the original conditional purchase? No.
79. *Mr. Betts.*] It was your mother who paid the balance of the purchase moneys? On the first additional.
80. Who paid the balance on the second additional? I did, since her death.
81. Has the third been paid yet? No.
82. *Chairman.*] How do you know that your mother paid the first? Because I gave her a part of the money to pay it with, when she went into Goulburn.
83. But how do you know she actually paid it? I only know from the deeds—that is all.
84. You do not know of your own knowledge? No.



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT'S ADDITIONAL CON-  
DITIONAL PURCHASES.

(PETITION FROM EDWARD ROLFE, OF NERRIGA, PRAYING TO BE HEARD BY COUNSEL OR  
ATTORNEY BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE.)

*Received by the Legislative Assembly, 9 October, 1890.*

To the Honorable the Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of  
New South Wales.

The Petition of Edward Rolfe, residing at Nerriga, in the Colony of New South Wales,—

HUMBLY SHEWETH :—

1. That, on the ninth day of September last, your Honorable House appointed a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with Elizabeth Ann Cartwright's Conditional Purchases, situate at Windellima, near Goulburn.

2. That your Petitioner, as the Trustee of Francis Rolfe deceased, is the present owner of the Conditional Purchases above referred to, and is directly interested in the result of the proposed inquiry.

Your Petitioner, therefore, humbly prayeth that your Petitioner may be heard personally or by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee of this Honorable House appointed to inquire into and report on the said matter.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

EDWARD ROLFE.



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REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

FORFEITURE OF HENRY CROWE'S CONDITIONAL  
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VOTES No. 81. TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1890.

8. FORFEITURE OF HENRY CROWE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, COUNTY OF HARDEN:—Mr. Barnes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all circumstances connected with the forfeiture of Henry Crowe's conditional purchase No. 81-326, and additional conditional purchases, county Harden, parish Gobarrolong, forfeited for non-residence, 31st October, 1888.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Colls, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hawthorne, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 106. FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1890.

3. FORFEITURE OF HENRY CROWE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, COUNTY OF HARDEN:—Mr. Barnes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 4th November, 1890; together with Appendix.
- Ordered to be printed.
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FORFEITURE OF HENRY CROWE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, COUNTY OF  
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**REPORT.**

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly appointed on the 4th November, 1890, "*with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with the forfeiture of Henry Crowe's Conditional Purchase No. 81-326, and Additional Conditional Purchases, county Harden, parish Gobarrolong, forfeited for non-residence, 31st October, 1888,*"—have agreed to the following Report:—

Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the list\* \*See list page 4. (whose evidence will be found appended hereto), find as follows:—

That according to the evidence of such witnesses, it has been satisfactorily proved that Crowe was a *bona fide* resident upon his Conditional Purchase, and is entitled to be allowed the land in question.

Therefore your Committee recommend Crowe's case to the favourable consideration of your Honorable House.

JNO. F. BARNES,  
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,  
Sydney, 12 December, 1890.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Barnes, | Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Colls.

Mr. Barnes called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.

Reassembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Barnes in the Chair.

Mr. Gormly, | Mr. Barbour,  
Mr. Jones.

Committee deliberated.

Alfred Salwey (*Head of the Conditional Sales Branch, Lands Department*) called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness handed in certain documents, which were ordered to be appended. [*See Appendix A.*]

Witness withdrew.

Henry Crowe called in, sworn, and examined.

John Waldrone Coggin called in, sworn, and examined.

William Hawkins called in, sworn, and examined.

Room cleared.

Committee deliberated.

Reassembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Barnes, | Mr. Gormly.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Barnes in the Chair.

Mr. Colls, | Mr. Jones.

Chairman submitted Draft Report.

Same read, amended, and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

FORFEITURE OF HENRY CROWE'S CONDITIONAL  
PURCHASE, COUNTY OF HARDEN.

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. BARNES,

MR. GORMLY.

MR. JONES,

J. F. BARNES, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Alfred Salwey called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] What are you? I am head of the Conditional Sales Branch, Department of Lands.
2. You hand in the papers in the case of Henry Crowe's forfeited selection? Yes. [*See Appendix A.*]
3. Will you state to the Committee how this case at present stands? The selection is forfeited.
4. The whole of the conditional purchases? Yes.
5. *Mr. Gormly.*] Has it been declared forfeited by *Gazette* notice? Yes; it was gazetted on 31st October, 1888, the land being then in leasehold. The area was resumed pending legislation.
6. *Mr. Jones.*] Has the land been dealt with in any way since? No, it was merely reserved for sale.
7. Have you the decision of the Lands Board recommending the forfeiture? Yes; the Board say—

Mr.  
A. Salwey.  
2 Dec., 1890.

Having taken evidence and inquired into the matter we find that the condition of residence has not been fulfilled, and we therefore recommend that the conditional purchase be declared forfeited. 5th November, 1887.

Mr. Crowe appealed against that decision on the 30th November, 1887.

8. What was the decision of the Appeal Court? The question came before Mr. Garrett, the Minister, on the 5th March, 1888, and he dismissed the appeal, and ordered that the deposit lodged with the appeal be refunded.

9. *Chairman.*] Have you got Mr. Cumming's papers? Yes.

10. *Mr. Jones.*] Can you show from the papers at what date the residence condition was supposed to have been complied with? The original conditional purchase was taken up on the 7th July, 1881, therefore the term of residence expired on the 6th July, 1886.

11. That was forfeited first? Yes, but there was no inquiry into the others; they followed as a matter of course.

12. What time elapsed before Mr. Cumming reported after that date? He inspected the conditional purchase on the 9th January, 1885; that was his first report.

13. That was before the term of residence expired? Yes.

14. What did he report? He reported as follows:—

From the appearance of the land and what is stated in the following remarks I am of opinion that the selector has not been continuously resident upon the selection. The selector is the son of James Crowe, the lessee of the Gobarralong Run. I had several portions to inspect in the neighbourhood before arriving at this one, and I am of opinion that Crowe, hearing of my arrival in the neighbourhood, rode up to the selection and made preparations for my visit by clearing grass away from the door-way and watering the floor of the hut. The only provisions in the hut were a few slices of bread and butter, and a few ounces of tea and sugar, which he had brought for his lunch that day. I will visit the selection again later on, and report further as to the condition of residence.

15. When was his next visit after that? His next visit was on the 15th March, 1886, that also was before the expiration of the term of residence. He says then—

From the appearance of the land and the circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has not been continuously resident upon the selection. I found a labourer named William Hawkins living in the hut; he said that Crowe usually lived there with him, but was then away at his father's head station, Gobarralong, and had only been absent from the selection a few days. The hut contained two beds. Crowe is a young single man, and lives the greater part of his time at his father's homestead, about 4 miles from the selection.

16. When was the next inspection? The next inspection was on the 11th January, 1887. That was the third inspection. In his report on that occasion he says—

From the appearance of the land and circumstances stated in the following remarks, I am of opinion that the selector has not been continuously resident upon his selection. The selector is a young unmarried man, the son of James Crowe, lessee of Gobarralong Run. The hut which he used as a selector's residence is now abandoned.

That was in January, 1887, six months after the expiration of the term for residence.

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Mr.  
A. Salwey.  
2 Dec., 1890.

17. *Mr. Jones.*] Did Hawkins give any evidence before the Court? No, only the two Crowes and the inspector.
18. *Chairman.*] Do you hand in the evidence given by Cumming, the inspector, James Crowe, and Henry Crowe before the Land Board at Gundagai on the 5th November, 1887? I do. [*See Appendix A.*]
19. *Mr. Jones.*] Was any fresh evidence taken before the Minister on appeal? No.
20. *Chairman.*] Are there some affidavits from Coggin and Hawkins? Yes; the affidavits are here, but they do not appear to have been dealt with by the Minister in any way as far as the paper show.
21. *Mr. Gormly.*] Still, they are papers affecting the case? Yes, but a declaration has no weight before the Minister sitting in the Appeal Court. Fresh evidence could be adduced, but a declaration could not be accepted.
22. Is there any other matter in connection with the papers that you would think it necessary to put before the Committee? No, I think you have everything that is necessary, as far as the Department is concerned.
23. *Mr. Jones.*] Has the case ever been brought before the Minister since Mr. Garrett gave his decision? No further action was taken at all until the appointment of this Committee.
24. What was done with the land when it was forfeited? It was reserved.
25. Have you the notification? Yes; it was reserved on the 1st December, 1888, and gazetted on that date.
26. What are the numbers? Reserves 8,017 and 8,018.
27. As what? They were reserves from sale pending legislation.
28. That notification is good yet? Yes.

Mr. Henry Crowe called, sworn, and examined:—

Mr.  
H. Crowe.  
8 Dec., 1890.

29. *Chairman.*] You were an applicant for certain portions of land in the Gundagai district in 1881? Yes.
30. Since which those portions have been forfeited? Yes, in 1888, in October, I think.
31. Forfeited for supposed non-residence? Yes.
32. I suppose you have seen the evidence given before the Local Land Board by Mr. Cumming? I have seen a copy of it.
33. Do you consider that he stated anything like the facts of the case? I consider that it is a very unfair report. He credited me with saying things which I never did say. The day before the inquiry he told my father that he considered that I had done very fair residence, that in fact I was not supposed to be always on the selection. This led me to believe that the thing would not be pressed against me, that passing the matter through the Court was only a matter of form, therefore I did not engage a solicitor, nor call witnesses.
34. You went into Gundagai intending to call no witnesses? I did not intend to call any, but I called my father when I heard Mr. Cumming's evidence.
35. In one portion of his evidence he lays great stress on the fact that he found in a paddock adjacent to your house a horse sweating? Yes, I had been riding through the paddocks that morning. I cannot recollect whether the horse was sweating more than usual, but horses generally sweat when we ride after stock.
36. On the first occasion when Mr. Cumming visited your place were you at the house? I was on the selection but not at the house; I was cutting timber; the man who showed Mr. Cumming the way told me I was required at the house.
37. Was that on the occasion when the horse was sweating? Yes, the first occasion of his visit.
38. You were away some distance cutting timber? Yes, cutting scrub.
39. *Mr. Gormly.*] Did you reside on the selection within three months after the time when you made application for the land? Yes, less than three months.
40. Did you continuously reside on the land during the five years? Yes, up to the day previous to the inquiry I lived on it.
41. *Mr. Jones.*] You say that you did not bring witnesses to the inquiry? I did not.
42. Was that on account of Mr. Cumming leading you to believe that you had fulfilled the condition of residence? I naturally concluded that I had done all that was necessary. It was shearing time when the inquiry was held, and I thought it would be unnecessary trouble to call witnesses. One of my principal witnesses was a neighbour who is himself a sheep-owner.
43. Did he say anything to lead you to suppose that you had complied with the condition of residence? The words he used were, "I have reported on the selection; I think he has done as good residence as most bachelors; they are not supposed to be always on their selections."
44. He states that on his first visit to your selection he believes that you rode out there with the intention of making him believe that it was your residence, that you cleared the grass away from the door, and that the only rations he found in the hut were a couple of slices of bread and butter, and a couple of ounces of tea? I had not much food in the place at the time. It was Christmas and I used to be away a great deal at races and sports. At that time I had not the supply in which I usually kept. Mr. Cumming's evidence will show that on his second visit I had a regular supply.
45. He states that you being a single man you resided most of your time at your father's place? No, Mr. Cumming had been at my father's place several times, and I asked him if he had ever seen the ground and he said that he had not.
46. You say that you continually resided on the selection not at your father's place? Yes.
47. *Chairman.*] How was it when you appealed to the Minister that you did not send your witnesses to Sydney? I left it entirely to my solicitor.
48. And he said that an affidavit would do as well? Yes; my own idea was that further evidence was not admitted at those inquiries.
49. *Mr. Jones.*] Not having produced the evidence that you had intended to produce before the Land Board, was it your object in appealing to produce fresh evidence at the Appeal Court? I wished to have it reheard or the decision reversed.
50. You wish the Court to hear the evidence that you did not have taken at the Land Board? Yes.
51. Have you that evidence here to-day? I have two witnesses here; I failed to find a very material witness; he has left the district.
52. You have two out of the three that you intended to produce at the Land Court at Gundagai? Yes; I believe that the third one will be in the vicinity shortly; he is a shearer and away at present. With regard to my taking the grass away from the door I have not the least recollection of having done it; I don't think that I did it.

Mr.

## ON FORFEITURE OF HENRY CROWE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE.

Mr. John Walrone Coggin called in, sworn, and examined :—

53. *Chairman.*] You reside near Mr. Crowe's forfeited selection, I believe? Yes.  
 54. You were living there before Mr. Crowe took up the selection? Yes.  
 55. Do you reside there still? Yes.  
 56. You were there all the time Crowe was residing there? Yes; I have since shifted a mile further off.  
 57. As far as you know, Mr. Crowe resided on the selection during that five years? Yes; I reckon that he resided on it.  
 58. Have you seen him there very often? Yes, very often. He used to come over to my place after tea and stay until 8 or 9 o'clock at night, and then return.  
 59. I suppose you sometimes went to see him? Yes; I have been to his place several times.  
 60. I suppose that his place was a regular bachelor's dwelling? Yes.  
 61. And you believe conscientiously that he did reside on it? I am quite sure that he lived on it.  
 62. *Mr. Gormly.*] Are you of opinion that Mr. Crowe made it his home? I believe he did, because, when sheep-mustering, I used to go there and found him working on the selection.  
 63. *Chairman.*] Mr. Cumming said in one part of his evidence that he did not recollect if there was a chimney in the hut? There was. I have had tea there.  
 64. *Mr. Jones.*] When you say that it was his home do you mean that it was his continual residence? Yes, whilst he was working there. He used to come over pretty regularly.  
 65. I suppose you are aware that Mr. Cumming said that he considered he made his home at his father's? Yes.  
 66. *Chairman.*] You do not consider that to be a fact? No; I used to go and get my sheep from his yard, and he was generally there.  
 67. *Mr. Jones.*] Were you prepared to give this evidence before the Land Board if called upon? I was.  
 68. And before the Appeal Court, if called upon? Yes.  
 69. *Chairman.*] Of course you have no interest whatever in the selection? Not the slightest. It is rather doing me injury than good; it shuts me in.

Mr.  
J. W. Coggin.  
8 Dec., 1890.

Mr. William Hawkins called in, sworn, and examined :—

70. *Chairman.*] You know Mr. Crowe's selection that has been supposed to be forfeited? Yes.  
 71. You were living on the selection for some time were you not? I was working on it off and on.  
 72. At the time when you were living on it was Mr. Crowe continually residing there? Yes.  
 73. Always? Yes.  
 74. On one occasion you went with Mr. Cumming, the Inspector, did you not? Yes.  
 75. That was on the occasion Mr. Cumming referred to when the horse was in a sweaty state? Yes.  
 76. Do you know that at that time Mr. Henry Crowe was residing on the selection? I think he was on the selection that day.  
 77. Do you think he was residing there previous to that? I believe he was.  
 78. Were you ever at the selection without seeing him there? I have been there without seeing him there when he was away on business.  
 79. But still that was his residence? Yes.  
 80. And you believe Mr. Crowe resided on the selection and made it his home during the five years? Yes.  
 81. *Mr. Gormly.*] You said you resided on the selection? I was working on it with him.  
 82. Can you tell us the date on which you went to reside on the selection? I cannot.  
 83. What length of time were you residing there? Sometimes I would be there two or three months at a time.  
 84. Then how many times have you resided there? I think I resided about two years on the selection off and on.  
 85. You don't recollect the exact dates? No.  
 86. Nor the year? No.  
 87. During those two years was Mr. Crowe continuously residing on the selection? Yes.  
 88. *Chairman.*] Were you in the habit of being away a few days? I used to be away three or four months at a time.  
 89. *Mr. Gormly.*] Did Crowe reside in the same house that you resided in? Yes.  
 90. *Mr. Jones.*] Do you remember Mr. Cumming coming to the hut, finding you in it, and asking where Mr. Crowe was? He came to me when I was ringbarking on the selection about 200 yards away one day.  
 91. Do you remember when that was? I do not know the date.  
 92. Can you remember how long before that you went to work on the selection for the first time for Mr. Crowe? No.  
 93. How long before that was it that Mr. Cumming saw you 100 yards from the hut? I don't know; I had been working on it a good while before that. I did a lot of ringing and fencing on it.  
 94. I want to know how long before that you started working on the selection and resided on it? I could not say.  
 95. Was it a week before you started working? More than that, I believe.  
 96. Was it a month? Yes, or may be more.  
 97. Was it a year? I cannot say.  
 98. *Chairman.*] I suppose you used to work for Crowe, then go away and get another job, and when you were wanted come back again? Yes.  
 99. How long after that visit of Mr. Cumming did you remain working for Mr. Crowe? I think I worked on the selection about six months.  
 100. And during that six months was Mr. Crowe residing there? Yes, he was there a good part of the time.  
 101. Continually? Yes.  
 102. Unless he went away on other business? Yes.  
 103. *Chairman.*] You cannot read or write, can you? I cannot.  
 104. *Mr. Jones.*] Have you ever seen Edward Brotherton on the selection? Yes.  
 105. Was he working on the selection with you? Yes, he was working there about five months.  
 106. And Mr. Crowe was residing there whilst he was working with you? Yes.

Mr.  
W. Hawkins.  
8 Dec., 1890.

**FORFEITURE OF HENRY CROWE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, COUNTY OF  
HARDEN.**

APPENDIX.

[To Evidence of A. Salwey.]

A.

*Victor Cumming*, of Gundagai, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, on oath, saith: On 9th January, 1885, I inspected Conditional Purchase 81-326, of 419½ acres, made by Henry Crowe, at Gundagai; the selector was present on the selection at the time; he is a son of Mr. Crowe, at Gobarrolong station, upon which the selection is situated; the homestead is distant about 5 miles from the selection: when I got to the selection I found selector at the hut, the grass was freshly cleared away from the doorway, and the floor of the hut had been freshly sprinkled with water; the selector's horse was in a small paddock near the hut, sweating very much as if he had just been ridden; the only provisions the selector had in the hut were two slices of bread and butter and a few ounces of tea and sugar, which he had brought with him that day; the place had not the appearance of being continuously occupied; I again visited the selection on 15th March, 1886; selector was not resident on that occasion; I found a labourer named William Hawkins living in the hut, which contained two beds; it bore the appearance of being occupied for some time; both beds appeared to be occupied; the selector was a young unmarried man at the time of my visit.

*By the Board*: At the time of my first visit the hut contained a safe, it being a bag stretched on a frame; there was also a bunk with bed; it appeared as if it had just been arranged; the hut appeared to me to have been got ready for my visit; I believe there was a heap of ashes thrown outside; I cannot say if there was a chimney to the hut; there was a paddock of about 5 or 6 acres enclosed with a brush fence; the horse was in this paddock; I only saw the applicant at the selection on the occasion of my first visit; I never saw him afterwards.

*By Mr. Crowe*: You were at the hut; you might have come from cutting scrub at the time; I was at Gobarrolong the date I visited your selection the first time; I have been there once since; I have been past Gobarrolong many times, but never saw you there; the grass appeared to have been very recently cut away from about the door.

*By the Board*: The horse was turned out at the time of my visit; it was sweating very much; before visiting the selection I had been to Gobarrolong and showed Mr. Crowe, senior, the tracings of the different selections of his family that I had to inspect; he accompanied me and showed me the different selections on the way; I inspected the different selections on my way from Gobarrolong to the selection under inquiry; from the appearance of the horse when I arrived at the selection I was under the impression that selector had ridden very hard to get there before me to get the place ready; in regard to the provisions selector told me he only brought sufficient to do him the day.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Crowe*: You told me you had only brought provisions sufficient for the time.

Sworn by this deponent, Victor Cumming, at Gundagai, }  
the 5th day of November, 1887, before us, —

VICTOR CUMMING.

F. W. WATT, J.P., Chairman.

L. A. FOSBERY, J.P., Member of the L. L. Board.

*James Crowe*, grazier, of Gobarrolong, on oath saith:—I know that my son, Henry Crowe, went to reside on his selection within three months of the date of taking it up; he spent the greater portion of his time on the selection; he spent more than half his time on the selection; he used to assist me at shearing time; the greater part of the improvements on the selection he did himself; it will give an idea that he was there a good deal, as it was fully improved.

*By Mr. Cumming*: The selection is about 5 miles from my head station; I remember the morning of your inspection; I remember you calling first at my house at Gobarrolong; I did not see the selector that morning at my place; selector used to come to my place occasionally, and work for me at shearing times; he often used to come there on Saturday night and stay all day on Sunday; he did not stay for any length of time at my house; he used to stay at the woolshed during shearing times; he only stayed at my place other than the times I have already mentioned; when he was working at an additional selection of a different series to the selection under inquiry he was working at that selection six or seven weeks, and during that time stayed at my place; he might be away from the selection three months in all during the year, not more.

*By the Board*: A man was working with him at different times for nearly two years; he used to cook for the selector; the man's name is William Hawkins; he is in the neighbourhood; he is close to Gundagai; at other times selector used to cook his meals; he had another man who is now dead working for him; he did not spend a large proportion of his time at my place; I should say he would be away from his selection about three months in all during the year; the longest time he would at any time be away from the selection was at shearing time; he would then be away six or seven weeks; the shearing would take place about October; during the whole time of residence selector was never away from the neighbourhood of the selection and the station; I do not remember the month that Mr. Cumming first visited the land; I was not shearing at that time.

Sworn by this deponent, James Crowe, at Gundagai, }  
the 5th day of November, 1887, before us, —

JAMES CROWE.

F. W. WATT, J.P., Chairman.

L. A. FOSBERY, Member of the L. L. Board.

*Henry Crowe*, of Gobarrolong, farmer, on oath, states:—I selected the land under inquiry on the 7th July, 1881, and went to reside on it within three months of the date of taking it up; I first built a temporary hut, and afterwards a slab hut with iron roof, which was there at the time of Mr. Cumming's first inspection; it had only been recently built at the date of Mr. Cumming's visit; it contained a fireplace and cooking utensils; I have no recollection of having chipped the grass from about the door on that day; I was absent sometimes from the selection at my brother's place, at the woolshed; I was away sometimes improving additional selections to a different series of the selection now under inquiry; I had also a temporary hut on the first additional of 174 acres to the selection under inquiry; I had occasion to be absent at the woolshed in consequence of my sheep being shorn there, and I having to be in attendance to look after them.

*By Mr. Cumming*: At the time of your inspection in March, when Hawkins was at the selection, I was working on another selection, and staying at Gobarrolong; I had been absent about three or four days at the date of your visit; I may have spent a couple of months during each year at Gobarrolong; I had stock running at the old selections, and I had to attend to them; I spent part of my time at my brother's place, adjoining the woolshed; I might have spent a month or more at different places besides Gobarrolong during the year; at the time of your first visit I was living in the hut; I cannot say how long I was living there; the hut had only just been finished; the day you were there I had been to Gobarrolong to see my brother, who had just come home from school; I came to the selection early that morning; I cannot say whether I saw my father that morning; my father did not send or convey any message to me to the effect that you were in the neighbourhood; I cannot say how long I had been at Gobarrolong on that occasion.

*By the Board*: I used to get my rations from my father twice a week; the provisions that I had there at the time of Mr. Cumming's visit was all that remained.

HENRY CROWE.

Sworn by the deponent, Henry Crowe, at Gundagai.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

M<sup>C</sup>ILVEEN AND CLIFT'S CONDITIONAL  
PURCHASES;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

AND

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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**EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

VOTES No. 28. TUESDAY, 1ST JULY, 1890.

6. **McILVEEN AND CLIFT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES**:—Mr. Turner moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional and additional purchases of William McIlveen and Messrs. Clift Brothers, situate in the parishes of Howe's Hill and Brothers, county of Pottinger.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Levien, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Garrard, and the Mover.
- (3.) That the Progress Report and Minutes of Evidence on the same subject, brought up on the 29th October, 1884, be referred to the Committee.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 67. TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1890.

3. **McILVEEN AND CLIFT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES**:—Mr. Turner, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 1st. July, 1890.
- Ordered to be printed.
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## M'ILVEEN AND CLIFT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

## REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on 1st July, 1890, "with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional and additional purchases of William M'Ilveen and Messrs. Clift Brothers," situate in the Parishes of Howe's Hill and Brothers, County of Pottinger, and to whom was referred "the Progress Report and Minutes of Evidence on the same subject, brought up on the 29th October, 1884," have agreed to the following Report:—

Your Committee, having examined the witnesses named in the list,\* \* See list, page 5. and carefully considered the Progress Report and Minutes of Evidence referred to them, find as follows:—

1. On the 30th April, 1874, the two brothers M'Ilveen selected at Tamworth each 320 acres, situated in the County of Pottinger, Parishes of Howe's Hill and Brothers.

2. After twenty-eight months, on the 15th August, 1876, their positions were fixed by the Minister as per green edging on enclosure C, the descriptions being deemed indefinite. However, the location of Alexander M'Ilveen's land along the *whole* of the northern boundary of his brother's is scarcely in accord with the description, which states "adjoining *part* of William M'Ilveen's conditional purchase," or with the evidence expressed in William M'Ilveen's letter of 26th November, 1874 (enclosure No. 12, last line but one), and Mr. Surveyor Higgins' two reports (enclosure No. 17, first paragraph, and No. 33, last two lines of second paragraph), and the position of the improvements.

3. This Ministerial decision was made twelve months after the law of 1875, enabling a selector to take up 640 acres, came into force, and eleven months before William M'Ilveen took up his additional conditional purchase of 320 acres, the subject of the present difference between him and the Lands Department.

4. So recently as 17th June, 1881 (*see* top of page 60, 83/4—Return to Order), Mr. Fitzgerald, Deputy Surveyor-General, raises the question whether the additional conditional purchase be maintained or not, but Mr. Secretary Farnell did not decide.

5. The effect of this Ministerial decision left no connection between William M'Ilveen's conditional purchase and additional conditional purchase; the land has been alienated to the Messrs. Clift Bros. M'Ilveen seems to have had injustice done to him; and your Committee recommend the case for the favourable consideration of the Government.

E. W. TURNER,  
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,  
Sydney, 10th September, 1890.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 8 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

None.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Turner,		Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Hawken,		Mr. Chanter.

Mr. Turner called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee *read* by the Clerk.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered :—That the Under Secretary for Lands be summoned to give evidence next meeting.  
[Adjourned to Wednesday, 16th July, at *Two o'clock*.]

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Ewing.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 24 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Turner in the Chair.

Mr. Hawken,		Mr. Chanter.
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Alfred Salwey, Esq. (*Head of Conditional Sales Branch, Lands Department*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered :—That the Under Secretary for Lands be summoned to give evidence next meeting.  
[Adjourned to Tuesday next, at *Two o'clock*.]

TUESDAY, 29 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Turner.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 31 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Turner in the Chair.

Mr. Ewing,		Mr. Barbour,
		Mr. Hawken.

Alfred Salwey, Esq. (*Head of Conditional Sales Branch, Lands Department*), called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Charles James Saunders (*Chief Draftsman, Lands Department*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated, and requested the Chairman to prepare a Draft Report for next meeting.  
[Adjourned to Wednesday, 20 August, 1890.]

WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

None.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

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*TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1890.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Turner.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

*WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1890.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Turner in the Chair.

Mr. Barbour,		Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hawken,		Mr. Chanter.

Chairman submitted Draft Report.  
Same read, amended, and agreed to.  
Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

M'ILVEEN AND CLIFT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY, 1890.

Present:—

MR. CHANTER, | MR. HAWKEN,  
MR. TURNER.

E. W. TURNER, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Alfred Salwey called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] What is your position in the Department? I am head of the Conditional Sales Branch of the Lands Department. A. Salwey.
2. Have you the papers in M'Ilveen's case? Yes, I have. 24 July, 1890.
3. Have you any *précis* in the papers 76-13,347 alienation? Yes, I have.
4. Is there any *précis* on that in which the Minister made his decision? Yes.
5. Have you Alexander M'Ilveen's original application? Yes.
6. Will you read the description? It is as follows:—"County of Pottinger, parish of Howe's Hill, 320 acres, on Trinkey Downs, north of and adjoining part of William M'Ilveen's conditional purchase of 320 acres made this day."
7. Can you account for the Minister locating one brother along the whole of the northern boundary of the other in this case? No, I cannot.
8. Can you produce Mr. Garrett's decision locating one brother along the whole of the boundary of the other? I produce a copy of it.\*
9. What has become of the original? I cannot say what has become of the original.
10. Kindly read the copy? It is as follows:—"In view of the further report of the surveyor, it appears that Alexander M'Ilveen's conditional purchase 74-4,927 is entitled to the land shown by red edging on the accompanying tracing, in which case the subsequent conditional purchases of Michael Macnamara, 74-5,129, and Charles Collins' conditional purchase 74-5,127 should be declared void.—(Signed) R. D. Fitzgerald." That is approved by the Minister.
11. What is the date? 15/8/76.
12. Can you produce the surveyor's report referred to in Mr. Garrett's minute? Yes, I produce it.
13. Is there anything in that letter bearing on the question of the two brothers adjoining along the whole boundary? As far as I can see, there is not.
14. Does the surveyor's report, as approved by Mr. Garrett in Mr. Garrett's minute, definitely fix the position of Alexander M'Ilveen? I cannot say.
15. By a Ministerial decision William M'Ilveen was put in possession of portion 48 by his first conditional purchase? Yes.
16. Will you read the description of the first additional? It is as follows:—"County of Pottinger, parish of Brothers; area; 162 acres 3 roods; being measured portions 129, 130, and 134, in the said parish, and advertised for sale on 1st August, 1877."

\* NOTE (on revision) :—At the second meeting of the Committee the original decision of the Minister was produced.

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THURSDAY, 31 JULY, 1890.

Present:—

MR. BARBOUR,	MR. EWING,
MR. HAWKEN,	MR. TURNER.

E. W. TURNER, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Alfred Salwey recalled and further examined:—

- A. Salwey.  
31 July, 1890.
17. *Chairman.*] You have here all the papers in this case? Yes.
18. Did not the Minister accept the survey of both conditional purchases as per blue and brown colour on enclosure C? No.
19. Can you account for the Minister compelling these brothers to adjoin along the whole boundary, contrary to the description? All I can say is that there really was no description at all, and the Minister, under the 14th section of the Act of 1875, fixed the position as shown on the tracing.

Charles James Saunders called in, sworn, and examined:—

- J. Saunders.  
31 July, 1890.
20. *Chairman.*] What position do you occupy in the Lands Department? Chief Draftsman.
21. Did not the Minister accept the survey of both conditional purchases, as per blue and brown colour on enclosure C, Return to Order 82-4? The Minister approved of the blue form—that is, William M'Ilveen's; but he never actually approved of the brown form for Alexander M'Ilveen.
22. Did not the Minister approve of that report of the surveyor? He never went further than approving of the blue.
23. Did not the Minister approve generally of the suggestions of the surveyor? I do not think that he ever fell in with the surveyor's suggestions as far as the brown is concerned. Perhaps I might explain the circumstances of the case. You will understand that the applications as originally made were for ground in an indefinite position. Mr. Higgins reported first of all that there was no available land. On that the conditional purchases were declared void. Subsequently Mr. Higgins made a second report, and said the land was really available. The Minister thereupon reversed the first voidance, and located the conditional purchase as shown by the green lines. The Minister's location was of course on account of the very indefinite nature of the descriptions.
24. The voiding of the conditional purchase on account of Mr. Higgins' first report will not prejudice the application? Not at all. That voidance was reversed as soon as the Minister found that there was available land, but in the meantime these two portions Nos. 22 and 23 had gone otherwise, and that is the reason of the addition of this area to the north, above the area originally applied for. That brings him up to the green line, and that is the Minister's location. Instructions for survey went out, but the surveyor, instead of carrying out the Minister's directions, tried to convenience the selector by adding some improvements, so he cut an area off Alex. M'Ilveen's land (brown), and added a piece on to William M'Ilveen's, bringing William M'Ilveen's land into the shape now shown by the blue tint, which accounts for William M'Ilveen having that peculiarly-shaped block. The Minister had told the surveyor to measure according to the green. It should be noticed here that if the surveyor had strictly carried out the Minister's instructions William M'Ilveen would never have had a chance of adjoining his additional conditional purchase. In the meantime Alexander M'Ilveen's papers were lost, and so the Minister gave a decision only so far as the blue area is concerned.
25. Do the papers substantiate what you say in that respect? Yes; I have gone very carefully into the case, it being a very complicated matter.
26. You say the Minister's decision does not affect anything but the blue area? Not up to this stage.
27. Is there any other reason amongst the papers for the rejection of the brown-coloured survey except the decision that both conditional purchases must adjoin along the whole boundary? Simply the reason that the descriptions were indefinite, and had already been located by Mr. Garrett's decision, including the present portion No. 134, in Alexander M'Ilveen's.
28. Was the 80-chain limit usually enforced previously to July, 1881? Yes, it was usually enforced.
29. *Mr. Ewing.*] But in special cases you did not adhere to it? No, we did not, and the surveyors were allowed a good deal of latitude.
30. *Chairman.*] If the Minister had made no decision about this the additional conditional purchase would not have adjoined, but circumstances have arisen under which the additional conditional purchase could have adjoined the conditional purchase were it not for the Minister's decision? Yes; but seeing that the Minister had fixed Alexander M'Ilveen's holding, I do not see very well how he could go behind that. The Minister having located these indefinite conditional purchases, went on in good faith selling the adjoining land. If it had not been for Mr. Goodwin's action in giving William M'Ilveen that land to the north, he would never have had any chance of adjoining the additional conditional purchase.
31. The land sale was after the date of the additional conditional purchase? But the Minister had fixed William Ilveen down to the green line before he applied for the additional conditional purchase. At the time he applied for the additional conditional purchase it was void, because it did not adjoin his original. The surveyor altered the shape of the original, and that was what implicated the Department.
32. Everything would be regular, as far as William M'Ilveen goes, but for the Minister's decision? I should rather say that everything would have been regular but for the surveyor's intervention.
33. *Mr. Barbour.*] Was the surveyor's plan approved of by the Minister? Yes, of the blue. The matter having been represented, the Minister agreed to the modification by the surveyor as far as the blue was concerned.
34. *Mr. Hawken.*] Does not the claim of M'Ilveen, if he has any, accrue before any action of Goodwin? No; I think he had not any claim before Goodwin's action.
35. Could he possibly make his claim afterwards? No, I do not think so. I do not think he has any claim whatever. I think the Department has always been making concessions to him.
36. *Chairman.*] Could not the Minister have located the first conditional purchase from the north? He might have done so, but he has not done so. Even at the present time the Minister might step in and try to rectify the thing, but that would only be in the absence of conflicting interests.
37. *Mr. Ewing.*] And it is not possible now—the land is gone? Yes, it is gone.
38. *Chairman.*] When I reported on the question, I suggested that the man should join through a 1-chain road—why could that not be done? It is not considered as joining. You cannot join through a road alone. There must be some slight overlapping of the boundaries themselves.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

RYAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA  
WAGGA ;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

AND

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES NO. 16. TUESDAY, 3 JUNE, 1890.

13. RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA:—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the cases of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, selectors in Wagga Wagga Land District.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. John Wilkinson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Greene, Mr. Turner, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Hawthorne, and the Mover.
- (3.) That all papers in such cases, laid on the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed, on 16th January, 1884, together with the Report of Select Committee, appointed 28th November, 1883, and Minutes of Evidence, taken before such Committee, brought up 9th April, 1884, and adopted 21st May, same year, be referred to such Committee.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

<p>Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Willis, Mr. Melville, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Levien, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Turner, Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Cass,</p>	<p>Mr. Holboroff, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Ball, Mr. Miller, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Jones, Dr. Ross, Mr. Frank Farnell.  <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Crick, Mr. O'Sullivan.</p>
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Noes, 18.

<p>Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Gould, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Hutchison (<i>Canterbury</i>), Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Burns, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Teece,</p>	<p>Mr. Wheeler, Mr. King, Mr. Curley, Mr. Garrard, <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Playfair, Mr. Vivian.</p>
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VOTES NO. 52. TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1890.

5. RYAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 3rd June, 1890, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.

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RYAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA.

**REPORT.**

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on 3rd June, 1890, "with power to send for persons and papers to inquire into and report upon the cases of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, selectors in Wagga Wagga Land District," and to whom was referred "all papers in such cases, laid on the Table of the House and ordered to be printed on 16th January, 1884, together with the Report of Select Committee, appointed 28th November, 1883, and Minutes of Evidence taken before such Committee, brought up 9th April, 1884, and adopted 21st May, same year," have agreed to the following Report:—

Your Committee having considered the report of a former Committee on these cases, and the evidence, papers, and appendices referred to them, and having examined the witnesses named in the list\*, find as follows:—

\* See list, p. 5.

1. That a writ was issued by John Flavelle, the lessee of the run, on which Ryan's selections were situated, against Thomas Ryan, claiming £1,000 damages for trespass.
2. That an action was brought by Anastasia Ryan against John Flavelle, claiming £2,000 damages for trespass. Both cases were tried at Wagga Wagga on 1st April, 1886, and a verdict was given in favour of Flavelle in both cases.
3. That the cases were decided against the Ryans for the following reasons:—
  - (1.) That District-Surveyor Bolton, who was called to give evidence, was not prepared to fix the position of railway reserve No. 218A, although he had reported to the Surveyor-General, on 27th June, 1882, that he had fixed the position of the railway trial line from which reserve No. 218A is described.
  - (2.) That Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Lipscombe, who, on behalf of Flavelle, made a survey for the purpose of fixing the position of Ryans' selections in regard to the railway reserve, gave evidence at the trial between Flavelle and Ryan. This evidence fixed the selections about a quarter of a mile further on the reserve than they were supposed to be by the Survey Department.
  - (3.) That the Court accepted Mr. Lipscombe's evidence in regard to the situation of Ryan's selections and the Railway Reserve.
  - (4.) That Lipscombe's survey put Ryan's in a much worse position than the surveys made by the Survey Department.
  - (5.) That a letter, No. 46, 21st April, 1883, addressed to Miss Anastasia Ryan, and signed A. O. Moriarty, Chief Commissioner, was not accepted as evidence, the Judge ruling that the Minister's signature was necessary to such a letter.
  - (6.) That the want of the Minister's signature to this letter prevented Anastasia Ryan proving a title to the land she had selected.

4. Your Committee find that a new trial was applied for in Miss Ryan's case that reserved judgment was delivered. (*See Appendix A.*) The following words are reported as part of the judgment :—

We cannot close our judgment in this case without pointing out that all this annoyance to which the plaintiff had been subjected, as well as all this expensive litigation, has arisen from the grossest departmental blunders. That even now no two surveyors appear to be agreed—first, whether a reserve exists in the locality at all, or if it does, where its boundaries are. No doubt the reserve was intended to preserve the land contiguous to the railway, but we are unable to gather from the evidence whether such contiguous land ever has been reserved; if not, the matter should be at once attended to, otherwise fresh victims to the administration of the land law will undoubtedly arise.

5. That although only a part of the selections were supposed to be on the Railway Reserve, yet the Minister for Lands had the whole of the land embraced in the selection placed on the schedule of a Validation Bill which was passed into law on 23rd July, 1888, showing that the Lands Department were still uncertain as to what part of the selections were on the reserve.

6. That the verdict against Thomas Ryan was for £143 9s. 6d., and costs were allowed at £451 13s. 5d., and judgment finally signed for £601 8s., and besides this £400 was paid by Ryan to Messrs. Garland and Anderson, his solicitors.

7. That the cost of the two actions was about £1,000, and that the amount was paid by Thomas Ryan.

8. That Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, were unable to profitably and peaceably use the lands selected until the Validation Bill was passed on 23rd July, 1888.

9. That Thomas Ryan was put to considerable expense and trouble in going to and from Sydney and his selection, a distance of 334 miles, while endeavouring to get the Lands Department to give him a good title to the land selected by his daughters and himself. And there is no doubt that it was through the *lâches* of the Department they were put to all this inconvenience and expense.

10. And your Committee therefore recommend the cases of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, to the favourable consideration of the Government.

JAMES GORMLY,  
Chairman.

No. 2 Committee Room,  
Sydney, 26 August, 1890.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

RYAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA.

WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY, 1890.

Present:—

MR. GORMLY, MR. PLUMB,  
MR. TURNER, MR. STEVENSON,  
MR. JOHN WILKINSON.

J. GORMLY, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Thos. Ryan called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] Are you the father of Ellen and Anastasia Ryan? Yes.
2. Do you know these papers which I produce? Yes; they are the report of a Select Committee appointed to inquire into this case in the Session 1883-4.
3. Are you the person mentioned in these papers as Thomas Ryan? Yes.
4. Were you sued for trespass with reference to the land selected by you and your daughters, which is referred to in this report? Yes.
5. By whom were you sued? By John Flavelle, the owner of Berembed Station.
6. Were those selections situated on that run? Yes.
7. Did the owner of the run dispute your title to the land which you had applied for? Yes, through his manager.
8. Was a portion of those selections situated on a reserve? Yes.
9. Therefore you could not obtain all the land you applied for? Yes.
10. Was it then contended that because a portion of the land which you had applied for could not be obtained the whole application was bad? Yes, at one time.
11. Was that the cause of the lessee of the run bringing the action against you for trespass? Yes.
12. Had you an interview with the Minister for Lands with regard to your title being disputed? Yes, several interviews.
13. Did the Minister give you a letter, in accordance with the 14th section of the Land Act of 1861, allowing you to hold a lesser portion than you had applied for? My daughter Anastasia received such a letter.
14. Were you her guardian? Yes, and her agent.
15. Did you see the original of the letter I now produce, marked No. 46, on page 18 of the Return to Order? Yes.
16. Was that sent to you by the Minister? Yes, through the post.
17. Was that letter produced at the trial of the cases at Wagga Wagga, on 1st April, 1886, of *Flavelle v. Ryan*, and *Anastasia Ryan v. Flavelle*? The letter in writing was not produced, but the letter as printed was produced. The letter is signed by Mr. Moriarty, the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands.
18. Did the Judge rule that that letter was of no value, because it was not signed by the Minister? Yes.
19. Did he state that the law provided that that letter should be signed by the Minister? He did not acknowledge the signature at all. He said the Minister had power to give that letter, but he should sign it. Through that letter and Mr. Bolton, the district surveyor, we lost the case altogether.

Mr. T. Ryan.  
2 July, 1890.

- Mr. T. Ryan. 20. Was the letter addressed to Miss Anastasia Ryan? Yes.
21. Was a verdict given against her in the case which she brought against Flavelle? Yes.
- 2 July, 1890. 22. Because Anastasia Ryan could not prove her claim to the land? Yes.
23. When you made application for this land, did Mr. Bolton, the district surveyor, draw a pencil-line across the parish map and inform you that all the land on one side of that pencil-mark was available for selection? Yes.
24. Did he give evidence in the case at Wagga Wagga? He was put in the box.
25. Was he then prepared to swear that the pencil-line which he drew across the map was correct? He would not swear that it was correct.
26. Was another surveyor, named Lipscombe, called to give evidence? Yes; he is a licensed surveyor.
27. Did he make a survey from the railway line for the purpose of defining the positions of those selections? Yes; he swore he made a survey.
28. Did this survey of Mr. Lipscombe's correspond with the survey made by Mr. Bolton, the district surveyor? No; they differed.
29. Did Mr. Lipscombe swear that Mr. Bolton's survey was incorrect? He swore that the district surveyor's line was not correct, and that his own survey was correct. Mr. Lipscombe proved that Anastasia Ryan had not 52 acres outside the reserve.
30. Mr. Bolton was not prepared to swear that the survey made by the Lands Department, by himself, and his officers, was correct? He would not swear that it was correct.
31. Was Mr. Lipscombe employed by the lessee of the run? Yes.
32. Which survey was accepted by the Court? Mr. Lipscombe's.
33. Was Mr. Lipscombe employed by the lessee to make a special survey for the purpose of defining the situation of those selections? Yes, to put before the Court.
34. And the Court would not recognize the survey made by the Survey Department? Yes. Mr. Bolton would not swear that his survey was correct, and the Judge stated he would give him no credit for the survey.
35. Were those the two reasons why the verdict was given in favour of Flavelle? Yes; in my own case as well as in the case of my daughter.
36. Have you a letter that was written to you by Mr. Copeland, the Minister for Lands? Yes.
37. When you found that the letter No. 46 was ruled by the Court to be of no value because it was not signed by the Minister, did you go to Sydney and get a letter from Mr. Copeland, the Minister for Lands? Yes, that letter is as follows:—

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I HEREBY notify to Anastasia Ryan that the description endorsed hereon is that finally approved by me of the land as conditionally purchased by Anastasia Ryan at Wagga Wagga on 8th December, 1881, particulars whereof are herein set forth. This notification is issued to the said Anastasia Ryan in accordance with the provisions of the 14th clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875, and subject to the fulfilment by her of the several conditions of her said purchase.

HENRY COPELAND,  
Minister for Lands.

38. Why did you get that letter? Because the other letter would not be recognized in law. Mr. Copeland gave us this letter to make the selection of 502 acres good from the date of the letter. He said that would prevent further actions for trespass.
39. Did the Minister issue this letter because the letter for the same purpose issued by a previous Minister was not signed by the Minister? Yes.
40. What is this which I hand to you? The Crown Lands Validating Act, 23rd July, 1888.
41. In Schedule A of that Bill are certain lands validated in the name of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan? Yes; 540 acres in the name of Thomas Ryan, 640 acres in the name of Ellen Ryan, and 502 acres 1 rood in the name of Anastasia Ryan.
42. Was the whole of the 540 acres in the name of Thomas Ryan on the reserve? No.
43. Still it was all validated under this Act? Yes.
44. What quantity of land was on the reserve? All of it except 73 acres.
45. What quantity of Ellen Ryan's land was on the reserve? About half.
46. Yet the whole of it was validated? Yes.
47. What quantity of Anastasia's land was on the reserve? According to the district surveyor none of it was on the reserve.
48. Still it was all validated? Yes.
49. Was this land which was not on the reserve validated because the Survey Department was unable to define the reserve? Yes; there was no certainty as to the boundary of the reserve.
50. Do you know if the Survey Department know the boundaries of the reserve at present? They are not yet able to prove them.
51. How long have they been trying to find this reserve? About nine years.
52. When you first applied for this land was it surveyed land? Yes.
53. Was it surveyed and marked in the usual way? Yes, on the ground, but not on the maps in Wagga Wagga.
54. If in the first instance when you applied for this land the district surveyor had been able to define the positions of the land, would you have been able to go into peaceful possession? Yes; it was not worth taking up, but seeing that it was surveyed I thought I could fence it and make it good land sooner than if I took up unsurveyed land.
55. When you first went on the land did any person in charge of the station see you? Yes.
56. What did he tell you with reference to your occupation? He said nothing about it.
57. Did he ever tell you that he did not recognize your claim to any of the land? After I was there a long time I received a letter from the Government telling us that we were on a reserve. That was six or eight months after we went there.
58. Did the lessee of the run ever tell you that he did not recognize your application for this land in any way? He did after I got this letter. He said I was a trespasser, and that he did not acknowledge me on this land. I served him with a notice to fence, and he said he did not acknowledge me at all.
59. How many years were you in possession of this land before you were allowed to occupy it without interference? I could not occupy it safely until we got the Validating Bill.
60. When did you first apply for the land? In 1881, and the Bill was passed in 1888.
61. Mr. Turner.] Did Mr. Bolton make a survey of the ground? He had it done by a surveyor under him, and he came personally and went over the ground with a chain. I was at one end of the chain, while he measured from the railway to the old survey, where I supposed my boundary was. He stated then

then that I was entitled to more land even than what we had, and he gave us more. In my selection there were only 55 acres outside the reserve; but Mr. Bolton, when he surveyed it the second time, gave me 73½ acres, or 73¼ acres. Mr. T. Ryan.  
2 July, 1890.

62. Was Mr. Bolton the district surveyor when he did this? Yes.
63. Is there a difference between Mr. Lipscombe's survey on the ground and Mr. Bolton's? Yes.
64. How far apart are the lines? There would be, I believe, a difference of about 14 chains.
65. *Chairman.*] Did another surveyor under the department survey the land? Yes, Mr. Bray.
66. Was he a staff surveyor? Yes.
67. Did Mr. Garland, a licensed surveyor, survey the land? Yes, he surveyed it first, and Mr. Bolton came and drew another plan for Mr. Bray to go by.
68. Did Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton take a great deal of trouble, at various times, to get an accurate starting-point? I believe he did his best.
69. Was he trying for years to do it? Yes, during the whole time, until the case came on.
70. Had you to pay the law costs of those two actions? Yes.
71. What was the amount of the damages which the Court awarded against you in the action John Flavelle v. Thomas Ryan? There was a verdict given for £143 damages, with costs. The cash I paid away, including the £143 damages, amounted to £800.
72. For how many years were you prevented from going into peaceable possession of the land? Seven years. When the land was surveyed a third time I put up a six-wire fence; but the manager of the run sent his men to cut down the fence.
73. Did his sheep eat your crop? Yes, everything we had, and our sheep and stock perished.
74. Did you endeavour to carry on agriculture after you took up the land? Yes; I entered into a contract, and intended to raise a crop. I had to pay the man for the contract, and I could only clear 40 acres.
75. Since you got possession of the land have you gone into agriculture? Yes, and I am still clearing some of the land.
76. Is your land well suited for growing wheat? Yes; I have got as much as 27 bushels to the acre. I brought machinery with me from the Albury district, but the machinery and horses were idle for years.
77. Were you prevented from making a comfortable dwelling for yourself and your family, besides the other losses which you sustained? Yes; we had to put up fair dwellings to comply with the improvement conditions. On the whole of the selections I had laid out about £900, and all those improvements were on the ground when Mr. Bolton came to value them; but he only valued them at £560.
78. Since the Validation Bill was passed have you occupied your land profitably? Yes.
79. Can you make a fair profit? I could make about £1,000 a year out of my own land and the girls' land. Anastasia was not able to pay the expenses of the actions, which amounted to £800, so I bought her land from her.

Mr. Charles Richard Walsh called in, sworn, and examined:—

80. *Chairman.*] What position do you hold? Chief Clerk in the Supreme Court.
81. Is this printed matter which I hand to you the decision of the Full Court in the matter of an application for a new trial in the case of Ryan v. Flavelle? Yes, I believe so. I did not see the written judgment of the Court; that belongs to the Judges themselves. This appears to be the judgment delivered by the Chief Justice, published in *Weekly Notes*. It is bound up in a volume in the Prothonotary's office, and would be taken to be a copy of the judgment of the Court for all purposes. [*See Appendix A.*]
82. *Mr. Wilkinson.*] Was a writ issued in the action John Flavelle v. Thomas Ryan, on 15th May, 1885? Yes.
83. In which the plaintiff claimed £1,000 damages for trespass? Yes; on lots 94 to 100, and 117 to 119.
84. Also on portions R. 963 and R. 1,755, notified 18th August, 1879? Yes.
85. Was this action tried at Wagga Wagga before Mr. Justice Faucett on 1st April, 1886? Yes.
86. Was a verdict returned for the plaintiff, Flavelle? Yes, for £143 9s. 6d.
87. Were the costs afterwards taxed, and allowed at the sum of £451 13s. 5d., and was judgment finally signed for a total of £601 8s.? Yes.
88. Was another action brought in which Anastasia Ryan was plaintiff and John Flavelle defendant, the writ being issued on 21st August, 1885, in which the plaintiff claimed £2,000 damages for trespass? Yes, for trespass on the following land:—Lots 147 and 148, conditionally purchased on 18th December, 1881; and lot 149, additionally conditionally purchased on the 21st August, 1884.
89. Was the case tried before Judge Faucett, at Wagga Wagga, on 1st April, 1886, and a verdict returned for the defendant? Yes. A memorandum for a new trial was filed on 16th April, 1886; a *rule nisi* was granted by the Court on 3rd May, 1886—one of the grounds being improper rejection of evidence. The *rule nisi* was made absolute on 27th February, 1888, setting aside the verdict and granting a new trial, making the costs of the application payable by the defendant; also directing that the costs of the first trial should abide the event. Then the costs of that application for a new trial were taxed, and allowed at £73 18s. 8d.
90. *Chairman.*] Did the new trial take place? No. I find amongst the papers a memorandum signed by the solicitors of both parties on 12th October, 1888, that the case had been settled. The judgment with regard to this case is reported in the *Weekly Notes*, vol. 4, page 181. [*See Appendix A.*]

Mr. John Francis Pike called in, sworn, and examined:—

91. *Chairman.*] Were you engaged in the Lands Department in May and April, 1886? Yes.
92. Did you attend the Court at Wagga Wagga when the case Flavelle v. Ryan was tried? Yes.
93. Did you produce documents in that case? Plans and papers and certain letters defining what land had been left to the Ryans. Mr.  
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94. Were you in Court when Mr. Bolton, the district surveyor, gave his evidence? Yes.
95. Was he prepared to give evidence defining the position of the lands selected by Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan? No, he was not. He made a report to the department first stating where this reserve boundary was, but he could not substantiate it in Court.
96. Did you hear Mr. Lipscombe give evidence? Yes; he gave evidence with regard to the survey made by him just before the trial. 97.

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97. Was Mr. Lipscombe's evidence with regard to the position of this land different to the position given by the Survey Department? Yes.
98. What was the nature of the difference? About a quarter of a mile lower down, I think.
99. Did Mr. Lipscombe state in his evidence that he was prepared to show the position of this land with regard to the reserve? Yes, he had been over it, and had surveyed it.
100. Did the Court accept Mr. Lipscombe's evidence as defining the exact position of this land? Mr. Bolton could not swear to it. Mr. Lipscombe did, and they took his evidence. The same reserve ran through both cases which were tried, and the two cases were tried together.
101. By whom was Mr. Lipscombe employed to make the survey? By the lessee of the run.
102. And was Mr. Bolton the district surveyor who made the survey on behalf of the Survey Department? Yes.
103. And the district surveyor was not prepared to swear that the survey made by an officer of his department was the correct one? He was not prepared to swear it as regards the reserve.
104. *Mr. Wilkinson.*] He could not define the proper boundary of the reserve? Yes.
105. *Chairman.*] Mr. Lipscombe, who was employed by the lessee of the run, said he was prepared to define the boundary of the reserve, and gave evidence to that effect? Yes; he defined it in a different way to Mr. Bolton. He used a different basis. His evidence was against Ryan. It put more of the reserve on to the selection.
106. Do you remember the letter No. 46, 1883-4, being produced at the trial? Yes.
107. Was it put in evidence? The Judge would not allow it to be put in evidence because it was not signed by the Minister. He said that a clause in the Land Act gave the Minister power to do certain things, and the Minister must do them. Because the letter did not appear to be signed by the Minister he would not allow it to be used as evidence.
108. Was that letter which would not be allowed in evidence sent to Anastasia Ryan for the purpose of complying with the conditions of the 14th section of the Land Act? No; it was sent to comply with a usage of the department.
109. But it was not signed by the Minister? No; it was signed by Mr. Moriarty, the Chief Commissioner.
110. What did the Judge say? He said that if the Ryans could produce a letter signed by the Minister, with an acceptance, he would accept that as evidence of boundary.
111. That is, that it had the sanction of the Minister? Yes; if we could prove how it was cut down to 502 acres it would be all right; but I could not prove it. Mr. Bolton would not say that it was not a reserve.
112. *Mr. Turner.*] Can you tell me why it is that such a long delay took place in fixing the boundaries of the reserve—a delay of seven years? We had not to fix the boundary of the reserve at first until those selections came in in 1881. The description was very indefinite.
113. Does it start from the centre of the railway line, or from where? It is a very indefinite description, and that is what has caused all the trouble. I do not think we could ever fix it exactly from the description. Mr. Bolton went on the ground, and found a line marked through the bush, but when asked in Court to connect it with this plan he could not.
114. Were there not several plans in Court? Yes. The reserve plan was only an old plan, on the scale of 2 miles to the inch, with no connections to any portion.
115. Was there not a survey made by the Railway Department? It was only the trial survey that Mr. Bolton made the survey from.
116. Do not the railway surveyors supply a plan of the trial survey? Yes; but that was burnt in the Garden Palace. That trial survey, as shown in the reserves plan, was never connected to anything.
117. Still, any surveyor could trace it on the ground from the plan? Mr. Bolton traced the line, but he would not say it was the line mentioned in the reserve description, which is the basis of the reserve.
118. How many lines were surveyed for this railway? Mr. Bolton said there were two or three, but only one had been found on the ground.
119. *Chairman.*] Did Mr. Bray make a survey? Yes; he measured it. Everyone can find a line in the bush right through which they said was the trial survey; but they would not swear to it as identifying the reserve. It was simply mentioned in the reserve description.
120. *Mr. Wilkinson.*] How did Mr. Lipscombe fix it? He got the rough plan and made a plot, and scaled from it. He went on the ground just to identify it, and then he came and swore to the reserve.
121. *Mr. Turner.*] Did Mr. Lipscombe ever find a trial survey on the ground? He did not want that. He only went by the plan, and the Judge seemed to think that the plan was the thing. That was what he held, and that upset it all. We did find the line on the ground, but when they wanted to make Mr. Bolton swear to it he could not do so. The description contained in the papers before the Committee is the only one. It was proclaimed on 26th November, 1878. Mr. Bolton made a report to the department, which is given on page 11 of the papers.
122. Why did not the Lands Department try to get hold of the railway surveyor who made the trial surveys? We had Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton's report, and we thought that was quite sufficient.
123. The department went on Mr. Bolton's report, which he could not substantiate on oath? Yes.
124. *Mr. Stevenson.*] Do you wish the Committee to understand that Mr. Bolton could not make this accurate survey simply because the plan was burnt in the Garden Palace fire? No.
125. Can you give us any reason why he was not able to swear to his survey? He swore that he found the line through the bush, but he would not swear that it was the same line as was referred to in the description. I do not think he had any means of connecting it.
126. *Chairman.*] Did Mr. Bolton ever give it as a reason why he could not swear to the survey that the plans of the railway survey were burnt? No.
127. You being the officer who was sent to Wagga Wagga in charge of these papers, are you in a position to say whether or not the Surveyor-General was satisfied that Mr. Bolton, as district surveyor, knew the position of those selections before you went to Wagga Wagga? We were satisfied that he did know it.
128. You had no reason to doubt it until the verdict was given against Ryan? Yes. When I came back to Sydney I suggested that the selection ought to be validated, so as to stop further actions, and the higher authorities thought that would be the best course to pursue.
129. Are you still in the department? Yes.



130. Do you know of any officer in the Survey Department who is now able to define the position of this reserve? We could define it according to our own ideas, but not to please the Court. It could never be defined properly to please the Court.

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131. *Mr. Wilkinson.*] Was Mr. Lipscombe's location of the reserve accepted by the Court as correct? Yes.

132. And in consequence of that did Ryan lose the case? Only Anastasia Ryan did. The Judge probably took Lipscombe's way of reckoning it up as correct. The department always had defined the reserve. It was owing to the faulty description in the first instance that we could not define it to the satisfaction of the Court. If the plan had been left out it would have been all right.

THURSDAY, 3 JULY, 1890.

Present:—

MR. GREENE,  
MR. JONES,  
MR. LAKEMAN,

MR. PLUMB,  
MR. TURNER,  
MR. J. WILKINSON.

J. GORMLY, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Thomas Ryan recalled and further examined:—

133. *Chairman.*] You were asked yesterday to give evidence with regard to what you considered to be your losses in connection with the case in which you were sued for trespass by John Flavelle, and in the case in which your daughter Anastasia brought a cross-action against the same person. Did you say that your law expenses and the verdict which was entered against you amounted to about £1,000? Yes.

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134. Do you want to amend that statement? No; it is correct.

135. Have you got any bill of costs to put before the Committee? I had one which I made out according to what I said yesterday.

136. Have you got the bill of costs? No.

137. Have you got a copy of it? No.

138. Who was the solicitor for the plaintiff in the case of John Flavelle against Thomas Ryan? Mr. Fitzhardinge.

139. Did you receive a bill of costs from him? Yes.

140. Is that in evidence? Yes.

141. Who were your solicitors? Garland and Anderson.

142. What was the bill of costs from that firm? About £400.

143. Was that for the two actions? Yes, my costs.

144. How much was the verdict? £143.

145. *Mr. Lakeman.*] What was the bill made out by Mr. Fitzhardinge? I think I paid him altogether about £500. I have some of the bills here with me. The one I produce is a true copy of the account I received from the solicitors.

146. According to this bill you paid £439 7s. 5d.? Yes. I paid £490 to them altogether. It came from Garland and Anderson to me. I paid £50 to bring Mr. Brown from Beechworth. I had to give a cheque for £50 to Mr. Anderson before he would telegraph to retain counsel.

147. Was that in excess of this amount in the bill? Yes.

148. This purports to be the bill rendered by Mr. Fitzhardinge, the plaintiff's attorney, to you. Was not the £50 you now speak of paid as a fee to your own counsel? Yes. I cannot remember exactly how it is, but I am sure I will be able to find it out.

149. Was there any money paid to Mr. Fitzhardinge beyond £439 7s. 5d.? I cannot say.

150. *Mr. Wilkinson.*] Did your own costs amount to £400? Yes.

151. Had you to pay away £1,000, including all costs? Yes. There was a great deal of money paid away which I have not any account for.

152. *Chairman.*] You stated to the Committee yesterday that from the time you applied for your land until the time when the Validating Bill was passed you were unable to use your land, so that you were deprived of the use of it for about seven years? Yes.

153. The Committee wish to ascertain exactly what your losses were through your being unable to use your land? Instead of merely saying that I could make a gross amount of £1,000 a year from the land, I have put down a statement of the rent which I refused for the land. I was offered 4s. an acre if I would lease the land. There is a total area of 2,250 acres, including my conditional lease, so that that would show a loss of £3,150 for seven years.

154. *Mr. Turner.*] Have you any proof of having had such an offer? I could get the evidence of the agent to whom the offer was made.

155. Was not that for one year when grass was scarce? My next neighbour got a rent of 4s. an acre for his land. I have three good wells on my land, and there is very good grass there.

156. *Mr. Wilkinson.*] You are now claiming the loss of grass on a total area of 2,250 acres;—did you apply for that amount of land in the first instance? I have a conditional lease as well.

157. Was not the action brought about 55 acres only? No.

158. Now many acres were in dispute? Mr. Devlin sued for trespass on the whole of our land. He claimed that we had no right to be there at all, on any part of the land.

159. Did you apply for the conditional lease when you took up your selection in December, 1881? I applied for it within the ninety days allowed by the Act of 1884. I put in an application for the lease, but Mr. Copeland held it back because he held that we had no right to the land until we got the Validating Bill.

160. *Mr. Lakeman.*] Did you get the conditional lease after the selection was validated? Yes.

161. What do you consider the other conditional purchases were worth per acre per year? 4s. per acre.

162. *Mr. Turner.*] During average years? Yes.

163. *Mr. Jones.*] Was your conditional purchase supposed to be on a railway reserve? Yes.

- Mr. T. Ryan. 164. How long were you in possession before that was found out? About six months.
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166. Was there a difficulty about your conditional purchase which was validated by Parliament? Yes.
167. Are you in possession of the land now? Yes.
168. What was the value of the improvements on the land when it was found to be on a reserve? About £900.
169. *Mr. Greene.*] What is the nature of the country where your land is? White box, bull oak, and yarran.
170. When you selected the land, was there any natural water on the ground? No.
171. Did you ringbark the country? It had been ringbarked by the station-owner when I went there.
172. Do you claim 4s. an acre as the grazing value of the land from the first time you went there? My time was spent there, and that should be taken into consideration, as well as the value of the land.
173. Is it not a fact that land will not improve to its full value for grazing purposes until some time after it is ringbarked. It all depends upon circumstances. If the timber is killed right off the grazing will improve in the coming spring after it is ringbarked.
174. What number of sheep would 1,682 acres of that land carry? I never had enough stock on the land until last year, and 150 acres carried 2,000 sheep after they were shorn. I put them on that land when they were shorn in the last week of September, and that number of acres carried 2,000 sheep until Christmas.
175. What would the land carry, one year with another, all the year round? I have not tried it so as to be able to say, but for the last two years the land would carry 2,000.
176. What will the surrounding country carry, one year with another? I cannot say, because my land is surrounded by the station. A neighbour of mine has 2,000 acres, and she shored 2,400 sheep last year, besides keeping horses and cattle. She made over £700 from her sheep during the present season.
177. Can you not say definitely what number of sheep your land would carry all the year round, taking one year with another? About 3,000.
178. *Mr. Jones.*] How do you arrive at this value of 4s. per acre per annum? I was offered that rent for it for a six years' lease.
179. Has the land a frontage to the river? No; it is very close to the river; it adjoins a travelling stock reserve.
180. *Mr. Wilkinson.*] When did the action at law take place? 1886.
181. Had you not possession of the land all the time? I was on the land, but the lessee let in his sheep, and all mine were starved.
182. After the action was brought in 1886, did you not settle the case? When the action was brought my solicitor told me that the best thing I could do was to pull down the fence myself and let the lessee use the land, because the losses I would sustain through actions being brought would be more than any profit I could make for my stock.
183. When did you settle the action? About two years ago.
184. *Mr. Jones.*] Having settled the losses between yourself and the lessee, and having had the land validated, what further claim did you think you had against the Government? The money paid out of my pocket.
185. Was not that included in the settlement between yourself and the lessee? No; the lessee only settled for himself.
186. *Mr. Turner.*] You say the squatter cut down the fence;—did you see him do it yourself? No; but the man who was erecting the fence for me saw it done. When I came back from Narandera the contractor who was erecting the fence told me that it was cut down.
187. Whose fence was it? My own.
188. Could you have driven off the squatter's sheep? Yes, I could.
189. He would not have interfered with you if you drove off the sheep? Yes; he could sue me for damages. I was afraid of that.
190. Were you afraid to drive his sheep off your own land? Yes, through not having a right to the land. My solicitor informed me that Mr. Stephen, in Sydney, advised that Mr. Flavell's right was better than mine.
191. During the seven years did you not use the land at all? I lived on the land all the time, and I put stock on it, but through the squatter's sheep coming in it would have paid me much better if I had never put any stock on the land.
192. By using it for grazing purposes you lost by it? Yes.
193. *Chairman.*] Did your stock die through the lessee's stock eating off the grass? Yes; he had 40,000 sheep there some years, and if that mob came in in one night they would clear off all the grass.
194. *Mr. Wilkinson.*] As a matter of fact you say you did lose through the squatter's stock? Yes. I told Mr. Devlin I would leave the improvements and everything to him if he would give me £500. That was when I found I could not get a right to the land. That was after I had laid out £900.
195. *Mr. Turner.*] Did the squatter's sheep wander on to your land, or were they driven on to your land? They wandered on to it, because there was nothing to keep them out.
196. *Mr. Lakeman.*] You took up the land in December, 1881, and how long after that did you fence it? I went there on Christmas Day, and on the following day I let a fencing contract, and they started to fence at once.
197. When was it finished? I cannot exactly say.
198. *Mr. Jones.*] Was it after you offered to take £500 that you had the place fenced in? Some of it was fenced in then, but not all.
199. What did the validating of your land make it worth per acre? I had it in the market, and I offered it at £3 an acre.
200. The fact of its being validated made it worth £3 an acre to you? Yes.
201. *Chairman.*] You stated that you commenced fencing immediately after Christmas Day;—did you ever complete the fence? Yes.
202. How long did it take from Christmas until you completed the fencing? I had it all fenced in in about two years, except the piece that Devlin claimed.
203. Had you the land enclosed within two years? Yes, except a small piece consisting of 130 acres, which was in dispute. 204.

204. *Mr. Wilkinson.*] Did you make any paddocks? I made eight paddocks within two years.
205. *Chairman.*] Had you any paddock enclosed within twelve months after taking up the land? Yes; Mr. T. Ryan.  
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within seven months I had about 200 acres enclosed.
206. How much land had you enclosed within twelve months? I let 7 miles of fencing, and that was completed within about twelve months. If I had not got a letter from the department stating that I had no right to the land I would have had the whole of it fenced within twelve months. When I received that letter it kept me from laying out money.
207. *Mr. Turner.*] I think I am expressing the opinion of the Committee when I say I think your estimate of 4s. per acre per annum is exorbitant? I can get the evidence of the agent through whom the offer was made—that is, Mr. Mair, of Gundagai. The person who made the offer was willing to pay twelve months' rent in advance, and he was willing to pay that rent during a lease of six years, and he offered to take my stock at a valuation.

## RYAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA.

### APPENDIX A.

[To evidence of *Mr. C. R. Walsh.*]

In Banco.

RYAN v. FLAVELLE.

May 4.

*Crown Lands Act, 1875 (39 Vic. No. 13), s. 13—Selection of measured portion—Reserve—Error in survey—Question for jury—Where part of land selected is not available the selector may elect to hold the part available, if over 40 acres.*

New trial motion.

Donovan, for the plaintiff, in support of the rule.

The Attorney-General (Simpson, Q.C.) and Heydon, for the defendant, showed cause.

Arguments were heard on February 27 and 29, when the Court (the Chief Justice, Owen and Foster, JJ.) reserved judgment.

On May 4 the judgment of the Court was delivered by the Chief Justice: This action was tried before His Honor Mr. Justice Faucett, at Wagga Wagga, in April, 1886. It was an action by a conditional purchaser against a Crown lessee for trespass upon her conditionally-purchased land. The defendant pleaded his Crown lease, and the plaintiff replied that she had made a conditional purchase of 502 acres, and, subsequently, while the conditional purchase was in full force, she had made an additional conditional purchase, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1861, of 138 acres adjoining the 502 acres, the two portions not exceeding in the whole 640 acres. Upon this pleading issue was joined. It appeared that on the 8th of December, 1881, the plaintiff had applied for 640 acres of land under the following description:—"Parish of Burrumbeet, 640 acres, being measured portions 132 and 133." It turned out that at this date, although these lands have been in fact surveyed and measured, the measurements had not been approved of as required by the 39th Vic. No. 13, section 13. It appeared that on the 26th of November, 1878, a reserve was proclaimed of all the Crown lands within 1 mile on each side of the centre line of the proposed railway from Junee to Narrandera, as shown on a certain plan in the Surveyor-General's office. Whether it was that the course of the railway was subsequently altered, or that the surveyor mistook his instructions, the fact remains that the reserve to the south of the railway, which was by the proclamation extended for 1 mile from its centre line, commenced at about three-quarters of a mile from this centre line, and then extended 1 mile to the south, so that this southern boundary of the reserve, which was intended to be 1 mile from the centre line of the railway, found itself in the air, and a mile and three-quarters from such centre line. After this reserve had been thus proclaimed and laid out, another surveyor came upon the scene and commenced to survey and lay off measured portions, upon the faith that the reserve went up to the centre line of the railway; and he laid off two measured portions, Nos. 132 and 133, of 520 acres each, and these were the portions applied for by the plaintiff. According to one surveyor, 344 acres of these 640 acres were upon the reserve, thus only leaving 296 acres available for conditional purchase. According to another surveyor, only 138 acres were on the reserve, thus leaving 502 acres available for selection. This latter appears to have been the first impression of the Department of Lands, for the plaintiff is allowed to hold, and does hold, these 502 acres as under his original application. The mistake about the reserve being discovered, the plaintiff applies for the 138 acres, which the first surveyor thought was in the reserve as an additional conditional purchase, and this is what is stated in the plaintiff's replication, so that looking at the replication it must be taken that the plaintiff, in place of 640 acres she applied for, was willing to take 502 acres, part thereof; and then, thinking the 138 which she had at first applied for as part of the 640 acres, and which was not then available, had become available, she applied for this as an additional conditional purchase. It is therefore evident that the evidence left in doubt whether any of the plaintiff's land fell within the reserve, or, if some portion did, then what portion? The Department of Lands appears to have thought that at least 502 acres were open to conditional purchase, and so informed the plaintiff, who occupied the 502 acres until the trespasses complained of. At the trial his Honor, apparently relying upon the evidence of one of the surveyors (Mr. Lipscombe), thought it clearly appeared that a large portion of the 640 acres was upon the reserve; that, in fact, only 296 acres were outside the reserve, and there being no evidence of any application for this specific 296 acres, nor of any contract between the plaintiff and the Crown to take such smaller portion, considered that the plaintiff had shown no title to the 296 acres, and directed a verdict for the defendant. No question as to where the reserve actually was was left to the jury, or as to whether 502 acres or 296 acres of the 640 were outside of it. And we gather from a note of his Honor, at folio 110 of his note-book, that if in fact 502 acres were outside the reserve, then he would have considered that title was shown to this 502 acres. But acting upon the evidence of Mr. Lipscombe, he thought the 296 acres stood upon a different footing, that this 296 acres had never come within the contemplation of the Department of Lands, and he therefore in effect directed a verdict for the defendant. There appears to have been ample evidence of trespass upon the land in possession of the plaintiff, whether this be taken as 640, 502, or 296 acres. It has been, however, argued by the Attorney-General and Mr. Heydon, counsel for the defendant, and the plaintiff having applied for 640 acres of land, and it afterwards appearing that some portion of this land was upon a reserve, the plaintiff could not obtain a title to any portion of this land; that, in fact, the whole conditional purchase is voided by the fact of a portion of the land applied for not being available for conditional purchase. We are of opinion that this is not the law. On the contrary, if a conditional purchaser applies for 640 acres of land, and it appears that some portion of such 640 acres is not available, then the conditional purchaser has a right to elect to hold such part as is available, unless such part be less than 40 acres, but if over 40 acres the conditional purchaser may hold it as his conditional purchase, if he sees fit. By the 12th section of the 39 Vic. No. 13, if the land has not been surveyed at the time of purchase, "temporary boundaries" are to be determined by the conditional purchaser. If the Government do not survey within twelve months, that is, fix permanent boundaries, the purchaser may withdraw his application, or he may have the land surveyed by any licensed surveyor authorized by the Minister. Again, by the 13th section of the same Act, the Minister has the power of modifying the boundaries of any conditional purchase. In *Emery v. Barclay* (8 S.C.R. 374) it was held that the "temporary boundaries" were neither binding upon the Crown nor upon the conditional purchaser. It appears to us to follow from this, and from the power of the Minister to modify boundaries, that the actual piece of land applied for, the conditional purchaser may not get in its entirety, as applied for; the Minister may so modify the boundaries as to render this impossible, and it cannot be that if by a necessary modification of the boundaries there turns out to be 639 acres only available in place of 640 acres, that the application for the 640 acres goes for nothing

nothing, and that there must be a fresh application for the 639; and this, although at the date of modification the conditional purchaser may have been residing for a whole year upon the land, and may have placed extensive improvements upon it, which improvements, if a new application be necessary, must all revert to the Crown, improvements, also, which may have the effect of precluding any fresh application being made for the land. We are therefore of opinion that it is open for a conditional purchaser who has applied for 640 acres to elect to take such portion of this 640 acres, not being less than 40 acres, as may appear to be available for conditional purchase. This decision in no way conflicts with that of *Heinz v. Walker* (6 N.S.W. L.R. 166). There it was held that when a conditional purchase is made of a measured portion, part of which is within a reserve, the conditional purchase is bad. In that case, however, the measured portion was one which had been approved of by the Surveyor-General under the 15th section of the 39 Vic. No. 13, and there had been no application to subdivide. Here the portions, though in fact measured, do not fall within the provisions of that section. We are of opinion, therefore, that this case should have been left to the jury, and that there must be a new trial. We cannot close our judgment in this case without pointing out that all this annoyance to which the plaintiff had been subjected, as well as all this expensive litigation, has arisen from the grossest departmental blunders. That even now no two surveyors appear to be agreed—first, whether a reserve exists in the locality at all, or if it does, where its boundaries are. No doubt the reserve was intended to preserve the land contiguous to the railway, but we are unable to gather from the evidence whether such contiguous land ever has been reserved; if not, the matter should be at once attended to, otherwise fresh victims to the administration of the land law will undoubtedly arise. The costs of the former trial to abide the event. The costs of this motion to be paid by the defendant.

*Rule absolute.*

Attorneys for plaintiff: Cape and Kent.

Attorney for defendant: M. A. H. Fitzhardinge.

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VOTES No. 89. TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1890.

4. RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA:—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee, on "Ryans' Conditional Purchases at Wagga Wagga," brought up on 26th August, 1890, be "now adopted."
- Mr. Brunker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "now adopted," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "referred back to the Select Committee for further inquiry and report."
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Debate ensued.
- Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
- Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
- Question then,—That the Report from the Select Committee on "Ryans' Conditional Purchases at Wagga Wagga," brought up on 26th August, 1890, be referred back to the Select Committee for further inquiry and report,—put and passed.
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VOTES No. 110. THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1890.

8. RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose further consideration and Report this subject was referred back on 18th November, 1890; together with Appendices.
- Ordered to be printed.
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 RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA.
 

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 REPORT.
 

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on 3rd June, 1890, "with power to send for persons and papers to inquire into and report upon the cases of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, selectors in Wagga Wagga Land District," and to whom was referred "all papers in such cases, laid on the Table of the House and ordered to be printed on the 16th January, 1884, together with the Report of Select Committee, appointed 28th November, 1883, and Minutes of Evidence taken before such Committee, brought up 9th April, 1884, and adopted 21st May, same year," and to whom was referred back on 18th November, 1890, for further inquiry and report, "the Report from Select Committee on Ryans' Conditional Purchases at Wagga Wagga," brought up on 26th August, 1890, have agreed to the following Report:—

1. That your Committee see no cause to alter the Report brought up on 26th August, but further find—

- (1.) That after a new trial had been granted in the case of Anastasia Ryan, John Flavelle, who was plaintiff in the action in the Supreme Court with Thomas Ryan, and defendant in the case with Anastasia Ryan, paid to Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, the sum of £1,000 as compensation for trespass that had taken place by the stock of Uarah Run, on the selections of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan.
- (2.) That Thomas Ryan sent or caused to be sent a letter signed "T. Ryan," and addressed to Mr. Lakeman, a member of this Committee, which letter is appended to the Report, and your Committee are of the opinion that the forwarding of such letter was a gross impropriety.
- (3.) That your Committee are still of the opinion that the cases of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, are deserving of the favourable consideration of the Government.

JAMES GORMLY,  
Chairman.

No. 2 Committee Room,  
Sydney; 17 December, 1890.]

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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 WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Gormly in the Chair.

Mr. Stevenson,		Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Greene,		Mr. Copland.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, referring the "Report brought up on 26th August, 1890," back to the Committee for further inquiry and report, *read* by the Clerk.

John Francis Pike called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Thomas Ryan called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

Reassembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

(Adjourned.)

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 FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Gormly in the Chair.

Mr. Lakeman,		Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hayes,		Mr. Plumb.

Allen Lakeman, Esq., M.P. (a Member of the Committee), sworn and examined in his place.

Witness handed in a letter from T. Ryan, reflecting upon his (Mr. Lakeman's) position as a Member of the Committee, and at his request, read by the Clerk. (*See Appendix A.*)

Thomas Ryan called in and further examined. Witness handed in memo. of losses sustained by him through being deprived of the use of his land. (*See Appendix D.*)

Chairman here left the Chair.

Mr. Stevenson called to the Chair *pro tem.*James Gormly, Esq., M.P. (*Chairman of the Committee*), sworn and examined.Witness handed in a letter written by himself to Thomas Ryan. (*See Appendices B, C, & D.*)

Chairman then resumed the Chair.

Committee deliberated.

Reassembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

(Adjourned.)

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 WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Gormly in the Chair.

Mr. Stevenson,		Mr. Jones.
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Chairman submitted Draft Report.

Same *read*, amended, and *agreed to*.

Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

## RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA.

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. BRUNKER,  
MR. GREEN,

MR. COPELAND.

MR. GORMLY,  
MR. STEVENSON,

J. GORMLY, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

John Francis Pike called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Mr. Bruncker.*] What is your position in the Department? Draughtsman in the Survey Office.
2. You know something of these cases concerning the Ryan family? Yes; I have been connected with them in the Courts that the cases have been in, as well as before the Select Committee.
3. When you were last examined at Court you then produced all the documents in possession of the Lands Department with regard to this case? Yes.
4. And the plans and papers defining the land? Yes.
5. Since that time have you heard anything with regard to the settlement of these cases? While before the Select Committee on a previous occasion I heard Mr. Walsh state, respecting Anastasia Ryan's case, in which a new trial was allowed, that it had never taken place, and that the case had been settled.
6. *Mr. Stevenson.*] Who is Mr. Walsh? A clerk in the Supreme Court.
7. *Mr. Bruncker.*] What action did you take upon hearing that statement? I thought I would ascertain how the case had been settled, and went to see Mr. Fitzhardinge in connection with it.
8. Did you go of your own accord? Yes.
9. Did you consult the Under Secretary? No; I thought I would find out, for my own personal information, how the case was settled.
10. What was the result of the interview with Mr. Fitzhardinge? I learned that Ryan was paid £1,000 in settlement of the case. I thought, therefore, that Anastasia Ryan had virtually won her case. I thought this was important information, which might have an effect on the report of the Select Committee, so I referred the matter to head-quarters—to the Under Secretary—with a view to evidence being called. Shortly after that I was asked to make up some questions to elicit this information before the Committee. Mr. Fitzhardinge was to be called within a fortnight afterwards. I heard that the questions had gone astray somewhere in the office. In consequence of that the intention was not carried out. I was asked to furnish another set of questions, and did so; but three days later I heard that it was too late to call any more evidence, as the report of the Committee had been brought up. I then heard that the Under Secretary wished to have this information in a documentary form from Mr. Fitzhardinge, for the information of the Minister. Accordingly, I applied to Mr. Fitzhardinge for it, in order to send it to the Under Secretary, and he promised to furnish it in two or three days. Mr. Fitzhardinge had to go to the country, and did not think the information was wanted in a hurry, because it was not likely that the report would be brought up for some time. After three weeks had elapsed, Mr. Fitzhardinge furnished the documents.
11. Are those the documents [*documents produced*]? Yes, those are the documents; I handed them to Mr. Capper.

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12. Those papers were not in the possession of the Department at the time you gave evidence? No; on the 26th September they first came into the possession of the Department. I was not aware of their existence when I gave evidence.
13. These documents, then, were not received into the Department until the 26th September? No; they were not.
14. And your examination took place in July? Yes; on the 2nd of July.
15. Do you know that Ellen Ryan, of Narrandera, made an application for a conditional purchase on the 8th December, 1881? Yes.
16. And did she furnish a description of the land at the same time? Yes.
17. Have you any knowledge how that description was prepared? I have read in the evidence how it was prepared; that Mr. Ryan came in to see Mr. Bolton, the district surveyor, and pointed out what land he intended to take up for Ellen Ryan.
18. *Mr. Stevenson.*] You only know that from reading the evidence? Yes.
19. *Mr. Brunken.*] Can you tell the Committee if it is part of the duty of the district surveyor, or any officer of the Department, to prepare these descriptions on behalf of the conditional purchasers? No; it is not part of their duty. I think they are supposed to give the information that leads up to the preparation of these descriptions.
20. Can you tell the Committee whether it was notified to the selectors in this case within a very short time—and within what time after they made the conditional purchases—that there was only a certain portion of the land available? Within about three months. The letters were written from the office, but I do not know when Ryan got them.
21. Were they also notified not to proceed with any improvements on the land? Yes; by the lessee.
22. Do you know whether there was a refund order sent to them at the same time? The Department sent refund orders for the land that was not available.
23. They were told, I believe, at the time the refund orders were sent, that they might surrender the whole of the land? Yes; if they did not like to take the area that was left they might surrender the whole. [*The following documents were put in.*]

Ryan's Selection.

Sir,

86, Pitt-street, Sydney, September, 1890,

I have the honor to report as follows, for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Lands:—

1. I acted as solicitor for Mr. Flavelle in two cases tried at the Wagga Wagga Circuit in April, 1886, in which Thomas Ryan was the defendant in one and Anastasia Ryan the plaintiff in the other.
2. Mr. Flavelle obtained a verdict for £143 9s. 6d. damages for trespass against Thomas Ryan, and also obtained a verdict in the case of Anastasia Ryan.
3. Thomas Ryan paid the damages and costs awarded against him, amounting to £604 17s. 9d.
4. Anastasia Ryan applied to the Court for a new trial, which application was granted with costs against Mr. Flavelle. Such costs amounted to £73 18s. 8d., and have been paid by Mr. Flavelle.
5. The reason why a new trial was granted was because the Judge at the trial rejected evidence tendered on behalf of Anastasia Ryan to show that a reduction in the area of her original conditional purchase (which had been approved by the Minister for Lands and accepted by her) was signed by the Under Secretary for Lands instead of by the Minister.
6. The Court decided the Judge was in error. The Lands Department were therefore right.
7. The new trial did not take place.
8. Mr. Flavelle, to avoid any further trouble or litigation with the Ryans, agreed to give them £1,000 in full settlement of all and every demand they might have against him, and for all moneys expended by them in connection with the lawsuits with him.
9. I am of opinion that Anastasia Ryan would never have obtained a verdict against Mr. Flavelle, and that the amount paid by Mr. Flavelle was excessive.
10. Mr. Flavelle arranged the amount himself, as he could not afford the time to carry on the cases further.
11. Anastasia Ryan, by this settlement, virtually won her case.

Yours, &c.,

M. A. H. FITZHARDINGE.

The Honorable the Minister for Lands.

Statutory Declaration.

I, JOHN FLAVELLE, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:— I was the plaintiff in an action in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in which Thomas Ryan was defendant; and I was the defendant in an action in the same Court, in which Anastasia Ryan was the plaintiff. Both the said actions were settled by my paying to the said Thomas Ryan the sum of £1,000, as appears by the acknowledgment for that amount, an attested copy whereof is annexed hereto and marked "A."

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Subscribed and declared, at Sydney, this 25th day of }  
September, 1889, before me,—

JOHN FLAVELLE.

M. A. H. FITZHARDINGE,

A Commissioner for Affidavits.

To John Flavelle, Esq., George-street, Sydney.

Dear Sir,

15 June, 1888.

We are willing to, and hereby accept from you the sum of one thousand pounds, in full satisfaction and discharge of all damages caused by trespass, or in any other way by your stock, or in any stock belonging to the Uarah Run, including the trespasses and damage caused thereby, the subject of an action by the undersigned, Anastasia Ryan, against you, in which action the Supreme Court lately granted a new trial. And we hereby release you from all liability in connection therewith, and also release you from the payment of your share of any dividing fences erected upon any of our selections on the boundaries between our selections and the run, or elsewhere. And in consideration of the said sum of one thousand pounds received by us, we hereby agree, in the event of your requiring us, or any of us, to do so, to execute a full and valid discharge and release of all manner of actions, causes of action, claims, and demands whatsoever, which any of us now have against you on any account whatever, or against the present mortgagees, since they have taken possession of the said run up to date.

THOMAS RYAN.  
ANASTASIA RYAN.  
ELLEN RYAN.

Witness—HENRY TINGCOMBE.

This is a true copy of the original, as examined by us this day.  
Dated, 24th September, A.D. 1890.

M. A. H. FITZHARDINGE,  
Solicitor.

R. DAVIES.

This is the attested copy acknowledgment, marked "A," referred to in the annexed affidavit of John Flavelle, taken before me, at Sydney, this 25th day of September, 1890.

M. A. H. FITZHARDINGE,  
A Commissioner for Affidavits.

Mr.

Mr. Thomas Ryan called in, sworn, and examined :—

Mr. T. Ryan.

3 Dec., 1890.

24. *Mr. Bruncker.*] You gave evidence on this case before? Yes.
25. Do you know when that was? I cannot exactly say when.
26. Was it during July this year? Yes; somewhere about that time.
27. Did you state all the facts then in connection with these conditional purchases? I answered all the questions that were put to me. I was told to answer only the questions that were put to me.
28. What I want to know is what evidence did you give? All the information I had at the time.
29. That is not answering the question fairly? I gave all the information I could, as far as my memory served me, in answer to the questions asked me.
30. You had some litigation with Mr. Flavelle with regard to the land in question? Yes; I had several lawsuits with Devlin and Flavelle.
31. Prior to giving your evidence before the Committee? Yes; some time prior to that.
32. How long? It might be one, two, or three years. Some of the lawsuits were tried eight years ago.
33. In connection with those lawsuits, and prior to giving evidence on the Select Committee in July last, did you make any statement in connection with Ellen Ryan or Anastasia Ryan? Yes; I made a statement about the lawsuit.
34. Were you aware of that when you were before the Committee? I was.
35. Did you give that information to the Committee? The question was not asked me.
36. And you did not think it worth while to give the Committee that information? I was told to answer only the questions put to me.
37. Will you state the nature of your claim against the Crown in connection with these conditional purchases—that is the object of having this inquiry;—in the event of your claim against the Crown being proved you expect substantial compensation? My claim is this: When I went on to the land I expected to have four full sections; but through a mistake of the Government and the surveyors I only got 55 acres instead of 640. We were placed in the position that our money was in the hands of the Crown, and we could not get it back in order to go and select elsewhere. Being a stranger in Sydney, I went to Albury and saw Mr. Lyne and Mr. Day, and told them how I was situated. Mr. Lyne said he thought we would be able to get the land. A portion of it had been surveyed as a reserve, and Mr. Lyne said to hold on to it as he thought it would not be required for a reserve, and that eventually we would be able to get it. At that time Mr. Farnell and Mr. Martin were land agents for Devlin the lessee, who was first cousin to Mr. Farnell—Martin was related to Mr. Farnell's daughter—and they took the case in hand when Devlin found we were on the run. Instead of leaving the reserve to be thrown open—it was then in Lewis' hands to be thrown open—they being the land agents, got it locked up, and kept it locked up. In that way they took all my land from me, after buildings had been erected on it and fencing contracts let for £900.
38. *Mr. Bruncker.*] You got notice to leave the land? Yes; after £900 had been laid out on it. I offered to leave it altogether for £500, but I could not get that money. All our money was sunk, and we could not go and select elsewhere, consequently we had to stop on the 55 acres. After a time that was taken from us, and thrown open for selection. Just about this time Sir John Robertson went out of office. If he had remained in office I believe we would have had everything to suit us. Mr. Farnell then became the Minister for Lands, Mr. Martin being a land agent at this time, and the land was taken from us altogether. It was forfeited.
39. *Mr. Greene.*] That was only your own land? Yes.
40. Had your daughters selections there? Yes.
41. And they were allowed to remain on the land that they had applied for? Yes. When Sir John Robertson was going out of office he left a memo. to the effect that Ellen Ryan was to get a full section under a Crown Lands Validating Bill; but it was not given to her for about seven years afterwards, although she was promised it at once. She was on the land for seven years, and had to pay rent for it to the Government, as well as to improve it and reside on it. The lessee had the benefit of the grass. His rights were better than Ellen Ryan's until the Validating Bill was passed.
42. She was promised the land, but in the meantime the lessee had the use of it? Yes; it was of no benefit to her until the Validating Bill became law. She could not interfere with the lessee's stock when they came upon the grounds.
43. She had no claim then, although the Government intended to validate her claim? Yes; that is so. When I heard of a Validating Bill for some selectors at Goulburn I came to Sydney and saw Mr. Farnell, the Secretary for Lands, in order to have our claim included in that Bill. He said, "If I put your claim in this Bill some of the Members in the House may object to it and upset the Bill." Either Mr. Loughnan or Mr. Day was with me at that time. I never went to see a Minister unless in the company of some Member or Members of Parliament. I saw Mr. Farnell later in connection with another Validating Bill, but he still objected to include our claim. I remarked to him that it was strange that a Government should aid rich companies, while my family was suffering, and without our land. When I saw that he was favouring the lessee, I said, "If you will not do something for us, Mr. Farnell, we will have to leave the land altogether." In answer to that, he said he would do something for us as soon as he could. However, we struggled on from day to day until he told me to fence in the land, and that the more work we did upon it the better it would be for us.
44. Who told you that? Mr. Farnell. He said the Crown would never interfere with us, and to go on fencing it. Meanwhile the fencing contract was suspended, but on that assurance I ordered the contractor to resume the work. Mr. Farnell told me I would get all the land if I could obtain the refund vouchers and send them to him.
45. The vouchers drawing the refunds? Yes. They were sent to Armstrong, the land agent, who accompanied me to the Lands Office once or twice. He kept them without ever letting me know that they were in his possession. I told Mr. Farnell that I had not received any of the vouchers for the purpose of drawing the deposits, and he said, "Either you or the land agent must have them." I said I had no land agent, and he replied that they had been sent to Armstrong. Eventually the Department found that Armstrong had them, and when I went to him he would not give them to me without I paid him 10 guineas. I told Mr. Farnell that Armstrong was not my agent; that I had withdrawn my affairs from him; and he said that I should have notified the Lands Department to that effect. In reply to that, I said that I did not instruct the Lands Department to send the vouchers to Armstrong at all, and further, that I had never given the Department notice that he was my agent. I paid the 10 guineas to Armstrong in the presence of Mr. Loughnan, who was with me.

- Mr. T. Ryan. 46. *Chairman.*] Are you aware that a great portion of the evidence you are giving is embraced in the evidence that was given by you on a former occasion? I cannot recall to mind what evidence I gave before. I cannot say whether or not I was allowed to make a full statement.
- 3 Dec., 1890. 47. *Mr. Brunker.*] You said just now that you had not been able to get the money from the Government by way of a refund? Yes; I said that we were not able to get all the money back.
48. Are you aware that Ellen Ryan's conditional purchase was only made on 8th December, 1881, and that up to 25th March, 1882, a refund voucher was sent to the Lands Office at Wagga Wagga referring to C.P. 81-664, ordering a refund of £121 5s.? Yes; I am aware of that; but up to that time we had laid out £900.
49. Within three months? Yes. You will find a letter among the correspondence from Mr. Bolton, valuing the improvements at £600.
50. Within three months you got that valuation? Yes; including the iron, timber, and wire for fencing that was already on the ground. Bolton valued the improvements at either £560 or £660, irrespective of the unused materials on the ground.
51. You went on with the improvements, notwithstanding that you were notified that the land was not available? I endeavoured to stop the contractors from going on, but they would not knock off. Contracts were taken for so many miles of fencing, and they would not stop the work unless I paid for the full amount of the contract.
52. Did you have notice of this refund? We could not get our money.
53. You said that the vouchers were sent to Armstrong, and that he was not your agent then? I had withdrawn my business from him; he was not my agent at that time.
54. Nearly twelve months afterwards you received this letter from him, Armstrong:—

Dear Sir,

Berrembed, 30 September, 1882.

I received your letter of 25th instant, in which your bill was to me enclosed for the sum of 10 guineas. I think it is a rather a long one, as my case is nothing better now than when I put it in your hands, and promised at that time to have it done within a fortnight. I am satisfied that you have worked hard, although, as there is no good done for me, therefore I hope you will reduce your bill to about half, which will enable me to send you a cheque for the amount by next mail. If things were done as you promised me when we last met I would not dispute your bill not at double the charge. Hoping you will take this into consideration, and send in a more reasonable one in the next. You will oblige by sending a speedy answer to this note, as I am thinking to have a look over at Queensland, and I would like to have this settled before I go.

I remain, &c.,

THOMAS RYAN.

Do you remember writing that? Yes.

55. It was nearly twelve months afterwards? Yes; that is another voucher—not the voucher in dispute.
56. That is not referring to a voucher at all, it is referring to your connection with Armstrong as your agent;—you had a refund voucher sent to you in March, nearly nine months afterwards? He had none of my vouchers at that time.
57. Are you prepared to say that you did not receive the vouchers yourself? Not in March. The Crown sent letters, stating that we could draw a portion of our money, but then our letters showed we had a great deal laid out. We could not get a refund of £900.
58. You say you could get no satisfaction while Sir John Robertson was in office? He was not in office when I came down, but he stated that Ellen Ryan would get the land in consequence of the improvements made on it.
59. I understood you to say that the lessee occupied the land that was taken up by Ellen Ryan? Yes; his sheep were on it.
60. On the 27th of September, 1882, this notification appeared in the *Government Gazette*:—

Reserve from Lease for the purpose of Sale.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 September, 1882.

It is hereby notified for general information that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to withdraw from lease for the purpose of sale the portion of land hereinafter described.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Were you aware of that? Yes; we were quite aware of that. I went and fenced the land then, and that is how Devlin got an action against us—we fenced the land and kept his sheep off.

61. The land was withdrawn from lease in September, 1882? Yes.
62. *Chairman.*] Did Devlin, the manager of the station on which this selection is situated, lay claim to the land, and continue to claim it, after the appearance of that *Gazette* notice? Yes; he claimed it all the time and used it.

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. BRUNKER,		MR. GREEN,
MR. LAKEMAN,		MR. HAYES,
MR. PLUMB,		MR. STEVENSON,
MR. TURNER.		

J. GORMLY, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Thomas Ryan recalled and further examined:—

- Mr. T. Ryan. 63. *Chairman.*] You have heard a letter read before the Committee? Yes. [*Appendix A.*]
- 5 Dec., 1890. 64. Did you send that letter to Mr. Lakeman, or did you cause it to be sent to him at all? I think it is only fair, sir, that Mr. Lakeman should prove who sent that letter to him, and whether or not I sent it.
65. I am asking you a question; kindly answer it? I hope the gentlemen on this Committee will see that I get fair play.
66. I want to know for the information of the Committee whether or not that letter was sent by you or if it is a forgery. It is addressed to A. Lakeman, Esquire, M.L.A., for Balrauld, and dated 26th November, 1890. It bears no address but is signed T. Ryan? I know nothing about that letter. A friend of mine told me that a letter would be sent to Mr. Lakeman. That is all I know about it.

Mr.

Mr. James Gormly sworn and examined :—

67. *Mr. Stevenson (acting Chairman).*] The letters produced by you are in the same handwriting as the letters you have been accustomed to receive from Thomas Ryan? Yes; I have received a number of letters at various times during the last five years from Thomas Ryan, and I know that a number of those letters are in the same handwriting as the letters I now produce. [*Appendices B, C.*] Mr. J. Gormly.  
5 Dec., 1890.
68. Are they in the handwriting of Thomas Ryan, or are they supposed to be in the handwriting of his daughter? I do not know whose handwriting it is, but it is the same handwriting as the letters that have always reached me from Thomas Ryan. I always accepted them as his letters.
69. *Mr. Turner (to witness).*] Is the letter you have written to Mr. Gormly in your handwriting? Yes; I acknowledge that, but I do not acknowledge the one that Mr. Lakeman received.

*Mr. Gormly resumed the Chair.*

70. *Chairman.*] You deny sending that letter to Mr. Lakeman? I do.
71. Do you deny that you had any knowledge of its being sent to him? I heard that a letter was to Mr. T. Ryan. be sent to him—that it was to be sent to him, or that it was actually sent to him, something to that effect—I have no knowledge that the letter was sent. A friend of mine told me that he would send a letter to Mr. Lakeman because of the way he spoke against us in the House. 5 Dec., 1890.
72. Look at that letter it is dated 26th November; is that your letter to me? Yes; it is.
73. You say you have no knowledge of that other letter being sent to Mr. Lakeman? Yes.
74. You have a recollection of sending me two letters since the report of the Select Committee was before Parliament? I cannot say how many I sent you. I think I sent you two letters.
75. Did you send me a letter containing this statement;—

As I stated to you before, John Andrews is the cause of sending in the copy of the agreement between me and Mr. Flaville; he is backed up by Mr. Fitzhardinge, the lessee's solicitor, and also by Mr. Lakeman. A friend of mine has written a hard letter to Mr. Lakeman to-day. I have been informed that they stated in the letter that he showed bad breeding in backing up the lessee and his solicitor against us. I believe they have given him some hard hits that I can explain to you. If he is a friend of the lessee, and wishes to take part with them, he had no right to go on the Committee, but I suppose he was the only man Andrews thought a few pounds would buy over.

Did you send me the letter containing that paragraph? I cannot say. I know I wrote something of the kind.

76. I ask you after hearing the extracts read if you still adhere to the statement that you have no knowledge of the letter being sent to Mr. Lakeman? I did not make that statement. I said I heard that such a letter was either sent to Mr. Lakeman or would be sent to him by a friend of mine. That is what a party told me. I had no intention of writing to him, but the party I allude to said he would write to him.

77. Do you deny writing that letter to Mr. Lakeman? I do deny it.

78. *Mr. Turner.*] Is that letter written to Mr. Gormly in your handwriting? No; it is in my daughter's handwriting.

79. Do you acknowledge sending that letter? Yes.

80. *Chairman.*] Do you remember putting these words in a letter to me :—

And if I was a squatter instead of a selector Mr. Brunker would pay us compensation for the loss we suffered.

It is dated November, 1890? Yes; all Governments pay the squatters.

81. *Mr. Brunker.*] You can read, I suppose? Yes.

82. Take this letter—it is dated November, and addressed to Mr. Gormly? I do not recollect the date. I acknowledge the letter.

83. It is in your daughter's handwriting? Yes.

84. I suppose it was written at your dictation? Yes.

85. And sent by you? Yes; I believe it was.

86. Is that your signature attached to it? I believe it is.

87. *Mr. Stevenson.*] Do you deny sending that letter to Mr. Lakeman? Yes.

88. You admit that you knew a letter was to be sent to him? I heard that one would be sent.

89. Have you any objection to give the name of the person who was going to send that letter? I have; I do not think it is right for me to repeat what other people tell me.

90. It shows you had a knowledge of the letter? Yes; but I do not think I have any right to implicate any other party. I have no doubt the person who wrote it will acknowledge it.

91. You know who the person is, then? I will not bring anyone else into the matter.

92. *Chairman.*] Was this letter to Mr. Lakeman written at your dictation? No; it was not.

93. *Mr. Brunker.*] Was it written with your knowledge? No.

94. *Chairman.*] This letter purports to be a letter signed by Thomas Ryan, and the writer of it evidently had a very intimate knowledge of the facts of this case—so intimate, indeed, that it might be fairly presumed, if you did not write it that it is a forgery; therefore, the Committee wish the information as to whether or not it was really signed by you or at your request. Otherwise it is a forgery? You might be able to find out who the writer of it is. I stated before that he told me there would be a letter sent.

95. *Mr. Stevenson.*] You are doing your case a lot of harm. You know who sent the letter, and you will not tell the Committee? I do not want to bring any other person into the case. I have no business to say what any person told me. I have acknowledged the letter that I sent to Mr. Gormly.

96. You will not give the name of the person who wrote the letter to Mr. Lakeman? I do not care to bring him into it.

97. *Mr. Lakeman.*] Your name is attached to the letter? Yes; I can see that. He said to me—

98. It is not a "he" at all, it is a woman who wrote it? I can swear that the person who wrote the letter to Mr. Gormly, never wrote a line of the letter to Mr. Lakeman.

99. The paper is the same in both letters, and the ink is the same. There is no doubt that it came from your place? If it came from my place or from the Ryans I would not deny it.

100. *Chairman.*] What was your reason for making a serious charge of corruption against a member of the Committee, it really amounts to a charge of corruption? If you will read the speech that Mr. Lakeman made in the House on our case, I will explain the reason.

101. Answer my question "yes" or "no"? That is the reason. The lessee sent a letter to Mr. Brunker against me.

102. I want to know the reason that you made such a serious charge against a Member of the Legislative Assembly who is deputed to take evidence and report on your case. You accuse him of acting

Mr. T. Ryan. unfairly through corrupt motives. It is a charge of corruption conveyed by letter to the Chairman of the Committee? My reason for stating that in the letter to you was because a copy of an agreement was sent in to the Department from Flavelle.

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103. Answer my question if you have any evidence to give? I am endeavouring to explain to you and you will not let me speak. My reason was that I saw a copy of the letter from Flavelle that went through Fitzhardinge, who was the cause of ruining us. It was the pair of them that ruined us, and I saw that Mr. Lakeman was the only Member of the House who spoke against us. Knowing that he was a stock and station agent, and I suspected him of also being a land agent, I concluded that he took the part of Andrews who told me that he had sent a copy of the letter to Mr. Brunker, and was sorry that I demanded of him half the cost of fencing in the land. That was since Andrews bought the place. Andrews said to me, "if you did not sue me for that money a copy of the letter would not have been sent to Mr. Brunker." He added, "in consequence of that suit I will stop Mr. Brunker from giving you so many thousands," and I said, "I hope you do not possess that influence with Mr. Brunker, and that you will not do me any injustice." That is the reason I accused Mr. Lakeman in the letter to Mr. Gormly.

104. And that was the reason you accused Mr. Lakeman of corrupt motives? Yes; I thought he was a land agent, and I saw that he was the only person who went against us. I suspected him, and I put in the letter what I suspected him of.

105. *Mr. Brunker.*] What is there in Mr. Lakeman's speech in the House that you object to? If it is read to me, I will tell you.

106. Mr. Lakeman said this:—

As one of the Select Committee sitting on the case, I may state that the facts mentioned by the Minister have taken me by surprise. I had not the slightest idea that Ryan had received a shilling in the shape of compensation or in any other form. I do feel that Ryan is not informing the Committee of the amount received by him from Flavelle, has not acted fairly towards the Committee.

What is there in that that you object to? That is one of the points that induced me to accuse him.

107. What do you accuse Mr. Lakeman of? That I was not treated fairly by the Committee.

108. You have admitted receiving £1,000 by way of compensation from Flavelle, and on your oath will you say that you treated the Committee fairly in not giving that information? When I was sworn I was told that I should only answer the questions that were put to me, and I was not asked any question about it.

109. Answer my question, on your oath. Having received £1,000 from Flavelle, as compensation, do you consider that you fairly treated the Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly, to inquire into your case in suppressing that information? It is my opinion that I did treat the Committee fairly.

110. Then Mr. Lakeman in his speech goes on to say:—

The Minister is perfectly right in wishing that the matter should be referred back to the Committee.

Do you object to that? No, I agree with that.

111. The speech continues thus:—

There is no doubt that the Ryans have had a hardship imposed upon them, and that the squatter tried to drive them off the run, and almost succeeded.

You do not object to that? No, I do not object to that.

112. Then Mr. Lakeman goes on to say:—

What I wish the House to understand, however, is that as a member of the Committee who agreed to a report I had not the slightest idea that Ryan had received a shilling from Flavelle.

Have you any reason to suppose that Mr. Lakeman was aware, prior to the papers being laid on the Table of the House by me, that you received that sum? I cannot say; I expected that everyone knew that I had effected a settlement.

113. Do you think after Mr. Lakeman's statement in the House that he had any knowledge prior to it that you had received £1,000? I expected he did; it was not a private matter, it was public in every way. I thought that Mr. J. F. Pike was also aware of it, and that many Members of the House knew about it.

114. *Mr. Lakeman.*] You purposely kept that information back from all of us? No, I did not; I acknowledged it to everybody.

115. You carefully kept back the fact about the £1,000? I did not; if the question had been asked me I would have answered it.

116. *Chairman.*] You must have known that the Committee had no knowledge of the matter? I did not.

117. *Mr. Brunker.*] It is an absolute fact that you received the £1,000? Yes.

118. There was a contract made? Yes.

119. It was signed by you, Anastasia, and Ellen Ryan? Yes, but it was for fencing and damages done to our fence.

120. It is for what is stated in the contract, I suppose? I did not care what they stated so long as I got a settlement; I was not able to follow the law up any further.

121. When were these selections taken up? In 1881.

122. And in March, 1882, you were informed that the land was not available? I believe I was.

123. That was between the time you took up the selections in December, 1881, and March, 1882? I believe it was.

124. Then in March, 1882, you were offered a refund of your money? Yes.

125. You refused to accept it? It was not enough: it would not pay for the improvements.

126. You refused to accept the refund? Yes.

127. From the time you took up the land until it was validated you occupied it? Yes.

128. You occupied it after it was validated? Yes.

129. I notice by your evidence, given before, that you had 1,682 acres, and that you said you never had enough stock on the land until last year, and that 150 acres carried 2,000 sheep after they were shorn;—that is your sworn evidence, do you confirm that now? I do. 150 acres carried about 2,000 sheep.

130. How long did the 150 acres carry them? From the beginning of the shearing until they were all shorn.

131. How long would that be? It would be from about October until Christmas.

132. I notice also in your evidence that you say you were offered 4s. an acre per annum for the land, you would lease it? Yes, that is so.

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133. Is that true? Yes; I can prove it by witnesses.

134. What, 4s. per acre per annum? Yes.

135. Who made you that offer? I forget his name just now. It was made through George, Mayor of Gundagai.

136. Have you had any interference from anybody since the conditional purchases were validated? Yes. I think there is a letter among the correspondence showing that the Commercial Bank defied me to drive sheep off the land.

137. I suppose you did not take notice of that? I had to.

138. What action did you take? I threatened to sue the bank for keeping the sheep there.

139. *Mr. Stevenson.*] Do you remember how many thousands you said you lost when you gave your evidence first, through not having the land? As I said before, considering the rent that I refused for the land and the offer of 4s. an acre if I would lease it, it shows a loss of 3,000 odd for seven years.

140. When you thought it necessary to let the Committee know about the law costs, how was it that you did not think it necessary to tell them that you had received £1,000 compensation, in settlement of the case. What was your object in keeping it back from the Committee? The question was not put to me, and I suppose I forgot to tell them.

141. How could we ask you a question about a matter of which we had no knowledge? I thought all the papers were before you and you would ask me all those questions.

142. *Mr. Lakeman.*] When you were examined in the first instance you gave this evidence,—

Did Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton take a great deal of trouble at various times to get an accurate starting point? I believe he did his best.

Was he trying for years to do it? Yes, during the whole time until the case came on.

Had you to pay the law costs of those two actions? Yes.

Was that the amount of the damages which the Court awarded against you in the action "John Flavell v. Thomas Ryan"? There was a verdict given for £143 damages with costs. The cash I paid away, including the £143 damages, amounted to £800.

Do you remember that? Yes.

143. Well surely when you were on that subject you could not have forgotten that you had received £1,000? Well it appears I did forget it.

144. *Mr. Brunker.*] Do you know that after the administration of Sir John Robertson this land was withdrawn from lease? Only Ellen's portion. Neither Anastasia's portion nor mine was withdrawn. That was in 1882.

145. *Chairman.*] You have placed a statement before the Committee, or rather a memo. of losses that you sustained in consequence of the Government depriving you of the land for the period of about seven years—an area of 2,250 acres in the parish of Berrembed [*Appendix D*]. The amount you say there is £4,037? Yes.

146. Is that a correct statement of the losses you have sustained? Yes, as nearly as I can bring them out.

147. *Mr. Stevenson.*] Did the offer of 4s. per acre per annum you had extend over a period of seven years? No; it was for six years.

148. *Mr. Brunker.*] How many sheep were on the land during that time? I cannot say, but I know I never had enough stock on the land.

149. What sort of land is it? It is a red soil in quality.

150. *Mr. Turner.*] I want to ask you if you know who wrote the letter to Mr. Lakeman; you evidently know who wrote it? I do not know.

151. Are you in a position to swear that none of your family wrote it? It was not written by any of my family with my knowledge. I have already stated all I know about it.

152. Will you swear it was not written by any member of your family? It was not written with my knowledge by any member of my family.

153. If a man forged your name surely you would take steps against him? I will try and find out who did it.

154. Why not give us all the information now? I would be glad to, but, as I said before, if a friend tells you anything, you do not wish to divulge it.

155. Then your refuse to answer the question; can't you tell us whom you suspect? I can only tell you that a party said to me that a letter would be sent, or something like that.

156. You refuse to answer as to the person whom you suspect? I do not want to get anyone into a scrape.

157. In your own interests can you account for the peculiar similarity in the letters to Mr. Gormly and Mr. Lakeman—I mean the letter written to Mr. Lakeman bearing your signature, and the letter to Mr. Gormly; there are similar expressions, such as "bad breeding," in both letters; can you explain how that similar wording occurs? I can only explain it in this way: I suppose that a few neighbours when they gather together talk about certain things, and repeat the words they have heard, that is to say, you might take a word from me, and I might take a word from you. There might have been four or five together when I was speaking about the matter, and perhaps one of them who was present wrote it.

158. *Mr. Brunker.*] You have stated that you have suffered a loss from 1882 up to the present time; when were the conditional leases taken up? I believe they were taken up in 1884.

159. You must know that the leases did not come into operation till 1885? I cannot tell you when they came into operation.

160. How can you make a claim for compensation between 1882 and 1885? I do not know when the leases came into operation.

## RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA.

### APPENDIX.

[*Handed in by Allen Lakeman, Esq., M.L.A.*]

A.

26 November, 1890.

Sir,

I was taken with surprise when I read your speech in the House the other night when Mr. Gormly rose to move that the report of the Select Committee in Ryans' case would be adopted. He made a good and able speech in our favour, but finding a letter in against us from the lessee, who strove to bring us to ruin, and also his solicitor, Mr. Fitzhardinge, backed up by your argument, in which you endeavour to make me out a thief or a swindler. I consider it shows bad breeding of a man who has put up to be a Member of Parliament. You being one of the first men whom I picked out for Mr. Gormly to have on his Committee if it was in his power. Some of my friends in Balranald and Hay had stated to me, some time ago, they had a good man in you, but, at my next opportunity, I will be able to show them that they have betrayed me in praising up a man whom they knew very little of, excepting his blow at elections. It is an old saying, "Try your friend before you want him." I want nothing from you but justice and fair play, and that, it appears, you are not inclined to give. I often heard if you want a Member of Parliament to do anything for you you have to put your hand in your pocket. I have not done this for you, but it appears strongly to me and my friends here that the other side have, or you would not back up the lessee's and his solicitor's letters in the House as you have for nothing.

But Mr. Reid, M.L.A., although he was not on my Committee at all, or never knew me, he seems to take my part fairly, seeing that you were going too far in abusing me for not giving details, which I consider have nothing to do with the loss we sustained through the Government. Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Lyne also took part with our side. I was glad to see you had only yourself, the lessee, and the solicitor to go against me. Every gentleman that reads the public papers, both in the House and out of the House, knows well, and have stated to me, that there was no selector's ever treated as bad as we were by the Farnell Government. We been done out of our land. I reckon entirely for about seven years all my land being taken from me and given to Arthur A. Devlin to select, who was a first cousin of the Minister's; our fences chopped down; timber and everything else destroyed for to punish us; pulled into small Courts and big Courts for driving over our own land; compelled to pay interest, and to improve in accordance with the Act; and no return or interest for this for seven years.

Now, sir, if you have a drop of honest blood in you, could you stand up in the House and say in the presence of gentlemen who were inclined to do justice, and who have argued the point against you, that we are not entitled to any compensation from the Government, because we got £1,000 as compensation from the lessee, not in behalf of the Government, but in behalf of the cruelty and injuries we had suffered through his manager and boundary-riders through the Government leading us astray in the boundaries of our selections.

I could see from the start, when I gave my evidence in the Committee room before you, that you were a bitter pill against me. You asked me when did I put the last panel of fence up on our land. You also stated, when I replied, that I had no right to compensation until I had the last panel of fence up.

Now, to start with, your statement there was false and not true. If my title was good from the Crown, we had the same right as the lessee to use the land without putting a stick of fence at all on it, if it suited us. But I started to fence the land at once, but through not having a title the lessee chopped our fence down as it was put up. This was the fault of the Government and their officials, and not mine, that the place was not fenced at once; and still you stand up in the House and say as much as we are not entitled to compensation, because the lessee paid us for the damage he done to our property. Now, sir, ask yourself one question: If the Government kept you out of about 2,000 acres of land for seven years, kept you paying land agents and running up and down to Sydney for seven years fighting for your rights, which you should get without any of this trouble, compel you to pay rent on your land, and also to improve it, but give power to others to eat your grass and also your crop, pay lawsuits, would a thousand pounds pay you for all this trouble? If you speak fairly, five thousand would not pay you.

Now, sir, I will have to conclude by asking you, as you are not inclined to do justice to us, to withdraw from the Committee, if it is in your power, and not to take part with the lessee and his solicitor in depriving us of our rights, otherwise you will put me to the trouble of travelling at the next election, when I will be able to show your friends and mine in Balranald and Hay whether you are fit for Parliament or not in the way you have backed up the lessee and his solicitor in depriving us of our just rights. I could show your voice in clear print backing up their letters, although Mr. Fitzhardinge, being against us, in his letter he stated it was not on his advice Flavelle paid the money, and it was his opinion if it was let into Court that Anastasia Ryan would never have obtained a verdict against Mr. Flavelle. This was my opinion also, therefore I took the thousand pounds, instead of losing another thousand in law and suing the Government for all.

I have not slept a wink all night, but thinking how I was led astray in putting a traitor like you on our Committee. Hoping it will come to my turn to return you the compliment before I die for your kindness,

T. RYAN.

A. Lakeman, Esq., M.L.A.

[*To evidence of James Gormly, Esq., M.L.A.*]

B.

Dear Sir,

Grong Grong, November, 1890.

I received the *Sydney Morning Herald* from you, which shows me your able speech in the House in the adopting of the report of the Select Committee in our case. I was also glad to see that my old friend, Mr. Lyne, was not behind in taking part with you; but I don't understand Mr. Lakeman; he seems to be entirely against you or me. I can see I made a bad pick when I requested of you to put him on the Select Committee. He was the only man on the Select Committee, when I was giving my evidence, that strove to bring in false representations against me. He came out strong when I gave my evidence before the Committee, stating that I had no right to compensation until I would have the last panel of fence up.

Now, sir, you know that that statement of Mr. Lakeman is entirely untrue. We selected under the old Land Act in 1881, which gave us a right to use the land from the date of application if the Government gave us a title. Mr. Lakeman making such statements as this before the Committee, which was not in accordance with the Act, together with his sayings against you on Tuesday night, shows me that he is against us, and not inclined to do justice as I expected he would be. He seems to be the only man on the Select Committee who tries to make things look worse. Mr. Dibbs seems to give everything the deaf ear, excepting when he fights for position. He don't seem to take any part in our case at all, although whenever I meet him he seems very friendly. I think the Minister is wrong in interfering between the settlement with me and the lessee. I am not looking to the Government for the loss I suffered through the lessee; I am looking to them for the loss I sustained through the neglect of the Government and their officials. I enclose to you a few words as regards to the settlement between me and the lessee. It might assist you in placing it before the gentlemen on the Committee if you have not gone through with it before this.

Surely the Government have done enough on us to bring us to ruin by keeping our land from us about seven years and compelling us to pay interest on the same during that time, as well as to improve without taking part in the lessee's action against us. If Mr. Farnell was in office I would not wonder at him bringing in the amendment, for he had worked a bigger swindle even than that when he took all my land from me and gave it to Arthur Devlin to select until Mr. Copeland got in power. When he saw the wrong done on me he took the land again from Devlin and gave it back to me.

This



This alone ought to be enough to show the Committee, together with the decision of the Full Court, that Mr. Brunker is wrong in bringing in his amendment against the report of the Committee. When we came here Devlin sent his men in on Anastasia's land, chopped down pine which was very valuable to us, put up brush fences to suit himself in on the portions of our land which was not in reserve. Also I having a contract let for clearing for cultivation, he put up a brush fence through the middle of the place which I had left for clearing, blocking my men of working and depriving us of putting on our improvements where it ought to be put, and will have to shift the most of all our improvements again, such as building and fencing, also eating our crop as well as the grass, and defied us to interfere with his sheep, chopping down wire fences, and done everything to suit him on our land up to the time the Full Court gave the decision in our favour.

Mr. Lakeman is a man of property. I would like to see how he would agree with the Government to do him out of his land for seven years and give it to the lessee. I am sure he would look for compensation as well as we have. As Mr. Brunker got a copy of the settlement between us and Flavelle, if he is a gentleman who is inclined to do justice, he will also get a copy of the mortgage to the Commercial Bank and put both before the Committee together. This will show you that we had no right to our land during the time that we claim compensation. We kept possession as to carry out residence and paid the interest, expecting from day to day we would get the Validating Bill. If I only knew that they would keep the Validating Bill back from us so long I would clear out years ago, and leave the land and all our improvements after us to the lessee. A few days before the Full Court decided in our favour the bank sent me a threatening letter, cautioning me against interfering with their sheep, or they would take action against us, stating that our land was in their mortgage from Devlin. When the Full Court decided the case in our favour I went down to Sydney and demanded a settlement from the bank for the loss we sustained through their sheep eating all our grass and our sheep perishing. I also gave a bill to Mr. Flavelle for fencing erected on the boundary between our land and his, which he failed to do with us. The Manager of the bank, Mr. Gaden, stated he did not want to have any contrariness with me, stating he would go down and introduce me to Mr. Flavelle and have a settlement, which was better than law. I went with him, and he made the settlement between us and got a cheque for me of £1,000 in settlement of everything which was between me and Flavelle and also the bank—that is to say, about 5 miles of fencing done, fence cut down and destroyed by the lessee's men, crop eaten and destroyed for five or six years by lessee's sheep, and on conditions that we would have no more lawsuits for any damage done up to date. On the above grounds we got the cheque for £1,000, but if I thought the Government would not recompense us for the loss of our land until they give us a right, I should not take £5,000. Surely Mr. Brunker does not expect, if the Government does us out of our land, that we could let the lessee or the rest of our neighbours destroy all our property, and do with us as they like without bringing them before the justice of the law, or having a mutual settlement, which I am sure have no interference with the wrongs the Government have done on us, or with the report brought up by your Select Committee. I am sure you are able to put this clearer, even before your Committee, than I have stated to you, which will no doubt show the gentlemen on the Select Committee that their report in our favour is only doing justice to us; and if I was a squatter instead of a selector, Mr. Brunker would pay us compensation for the loss we suffered through their neglect without putting on a Select Committee at all—same as other Ministers have done. I see by the public papers where they have paid several people for shifting improvements through the cause of the surveyors not running proper boundaries—Mr. Mates, of Tarcutta, included. John Halbish and several others also paying law expenses for several parties without any Committee or inquiries. Although those parties never were done out of their land at all, we are done out of our land, as well as having to shift improvements, and it appears they want to beat us in all, but I still have good confidence in all our Committee, excepting Mr. Lakeman. The voice of one won't be much among the many gentlemen who, I am sure, will see justice for us; if we fail to get a fair compensation from the Government, each of us intend to sue the Government, so that if we won't benefit by it the lawyers will. I would like if you would let Mr. Wilkinson, of Albury, have a look at this note, for I am sure he is a gentleman who will assist you in this action, as well as Mr. Lyne, or any other Member of the Committee you may think fit. You will excuse me for this long explanation.

Your, &c.,  
THOMAS RYAN.

J. Gormly, Esq., M.L.A.

The following is a true copy of a letter from Mr. Todhunter, who was Manager on this run for the Commercial Bank, and which will show you that between Flavelle, Devlin, and the bank, they kept us out of our land until we got the Validating Bill to give us a right to keep their stock off. If your Committee won't give credit to this copy, I will send you the original of it. I think the following letter will show you that the compensation we got from the lessee has nothing to do with the action of the Government, and he would not give us the cheque mentioned if they did not consider they were indebted to us, which should have nothing to do with the action of the Government.

Sir,

I am desired to give you notice that the land you have seized the sheep on, is not your land or your daughters, and you will be held responsible for any loss or damage which may arise from your illegal seizure of sheep. I am also to inform you, that in erecting a temporary fence to save the sheep been knocked about and damaged by you, the lessees of the run in no way admit your right to the land in question, and I notify you not to trespass on it with stock or otherwise.

“Uarah,” 24 April, 1888.  
JAMES TODHUNTER

(Pro The Commercial Bank of Sydney).

Mr. Ryan.

### C.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, 29 November, 1890.

I am in receipt of your two letters, and return them, as I must decline to receive letters commenting on the action taken by any member of the Select Committee. Mr. Lakeman has taken great trouble, as a member of the Committee, to have a report framed that would be the means of having justice done to your daughters and yourself. When the draft report was before the Committee for adoption, Mr. Lakeman moved an amendment, which was accepted, and made the report more favourable to your interests.

I consider your letters a gross slander on the character of Mr. Lakeman, and must decline to receive letters from you again on this subject.

Should you wish to have any further evidence placed before the Committee, kindly make it known to the Clerk of Select Committees, Legislative Assembly.

Yours, &c.,

JAMES GORMLY.

[To evidence of Thomas Ryan.]

### D.

MEMO. of losses incurred by Thomas Ryan, in consequence of the New South Wales Government depriving him, for a period of seven years, more or less, of the use of 2,250 acres, more or less, of land situate in the parish of Berembed, county of Bourke, New South Wales:—

Rent of 2,250 acres of land, at 4s. per acre per annum, £450, for seven years .....	£3,150
(To this amount should be added interest.)	
Twenty-nine visits to Sydney (railway fares), £3 .....	87
(In addition to this, each visit cost about £7 hotel expenses.)	
Law costs .....	800
	£4,037



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REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

CLAIM OF MR. E. K. CRACE TO CROWN LAND  
ADJOINING GUNGAHLEEN ESTATE;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

AND

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VOTES No. 25. TUESDAY, 24 JUNE, 1890.

9. CLAIM OF MR. E. K. CRACE TO CROWN LAND ADJOINING GUNGAHLEEN ESTATE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan,—
- “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the claim (if any) of Mr. E. K. Crace to a piece of Crown land adjoining the Gungahleen Estate, Gininderra, near Queanbeyan.
- “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Crick, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Walker, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Howe, Mr. Creer, Mr. William Stephen, and the Mover.”
- And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 73. TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1890.

15. CLAIM OF MR. E. K. CRACE TO CROWN LAND ADJOINING GUNGAHLEEN ESTATE,—Mr. O'Sullivan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 24th June, 1890; together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
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CLAIM OF MR. E. K. CRACE TO CROWN LAND ADJOINING GUNGAHLEEN  
ESTATE.

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**REPORT.**

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on the 24th June, 1890, "*with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim (if any) of Mr. E. K. Crace to a piece of Crown land adjoining the Gungahleen Estate, Gininderra, near Queanbeyan,*" have agreed to the following Report:—

Your Committee, having examined witnesses from the Land Titles Office and the Lands Department, and inspected the deed of grant, the plan of original survey, and other documents bearing upon the subject, find,—

That there is undoubtedly an excess area of  $305\frac{1}{2}$  acres in the grant of 728 acres to J. T. Morrisett, now the property of Mr. E. K. Crace, who claims the excess area as being within the boundaries of the said grant; and they therefore recommend that the  $305\frac{1}{2}$  acres referred to should be resumed by the Government, in accordance with powers provided by law.

E. W. O'SULLIVAN,  
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,  
Sydney, 14 October, 1890.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, 3 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Walker.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TUESDAY, 8 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Turner,  
Mr. William Stephen.

Mr. O'Sullivan called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.

Committee deliberated.

*Ordered*,—That the Under Secretary for Lands, and the Chief Clerk, Land Titles Office, be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at *Twelve* o'clock.]

TUESDAY, 15 JULY, 1890.

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. Walker.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 17 JULY, 1890.

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. Walker.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 31 JULY, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. O'Sullivan in the Chair.

Mr. Walker, | Mr. Turner.

William Frederick August Kloster (*Draftsman, Land Titles Office*) called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness *produced* a map of the land in question.

Witness withdrew.

Edward Arnold Bronsdon (*Clerk, Miscellaneous Service Branch, Lands Department*) called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned to Wednesday next, at *Twelve* o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1890.

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. Walker.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1890.

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. Walker.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1890.

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. O'Sullivan.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

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*TUESDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1890.*

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

None.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

*TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1890.*

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. O'Sullivan, | Mr. Walker.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

*THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1890.*

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. O'Sullivan.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

*TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1890.*

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. O'Sullivan.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

*TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1890.*

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. O'Sullivan.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

*THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1890.*

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. O'Sullivan in the Chair.

Mr. Turner, | Mr. Walker.

Committee deliberated and adjourned until two p.m. this day.

Edward Arnold Bronsdon called in and further examined.

Witness *produced* extracts from the report of Mr. Surveyor Smith, also original plan of survey made by Mr. Surveyor Hoddle, and *handed in* a copy of the plan. (*See Appendix.*)

Witness withdrew.

Committee deliberated, and requested the Chairman to prepare a Draft Report for next meeting.

[Adjourned to Thursday, 25 September at *half-past Two* o'clock.]

*THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1890.*

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

None.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

*TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1890.*

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. O'Sullivan in the Chair.

Mr. Walker, | Mr. Creer.

Chairman submitted Draft Report.

Same read and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE CLAIM OF

MR. E. K. CRACE, TO CROWN LAND ADJOINING  
GUNGAHLEEN ESTATE.

THURSDAY, 31 JULY, 1890.

Present:—

MR. O'SULLIVAN, | MR. TURNER,  
MR. WALKER.

E. W. O'SULLIVAN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. William Frederick August Kloster called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] What position do you hold? I am a draftsman in the Land Titles Office.
2. Have you any knowledge as to the granting of a title to Mr. E. K. Crace, of Gungahleen, for some 200 acres of land? The only thing I have noticed is with reference to the 728 acres. I have not gone into the case. Mr. Pearson, the Principal Draftsman, instructed me to ascertain the particulars. I have nothing to do with the matter of the title.
3. It is contended that an excess area of 200 acres has been included in the property for which Mr. Crace has obtained a title? From a rough calculation, I make the excess area 305½ acres in the 728-acre grant without going into any other grants.
4. Do you produce a map showing the area in question? I do.
5. *Mr. T. Walker.*] Are you able to say by examining the map how that excess was granted? I can only give evidence about the plan.
6. The plan clearly shows the excess area? It does not show it; I have marked it on the plan.
7. How did you ascertain the excess area—have you any plan in existence showing it? There is the parish map, issued by the Surveyor-General.
8. Looking at the parish map which you produce, which would be the grant to Mr. Crace? The grant as laid down by the Surveyor-General's Department comes up to the upper boundary. That is what they call the 728-acre grant, but in reality it is over 1,000 acres.
9. *Mr. Turner.*] By the map? Yes.
10. *Mr. T. Walker.*] Taking the map as it is, although it states here in figures that there are 728 acres in the block, yet according to scale it is over 1,000 acres? Yes.
11. *Mr. Turner.*] Do you calculate by scaling or figures? In the absence of the lengths you have to use the scale to find the lengths. No lengths are shown on parish maps. The areas they give are generally the areas as shown on the grants.
12. *Mr. T. Walker.*] They do not concern themselves with exact measurements? They never have a resurvey. They can only show the area already granted.
13. *Mr. Turner.*] The figures in pencil are put on from scaling. They were put on by me from the grant. The lengths given in the grant give an exact area of 728 acres; but taking the boundaries as defined by the Surveyor-General's Office, I find that it contains over 1,000 acres.

Mr. W. F. A.  
Kloster.  
31 July, 1890.

- Mr. W. F. A. 14. *Mr. T. Walker.*] The grant includes more land than it should by about 30 or 35 chains? Yes.  
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15. From your experience have you found that such mistakes are common? In some cases a greater excess has appeared than in this grant. In smaller areas I have found that the proportion of excess is greater.
16. *Chairman.*] Are you aware that the block was originally surveyed by Mr. Hoddle as 728 acres? I cannot say anything as to the survey, I can only go by the grant.
17. Is there any indication that the grant is based upon the survey? In all cases the deeds are prepared from the surveyor's plans.
18. If this was originally surveyed by Mr. Hoddle, for Mr. Morrisset, as 728 acres, the grant should have been issued for 728 acres? It is issued for that area.
19. Yet by measurement you find it to be 305½ acres in excess, or very nearly one half the area of the original survey? Yes.
20. Have you gone over the papers? I have gone through the papers relating to this particular grant.
21. Do you know the history of the case? No, but here are the papers. When a person applies to bring land under the Act, and it is found that it is likely to encroach upon Crown land, the office invariably send a notice to the Surveyor-General, whose department sees that the boundaries are approximately correct, or are in accordance with the surveyor's plan. In this case a notice was sent to the Surveyor-General, and the following information was sent back:—"Application for certificate of title under the Real Property Act by E. K. Crace. This claim covers a certain grant of land, viz., J. T. Morisset's 728 acres which has been shown to be very faulty in respect of description and measurement, and concerning which there was very careful investigation several years ago in connection with an application for conditional purchase, when it was decided that the Crown would not interfere to disturb possession by the proprietor who is the present claimant. With regard to the other grants covered by this claim, I am not aware of any objection on public grounds to confirmation of the title as desired; but in view of the third paragraph of the Registrar General's letter, I think his attention might be directed to the opening of a road under the Parish Roads Act, which I have caused to be indicated by red band on his tracing herewith, and to the resumption of 2 acres for public school purposes as indicated by green tint therein."
22. By whom is that signed? By Mr. Twynam, the Acting Surveyor-General, on the 13th August, 1887.
23. Are you aware that Mr. Adams, Surveyor-General, gave his opinion that this was Crown land? There is further evidence supplied—which was no doubt written by Mr. Furber—to the Surveyor-General, as follows:—"The application of E. K. Crace is for lands, including, among other grants, one of 728 acres to J. T. Morisset, being a purchase by him in 1835 at auction at the rate of 5s. per acre. Correspondence of a voluminous nature took place some seven years back in connection with an alleged excess of area in this grant, the area held under the grant being 1,015 acres, nearly 300 acres too much. Upon that discussion of the matter it was decided by three different Secretaries for Lands—the last being Mr. Secretary Farnell in 1883—that the Crown should not interfere to disturb the possession by the present applicant. Mr. Secretary Hoskins went further and gave his opinion that this meant an abandonment of all claim by the Crown. In view of the above facts, no objection can, at this date, be entered against Mr. Crace making good his title, although it is perhaps now to be considered whether, as only 728 acres were paid for, the Crown is not entitled to payment for the balance area at the same rate—5s. per acre. Possibly this may not be thought advisable, having in view the fifty years' possession by the grantee and his alienees. Caveat should, however, be entered on the ground that the land applied to be brought under the Real Property Act includes an area of 2 acres, resumed on the 14th January, 1885, by the Department of Public Instruction for a public school site at 'Stone Hut,' at the south-west corner of J. T. Morisset's 640 acres, shown by me in green on the tracing herewith. Caveat should also be lodged on the ground that a road extending from the Queanbeyan Road north-easterly through Morisset's 640 acres to the south-east corner of William Davis's 303 acres, and thence northerly and north-westerly to the north-west corner of William Davis's 618 acres, is not excluded from the land certificate of title to which is applied for. This road I have shown on the tracing herewith by red lines. It was confirmed by *Gazette* notice of 12th November, 1884, and it was in lieu thereof that Mr. Crace was allowed to purchase as unnecessary the road shown in blue running along the west boundaries of the three portions just mentioned. It is necessary for me to inform you that upon inquiry to day at the Registrar General's Office I find that declaration of service of this notice not having been yet lodged there. At least fourteen days from now will be allowed for entering caveat."
24. What period must elapse to enable a person to hold land against the Crown? No period will enable a person to hold any Crown land. No person can become the possessor of Crown lands.
25. *Mr. T. Walker.*] Is not that a matter of legal dispute;—do not some persons contend that sixty years' occupation will establish a claim? I do not think that they will grant Crown land to any one on a possessory title.
26. *Chairman.*] Why is this reference made to a fifty years' tenure? I believe it relates to the occupation of the 728 acres.
27. According to your belief no length of time would entitle this person to hold the excess area against the Crown? It all depends. If the boundaries are shown marked on the ground clearly, and can be defined and followed out by another surveyor, of course the area would be ignored, and also the lengths. The point is to identify the original corners of the portion.
28. Are you aware that this matter came before the Court of Claims? No.
29. Have you any record to that effect among your papers? Not that I have seen. I believe that there is some considerable doubt about an adjoining holding to the north. There was a letter sent by Mr. Crick to the Registrar-General, informing him that Mr. Rofe, the gentleman on the north, claims a title to land adjoining this, and which forms part of these 728 acres.
30. *Mr. T. Walker.*] Not part of the 728 acres, but part of the 305 acres in excess? Yes.
31. *Chairman.*] Who applied to have the excess area brought under the Real Property Act? The applicant was E. K. Crace, of Gungahleen, in the Colony of New South Wales, who directed that the certificate should be issued to himself, and the application was lodged by Norton, Smith, & Co.
32. Did the application come to you with the knowledge of the Minister for Lands of the day? The Minister for Lands would not be informed at all of an application being deposited in the office.
33. Would he not be consulted before you granted a title? An application goes right through the office routine.

routine. First of all it goes to the Principal Draftsman, who sees that all the deeds are deposited, then to the Examiners of Titles, who ascertain whether they are correct, and if they find everything correct they send it on to the Board of Commissioners, who approve of it and specify the number of days in which caveat may be lodged. Where it is found that land applied for abuts on Crown land, or that perhaps roads are not shown in the applicant's plan, a notice is sent to the Surveyor-General, who looks into the matter.

Mr. W. F. A.  
Kloster.  
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34. Who are the examiners who investigated this application? Messrs. H. D. Maddock and A. Parry Long. It was also investigated by Mr. Plomley, but he has since retired.

35. Did it go through the ordinary routine of the department? Yes.

36. And with the full knowledge that it contained an excess area of 305 acres, a title was recommended? They knew that there was an excess, but not the exact quantity of the excess.

37. Were they fully aware of the circumstances of the whole case? They were quite satisfied on the papers supplied by the Surveyor-General to allow it to go on.

38. Amongst these papers was there not the opinion of Mr. Adams, Surveyor-General, that it was Crown land? No; I saw nothing to that effect in the papers.

39. No decision of the Court of Claims to the effect that the land could not be obtained by Crace? I did not see anything in the papers to that effect.

40. How long has the title been granted? It was passed by the Examiners, and passed by the Board on the 8th June, 1887. It was first of all deposited in the office on the 29th November, 1882.

41. Does it take five years to put a deed like that through the department? It all depends upon the title. There may be some defects in the title.

42. There appear to be a lot of defects in this title, or else it would not have taken so long to go through? I do not know whether it relates to the 728 acres or to other blocks forming part of this application.

43. What is the ordinary time taken to put a title through which would appear to be a valid one? I could not say.

44. Can you give me an approximate idea? I could not say. I have nothing to do with that matter.

45. In 1882, when they applied for a title, it was not granted? No.

46. There was some objection offered then? Some objection was raised to the wording in some subsequent deeds.

47. There was also the opinion of the Surveyor-General of the day that it was Crown land? I do not think that was taken into consideration at the time.

48. Would this deed have to go back for endorsement by the Minister for Lands? As soon as land is granted from the Crown the Minister has nothing further to do with the deeds. They are dealt with by the Land Titles Office.

49. Does it not go on to your office with his approbation or endorsement? No; if he has any objection at all against the issue of the title he forwards a caveat to that effect, and the applicant is informed that such action has been taken.

50. No objection appears to have been lodged in 1887 by the Minister for Lands? Not by the Surveyor-General, except as to the road and the site for the school which has been satisfied since.

51. *Mr. T. Walker.*] If as you say, a case of this kind occurs frequently, what has generally been the action of the Crown; has a resurvey been made and the grant been altered to the proper area and no more? No.

52. Or have there been any changes made so as to take in the excess area? They generally act on a decision of the Supreme Court, in which they state that the area of the land is to be taken as shown by its metes and bounds.

53. The deed does not give all the boundaries; if the boundaries include 1,000 acres more than should be included they give a grant for only 728 acres? The Survey Department give the deed for what the surveyor marks out himself; the survey is checked, as a rule, in the Surveyor-General's Department, and according to that survey they issue the deed.

54. Has any case occurred within your knowledge of the Crown having secured from the supposed owner of land the amount of excess in the survey? Not that I know of. I have seen several cases go through the office in which there have been excess areas, but they have taken no action at all.

55. It is the invariable rule that no action is taken unless an action is started in the Supreme Court by parties interested? Yes.

56. In this case you are not aware that there has been any such action? I know of none.

57. *Mr. Turner.*] Have you the deeds of this land? Yes. This is the description which is given in the Crown grant:—"First portion containing 728 acres, situated in the county of Murray, parish unnamed, near Gunninginderry, and bounded on the east by the first section line east of G. T. Palmer's northern portion, being a purchase of 640 acres, north 115 chains: Commencing at the south-east corner on the north by a section line west 80 chains; on the west by a section line south 35 chains, to the northern boundary of G. T. Palmer's said 640 acres; thence by lines east 24 chains and south 80 chains; and on the south by part of G. T. Palmer's eastern portion, being a purchase of 640 acres, east 56 chains to the south-east corner aforesaid, being the land sold as lot 69 in pursuance of the advertisement of 9th November, 1835."

58. Is there any reason to fix either of these lines as a sectional line? These are generally marked on the ground.

59. What constitutes the sectional line in this case? In the early days I believe the practice was to mark the sectional lines running east and west, and then to fit any blocks within those lines. They called them all sectional lines in the early grants up to a certain date.

60. Have you the original plan from which that deed was prepared? No; it would be in the Surveyor-General's Office.

61. Of course you do not know whether the corners are fixed by reference to trees or not? I could not say.

62. Is it not usual to put "more or less" in these descriptions in the lengths? No. It generally says on the top, "acres, be the same more or less, situated in the county or parish."

63. The chainage is not "more or less," as expressed in the deed? No; though in some of the early plans the surveyor puts "more or less" in the lengths in his plans.

- Mr. W. F. A. Kloster.  
31 July, 1890.
64. *Mr. T. Walker.*] Is it likely that the exact measurements are given in the original survey? Some surveyors have left well-defined marks, by which one can follow out their work; others have run over it in a careless manner. I know nothing at all as to the marks in this instance. The office is usually guided by the surveyor, who is a man licensed under the Real Property Act, and is supposed to be a first class man.
65. *Mr. Turner.*] The deed fixes the land to an inch? Yes, but it may not fix it on the ground. Surveyors go by the marks on the ground.
66. *Chairman.*] As a matter of fact, it was resurveyed? Yes, to bring the land under the Real Property Act. The surveyor made a resurvey of the outer boundaries of the area applied for, but not of this particular block of 728 acres.
67. *Mr. Turner.*] Is there any doubt on the ground as to the position of George Palmer's portion? I do not think so.
68. The south-east corner of Palmer's portion 60 is fixed, beyond doubt, on the ground? As far as this survey shows, it is.
69. What is the meaning of the qualification "as far as this survey shows;"—is not this survey final? I could not say. The surveyor is the only person who can state that definitely.
70. *Chairman.*] Who surveyed it? Messrs. Atchison and Schleicher, of Pitt-street.
71. *Mr. Turner.*] I suppose you would qualify your reply about these corners in the same way? Yes; I can state nothing as a surveyor.
72. As far as the plan shows, the corners of Palmer's sections are determined and fixed on the ground? Yes.
73. Then by the deed, this piece of land—Morrisset's 728 acres—commences from Palmer's boundary? Yes.
74. The surveyor, in fixing portion reserve 13, has defined the eastern boundary of the 728 acres, and the northern boundary is, as it is shown in pencil on the parish lithograph? Yes.
75. In the same way it is shown in pencil that it comes to the north-east corner of portion 60? A little below it.
76. *Chairman.*] These boundaries exclude the excess area? The boundaries in pencil do.
77. *Mr. T. Walker.*] Is there anything in the deed to take you to the north of the boundary line which you have drawn in pencil? They have gone by the occupation. When land is fixed, the surveyor as a rule, points out the boundaries to the occupier, and he fences in accordingly.
78. The deed was not granted on the survey, but on the occupation? It was granted on the survey, although the surveyor may have made an error, and shown him the wrong boundaries.

Mr. Edward Arnold Bronsdon called in, sworn, and examined:—

- Mr. E. A. Bronsdon.  
31 July, 1890.
79. *Chairman.*] What position do you hold in the Lands Department? I have charge of the Auction and Miscellaneous Sales Branch.
80. Did the matter referred to the Committee come under your jurisdiction? I have only occupied that position for about three months. The papers came before me to be copied for the House.
81. Did you find all the papers there? Well, I don't know. I did not notice that any papers were missing; in fact, there are so many papers connected with the case that one could hardly be expected to know that.
82. As a matter of fact, did anyone in the office miss any of the papers? No; not to my knowledge.
83. Can you thoroughly understand the case from the papers which you have there? I think so.
84. Is there a link wanting at all? Not that I recollect.
85. The papers have been printed, have they not? Yes; here is a copy. I should explain that although the matter came before me in order to prepare the return, I did not have to examine each paper as it was copied. I have, however, gone through the papers with a view to giving evidence.
86. Upon what points can you give evidence? I may state that there have been three decisions given by various Ministers, declining to oust Mr. Crace from the land; there is also a plan showing that Mr. Smith, a staff surveyor, retraced, as far as he could, the lines surveyed by the original surveyor, Mr. Hoddle.
87. Does Mr. Smith's retracing correspond with the description in the grant which you have just read? No.
88. In what respect does it vary? According to Mr. Smith's retracing the northern boundary of the 728 acres is measured as a westerly prolongation of the southern boundary of Palmer's most northern 640-acre block.
89. Starting from that westerly prolongation, how far does Mr. Smith's retracing go? He goes right round the block as far as he can determine it. But in the case of this southern boundary you will notice that he could not find the marked trees. He found a tree at the western extremity. Of course trees are blazed along the lines, but he could not find those trees.
90. That corner would be the southern boundary of Hoddle's original survey? Yes.
91. The excess area in dispute starts from the southern boundary of Hoddle's survey, and Smith's retracing does it not? It just depends upon where the excess area is. You will see that this survey does not agree with the deed, as far as the deed can be interpreted.
92. Although it does not agree with the deed there are indications there of the survey made by Hoddle, and the retracing by Smith? Yes.
93. Then the survey mark would indicate that this was the end of the 728 acres according to Hoddle's survey? Yes.
94. There are 305½ acres outside that claimed by Mr. Crace as a portion of the 728 acres? Yes; but I must explain that a part of that is actually included by the deed.
95. *Mr. Turner.*] Have you Mr. Hoddle's plan? I have not the original plan, but it can be produced, if required. But here is a diagram which accompanied a *précis* that was prepared with the view of getting the Attorney General's opinion upon the question.
96. *Chairman.*] From reading the deed, which, in your opinion, would be the excess area? Taking the deed, I should say that the northern portion was the excess area.
97. And taking the survey? Taking the survey, it leaves out two pieces here. The deed does not really agree with the survey as marked on the ground.

98. *Mr. Turner.*] When there is a difference between the survey and the deed, which takes precedence in law? I can hardly answer a question as to the law of the case, but answering the question as an officer of the department I should say that the deed would take precedence.

Mr. E. A.  
Bronsdon.

31 July, 1890.

99. Was the deed prepared from the surveyor's plan? Yes.

100. Or from any diagram? It is customary to prepare it from the plan. The papers do not show that that was actually the case, but that is the practice.

101. You cannot say that the deed was not prepared from a diagram or from the parish map? I cannot say that it was not, but it is not the practice to do so. The practice is to prepare the description direct from the plan, and the plan is used, too, in preparing the diagram on the deed.

102. *Mr. T. Walker.*] Can you account for the difference between the deed and the survey? The deed agrees with the plan, but the plan does not agree with the marking on the ground. The surveyor shows the 728 acres in the same position (coming in) as the deed describes (shows) it. As far as Mr. Smith could gather from an investigation of Mr. Hoddle's field-books, and from visiting the ground and retracing the lines, and taking these observations it seems that Mr. Hoddle had measured three 640-acre blocks, as shown by blue lines on Mr. Smith's sketch, and then he appears to have altered his survey so as to fix the boundaries in a different position, as shown by the red edging, the most northern boundary being about 37 chains further to the south.

THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. TURNER.

MR. T. WALKER.

E. W. O'SULLIVAN, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Edward Arnold Bronsdon recalled and further examined:—

103. *Chairman.*] Will you read to the committee the report made by Surveyor Smith to the Registrar-General at page 21 of the papers in this case? Yes. [*Report read.*]

Mr. E. A.  
Bronsdon.

104. Having made a careful study of the case are you of opinion that Surveyor Smith has correctly explained the error made by Mr. Hoddle? Yes.

12 Sept., 1890.

105. Do you hold the opinion that the land between the northern boundary as shown on the original plan, and the northern boundary as marked by Mr. Hoddle is still Crown land? Yes, I think it is Crown land.

106. Do you produce the original survey made by Mr. Robert Hoddle in 1835? I produce a plan of it, and hand in a copy. [*Vide Appendix A.*]

107. From this plan it is clear that the land to the north now included in the land conveyed to Mr. Crace, was outside the original survey made by Mr. Hoddle? How do you mean "conveyed";—it was not included in the grant?

108. It has been conveyed since in a certificate of title? I have no knowledge of a certificate of title.

109. This plan shows that the excess area conveyed by the certificate of title to Mr. Crace is outside the original survey made by Mr. Hoddle? It shows that there is an excess area of 312 acres outside the land shown on the plan, and described in the deed of grant.

110. Therefore the original plan may be taken as *prima facie* evidence that the excess area still remains Crown lands? Yes.

111. *Mr. Turner.*] From Mr. Smith's report it is evident that Mr. Hoddle's original survey left the excess area to the south? It left it in two pieces, namely a piece of 93 acres to the west, and a piece of 194 acres to the south.

112. By Mr. Smith's report there is evidently a difference between the survey and the plan and deed? The plan and deed agree, and they both differ for the survey.

113. *Mr. T. Walker.*] Then according to the survey the excess area is not to the north, but to the south and west? Yes.

114. And the deed of grant and original plan make the excess area to the north? Yes.

115. It is the northern portion in excess which you say is yet Crown land? Yes.

116. *Mr. Turner.*] All the evidence shows that there is an excess area? —

117. *Chairman.*] The deed and plan show conclusively that the excess area is now to the north? Yes.

118. And that is the land in dispute? Yes.

119. As the facts indicate so plainly that this excess area is to the north of the grant to Mr. Morrisset, how came it that a certificate of title was granted for that land? That is a question for the Registrar-General's Department. The papers do not show that a certificate has been issued.

[Plan.]



"APPENDIX A"

(To evidence of E.A. Bronsden.)

Case N<sup>o</sup> 1518  
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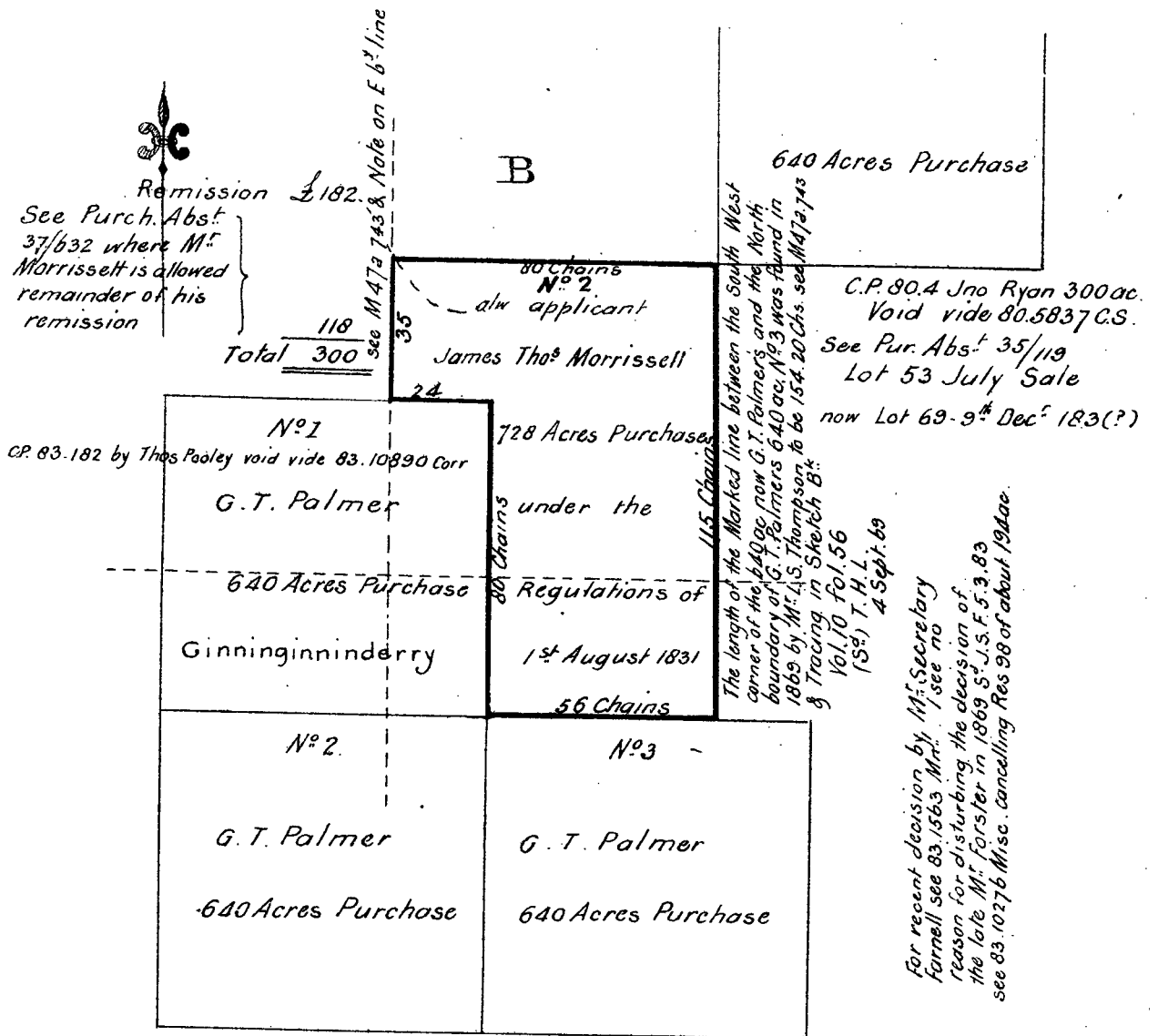
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8<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1880

(S<sup>d</sup>)

*W. Sumner*

Secretary



(S<sup>d</sup>) Robert Hoddle  
Surveyor

Accompanying Description and Letter

Dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 1835

Traced by J.H. Webber  
Exam<sup>d</sup> H.M. 12.9.90.  
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1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**CROWN LANDS.**

(CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLAIM OF MR. E. K. CRACE TO LAND ADJOINING  
GUNGAHLEEN ESTATE.)

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No. 1.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Camp, Ginninderra, 29 June, 1861.

\* Appendix A. In compliance with the instructions contained in your circular of the 28th August, 1857, No. 57,982, I have the honor to transmit a plan\* of three portions of land near Ginninderra, county of Murray, applied for by Wm. Davis and Robert Maloney, whose post-town is Ginninderra.

2. The lagoon on portion 1 is very shallow, and chiefly formed by artificial means.

I have, &c.,

J. B. THOMPSON,

Licensed Surveyor.

Mr. Thompson is reminded that under existing laws portions exceeding 640 acres in area cannot be brought to auction sale, and is requested to subdivide the two large portions accordingly.—A.G.M., B.C., 16/7/61.

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No. 2.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson to The Surveyor-General.

Sir, Bungendore, 31 July, 1861.

† Appendix B. In compliance with the instructions contained in your circular of the 28th August, 1857, No. 57,982, and in your B.C. letter of the 16th July, 1861, No. 61,939, I have the honor to transmit a plan† of five portions of land near Ginninderra, county of Murray, applied for by William Davis and Robert Maloney, whose post-town is Ginninderra.

I have, &c.,

J. B. THOMPSON,

Licensed Surveyor.

Queanbeyan. Schedule dated 2nd October, 1861.

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No. 2A.

Office Memorandum.

MEMORANDUM of subjects requiring explanation or completion in connection with the survey and plan of five portions near Ginninderra, county of Murray, transmitted by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson, letter No. 61-49, of 31st July, 1861, and on which Mr. Thompson's report in explanation is requested.

Subject.	Report.
<p>According to the originals of the adjoining portions, the position of G. T. Palmer's 640 acres is south of that shown on the above plan,‡ as will appear from the accompanying tracing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G.M.</p> <p>B.C., 3/10/61. 61-1,362.</p>	<p>The portion of G. T. Palmer's 640 acres, as shown in the originals, is incorrect. On a former occasion I chained the western boundary, and fixed the south-west corner of this land, which corner is also the south-east corner of A. Rolfe's 320 acres; and during the present survey I chained the southern boundary to make myself certain of its position, which is as laid down on my plan.</p> <p>I connected the portion of 618 acres measured by me with G. T. Palmer's 640 acres, for the purpose and with the intention of pointing out the error, but which, I regret very much, I inadvertently omitted to do in my letter of transmission.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. B. THOMPSON, Licensed Surveyor.</p> <p>Camp, Fairy Meadow, near Boro, 9 October, 1861.</p>

‡ Appendix C.

## [Enclosures.]

## DESCRIPTION.

G. T. Palmer, 640 acres, 28th January, 1836.

BOUNDED on the south by a section line which forms the northern boundary of a measured portion of 728 acres, applied for to purchase by J. T. Morrissett, east 80 chains. Commencing at the north-east corner of the said 728 acres; on the east by a section line north 80 chains; on the north by a section line west 80 chains; on the west by a section line south 80 chains, to the north-east corner of the 728 acres aforesaid.

## DESCRIPTION.

A. Rolfe, 320 acres, 1st March, 1858, purchase.

COMMENCING at the south-west corner of G. T. Palmer's 640 acres, and bounded on the south by a line dividing it from part of J. T. Morrissett's 720 acres, bearing west 40 chains; on the west by a line bearing north 80 chains; on the north by a line bearing east 40 chains; and on the east by the west boundary of the aforesaid G. T. Palmer's 640 acres, being a line bearing south 80 chains to the south-west corner thereof as aforesaid.

## No. 3.

## Office Memo.

Lands Department.

Form F.

P.D. 30 June, 1868.

MEMORANDUM of instructions, case 1,518, exhibit E, produced 7th October, 1880, on behalf of claimant.—

W. G. PENNINGTON, Secretary.

Subject.	Reply.
<p>Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam is requested, at his early convenience, to report upon the true position of Florence M'Auliffe's 62½ acres conditional purchase with regard to Palmer's and Morrissett's lands, tracings of which are attached hereto.</p> <p>On the back of this paper Mr. Twynam will find a copy of memo. sent to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor J. B. Thompson, together with his reply.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P. F. ADAMS.</p> <p>3 July. No. 68-94.</p>	<p>I have measured the connection shown by the diagram below, which proves the correctness of the position of M'Auliffe's 62½ acres, as shown by Mr. Haughton and Mr. Thompson respectively.</p> <p>The Ginninderra section can be identified by the Ginninderra and Head Station. I cannot assign any for the discrepancy between and the subsequent survey.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EDWARD TWYNAM, District Surveyor.</p> <p>Yass, 25 September, 1863.</p>
<p>Florence M'Auliffe's 62½ acres, 65-20,418.—P.D., 9/5/67.</p> <p>G. T. Palmer's 640 acres, connected by Mr. Thompson with the above measurement, appears to come half a mile further south from the south extremity of the southern portion of the west boundary of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres than it should. Mr. Thompson to afford an early explanation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W.R.D.</p> <p>9 May, 1867.</p>	<p>I have carefully re-examined this connection, and found it correct as between the north-west corner of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres and the north-east corner of F. M'Auliffe's 62½ acres conditional purchase. I found the north-west corner of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres and the northern boundary of G. T. Palmer's 640 acres beyond a doubt, but the western boundary marks of the former cannot now be found, and I was thus compelled to connect with the corner before of which I was certain.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. B. THOMPSON, Licensed Surveyor.</p> <p>Queanbeyan, 2 June, 1868.</p>

## No. 4.

## The Chief Draftsman to Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam.

Case No. 1,518, exhibit G. produced on behalf of claimant.—W. G. PENNINGTON, Secretary.  
Memo. for Chief Draftsman, 68-9,453.

## [Urgent.]

THERE appears to be a discrepancy existing with regard to the position of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres and John Burke's 160 acres and F. M'Auliffe's 62½ acres, as shown per annexed tracing.

J. T. Morrissett's portion would contain, by the position of the above-mentioned two portions, an area of about 1,025 acres, or else there must be a piece of Crown land containing an area of about 297 acres.

Description

Description of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres:—Bounded on the east by the first section line east of J. T. Palmer's northern portion, being a purchase of 640 acres, north 115 chains, commencing at the south-east corner; on the north by a section line west 80 chains; on the west by a section line south 35 chains to the northern boundary of G. T. Palmer's said 640 acres; thence by lines east 24 chains and south 80 chains; and on the south by part of G. T. Palmer's eastern portion, being a purchase of 640 acres, east 56 chains, to the south-east corner aforesaid.

6 October, 1868.

T.H.L.

Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam will be good enough still further to test this discrepancy by causing the measurement of Morrissett's and Palmer's east lines, or any other lines he may see to be necessary.—J.S.A. (for S.G.), 17/10/68. 148.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson is instructed to define accurately the position of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres. It appears to me desirable to start from the north-east corner of G. T. Palmer's 640 acres (the Ginninderra section), thence along its north boundary to the south-east corner of Morrissett's 728 acres, and along the east boundary of that land and its continuation to the south-east corner of A. Rolfe's 320 acres. Mr. Thompson is at liberty to exercise his discretion in making any other measurement.—E. TWYNAM, District Surveyor, Goulburn, 22/12/68.

### No. 5.

#### Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson to The Surveyor-General.

Case No. 1,518; exhibit C; produced, 7 Oct., 1880, on behalf of claimant—W. G. PENNINGTON, Secretary.

Sir,

Queanbeyan, 25 May, 1869.

Papers and six tracings returned herewith. \*Appendix D, E, F, G, H, I.

In compliance with the instructions conveyed by your B.C. memo. No. 68-148, and by the direction of the District Surveyor, I have measured the eastern boundary of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, and I now transmit a sketch\* showing the length and relative position of that boundary to other adjacent alienated lands.

An account in triplicate for the above-mentioned service is enclosed herewith.

I have, &c.,

J. B. THOMPSON,

Licensed Surveyor.

P.S.—The inaccuracy in the position of the northern boundary of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, which should, and which in fact does, coincide with the westerly prolongation of the southern boundary of G. T. Palmer's 640 acres, was indicated on my plan transmitted with my letter, No. 61-39, of the 29th June.

Submitted.—E. TWYNAM, D.S., 7/4/69.

It appears from this plan and letter that a serious discrepancy exists in the area embraced by the lines of Jas. T. Morrissett's 728 acres as given by Mr. Hoddle. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson shows the length of the east boundary line to be 154.20 links, or 39.20 links in excess of Mr. Hoddle's survey, thereby showing that the area embraced in excess is more than 313 acres. As it is of so old a date, over thirty years, what shall now be done in this case? It does not interfere with F. M'Auliffe's conditional purchase, Cat. M. 16-1,956.—T.H.L., 24/5/69.

Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam is requested to report as to the occupation of the 313 acres in excess of Morrissett's 728 acres.—P.D., 29/5/69. 69-3,391 noted and catalogued.—P.D., 29/10/69.

### No. 6.

#### Office Memorandum.

MEMORANDUM of instructions; case No. 1,518; exhibit D; produced, 7th Oct., 1880, on behalf of claimants.—W. G. PENNINGTON, Secretary. To be returned with reply.

Subject,	Reply.
Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam is requested at his early convenience to report with regard to the letter and plan recently transmitted to this Department by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson of J. T. Morrissett's eastern boundary.	Mr. William Davis, of Ginninderra, is the owner and occupier of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, and the debateable land in question, about 313 acres, is now and has been for several years held by Mr. Wm. Davis, is not improved, and is used for pastoral purposes only.
Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson and Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam both give that boundary as about 154 chains, and not 115, as mentioned on Mr. Hoddle's survey, and in accordance with which last a deed has been issued to the said J. T. Morrissett.	Should the deeds of grant of A. Rolfe's 320 acres or J. Burke's 160 acres have been issued, and should the lands thereby alienated be described as contiguous to J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, then I submit that the surplus land (313 acres) cannot now be resumed.
Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam will thus see that an area of about 313 acres has not been included by that deed in Morrissett's 728 acres, and will now have the goodness to report as to whether it is under occupation by him (Morrissett), and how or in what manner it is being occupied, either by him or any of the adjoining proprietors.	E. TWYNAM, District Surveyor. Goulburn, 7th June, 1869.
J.S.A., (For Surveyor-General).	
28th May, 1869, No. 80.	

Rolfe's 320 acres has been described in his deed as bounded on the south by part of J. T. Morrissett's 720 acres; the deed for Burke's, now Rolfe's, 160 acres also appears to have been issued.—T.H.L., 17/6/69. Notwithstanding

Notwithstanding, it has been held by the Crown Law Officers, and the principle has been acted on, that this is not sufficient for the title, and in one such case the land has been resumed by the Crown. It is considered desirable to submit this case, but, before doing so, perhaps Mr. Twynam could say whether there is any reason to believe that the dimensions given by Mr. Hoddle on his plan were those marked by him on the ground, and that the section lines shown on his plan as conterminous with the north boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres were so shown in mistake.—J.S.A. (for S.G.), 25/6/69. No. 102. E. Twynam.

It is impossible for me to obtain the information desired (B.C. 69-102), nor can I in any manner account for the apparently erroneous survey. I can only state that both Mr. Thompson and myself have searched in the proper position for the north boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres and cannot find any trace of survey marks.—E. TWYNAM, District Surveyor, 15/7/69. Mr. Adams.—16/7/69. S.G.O.

### No. 7.

#### The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Case No. 1,518, exhibit B, produced on behalf of claimant, 7th October, 1880.—W. G. PENNINGTON, Secretary.

In the measurement of adjacent portions a serious discrepancy between the area and dimensions of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, in the county of Murray, as marked on the ground and occupied, and as shown on Mr. Hoddle's original plan, and described in the deed, has been brought to light.

The accompanying tracing is illustrative of this discrepancy, and shows by a red tint the area shown by Mr. Surveyor Hoddle's plan, and described in the deed, and by purple lines the actual area on the ground. The actual area as so marked is about 1,041 acres, or 313 acres in excess of the area shown in Mr. Hoddle's plan, and mentioned in the deed. As it cannot be discovered that this marking on the ground has been the result of inadvertence, it is not recommended that any steps be taken for the purpose of resuming the 313 acres in excess. The error originated with the surveyor, and as the occupier has had thirty years undisturbed possession, the question as to whether or not steps should be taken to eject him is submitted.

10 Aug., 1869.

P. F. ADAMS.

No action can be recommended.—W.F., B.C., 13/8/69. Surveyor-General. Mr. Lewis, for noting on original. Noted on plan. Catalogue and a tracing placed in sketch-book, showing excess of area, &c. Vol. 10, fol. 56.—T.H.L., 3/9/69.

### No. 8.

#### Application by John Ryan.

80-4.

G.

[Alienation Act—section 22.]

Application by John Ryan, farmer, Ginninderra, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 300 acres (more or less) unimproved Crown land, under section 22 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £75, this 8th day of January, 1880, at 11 o'clock,—

O. WILLANS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Queanbeyan.

Land Agent's Number.	Date of previous Conditional Purchases.	Area of each Conditional Purchase. Acres.
Freehold (if any) contains per deed.....		
4.....	Jan., 1880.....	320
		300
Total .....		620

Sir,

Queanbeyan, 8 January, 1880.

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 22nd section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 300 acres (more or less), which adjoins my conditional purchase or freehold property of 320 acres, upon which I am now residing, and I herewith tender the sum of £75, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

A purchase after auction by A. Rolfe, on the 1st. March, 1858, now John Ryan.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase or freehold of 320 acres, I am, &c.,

JOHN RYAN,

Ginninderra.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Queanbeyan.

#### Description.

County of Murray, parish of Canberra, 300 acres (more or less): Bounded on the north by A. Rolfe's 160 acres and A. Rolfe's (now John Ryan's) 320 acres; on the east by portion G3 and part of portion 74, taken up by H. W. Palmer and C. R. Palmer respectively; on the south by Morrissett's 728 acres; and on the west by portions 61 and 81, Weetangra, taken up by F. M'Auliffe and G. Harcourt respectively. Through an error of compilation, and in the re-marking of a grant of G. Palmer, the area applied for does not appear on the maps as available for selection, although it does exist on the ground.

### No. 9.

#### Mr. E. K. Crace to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

Gungahleen, Ginninderra, 10 January, 1880.

I have the honor to draw your attention to an application made by John Ryan at the Lands Office, Queanbeyan, on the 8th instant, for a conditional purchase of 300 acres, in the parish of Canberra, county of Murray, under section 22 of the Lands Act.

The land applied for, I believe, forms a portion of a grant to J. T. Morrissett of 728 acres, the boundaries of which are duly described in the deed of grant of such 728 acres, which are in my possession.

I have the honor, therefore, respectfully to request that you will notify that the said John Ryan's application is illegal, and instruct the Government Land Agent at Queanbeyan to cancel the same.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD K. CRACE.

Alienation records, alienation paper 69-6,391 required.—F.W.R., 5/2/80. The case is under reference to Charting Branch. Inform, and return to Mr. Rutter.—A.O.M., 26/2/80. E. K. Crace, 26/2/80. Mr. Rutter.

No. 9A.

## No. 9A.

## Mr. E. K. Crace to The Chief Commissioner.

The Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales, Sydney, Queanbeyan Land District,—

Sir,

Gungahleen, Ginninderra, 9 February, 1880.

M. 47 and 47a,  
743. Voiding  
noted.  
Appendix Plan  
J.

I have the honor herewith to refer to my letter to you of 10th January last, *re* John Ryan's application for a conditional purchase of 300 acres, from and to be taken out of the area granted by purchase on 1st March, 1846, to J. T. Morrissett, situate in the parish of Canberra, county of Murray.

I have now the honor to enclose my statutory declaration to the effect that I value the improvements upon the 300 acres applied for out of this freehold at £250.

I also respectfully request your attention to the following facts, *viz.* :—

- 1st. That the land in question was duly surveyed, and was included in the deed of grant to J. T. Morrissett, and has for the last thirty-four years been in possession of and has formed a part of this estate.
- 2nd. That twelve years ago the attention of the Government was drawn to the fact that there was an excess of area in the deed of grant of 728 acres to J. T. Morrissett, and that after inquiry the Government declined to interfere with the deed of grant wherein the boundaries were defined, or to take action to disturb the then holder of this estate.
- 3rd. That the portion of the grant applied for by John Ryan is considerably improved, *viz.*, by fencing, cultivation, three sheep-yards, huts, yards, clearing and ringbarking, and land also now under crop, and leased to a tenant, all of which I value at, at least, £250.
- 4th. That these improvements have been erected because security of tenure was certain.
- 5th. That the portion applied for by John Ryan is still freehold, and just as much as any other portion of the grant to J. T. Morrissett of 728 acres is a freehold also.

I have the honor to respectfully solicit that my rights under the deed of grant to Morrissett may be respected, and that John Ryan's application may be dealt with at your early convenience.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD K. CRACE.

For action as noted on minute enclosed; papers then for Charting Branch.—C.N., 24/2/80. Mr. Rutter. See action noted on C.S. 89-1,771.—H.A.F.

With respect to this letter and the conditional purchase in question of the area held in excess, attention is invited to the Secretary for Lands' (Forster) decision of the 13th April, 1869, on 69-6,391 Alienation (see tracing), and a decision is requested as to the action to be now taken.—ROBERT D. FITZGERALD (for the Surveyor-General), 8/3/80. F.W.R.

Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales. Return with decision.

The fact that an area much in excess of that mentioned in the grant had been included in the measurement was brought under the notice of Mr. Secretary Forster in 1869, who declined to take any action in the matter (see his decision enclosed). I think that decision must be held to have operated as an abandonment of any claim to the excess of area, otherwise that was the time to have asserted a claim on the part of the Crown to the area in question, which certainly cannot be said to be included by the grant, the description of which is definite. Consistently therewith the selection recently made should, I think, be declared void. There is no reason that I know of why the present applicant should be encouraged to retain, or attempt to retain, land largely improved by the present possessor of it, whose boundary was marked to include it by the Government Surveyor forty-one years ago, and allowed to rest undisturbed (though questioned by the Survey Department eleven years ago). The cancellation of the selection will not deprive him of a right to appeal to the Supreme Court, should he be so advised, in support of his claim, while the recognition of it would not protect him from litigation on the part of the grantee.—A.O.M., 8/3/80.

I concur with the Chief Commissioner.—J.H., 18/3/80. E. K. Crace and John Ryan, care of Molyneux and Hodgkinson, informed, with refund voucher Agent and Treasury, 1/4/80. Voiding noted on plan.—H. P. RICH, 19/4/80.

## [Enclosure.]

I, EDWARD KENDALL CRACE, of Gungahleen, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the improvements upon the 300 acres of land in the parish of Canberra, county of Murray, applied for by John Ryan, at Queanbeyan, on the 8th day of January last, as a conditional purchase under the Crown Lands Alienation Acts, belong to me, and are of the value of £250.

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affirmations."

EDWARD K. CRACE.

Subscribed and declared at Queanbeyan, this 10th }  
day of February, A.D. 1880, before me,—

MARTIN BYRNE, J.P.

## No. 10.

## The Chief Commissioner to Mr. E. K. Crace.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 26 February, 1880.

C.P. 80-4 ;  
300 acres ;  
8 January, 1880 ;  
Queanbeyan.

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, further respecting the matter of your protest against the conditional purchase of John Ryan, as per marginal note, as including part of the grant of 728 acres to J. T. Morrissett, and embracing valuable improvements erected by you, I am to inform you that the case is under reference to the Charting Branch of the Survey Office, and when a decision is come to you will be further communicated with on the subject.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For Chief Commissioner).

No. 11.

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No. 11.

Molyneux and Hodgkinson to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Queanbeyan, 10 March, 1880.

We are requested by Mr. John Ryan, of Ginninderra, to forward to you the enclosed explanatory tracing in connection with his application for 300 acres of land (particulars as per margin), and to point out that the mistake made as to the position of block E cannot possibly entitle the holder of block F to claim land not originally included in the survey of his block.

M. 47-743  
voiding noted.  
M. 47a, 743.

Mr. Government Surveyor Smith was for some time engaged on the survey of 60, 61, 81, &c., and it is respectfully suggested that he can throw valuable light on the matter if referred to.

We are, &amp;c.,

MOLYNEUX AND HODGKINSON,

Land Agents.

Application No. 4-80, John Ryan, 300 acres or more, section 22, 8 January, 1880, parish of Canberra, county of Murray.

Action in connection with the enclosed conditional purchase application has already been taken on 80-5,837 C.S., which should be placed herewith.—H. P. RICH, 28/4/80.

No. 12.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. J. Ryan.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 April, 1880.

Referring to your conditional purchase application noted in the margin, which, it appears, is for an area said to be held in excess of that mentioned in the grant to Mr. J. T. Morrissett (now Crace), on the 1st March, 1846, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to inform you that there does not appear to be any reason why you should be allowed to retain land largely improved by the present possessor of it, whose boundary was marked to include it by the Government Surveyor forty-one years ago, and allowed to rest undisturbed eleven years ago.

C.P. 80-4;  
300 acres;  
8 January, 1880;  
Queanbeyan.  
Refund voucher.

Mr. Secretary Hoskins has therefore decided that your selection must be declared void, and the usual refund voucher is now enclosed, which will enable you to obtain a return of the deposit money paid.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

[Enclosures.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue Refunded.

Dr. to John Ryan.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 7 April, 1880.

	Amount to be refunded.		
	£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.S. No. 80-4 ; C.P. No. 80-5,837.			
Land Office at Queanbeyan ; date of selection, 8th day of January, 1880 ; deposit paid on 300 acres .....	75	0	0
Selection withdrawn or void to the extent of 300 acres, as the land is largely improved and held under a grant.			
Deposit to be refunded on 300 acres .....	75	0	0

(C.P. No. 80-4 ; C.S. No. 80-5,837.)

Sir,

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Queanbeyan, on the 8th January, 1880, for the conditional purchase of 300 acres of land is void, as the land applied for is largely improved, and held under a grant.

Deposit paid £75

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

Mr. Jno. Ryan, Mr. E. K. Crace, Gungahleen, Ginninderra.

No. 13.

The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent, Queanbeyan.

(C.P. No. 80-4 ; C.S. No. 80-5,837.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 7 April, 1880.

I desire to inform you that the application of John Ryan, on the 8th January, 1880, for the conditional purchase of 300 acres of land is void, as the land is largely improved, and held under a grant.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

No. 14.

## No. 14.

## The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue Refunded.

(C.P. No. 80-4; C.S. No. 80-5,837.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 April, 1880.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the land applied for is largely improved, and held under a grant, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £75, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

## No. 15.

## The Chief Commissioner to Mr. E. K. Crace.

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 7 April, 1880.

Sir,

Adverting to the matter of your protest under date 9th February last, against the conditional purchase noted in the margin, as being for an area held by you under a grant to Mr. J. T. Morrissett, although stated to be in excess of that mentioned in the grant, and the same being considerably improved, I am directed to inform you that there does not appear to be any reason why the present applicant should be encouraged to retain, or attempt to retain, land largely improved by the present possessor of it, whose boundary was marked to include it by the Government Surveyor forty-one years ago, and allowed to rest undisturbed, although questioned by the Survey Department eleven years ago.

The Minister for Lands has therefore decided that Ryan's application must be declared void, to which effect he (Ryan) has been apprised.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. O. MORIARTY,

Chief Commissioner.

## No. 16.

## Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

139, Pitt-street, 4 May, 1880.

We have been instructed by E. K. Crace, Esq., the proprietor of the Gungahleen Estate, Ginninderra, to draw your attention to the deed of grant issued to Mr. J. T. Morrissett, under date 1st March, 1841, and to apply to have the deed amended so as to embrace the full area under the description in said grant.

In support of this application we shall necessarily have to go fully into particulars connected with the case.

In the year 1835 Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle was instructed to make a survey of J. T. Morrissett's land, which he did, and furnished a plan on which he showed only 728 acres. Subsequently it was ascertained that a serious discrepancy existed as to the area embraced by the lines of J. T. Morrissett's land, as given by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson showing the length of the eastern boundary lines to be 154 chains and 20 links, as against 115 chains shown by Mr. Surveyor Hoddle, or 39 chains 20 links in excess, making a difference in area of about 300 acres, more or less. Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam also gives the eastern boundary-line of Morrissett's land at about 154 chains, thus agreeing with Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson. However, in the year 1841 a deed was issued to Mr. Morrissett for 728 acres only, instead of for 1,041 acres, the actual area as measured on the ground.

In the year 1869, the matter having been brought under notice, the Surveyor-General reported that an error had been made by the surveyor (Mr. Hoddle), and that as the occupier had then had undisturbed possession for thirty years it was for the Minister to say whether any steps should be taken to eject him. Mr. Forster, then Secretary for Lands, decided that no action for ejectment could be taken, after which nothing further is heard until on the 8th January, 1880, one John Ryan made a conditional purchase of a portion of the land claimed as Mr. Morrissett's property (now E. K. Crace's), and the latter at once took steps to have the selection of Ryan declared void, as the land was highly improved, and also held under a deed of grant, and on the 7th April, 1880, the selection of John Ryan was declared void, thereby again admitting that an error had been made in not including in the deed in the first instance the area as included in the measurement.

Under these circumstances, and in order that our client may be protected from further annoyance from persons believing that this 313 acres not now included in the deed issued to Mr. Morrissett is open to selection, we beg to apply that Mr. Crace, the present proprietor, be put into proper possession of his land by the Government—that is, the land which is clearly shown by the reports of Messrs. Thompson and Twynam, two very able and efficient officers of the Survey Department, to be within the measurement made by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle, either by giving him a fresh deed for the balance of the area, or by an amendment of the original deed, under the Land Titles Act of 1838.

There can be no doubt that had Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle performed his duty in a satisfactory manner, or had the Survey Office at the time of preparing the description properly and carefully checked Mr. Hoddle's measurement, the error would have been discovered, and the proper area would have been given in the grant. Mr. Morrissett and subsequent purchasers, always believing that they were possessed of the larger area, and having had undisturbed possession of same for forty years, have gone on largely improving the land, and for the foregoing reasons we would respectfully request that you will, without further delay, take such steps in the matter as to place our client in proper legal possession of the full area embraced by the measurement of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle, viz., 1,041 acres, more or less, and erroneously given in the deed of grant as 728 acres.

We have, &amp;c.,

BLOMFIELD AND DICKSON.

Urgent.

District,  
Queanbeyan;  
name, John  
Ryan; date of  
selection, 8th  
January, 1880;  
area, 300 acres;  
deposit, £75.

C.P. 80-4; 300  
acres;  
8th January,  
1880;  
Queanbeyan;  
John Ryan.

Urgent. The Under Secretary,—Please let me have an early report on this case.—J.H., 4/5/80.  
Mr. Wiseman.

80-3,383 Al.—By reference to the papers I find that the statements contained in the communication are substantially correct, viz., that the grantee, Mr. J. T. Morrissett, was entitled to the full area of land measured for him, viz., about 1,041 acres, and not 728 acres, as given in the description of his deed. I beg, therefore, to submit that the grant be surrendered to the Crown, and two fresh deeds prepared (the grant containing description of two separate pieces of land—728 acres and 640 acres), the one to contain the correct area measured for Mr. Morrissett, 1,041 acres, and the other to re-issue to that gentleman, giving the description as now contained therein.—J.W., 7/5/80.

The above will be the proper course to pursue, I believe, but as an error of description is involved it will be better to have the propriety of the proposed action confirmed by the Survey Department.—W.W.S., 10/5/80.

They being issued in same grant, fol. 68-239, Land Purchase.—J.W., 14/5/80. I concur with the Under Secretary that this case, and the suggestions embodied in the foregoing minute, should be referred to the Survey Branch for report.—J.H., 10/5/80. Mr. T. H. Lewis. The Chief Draftsman.—Very urgent.—J.W., 11/5/80.

80-3,383 Aln.—The land was advertised as lot 69 of sale at Sydney, on 9th December, 1835, containing 728 acres, at the upset price of 5s. per acre, and was purchased by Lieut.-Colonel J. T. Morrissett, who paid £182 in remission money, being at the upset price of 5s. per acre. The length of lines given by Mr. Huddle on his plan M. 47,743 agrees with the description contained in the deed, and those lengths give the area, 728 acres. But the marking of those lengths on the ground, shown by the recent surveys of the adjoining portion, gives the east and west boundaries an excess of about 39 chains, and the north and south boundaries the same as those given by Mr. Huddle, making the area 1,041 acres, about 313 acres in excess. Lieut.-Colonel Morrissett having paid for only 728 acres, in accordance with the area and description given, I cannot recommend the course proposed by the Under Secretary for Lands to be carried out, as I know of no precedent that would allow the Government to include so large an area in excess over that paid for to be included in a new deed. Neither do I think that the Land Titles Office would issue a certificate without the application went through the form prescribed under the Court of Claims. Pursuing any other course would open a wide door for similar applications to creep in and involve the Government hereafter in the necessity of appointing a Board of professional and non-professional officers to investigate the cases as they arise, and would require a Short Titles Act to make the decision legal, I presume. The 11th clause of the Lands Act of 1861 allows the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, the sale of Crown lands without competition, "in which buildings are erected on lands already granted may have extended over Crown land, or in any other cases of a like kind," but I do not see that this clause could be made applicable to this case, as applicants claim the land now in debate. Mr. ex-Minister Forster (69-6,391 Aln., 13th August, 1869) decided, "No action can be recommended"; see also the Chief Commissioner Conditional Sales memo. on 80-5,837 C.S., of 8th March, 1880. I beg to recommend that the case be either referred to the Court of Claims, or that a Short Titles Public Bill be hereafter passed to meet such cases.—THOMAS H. LEWIS, 14/5/80.

#### No. 17.

Messrs. Molyneux and Hodgkinson to The Chief Commissioner for Crown Lands.

Sir,

Queanbeyan, 12 May, 1880.

We are directed by Mr. John Ryan, of Ginninderra, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (particulars as per margin), and to inform you that he regrets that he cannot consent to accept the decision therein set forth, on the following grounds:—

Letter dated 7th April; 1,580; C.S. 80-5,837; addressed to John Ryan, in reference to his C.P. 80-4, made 8 January, 1880.

1. That it is not at all clear that the land was ever included in the original measurement of Morrissett's 728 acres, but that, in later years, an old section line was mistaken for its northern boundary. On this point Mr. Ryan has already requested a careful investigation, as he does not consider that the hurried examination made by Mr. Twynam some eleven years ago was such as could satisfactorily clear up the matter.
2. Even if the land were actually included in the original measurement, the excess of chainage was far above the limit of error allowed, and such as would justify the Government in resuming the surplus area.
3. That, if the owner of the land has been in improper possession of the surplus area, the fact of his having placed improvements thereon means nothing, unless they are sufficient to bar selection.
4. That, as a matter of fact, at the date of selection the improvements on the ground were of very little value indeed.

Under the circumstances Mr. Ryan has determined to decline to accept the return of his deposit, and to institute legal proceedings, if necessary, against the Government to be put in possession of the area applied for by him.

We are, &c.,

MOLYNEUX AND HODGKINSON,  
Land Agents.

#### No. 18.

The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 8 June, 1880.

I THINK that some misapprehension has taken place with reference to this case.

Lieut.-Colonel Morrissett purchased 728 acres at auction, and received a deed for that area, which agrees with the original plan.

It appears, however, that his representatives have been occupying about 313 acres adjoining, which is stated to have formed a part of the original measurement.

Whether this was the case or not I am unable after such a lapse of time to say; but I am not prepared to admit that an error on the part of the surveyor, even if I was certain that it was one, could entitle an individual to an extension of 50 per cent. to his original purchase.

The land is still Crown land in my opinion.



It often happens that the measurements of old grants are excessive, and if there is evidence of bad chainage, or if by any other cause of that kind the owner has been led into occupation for many years of land not intended to be conveyed to him, it is not customary to take advantage thereof; in fact, almost all of the grants in the county of Cumberland are measured from 6 to 10 per cent. in excess of dimensions, and in such cases no attempt is made to recover the land; but in the case quoted the old plan clearly shows the land conveyed, and also that the surveyor, Mr. Hoddle, was fairly accurate in his work, and there is nothing to show that the 728 acres alienated was not a part of an originally measured portion of 1,041 acres, and the marking of the new boundary might through neglect have been omitted.

Under these circumstances I am scarcely prepared to give way.

Cases of this kind were formerly adjudicated by the Court of Claims, and if that tribunal is still in existence this case might be sent for decision.

The fact of conditional purchasers having been warned off the land, as not being Crown land, may constitute a claim to continued possession by the representatives of Morrissett.

P. F. ADAMS.

In making the proposition contained in my minute of the 10th ultimo I was guided by the statement that the grantee was really entitled to the area of 1,041 acres. The memoranda from the Survey Department place a different complexion on the case, and as there appears to be conflicting opinions as to the merits of the claim put forward by Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson on behalf of the present holder of the grant, it might be the best course, as suggested by the Surveyor-General, to refer the case to the Commissioners of the Court of Claims, with a request that they will investigate the same at the first opportunity practicable.—W.W.S., 12/6/80. Approved.—J.H., 14/6/80.

Mr. De Low,—Forward to the Court of Claims. Secretary to the Court of Claims, with papers; also Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson informed.—June, 1880.

### No. 19.

#### Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hodgkinson to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 23 June, 1880.

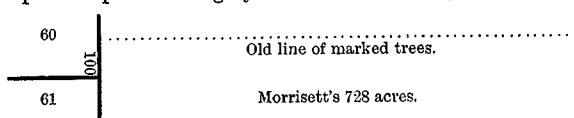
Referring to the conditional purchase of John Ryan (particulars as per margin\*), and to a communication from Messrs. Molyneux and Hodgkinson dated 10th March last, suggesting the probable explanation of certain apparent discrepancies, and asking that the matter might be referred to the Local Surveyor for report, I have the honor to inform you that I have proved the accuracy of the theory therein set forth by discovering the original northern boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres in the position that it would occur according to the admeasurements described on the original survey.

I will be prepared at any time to point out the old marked line to any officer of the department that may be instructed to look into the matter.

I have, &c.,

PERCY C. HODGKINSON,  
Licensed Surveyor.

\* P.S.—The line occupies the position roughly indicated in the subjoined sketch.



Conditional purchase No. 80-11, by John Ryan, 300 acres or more, under section 22, made 8th January, 1880; parish of Canberra, county of Murray.

As Mr. Hodgkinson now states the original northern boundary of Morrissetts' 728 acres has been found, &c., the case should perhaps be again referred to the Survey Department in order that the statement may be investigated, especially as Mr. Hodgkinson, who it seems is a Licensed Surveyor, is prepared to point out the old marked line.—R.H.D., 23/6/80.

Yes, I think so.—J.G.B., 23/6/80. The Under Secretary. The Surveyor-General—W.W.S., 28/6/80. Send copy of Mr. Hodgkinson's letter to Mr. D. S. Twynam, who will be good enough to cause the statement of finding the old boundary to be verified on the ground.—P.F.A., 30/6/80. I am not prepared to advise proceedings to be stayed pending the verification of Mr. Hodgkinson's statement, the papers are therefore returned to Lands.—P.F.A., 30/6/80. District-Surveyor Twynam., 2/7/80—No. 282. The Under Secretary for Lands.—B.C., 2/7/80.

Mr. Hodgkinson informed 9th July, 1880; Messrs. Blomfield & Dickson that case is referred to Court of Claims, 9th July, 1880.

Copies of these letters are unobtainable

### No. 20.

#### The Surveyor-General to Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam.

[Urgent.]

Sir,

Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 2 July, 1880.

In forwarding to you herewith copy of a letter of 23rd ultimo from Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hodgkinson to the Under Secretary for Lands, respecting a conditional purchase by John Ryan of 300 acres, in the parish of Canberra, county of Murray, I have to request that you will be good enough to cause the statement made by Mr. Hodgkinson of finding the old boundary to be verified on the ground.

I have, &c.,

P. F. ADAMS.

After inspection and identification of the old marked line, instructed Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Deighton to survey.—E.T., 30/7/80.

[Enclosures.]

[Enclosures.]

[Immediate.]

Sir,

Referring to the conditional purchase of John Ryan (particulars as per margin), and to a communication from Messrs. Molyneux & Hodgkinson, dated 10th March last, suggesting the probable explanation of certain apparent discrepancies, and asking that the matter might be referred to the local surveyor for report, I have the honor to inform you that I have now proved the accuracy of the theory therein set forth by discovering the original northern boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres in the position that it would occur according to the admeasurements described in the original survey. I will be prepared at any time to point out the old marked line to any officer of the department that may be instructed to look into the matter.

Sydney, 23 June, 1880.

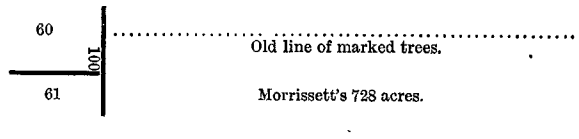
I have, &amp;c.,

PERCY C. HODGKINSON,  
Licensed Surveyor.

C.P. No. 11-80,  
by John Ryan;  
300 acres or more  
under section 22;  
made 8th  
January, 1880;  
parish of  
Canberra;  
county of  
Murray.

The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

P.S.—The line occupies the position roughly indicated in the subjoined sketch.



John Ryan's Conditional Purchase 80-4 at Queanbeyan.

29 July, 1880.

THE position of the north boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres has for some time been disputed; a line of marked trees easterly from a point about 1 chain northward of the common boundary of portions 60 and 61 has lately been discovered, and appears to be the boundary in question. For the information of the Surveyor-General in dealing with John Ryan's claim to the conditional purchase of the land northward of Morrissett's 728 acres, it is requisite to determine carefully the relative position of the old line of marked trees above mentioned; therefore, I would advise the tracing and measurement of a line east from the point above specified, carefully taking offsets to all the trees of the authenticity of which as surveyor's marks there can be no doubt—also the survey and valuation of such improvements as have been from time to time effected upon the land now claimed by Ryan, which comprises clear cultivated land and fencing, concerning which full particulars should be afforded. A plan should be drawn to the scale of 8 chains to an inch (with diagram if requisite), showing in detail the line of old marked trees, and also particulars of the boundaries of the adjacent alienated land effected by this conditional purchase.

Alienation  
80-4,841.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Deighton is instructed to act.

E. TWYNAM,  
District Surveyor.

Surveyed in accordance with instructions.

\* Plan and report with my letter of 13th August, 80-27.—ROBERT DEIGHTON, Licensed-Surveyor.

\* Appendix K

## No. 21.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Secretary for Court of Claims.

Case 1,518.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 July, 1880.

I am directed to forward to you the enclosed letter, dated 4th May last, from Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson, in which those gentlemen request, on behalf of E. K. Crace, Esq., that a fresh deed of grant may be issued for the land noted in the margin, originally purchased at auction in the year 1835 by Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. Morrissett, as the deed now in existence only conveys 728 acres, while the successive holders thereunder have been in occupation of an area of about 1,041 acres, and I am to request that you will submit the case to the Court of Claims for investigation as to whether the application should be granted.

Sale at Sydney,  
9th December,  
1835; lot 69;  
728 acres.

2. I am also to transmit to you the accompanying papers in connection with the case, with which is a minute numbered 80-4,612 Aln., conveying the opinion of the Surveyor-General on the subject.

Papers, 80-4,612  
Aln. herewith.

I have, &amp;c.,

JNO. G. BLAXLAND,  
For Under Secretary.

[Enclosure.]

Sir,

139, Pitt-street, 4 May, 1880.

We have been instructed by E. K. Crace, Esq., the proprietor of the Gungahleen Estate, Ginninderra, to draw your attention to the deed of land issued to Mr. J. T. Morrissett, under date 1st March, 1841, and to apply to have the deed amended so as to embrace the full area under the description in said grant.

In support of this application we shall necessarily have to go fully into particulars connected with the case.

In the year 1835 Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle was instructed to make a survey of J. T. Morrissett's land, which he did, and furnished a plan on which he showed only 728 acres. Subsequently it was ascertained that a serious discrepancy existed as to the area embraced by the lines of J. T. Morrissett's land as given by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson showing the length of the eastern boundary lines to be 154 chains and 20 links, as against 115 chains shown by Mr. Surveyor Hoddle, or 39 chains 20 links in excess, making a difference in area of about 300 acres, more or less. Mr. District-Surveyor Twynan also gives the eastern boundary line of Morrissett's land at about 154 chains, thus agreeing with Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Thompson. However, in the year 1841, a deed was issued to Mr. Morrissett for 728 acres only, instead of for 1,041 acres, the actual area as measured on the ground.

In the year 1869, the matter having been brought under notice, the Surveyor-General reported that an error had been made by the surveyor (Mr. Hoddle), and that as the occupier had then had undisturbed possession for thirty years it was for the Minister to say whether any steps should be taken to eject him. Mr. Forster, then Secretary for Lands, decided that no action for ejectment could be taken, after which nothing further is heard until on the 8th January, 1880, one John Ryan made a conditional purchase of a portion of the land claimed as Mr. Morrissett's property, now E. K. Crace's, and the latter at once took steps to have the selection of Ryan's declared void, as the land was highly improved, and also held under a deed of grant, and on the 17th April, 1880, the selection of John Ryan was declared void, thereby again admitting that an error had been made in not including in the deed in the first instance the area as included in the measurement.

Under these circumstances, and in order that our client may be protected from annoyance from persons believing that this 313 acres not now included in the deed issued to Mr. Morrissett is open to selection, we beg to apply that Mr. Crace, the present proprietor, be put into proper possession of his land by the Government—that is, the land which is clearly shown by the reports of Messrs. Thompson and Twynan, two very able and efficient officers of the Survey Department, to be within the measurement made by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle, either by giving him a fresh deed for the balance of the area, or by an amendment of the original deed under the Land Titles Act of 1858.

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There can be no doubt that had Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle performed his duty in a satisfactory manner, or had the Survey Office, at the time of preparing the description, properly and carefully checked Mr. Hoddle's measurement, the error would have been discovered, and the proper area would have been given on the grant. Mr. Morrissett, and subsequent purchasers, always believing that they were possessed of the larger area, and having had undisturbed possession of same for forty years, have gone on largely improving the land, and for the foregoing reasons we would respectfully request that you will without further delay take such steps in the matter as to place our client in proper legal possession of the full area embraced by the measurement of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle, viz., 1,041 acres, more or less, and erroneously given in the deed of grant as 728 acres.

The Honorable the Secretary for Lands.

We have, &c.,  
BLOMFIELD & DICKSON.

No. 22.

Gazette Notice of Hearing.

(3,362.)

Court of Claims, 23 July, 1880.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following claim for a deed of grant will be ready for examination by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose under the Act of Council 5 William IV No. 21, at the expiration of two months from this date, before which day any caveat or counter claim must be entered at the office of the Commissioners, 69, Elizabeth-street, Sydney. Due notice will be given of the days appointed for hearing.

Case No. 1,518, Edward Kendall Crace, 312 acres, county of Murray, parish of Canberra, Colony of New South Wales: Commencing at a point distant about 115 chains northerly from the south-eastern corner of Lieutenant Morrissett's 728 acres, purchased at auction at Sydney on the 9th December, 1835, now E. K. Crace's; and bounded thence on the south by a line bearing west about 80 chains; on the west by a line bearing about 39 chains northerly; on the north by a line bearing easterly about 80 chains; and on the east by a line bearing southerly about 39 chains to the point of commencement.

This land is claimed as part of a grant to Colonel Morrissett. The land was not included in Colonel Morrissett's original grant, and it is alleged that it was not so included in consequence of an error in the original survey. The claimant alleges a title by forty years' possession.

By order of the Commissioners,  
W. G. PENNINGTON,  
Secretary.

No. 23.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Deighton to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Queanbeyan, 13 August, 1880.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan\* of 279 acres of disputed land, situated to the north of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, in the parish of Canberra, county of Murray, surveyed in accordance with instructions from Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam, dated 29th July, 1880.

In the survey of this land I have adopted the meridian of part of the west boundary of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, being also the east boundary of portion 60, F. M'Auliffe's 61 acres. At a point bearing 360° distant 103 links from the north-east corner of No. 60, I have fixed a stake in the ground, at the approximate position of the north-west corner of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres. From thence I adopted the bearing north 89° 07' east, to find a fair line between several old marked trees, carefully taking offsets to all these trees which bear undoubted surveyors' marks, proceeding and cutting into many trees which, from their position, might have been marked. This line for about 34 chains I found to be fairly marked, sufficiently so to prove an undoubted surveyed line. From 34 chains marked to 72 chains on the line no marked trees could be found, although there are several very large trees near the line. These I cut into deep, and carefully, but could find no trace of any axe-mark. From 72 chains to 80.55 chains, the end of the line, I found three (3) old and half-rotten trees, two of them containing undoubted marks, one having doubtful marks, all near my line. I carefully traversed the boundaries of alienated lands adjoining the disputed ground on all sides. I have also traversed and inspected all the improvements, whether on the boundaries or within the land, estimating them at their present value as near as I could arrive at such. A diagram on the plan shows the position of the marked trees, and their distances, on the presumed north boundary of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres.

Annexed is a schedule of the various improvements referred to above.

I have, &c.,  
ROBERT DEIGHTON,  
Licensed Surveyor.

Improvements on the disputed land (present value).

	£	s.	d.
42 acres of cleared land, at 25s. per acre	52	10	0
33 acres of ploughed land, at 30s. per acre (thoroughly stumped)	49	10	0
Stock-yard—4½ chains of post-and-rail fencing	3	0	0
67 chains of old paddock fencing of various ages and description	12	0	0
20 chains of substantial, nearly new, log fencing	10	0	0
50 chains of old log fencing on east and north boundaries, being Mr. Crace's share of the whole	9	7	0
Old sheep-yards	5	10	0
Total	£141	17	0

R.D.

After inspection on the ground, I requested Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Deighton to make a survey under the minute of instructions to him herewith, to determine the relative position of the line of old marked trees now represented as the north boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres. Of the authenticity of this old marked line of trees as a surveyor's marked boundary I have no doubt. I carefully examined all the trees between M'Auliffe's 60 acres and Ginninderra Creek, and without hesitation acknowledged them as constituting a marked boundary, previous to having some of them opened, when, after a considerable growth

\*Appendix L

growth of timber had been removed, the original axe-marks were plainly visible. Having regard to the date of survey of Morrissett's 728 acres (more than forty years ago), it was not to be expected that the original marks could readily be found, and hitherto they have escaped notice, although many years ago I searched for the marked line and could not identify it. Judging from the appearance of improvements upon the land affected by the question of this boundary claimed to be conditionally purchased by John Ryan, I am of opinion that Mr. Deighton has given a fair estimate of their value. I trust that Mr. Deighton's plan herewith affords all the particulars necessary to enable a decision to be arrived at in this case. Submitted.—E. TWYNAM, D.S., 16/8/80.

## No. 24.

Mr. E. K. Crace to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Gungahleen, Ginninderra, 6 August, 1880.

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I have to-day seen Mr. Surveyor Deighton inspecting and surveying a line surmised to exist inside of the boundary as hitherto accepted of Morrissett's grant of 728 acres. Some trees were pointed out to me by Mr. John Ryan, the applicant for any excess of area, as being marked many years ago (say forty-five years). To find those marks the trees had been cut nearly half through, but the marks, if any, were, to say the least, conjecturable, and, to my perhaps prejudiced eye, indefinable. It would be impossible, absolutely impossible, to declare them, if really existing, as Government survey marks.

I feel that I am not receiving fair play in the matter. Mr. Deighton, against whom I have not one word to say, and who no doubt is a most honorable Government officer, is, I am given to understand by the local papers, in business connected with a Mr. P. C. Hodgkinson, lately in the Survey Office, and who has throughout conducted this matter for Mr. J. Ryan.

Again, I do not think it right that the said John Ryan in question should be employed as he is now by this survey party to show the line he wishes to prove. The inquiry should be impartial, and made apart from all interested assistance.

While a thorough search is now being made for a marked line never hitherto recognized, or I may say known, no inquiry is made and no research for the marked line hitherto accepted as the boundary—during forty years—between Morrissett's 728 acres and Anthony Rolfe's 320 acres. If that surveyed marked line, accepted eighteen years ago, and again twelve years ago, by the then Ministers for Lands—when at both times it was disputed—is not the boundary line, what is it?

I think I am also subjected to unfair play and want of courtesy when my paddocks are entered, private roads used, and surveyors' horses grazed, without the least intimation being accorded.

I must apologize for thus trespassing upon your time. You, at least, I am aware, however desirous you may be to indicate the accuracy of surveys, will, at all events, only recognize any action that is fair and impartial.

I have, &amp;c.,

EDWARD K. CRACE.

Place with the surveyor's report on the fact of finding certain old marked trees.—P.F.A., 9/8/80. I think this should be sent to the Court of Claims along with other papers.—T.H.L., 27/9/80. F.H.A.

There is another paper, 80-8,030 Aln., in this case. It is marked "end of month." As this is a case of conflicting claim, and has been referred to the Court of Claims, perhaps both these papers had better be sent there.—R.H.D., 28/9/80.

Yes.—J.G.B., 28/9/80. To be put with the other papers (80-6,756 Aln.) in Crace and Morrissett's case now with Court of Claims.—JNO. G. BLAXLAND (for Under Secretary). Lands Department, 28/9/80. Secretary, Court of Claims.

## No. 25.

J. B. Thompson, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

83, New Pitt-street, 25 August, 1880.

At a personal interview I had with you this day, in reference to a selection made by Ryan of some land claimed by Mr. Crace as part of an old grant, you kindly promised to consider whether an extension of Ryan's boundaries over the 80 chains could be permitted.

I now do myself the honor to inform you that Crace has been occupying this land for some years as being part of a grant of 728 acres. Ryan, knowing it to be vacant Crown land, made application under the 22nd clause for the same. The Survey Department reported that no land available existed, but Ryan, feeling certain that some did exist, employed a licensed surveyor to inspect the boundaries of the 728 acres grant. His report being sent to the Surveyor-General, that gentleman instructed Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam to report. His report is now in your department, and to the effect that the line existed, and that the land applied for by Ryan must be Crown lands.

Crace then applied to the Court of Claims for a grant of the land. Ryan protested, and succeeded in showing the Commissioners that the grant of 728 acres did not include this land, and they now advise your department that Mr. Crace did not make out a claim for the grant. As it is probable Mr. Crace will try the case before the Supreme Court, I shall be glad if you will place Ryan in a position to defend the action. Under a clause of the present Act you are, I believe, empowered to extend the boundaries of a selection beyond 80 chains should it appear advisable; in the present case I think it might, considering that Ryan has so far contested the case on behalf of the Government and shown that about 280 acres of land are vacant. Ryan at the present time has no legal right to the land, and should he win the case in the Supreme Court will then have to come to you and ask the same thing as I now do, viz., allow the boundaries to exceed the 80 chains, so as to include the land applied for by him as an additional conditional purchase, this area being the only unalienated land in the neighbourhood.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. B. THOMPSON.

Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales. For Deputy Surveyor-General, for report.—J.H., 27/10/80.

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In consideration of the present uncertainty as to what is and what is not Crown land in the locality referred to, the previous refusal of the Surveyor-General (80-44,082), and the fact that the conditional purchase was applied for prior to the passing of the Act of '80, and consequently to clause 8 of that Act which gives the power of extension, I cannot recommend that this request be complied with.—ROBERT D. FITZGERALD (for Surveyor-General), 29/10/80.

For the reasons stated on the paper 80-44,082 C.S., by the Surveyor-General, or rather which were approved by the Surveyor-General, I concur in the recommendation of Mr. Fitzgerald,—J.H., 30/10/80.

Inform.—H.B., 1/11/80. Mr. Thompson, M.P.—4/11/80. Charting Branch. 80-44,082 C.S. to be sent to surveyor should be placed with hereafter.

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No. 26.

The Chief Draftsman to The Surveyor-General.

3 September, 1880.

MR. L.-S. DEIGHTON has now forwarded a letter and plan of 279 acres of disputed land, occupied by Edward Kendal Crace, and stating "that he found a fair line between several old marked trees, carefully taking offsets to all these trees, which have been undoubted surveyors' marks, &c." Mr. D.-S. Twynam, on the margin of letter, states, "Having regard to the date of Morrissett's 728 acres (more than forty years ago), was not to be expected that the original marks could readily be found, and hitherto they have escaped notice, although many years ago I searched for the marked line and could not identify it, &c." I trust that Mr. Deighton's plan herewith affords all "the particulars necessary to enable a decision to be arrived at in this case."

It is recommended that the letter 80-6,756 Aln. be forwarded (with the accompanying tracing marked A of Mr. Deighton's plan) to the Commissioners of the Court of Claims in the form of a caveat or counter claim before the 23rd instant, as it appears by the enclosed report, 80-6,756 C.S., to be Crown land. The other papers, 80-4,841, are with the Court of Claims.

THOMAS H. LEWIS.

Under Secretary for Lands in view of giving effect to Mr. Lewis's memo.—P.F.A.. 4/9/80. These papers may be forwarded to the Court of Claims.—C.O., 6/9/80. Yes, without delay, as the matter is urgent.—J.H., 7/9/80. The Secretary to the Commissioners of the Court of Claims.—CHARLES OLIVER (*pro* U.S.), B.C., Department of Lands, Sydney, 7/9/80. To be returned. Received by Secretary, 8/9/80.

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No. 27.

Mr. H. J. Withers to The Secretary for Court of Claims.

*Re* Crace.

Sir,

83, New Pitt-street, Sydney, 7 September, 1880.

I do myself the honor of lodging this caveat, on behalf of John Ryan, against the claim made by Mr. Crace for a grant of certain land, on the ground "that it was included within the boundaries of Morrissett's 728 acres as surveyed, but omitted from the grant, owing to an error of description, and that, further, he has held adverse possession against the Crown for a period of over forty years."

John Ryan objects to issue of grant on grounds that he did make application, under the 22nd section of the Alienation Act, on the 8th day of January, 1880, as an additional conditional purchase for the said land, and that he can prove the area was never included within the boundaries of Morrissett's 728 acres as surveyed, which agrees with the description.

That adverse possession against the Crown gives no title, and that as being Government land he selected the area in accordance with the provisions of the law.

I have, &c.,

HENRY J. WITHERS.

Received, 7th September, 1880. Aln. 80-4,612 tracing marked A with above papers.

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[Enclosure.]

DESCRIPTION of land claimed by E. K. Crace as part of his property disputed by John Ryan, or the Crown, containing about 312 acres.

County of Murray, parish of Canberra: Commencing at a point distant about 115 chains northerly from the south-eastern corner of Lieutenant-Colonel J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, purchased at auction, at Sydney, on the 9th December, 1835, now E. K. Crace's; and bounded thence on the south by a line bearing west about 80 chains; on the west by a line bearing about 39 chains northerly; on the north by a line bearing easterly about 80 chains; and on the east by a line bearing southerly about 39 chains to the point of commencement.

15 July, 1880.

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No. 28.

The Secretary for the Court of Claims to Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson.

John Ryan's Claims.

Gentlemen, Office of Court Claims, 69, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 9 September, 1880.

A caveat has been entered by Mr. John Ryan against the application of Mr. E. K. Crace, who appears to be your constituent, and it is my duty to give you notice thereof.

I have, &c.,

W. G. PENNINGTON,

Secretary.

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No. 29.

## No. 29.

J. B. Thompson, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Queanbeyan, 25 September, 1880.

I beg to refer you to an interview I had with you respecting a conditional purchase application by John Ryan for 300 acres, near Ginninderra, county of Murray, supposed to form a part of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, and at which I requested you to decide the matter as to the ownership of the 300 acres referred to, and to withdraw it from the Court of Claims, to which it was then proposed to send it.

There appeared to be a difficulty at that time, arising from the circumstance that it was not certainly known at that time whether the land in dispute had been included by the original survey, as there was only a statement by the applicant (Ryan) that it had been excluded, and that the original boundary dividing it had been found. This statement being only *ex parte* was not thought sufficient to cause the question to be withheld from the Court of Claims. Since then, however, a survey has been made by Mr. Twynam, District Surveyor, and the original boundary found, showing that the 300 acres was never legally in the possession of the owner of Morrissett's land. Mr. Twynam's report, which is now in your office, furnishes data which, I submit, place the question in a new aspect, and will, I trust, enable you to decide upon the case without further delay, and without the tedious process of investigation by the Court of Claims.

Hoping you will have the goodness to further consider this matter, and should you still deem it necessary to continue the investigation by the Court, that you will see that Mr. Twynam's report is duly laid before it. I make this latter request, as I could not ascertain whether that report had been received upon making inquiry several times at your office.

Yours, &amp;c.,

J. B. THOMPSON.

All the papers in this case are at the Court of Claims, including Mr. Twynam's report. Mr. Thompson informed by letter that all papers are with the Commissioners, Court of Claims, in this case.—G.H.S., 97/9/80. Register and await report of Commissioners.

## No. 30.

The Secretary for the Court of Claims to Messrs. Norton and Smith.

Case No. 1,518—Claimant, Edward Kendall Crace; opponent, John Ryan.

Sir,

Office of Court of Claims, 69, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 6 October, 1880.

The Commissioners will hold a Court at the office of the Master in Equity, Supreme Court, to-morrow (Thursday), the 7th instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the hearing and determination of the above case.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. G. PENNINGTON,

Secretary.

## No. 31.

Application by Mr. William Boyd.

E.

[Alienation Act, sections 21 and 22.]

Application by William Boyd, of Ginninderra, farmer, for the conditional purchase, without competition, of 60 acres unimproved Crown land, under section 21 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Received by me, with a deposit of £15, this 7th day of October, 1880, at 10 o'clock.

O. WILLANS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Queanbeyan.

7 October, 1880.

Sir,

I am desirous of purchasing, without competition, under the 21st section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the portion of unimproved Crown land hereunder described, containing 60 acres, which adjoins my conditional purchase of 40 acres, upon which I am now residing, and I herewith tender the sum of £15, being a deposit at the rate of 5s. per acre on the area for which I apply.

This is the first selection made by me in virtue of my conditional purchase of 40 acres.

I am, &amp;c.,

WILLIAM BOYD,

Ginninderra.

To the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Queanbeyan.

Description.

County of Murray, parish of Canberra, 60 acres, on the western side of my 40 acres and William Gribble's 40 acres: Bounded on the north by Anthony Rolfe's 320 acres as far as the Ginninderra Creek; on the southern side bounded by T. Morrissett's 728 acres; and on the western side bounded by the Ginninderra Creek.

## No 32.

Mr. C. J. Ireland's Evidence before the Court of Claims.

Case No. 1,518.—Claimant, E. K. Crace.

Friday, the 8th day of October, A.D. 1880.—Before the President and Mr. Owen.

*Charles George Ireland*, trigonometrical draftsman, being duly sworn by the President, and examined by Mr. Smith, maketh oath, and saith as follows: I am trigonometrical draftsman in the Surveyor-General's Office, and am engaged at present in compiling the plan of the county of Murray; the plans produced to-day are the original plans affecting the land in question and the adjoining grants; the exhibit X Y is the official county map of Murray; it is gradually being cancelled as I prepare new parish

parish plans; the photo-lithograph marked X Z is taken from a tracing of the official county map of Murray; it is not an accurate plan, because the original county plan was not an accurate plan; Morrissett's grant of 728 acres is shown on X Y; it is bounded on the north by an extension of G. T. Palmer's 640 acres, marked as lot 3 on exhibit Q; I look upon exhibit X Z the photo-lithograph; the name of J. T. Morrissett, which is written upon exhibit X Y, is not written upon the photo-lithograph marked X Z; in the photo-lithograph the boundaries are not shown in the body of the plan, but by reference to diagram L the northern boundaries are not conterminous with the southern boundary of Rolfe's 160 acres; the southern boundary of Palmer's 640 acres is in the same straight line with the southern boundary of Rolfe's 160 acres and Rolfe's 320 acres on the map.

*Mr. Owen*: That is on the body of the map; the 728-acre block is not shown.

*Mr. Smith*: The diagram must have been prepared about 1876; in the original county plan the southern boundary of Palmer's 640 acres and Rolfe's 320 acres and 160 acres is one straight line, and forms the northern boundary-line of Morrissett's 728 acres; in compiling the county of Murray map in parish maps it has been found that the original compilation will not meet by about a mile, and by the road survey from Yass to Queanbeyan the error was found to exist in the part from Palmer's 640 acres, portion No. 1 on exhibit P, up to portion 10 in Ginninderra; the portions on the one side and the other had been assumed to be much nearer together than they are, and this has again been checked by another road survey, R 1,147—that is, from Palmer's 640 acres, exhibit P, to Palmer's 640 acres, exhibit Q.

*Mr. Owen*: The error there is about 40 chains; the old sectional lines were provisional, and subject to adjustment, and we only make use of them now for the purpose of obtaining their correctness.

*Mr. Smith*: In the new compilation I do not alter the position of Palmer's 640 acres, but put it where the surveyors indicate it upon the ground by road survey R 1,147; if Palmer's 640 acres was brought down to the position of the northern boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres it would overlap several conditional purchases, as shown on exhibit A 1; in diagram L on photo-lithograph X Z the northern boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres was shown as not conterminous with the southern boundary of Rolfe's 320 acres and 160 acres.

*Mr. Owen*: In exhibit N the eastern boundary of Morrissett's land is 115 chains, supposed to be by measurement and not computation only; the mistake made by Hoddle appears to be in making the northern boundary of Morrissett's land conterminous with the southern boundary of Rolfe's land; the eastern boundary must have been 115 chains, otherwise it would have given Morrissett an excess of area.

*Mr. Fitzhardinge*: It is quite possible that Palmer's 640 acres, No. 3, may be out of position.

*Mr. Smith*: Palmer's three 640-acre blocks, exhibit P, were surveyed by Mr. Hoddle in 1832; I have not the slightest doubt that Hoddle took up the correct line of his previous surveys; I cannot explain the dotted lines (apparently sectional lines) shown upon Hoddle's original survey; the first three grants to Palmer on exhibit P are not intended to agree with Hoddle's section lines.

*Mr. Wilkinson*: Taking the section line at the northern boundary of No. 4 to be correct, and the next section line north of that as being identical with Morrissett's northern boundary, would the eastern boundary 115 chains be correct? Yes; and consequently 154 chains would take it far north of the section line; in reference to the first map X Y I produced all the new portions are kept up to date; it is frequently that alterations are made in the map X Y; and the measurement of Morrissett's land on map X Y gives the eastern boundary rather less than 115 chains.

*Mr. Owen*: If Morrissett's 728 acres is in its right position with proper area according to the grant, there must be vacant land between it and Rolfe's land, as the land all round it is correctly surveyed and charted.

C. G. IRELAND.

ARTHUR T. HOLROYD,

President.

WM. OWEN.

### No. 33.

#### Mr. P. C. Hodgkinson's Evidence before the Court of Claims.

Case No. 1,518; Claimant, E. K. Crace.

Friday, the 8th day of October, 1880.—Before the President and Mr. Owen.

*Percy Clifford Hodgkinson* being duly sworn by the President and examined by Mr. Fitzhardinge, maketh oath and saith as follows:—I am a Licensed Surveyor residing at Queanbeyan; I am well acquainted with the land in dispute; I have inspected Mr. Hoddle's plan exhibit Q, which shows Morrissett's northern boundary to be identical with portion of a sectional line found by him on the ground to be 115 chains north of Morrissett's southern boundary; I have recently visited the ground and discovered a well-marked surveyor's line practically in the position shown by Mr. Hoddle as Morrissett's northern boundary.

Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam subsequently visited the ground with me, and I pointed out to him the marked trees; he ordered one or two trees upon the same line, which showed no visible marks, to be opened, and marks were then found, evidently made with an axe, and in the position usually adopted in marking survey lines; the line to all appearances has been marked very many years; I communicated with the Government, and certain action was taken.

*Mr. Smith*: My belief is that the most recently compiled plans in the Survey Office show Palmer's lot 3 exhibit Q some 35 chains too far north, and if it were brought down by this distance it would agree with the line found by me on the ground, and the section line shown by Mr. Hoddle; it would reconcile all discrepancies.

It would certainly overlap conditional purchases to the south, which have been surveyed at a comparatively recent date; it would not affect any surveys to the north; these would be vacant land, which, according to the latest compilations, is now included in Palmer's grant.

PERCY C. HODGKINSON.

ARTHUR T. HOLROYD,

President.

WM. OWEN.

[Enclosure].

## [Enclosure.]

Crace's Application.

In this matter we hereby consent to admit that the original grantee and those under him down to and including the applicants, Edward Kendall Crace, have had quiet and undisputed possession of the whole of the land at present in dispute since the first day of October, 1835, the date of Mr. Hoddle's original survey, and that Palmer's portion No. 3 on plan Q is occupied as portion of one estate with the grant to Morrissett and the grants to Palmer shown on exhibit P with other lands of large area constituting in the Ginninderra Estate.—Dated 8th October, 1880.

M. A. H. FITZHARDINGE,  
NORTON AND SMITH,  
Solicitors for E. K. Crace.

## No. 34.

## Report of Commissioners of Court of Claims.

New South Wales.

Report of the Commissioners appointed under the Act of Council of 5th William IV No. 21, hearing and examining claims to grants of land.

Case, No. 1,518; proposed grantee's name and address, none; claimant's name and address, Edward Kendall Crace; opponent's name and address, John Ryan; name of promisee, lessee, or purchaser, unknown; date of promise, lease, or purchase, unknown; by whom promised, leased, or of whom purchased, unknown.

## Description of the land.

312 acres, county of Murray, parish of Canberra, Colony of New South Wales: Commencing at a point distant about 115 chains northerly from the south-eastern corner of Lieutenant Morrissett's 728 acres, purchased at auction at Sydney, on the 9th December, 1835, now E. K. Crace's; and bounded thence on the south by a line bearing west about 80 chains; on the west by a line bearing about 39 chains northerly; on the north by a line bearing easterly about 80 chains; and on the east by a line bearing southerly about 39 chains to the point of commencement.

Date of determination, 11th October, 1880.

For payment of fees to Commissioners and Secretary, see Aln. 85-611.

## Report.

The Commissioners have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, as follows:—

The Commissioners have investigated this case, and examined the surveys, maps, and plans marked as exhibits herein, and taken the evidence of Mr. C. G. Ireland and Mr. P. C. Hodgkinson.

The Commissioners are of opinion that the application for a grant of 312 acres ought not to be complied with.

It is evident that the Crown never intended to give Colonel Morrissett more than 728 acres, and that area is included in the present grant. The eastern boundary line is fixed in Hoddle's survey, dated 18th October, 1835 (before the date of the sale to Colonel Morrissett), as 115 chains, which must have been measured so as to give 728 acres in the area of land surveyed. The difficulty in this case seems to have arisen from the fact that the northern boundary is incorrectly stated, but that boundary was evidently fixed from an old sectional line which, according to Mr. Ireland's evidence, was only provisional, and subject to adjustment. The area intended to be granted Colonel Morrissett must, in the opinion of the Commissioners, be determined by the number of acres stated to be comprised in the piece of land, and by the measurement of the boundary lines.

Tested in this way, the old grant is ———, and the applicant fails to make out any case for the issue of a new grant for the land claimed. The applicant is admitted to have had possession of this land for about forty years, and although this does not give any right against the Crown it is a matter the Government might take into consideration. The Commissioners, however, deem it proper to report only on the right of the applicant.

Dated this 11th day of October, A.D., 1880.

ARTHUR T. HOLROYD, President.  
WILLIAM OWEN.

The following documents put in on behalf of the claimant are herewith forwarded. Exhibits A and A1, and exhibits G to T inclusive. The official county map of Murray, and the photo-lithograph referred to in the depositions of C. G. Ireland, are now in his possession as official Government plans. The depositions of C. G. Ireland and P. C. Hodgkinson are also herewith forwarded.

## [Enclosure.]

80-44,082 C.S.

18 October, 1880.  
SURVEYOR-GENERAL,—Before any further action can be taken in this case it will I think be necessary for some experienced salaried surveyor (probably Mr. Surveyor Thos. Smith) to thoroughly investigate the locality with Hoddle's field-books and carefully-copied tracings therefrom in his hand as to the existence of marked lines of Palmer's 640 acres, adjoining J. Ryan's 320 acres (formerly A. Rolfe's), as the position of that 640 acres is I believe doubtful, and Weaver has I believe made a mistake in defining it, as explained personally. Plan Appendix M.

Kyan should not I think be put in any position which would render this conflict more complicated, as his additional conditional purchase is objectionable, as being with the freehold of a greater length than 80 chains in a southerly direction; and even if the additional conditional purchase were otherwise unobjectionable than as taking up improved land, it is hardly advisable to give the holder of a conditional purchase, which is illegal on more than one point, the benefit of the 8th section of the Act of 1880, in view of the probability of a contest being about to take place in the Supreme Court as to the validity of the additional conditional purchase. Approved.—P.F.A., 29/10/80.

It further appears that when the Government shall have ascertained where the vacant land is situated it must be resumed, if found to be held by Mr. Crace.

Mr. L. S. Deighton's account has been overlooked. In view of the District Surveyor's endorsement thereon, it should, I presume, be paid.

F.W.R.

I regret that Lands Alienation Records cannot find the papers transmitting Weaver's survey of A. Rolfe's 320 acres, defining Palmer's grant in 1856.—F.W.R. Mr. Deighton's account to be paid, and the plans and field-books referred to Mr. Smith for inquiry on the ground. Ask Mr. Smith to see me on the subject before he returns to his district. He is now on leave of absence.—P.F.A., 27/10/80.



## No. 35.

## Mr. H. J. Withers to The Chief Commissioner.

Sir,

83, New Pitt-street, 12 October, 1880.

As noted in margin, my client, Mr. Ryan, applied for a piece of land adjoining Morrissett's 728 acres at Ginninderra, county Murray. The application was declared void, as the land was then supposed by the Survey Department to form part of the 728 acres grant. The District Surveyor has since found the boundary of the grant, and states that the land applied for by my client does not form part of that grant. The Survey Department have now shown in their plans the land as vacant.

I do myself the honor to request that the voidance of Ryan's conditional purchase may be at once reversed, also that you will recommend the Honorable the Minister to allow the additional conditional purchase as applied for, there being no other available land adjoining the original purchase.

I have, &amp;c.,

HENRY J. WITHERS.

C.P. 80-4, 300 acres, 8th January, 1880, 22 section, Queanbeyan. Surveyor-General.—This is verbally represented as very urgent by Mr. Withers, who states that the other papers are with Mr. Oliver, of Lands.—F.W.R., 14/19/80. Perhaps the Under Secretary would kindly allow me the papers in this case.—P.F.A., 14/10/80. The case has now to be dealt with in the usual way. The Court of Claims' decision makes the excess Crown land.—P.F.A.

## No 36.

## Messrs. Norton and Smith to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

12, Spring-street, Sydney, 21 October, 1880.

We have the honor to inform you in reference to the alleged errors in survey of Morrissett's 728 acres grant, now Mr. E. K. Crace's, situate at Canberra, in the county of Murray, that with the view of testing the title to the land in question our client, Mr. Crace, has brought an action against Mr. Ryan in the Supreme Court, who claims to have made a conditional purchase of the land.

We have therefore to request that no action may be taken by the Government in the matter which will involve them in a future claim for compensation until the action brought by our client against Mr. Ryan has been determined.

We observe that Mr. Edmund Rolfe, of Ginninderra, has also claimed to have taken up the land in question as a mineral lease, and a Mr. Boyd has also selected it as an additional conditional purchase.

We have already issued a writ against Mr. Rolfe for trespass for coming on the land and putting in pegs and cutting trenches thereon, and it is our client's intention to defend his title and possession by taking similar proceedings against all other trespassers upon the property.

We have, &amp;c.,

NORTON AND SMITH.

Records,—Former papers required. I think this case is now before the Court of Claims.—J.G.B., 26/10/80.

## No. 37.

## Messrs. Norton and Smith to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

12, Spring-street, Sydney, 21 October, 1880.

Morrissett's  
728 acres, parish  
Canberry,  
county Murray;  
E. K. Crace's,  
and rear John  
Ryan's A.C.P.

We have the honor, on behalf of our client, Mr. E. K. Crace, to call your attention to an additional conditional purchase attempted to have been made by one John Ryan, of Ginninderra, upon a portion of land which for the last forty-five years has been in the occupation of our client and his predecessors in title, and has been treated as forming the northern portion of a grant of 728 acres to Colonel Morrissett, which grant is located in the parish of Canberra, in the county of Murray.

As the matter is one involving questions as to the legal rights of the parties to the land in dispute, we have, with the view of arriving at a final conclusion, brought an action at the suit of Mr. Crace against Mr. Ryan for the purpose of trying the title to the land in question, which action is still pending.

We have accordingly to request that no action may be taken in your department to prejudice the rights of the parties pending the determination of a court of law.

We have, &amp;c.,

NORTON AND SMITH.

Void 80-5,837, as the land is largely improved and held under a grant. Refund, 7/4/80. 80-10,768, 80-17,974. Noted, 27/10/80. C.P. 80-4, John Ryan, Queanbeyan.

Mr. Landers,—Mr. Smith is not in town, I presume, as I have not seen him. Has his lease expired, and is he at work in his district? If so, perhaps the Surveyor-General should be referred to as to whether he is desirous of Mr. Smith coming down to see him in this matter.—F.W.R., 7/12/80.

First Clerk,—For Mr. Smith's present address please. Queanbeyan.—J.D. 8/12/80. Surveyor-General. Action to be taken at once, as this case should have been sent to Mr. Smith on the expiring of his leave.—P.F.A., 14/12/80. Urgent.

8th April, 1833, grant to G. T. Palmer; 8th April, 1833, grant to G. T. Palmer; 8th April, 1833, grant to G. T. Palmer; 28 January, 1836, grant to G. T. Palmer; 28th January, 1836, grant to G. T. Palmer; 1st March, 1841, grant to J. T. Morrissett; 6th May, 1843, re-lease Morrissett to Palmer; 22nd March, 1855, copy probate of will of G. T. Palmer; 18th June, 1873, re-lease G. T. Palmer and others to Wm. Davis; 3rd September, 1873, conveyance F. T. Humphery, Official Assigee, to G. T. Palmer; 11th October, 1873, G. T. Palmer to Wm. Davis, deed of confirmation; 1st December, 1873, conveyance Wm. Davis and deed to E. K. Crace; — 187 , re-lease R. Palmer and others to Wm. Davis. Received the above-mentioned deeds, &c., (thirteen) from Mr. Rutter, Surveyor-General's Office.—NORTON AND SMITH (per H. Moxley), 6/12/80.

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No. 38.

Mr. R. Smith to The Surveyor-General.

Crace v. Ryan.

Dear Mr. Rutter,

12, Spring-street, Sydney, 13 November, 1880.  
 If you have finished with the various deeds produced before the Court of Claims, and the other papers and deeds left with yourself and Mr. Fitzgerald, I shall be glad if you will return them to me by the bearer, or fix a time when he can call and get them.

Yours, &amp;c.,

ROBT. SMITH.

A clerk from Mr. Smith's office called and obtained these deeds yesterday.—F.W.R., 7/12/80.

No. 39.

Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

139, Pitt-street, Sydney, 10 December, 1880.

We have been instructed by Mr. Crace to protest against the conditional purchase noted in the margin, and to have same declared void, as the land is alienated, and also highly improved.

We therefore beg you will be pleased to grant this application without delay, and declare the conditional purchase void.

We have, &amp;c.,

BLOMFIELD AND DICKSON.

Charting Branch. Conditional purchase, 80-263, Queanbeyan, noted with 80-45,404 C.S., which is now with Mr. Burt.—G.L.M., 18/12/80.

Mr. Surveyor Smith accordingly, as directed by the Surveyor-General. But Mr. Dickson, of the firm of Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson, personally requests to be officially informed of the action of the Court of Claims at the same time. Boyd might be informed of the land being improved, and warned.—F. W. RUTTER (for the Surveyor-General), 21/12/80.

Papers handed to me by Mr. Blackman. Verbal instructions given to me by the Surveyor-General to investigate the case, and to effect surveys of all the adjoining grants to determine the position of any Crown lands within marked lines presumed to be boundaries of Morrissett's 728 acres. Plan and report, with four sketches, transmitted to the Surveyor-General by my letter dated 26th February, No. 81-11.—THOS. H. SMITH, Surveyor.

W. Boyd, C.P.  
80-263, 60 acres,  
Queanbeyan.

No. 40.

The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

22 January, 1881.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of the Secretary for Lands:—That the defined area enumerated in the margin, and situate in the county of Murray, parish of Canberra, area about 194 acres, be reserved from sale under the provisions of the 4th clause of the Crown Lands Act, for travelling stock and other public purposes, as recommended by Mr. Surveyor Smith.

194 acres.

ROBT. D. FITZGERALD

(For Surveyor-General).

Very urgent. Approved.—J.H., 24/1/81. Executive Council minute, 22/1/81.

[Enclosure.]

For Gazette, 25th January, 1881.

Reserve from sale for travelling stock and other public purposes.

No. 98. County of Murray, parish of Canberra, area about 194 acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of G. T. Palmer's most northern portion of 640 acres, parish Canberra; thence bounded on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that portion northerly about 36 chains; on the north by a southern boundary of J. T. Morrissett's portion of 728 acres, bearing easterly 54 chains; on the east by a line south about 36 chains; on the south by part of the northern boundary of G. T. Palmer's most eastern grant of 640 acres, parish of Canberra, bearing westerly to the point of commencement.

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No. 41.

Telegram from Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Smith to The Surveyor-General.

22 January, 1881.

RESERVE for travelling stock and other public purposes, county Murray, parish Canberra, area about 194 acres, viz., the Crown lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of G. T. Palmer's most northern grant of 640 acres, parish Canberra; and bounded thence on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that grant bearing northerly about 36 chains; on the north by the more southern boundary of J. T. Morrissett's grant of 728 acres bearing easterly about 54 chains; on the east by a line which is also the western boundary of reserve No. 3, notified 10th December, 1872, bearing southerly about 36 chains; and on the south by part of the northern boundary of G. T. Palmer's most eastern grant of 640 acres, parish Canberra, bearing westerly about 54 chains to the point of commencement. Urgent. For insertion in next Gazette.

THOMAS H. SMITH.

No. 42.

Minute for Executive Council.

Reserves from sale under the 4th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 January, 1881.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the portion of Crown land described in the annexed schedule be reserved from sale, under the 4th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, for the purposes mentioned in connection therewith.

His Excellency the Governor,  
and the Executive Council.

JAMES HOSKINS.

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The Executive Council advise that the portion of land herein described be reserved from sale, in terms of the 4th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, for the purposes specified.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Approved.—A.L., 25/1/81. Min. 81-4, 28/1/81. Confirmed, 1/2/81.

*Government Gazette*, 25/1/81. Charted and dealt with.—T.S.G., 10/2/81. Examined.—C.J.S., 16/2/81.

[Enclosure.]

Registration number, miscellaneous 81-1,315; 194 acres; reserve No. 98; county of Murray; purpose of reservation, travelling stock and other public purposes.

### No. 43.

#### Gazette Notice.

Reserve from Sale for Travelling Stock and other Public Purposes.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 January, 1881.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that, in pursuance of the provisions of the 4th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the land specified in the schedule appended hereto shall be reserved from sale for travelling stock and other public purposes.

JAMES HOSKINS.

No. 98. County of Murray, parish of Canberra, area about 194 acres. The Crown lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of G. T. Palmer's most northern portion of 640 acres, parish of Canberra; thence bounded on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that portion northerly about 36 chains; on the north by a southern boundary of J. T. Morrissett's portion of 728 acres bearing easterly 54 chains; on the east by a line south about 36 chains; on the south by part of the northern boundary of G. T. Palmer's most eastern grant of 640 acres, parish of Canberra, bearing westerly to the point of commencement.

[Ms. 81-1,313]

### No. 44.

#### Mr. E. K. Crace to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Gungahleen, Ginninderra, 5 February, 1881.

I have the honor most respectfully to protest against the reserve proclaimed in last week's *Gazette*.

The area proclaimed forms a portion of the grant of 723 acres to J. T. Morrissett, as shown by the boundaries definitely described in the said deed of grant, which, I think, bears date 1831.

The reserve now gazetted is calculated to seriously prejudice my title to the land held under this deed.

I humbly submit, therefore, that the reserve should be cancelled.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD K. CRACE.

Mr. Gordon,—Connect and place with previous papers.—G. LEWIS, 11/2/81.

### No. 45.

#### Mr. R. Smith to The Deputy Surveyor-General.

Dear Sir,

12, Spring-street, Sydney, 9 February, 1881.

I beg to return several of the exhibits which were produced in the Court of Claims in the case of Crace v. Ryan, and which, owing to having been marked as "Exhibits on behalf of the claimant," were accidentally taken by my clerk with the other exhibits produced by us.

I shall feel obliged if you will have the documents in question returned to the proper department to which they belong.

Yours, &c.,

ROBT. SMITH.

Mr. Ireland.—Will you kindly see me about this matter, together with any memoranda you may have retained of the papers which were taken by the Court, and marked as exhibits, of which these are some.—F.W.R., 9/2/81.

Mr. Rutter.—I do not know anything in this matter, as I did not produce any papers at Court, only plans, a note of which I gave to Mr. Rodd, which, I believe, have been returned.—C.G.I., 3/3/81.

### No. 46.

#### Office Memorandum.

\*Appendix N. A TRACING\* is enclosed showing by a green tint reserve No. 98, notified 25th January, 1881, county of Murray, parish of Canberra, for the information of the Crown Lands Agent at

G. LEWIS

(For the Surveyor-General).

The Under Secretary for Lands.—B.C., 22/2/81. After informing the Lands Agent, these papers may be returned to Reserve Branch.—G. LEWIS, 26/2/81. Land Agent with tracing.—26/2/81.

The within letter\* is now forwarded for consideration and report of Mr. Surveyor Smith.—G. LEWIS (*pro* Surveyor-General), 2/3/81, No. 13. Replied to by my report, dated 14th March, No. 81-16.—THOS. H. SMITH, Surveyor.

\* Copy of this letter is unobtainable.

## No. 47.

## Mr. Surveyor Smith to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Queanbeyan, 26 February, 1881.

In obedience to your verbal instruction to determine the existence of Crown lands within marked lines hitherto presumed to have been the boundaries of Morrissett's 728 acres, parish of Canberra, county of Murray, I have the honor to transmit herewith my plan of survey, and to inform you that vacant Crown lands exist in two places, viz., about 194 acres between the north boundary of G. T. Palmer's 640 acres, No. 3, and the most southerly boundary of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, and about 93 acres between the north boundary of Palmer's 640 acres, No. 1, and the southern boundary of Morrissett's 728, as shown on plan.

2. In starting work, I found that Palmer's three 640 acres were the first lands measured in the locality, and that Morrissett's adjoining 728 acres was measured some three years afterwards. It was therefore necessary first to accurately identify on the ground the boundaries of Palmer's three sections. By comparing an enclosed sketch, No. 2 (which is a plot to a small scale of my survey retracing the boundary lines) with sketch No. 1 (this also being a diagram to the same scale, showing all the information interpreted from the original field-notes), it will be readily seen from the coincidence of the numerous hill bearings, and the general agreement of the various cuts on boundary lines of tracks, creeks, edges of plains, and general features, that the marked lines found by me are without doubt the boundaries originally marked by Surveyor Hoddle.

3. For the same reasons, by comparing the information contained in sketches 3 and 4, there cannot exist any doubt that the marked lines now found and retraced are the boundary lines marked by Surveyor Hoddle of Morrissett's 728 acres and Palmer's 640 acres.

4. The positions of the boundary lines of Palmer's three sections, Morrissett's 728 acres, and Palmer's 640 acres, having thus been clearly defined and retraced on the ground, it is apparent (*vide* sketch No. 4) that Mr. Hoddle has, in the preparation of his plan of Morrissett's 728 acres, inadvertently introduced a clerical error by showing corner of Morrissett's 728 acres (*vide* A, sketch 4) to be identical with the north-east corner of Palmer's 640 acres, No. 1.

5. From what I can glean from the various circumstances of the case, Mr. Hoddle evidently measured the outside boundaries of the three sections, as shown by blue lines on sketch No. 1, and in running the line BC marked a corner tree at C. Finding that this design of measurement would embrace a considerable quantity of inferior land, he amended his design, and adopted the present form of measurement, shown, sketch 1, by red edging. Three years later Mr. Hoddle again visited the locality, for the purpose of measuring Morrissett's 728 acres, and in accepting a starting-point he commenced the survey from his previously-marked corner tree C, being under the impression that it was at the north-east corner of Palmer's 640 acres, No. 1, the general aspect of both localities being similarly rough and barren, and misleading after a three years' absence. This I conceive to be an exposition of the long unexplained, yet simple, source of error and confusion.

6. I have endeavoured to place the case before you in as simple a manner as possible, in order that the parties interested, if allowed to peruse this report, may be thoroughly satisfied, and that no further litigation may ensue. With this in view, I have attached four sketches—plots from Surveyor Hoddle's original field-notes, and plots to the same scale of my survey retracing the marked boundaries. These admit of more ready comparison, and avoid referring to my large plan, which, showing in detail position of marked trees, intersection of tracks, natural features, and other information, is necessarily crowded and intricate.

7. Mr. Surveyor Hoddle's field-notes of G. T. Palmer's three 640 acres would appear, at first sight, to be unintelligible and almost useless, but after carefully studying them I found an interpretation which subsequently proved to be exceptionally correct.

8. I would beg to report that immediately upon discovering the positions of the Crown lands I hastened to Queanbeyan, and wired a description of one of the areas for reservation, the notification of which duly appeared in the *Government Gazette* of the 25th January. My reasons for thus securing the land, firstly and most prominently, were for the purposes of a camping reserve for travelling stock, and, secondly, that in the event of this not being permitted the reservation would secure to the Minister the absolute power of dealing with the parting or otherwise disposal of the land on the merits of any claims or applications that might be made for it. I would, however, most strongly urge that this area be retained for the purposes of a camping reserve. It is a well-grassed piece of land, well adapted for the purposes of a halting-place for stock, embracing both sides of the road for a distance of about 50 chains, and although containing no permanent water, is only a little more than a quarter of a mile from the Ginninderra Creek, where stock could be watered at the crossing-place. I would also beg to point out that, with the exception of the Honeysuckle V.R., and this only a small area of about 270 acres, there is no vacant land available for a camping-ground for stock travelling from Queanbeyan—a distance of 14 miles—and that the road for this long stretch passes wholly through alienated lands, and mostly through fenced lanes. I therefore consider the finding of the present area of Crown land most fortunate and valuable, and I would again urge that it be retained for the purposes stated in the *Gazette* reservation notice, viz., for a travelling stock reserve and other public purposes.

9. The other area of Crown land, viz., 93 acres, mostly consists of barren land. I do not therefore think that it will be selected or otherwise sought after.

10. As a recent survey by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Deighton, under the direction of Mr. District-Surveyor Twynam, places the northern boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres some 35 chains more to the south than I now prove it to exist, I must, as an explanation, distinctly report that the line of old marked trees found by Mr. Deighton stops at about 24 chains from corner Y (sketch 4), where an old corner-tree, hitherto unobserved, is to be found, and then turns to the south, instead of continuing in an easterly direction. I also examined each marked tree said to have been found on the easterly continuation, but found no marks whatever resembling old surveyors' marks.

11. For trigonometrical purposes I have taken advantage of connecting my traverse to Gunghaline Trigonometrical Station. I would, however, beg to point out that having found it necessary to retrace some 27 miles of old marked lines, I was compelled to make a rapid survey. The work should, however, prove to be within the limits of a fair standard.

I have, &amp;c.,

THOMAS H. SMITH,

Surveyor.

Roll

Roll Plan M. 3,733-1,956. Noted.—G. J. SKINNER, 21/8/85.

Mr. Surveyor Smith's report on the remeasurement of Morrissett's (now E. K. Crace's 728 acres) is submitted. On reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 it will be seen that Mr. Hoddle commenced his survey from an erroneous corner tree in the year 1835. Mr. Smith has retraced Mr. Hoddle's survey, with the aid of the original field-notes, resulting in the discovery of two vacant pieces of Crown land, as described in paragraph No. 1. From an inspection of the four small plans\* herewith it will be seen that the marked lines found by Mr. Smith are undoubtedly the boundary lines of Morrissett's 728 acres, as originally marked by Mr. Surveyor Hoddle. As the light of new and important evidence has been thrown upon the case perhaps it should be referred again to the Court of Claims.—P. F. ADAMS, B.C., 31/3/81. The Under Secretary for Lands.

\*Appendices  
O, P, Q, R.

One roll plan and four small plans herewith. What is the object of the proposed further reference to the Court of Claims?—C.O., 20/4/81. To give the Court the benefit of the new evidence.—P.F.A., 10th May. The Under Secretary for Lands. For continuation of case see Aln. 81-5,716.

#### No. 48.

#### Mr. Surveyor Smith to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

Queanbeyan, 14 March, 1881.

In compliance with your instructions, dated 2nd March, No. 81-13, referring for my consideration and report Mr. Crace's letter protesting against a reserve of about 194 acres, proclaimed in the *Government Gazette* of the 25th January, the area being within the boundaries of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, parish of Canberra, I would respectfully beg to inform you that by a recent survey plan transmitted by my letter dated 26th February, No. 81-11, retracing, with the aid of the original field-notes, all the old boundaries in the locality, I have undoubtedly ascertained that the area now reversed is vacant land.

I would therefore respectfully submit that Mr. Crace's protest cannot be entertained.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS H. SMITH,

Surveyor.

Mr. Gordon, now for Charting Branch for investigation.—G.L., 6/4/81. Why sent to Charting Branch?—M.O'C.B., 26/4/81. Mr. Blake, for an examination of the survey made by Mr. Surveyor Smith.—G.L., 4/5/81.

#### No. 49.

#### *Précis.*

Morrissett, Crace, Ryan, and Boyd.

21 May, 1881.

IN October, 1835, Mr. Surveyor Hoddle surveyed a block of 728 acres of Crown land in the parish of Canberra, which, on the 9th December, 1835, was sold at auction at Sydney to Lieut.-Colonel T. J. Morrissett, who paid for and whose deed conveyed that area. The measurements on Mr. Hoddle's plan give by computation the same area. The land is now owned by Mr. E. K. Crace.

2. It appears, however, from Mr. Surveyor Smith's report of the 26th February last (81-10,660 C.S.) that Mr. Hoddle, when surveying the block, took for a starting-point a marked tree used by him some three years previously. This marked tree is situated about 37 chains to the north of the north-east corner of G. T. Palmer's block of 640 acres, which Mr. Hoddle had surveyed some few years before. In drawing his plan, however, he made the starting-point of the 728-acre block identical with the north-east corner of Palmer's 640 acres, and the southern boundaries of the 728 acres to be conterminous with parts of the northern boundaries of Palmer's two blocks of 640 acres each. On the maps this had the effect of showing the land too far south, whilst the deed of grant recites that the southern boundaries of Morrissett's 728 acres and the northern boundaries of Palmer's two blocks are conterminous.

3. The owners of the 728-acre block accepting the northern boundary of that section as marked on the ground by Mr. Hoddle (and which marking seems by Mr. Surveyor Smith to have been well defined), and also accepting the southern boundaries as mentioned in the deed, have for years past been in occupation of over 1,000 acres.

4. For years past the Survey Branch would seem to have had an idea, if not quite certain, that there was an excess of area in the land held as Morrissett's 728 acres, but seems also to have had a difficulty in adjusting the position of the land actually occupied with that delineated on Hoddle's plan and on the maps. In the later surveys of Rolfe's (now Ryan's) 320 acres and Rolfe's 160 acres the northern boundary of Morrissett's grant has been recognized, and held to be conterminous with the southern boundaries of those blocks, and to be the westerly prolongation of the southern boundary of another of Palmer's blocks of 640 acres, thus supporting the position taken up by the holders of the 728-acre block.

5. On the 8th January, 1880, John Ryan (the holder of Rolfe's 320 acres) applied under section 22 for 300 acres of the land occupied by E. K. Crace, the present owner of Morrissett's grant. This application was for the excess area which was assumed to be in the northern part of the holding. The application was on the 1st April, 1880, declared void, for being for improved land in Morrissett's grant. This latter reason was, however, disputed, and on the 23rd June, 1880, Mr. L.-S. Hodgkinson, acting on behalf of Ryan, alleged that he had found the original northern boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres, and which, it was alleged, proved that the land Ryan applied for was Crown land, and asked that a surveyor should be instructed to test the statements. Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Deighton was then deputed to do so, and on the 13th August, 1880, reported in effect that the boundary referred to by Hodgkinson was undoubtedly a surveyor's line, and was well defined for about 34 chains from west to east, but that afterwards it was lost, although there were large trees which could have been used had the line been continued eastward (Aln. 80-6,756, and tracing). By Mr. Staff-Surveyor Smith's report of the 26th February, 1881 (81-10,660 C.S.), this well-defined line for 34 chains was also identified, but was shown by him to be part of the southern boundary of Morrissett's grant, instead of the northern boundary, as alleged by Hodgkinson. Mr. Smith's report has the effect of sustaining the view that the land Ryan applied for is part of the 728 acres now held by Crace and at the same time of showing that the excess of area existed to the extent of 194 acres in the south and 93 acres in the west of the holding, both of which are Crown lands. It also discloses the fact that the description in Morrissett's grant is erroneous. 6.

6. When Crace found that he was holding more land than Morrissett's grant conveyed he applied to the Court of Claims for what may be called a supplementary grant, the issue of which, however, the Commissioners, by report dated 11th October, 1880, declined to recommend, for the following reasons:—

- (a) That the Crown intended to grant 728 acres only.
- (b) That that area is included in the grant.
- (c) That by Hoddle's measurements he surveyed to give 728 acres only.
- (d) That, although it was admitted that Crace had had possession of the excess for about forty years, it did not give any right as against the Crown. (Court of Claims case, 1,518; Aln., 80-8,593.)

7. On the 7th October, 1880, W. Boyd applied under section 21 for 60 acres of the land previously applied for by Ryan. Under Surveyor Smith's report, however, the application must be declared void (or cancelled) for being for land included in Morrissett's grant.

8. As regards the two vacant pieces of Crown land, the block of 194 acres, situated between the southern boundary of Morrissett's 728 acres and the northern boundary of one of Palmer's 640-acre blocks, was, on the 25th January, 1881, proclaimed as reserve 98 for travelling stock, &c.; the other, the 93-acre block, between portion 61, parish Ginninderra, and Morrissett's grant, and said by Surveyor Smith to be barren land and not likely to be taken up, remains to be dealt with; and, although it is surrounded by alienated land, and there seems to be no road of access, the 11th clause of the Act of 1861 would perhaps be scarcely applicable to give Crace the right to purchase, as the area is so large.

9. As mentioned in paragraph 6, the Court of Claims has disposed of the case on its merits—to the effect that the Crown had performed all that was required of it. There is no doubt that Mr. Crace has been for some time aware of that decision against him; and up to the present time he has not asked for a rehearing. The fact of the excess in the land occupied over the area granted being now found to be in the south and in the west, as opposed to the assumption that it was in the north, will, it is clear from the Commissioners' report, not affect the case in the slightest; and in the light of the Preamble and Clause 2 of the Court of Claims Act, 5 William IV No. 21, it is difficult to understand how the case can be referred back to that tribunal—the Commissioners being appointed to examine and report upon claims (to grants of land) in virtue and in performance of the promise of any Governor for the time being. Now, there was no promise in this case—the land was an absolute purchase at auction; and the reasonable inference is that the Court of Claims is not a Court of competent jurisdiction. Again, the Act creating that tribunal was passed as against and not for the Crown; and it is very doubtful whether the Crown can appear there as a claimant—besides, there is nothing to claim, the land in excess having been proved to be Crown land, as length of possession by a subject against the Crown gives no right.

10. It is suggested, therefore, that—

- (a) Boyd's conditional purchase 80-263 be cancelled, being for land included in Morrissett's Grant.
- (b) That Blomfield and Dickson, as agents for Crace, be officially informed of the decision of the Court of Claims.
- (c) That the deed of grant of the 728 acres (now Crace's) be recalled, and the description be amended.
- (d) That the disposal of the 93 acres be then considered.

R.H.D.

The suggestions are recommended for approval. There is no case for the Court of Claims. Should Mr. Crace not accept the proposition made, it will then be necessary to confine him strictly to the land described in the original deed of grant, which will have the effect of excluding the northern portion of the area now held by him, which is improved.—C.O., 1/6/81.

Approved.—H.P., 16/6/81. Urgent.—Conditional Sales Branch,—To refuse Boyd's conditional purchase 80-263, and return papers.—R.H.D. (pro J.G.B.), 17/6/81. W. Boyd refund order, Agent and Treasury informed.—30/6/81. \* Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson informed in accordance with terms of minute (with tracing).—J.R.L., 9/7/81. For Mr. Crace's reply see Aln. 81-7,243.

\* Copy of this letter is unobtainable.

No. 50.

The Chief Commissioner to Mr. W. Boyd.

(C.P. No. 80-263; C.S. No. 81-5,716 Aln.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 June, 1881.

I desire to inform you that the application made by you at Queanbeyan on the 7th October, 1880, for the conditional purchase of 60 acres of land is void, as the land applied for was previously taken up. Deposit paid £15.

2. Enclosed is a form which, on being filled up in accordance with the instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Treasury, Sydney, will enable you at once to obtain the refund of your deposit.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

[Enclosure.]

[Special Payments Form No. 2.]

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Conditional Purchase—Revenue refunded.

Dr. to William Boyd.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 June, 1881.

		Amount to be refunded.		
		£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz. :—C.S. No. 81-5,716 Aln.; C.P. No. 80-263.				
Land Office at Queanbeyan; date of selection, 7th day of October, 1880; deposit paid on 60 acres .....		15	0	0
Selection withdrawn or void to the extent of 60 acres, as the land applied for was previously taken up.		-		
Deposit to be refunded on 60 acres .....	£	15	0	0

## No. 51.

The Chief Commissioner to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Conditional purchase—Revenue refunded.

(C.P. No. 80-263 ; L.A. No. 81-5,716 Aln.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Conditional Sales Division, Sydney, 30 June, 1881.

I have to inform you that the conditional purchase noted in the margin being void, as the land applied for was previously taken up, you will be good enough to refund to the selector the sum of £15, being the deposit money paid thereon.

2. I am to add that a receipt form for the disposal of the money has been forwarded to the applicant, with instructions to fill up same and transmit it to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

District, Queanbeyan ; name, William Boyd ; date of selection, 7th October, 1880 ; area, 60 acres ; deposit, £15.

## No. 52.

The Chief Commissioner to The Land Agent, Queanbeyan.

(C.P. No. 80-263 A ; C.S. No. 81-5,716 Aln.)

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 June, 1881.

I desire to inform you that the application of William Boyd, on the 7th October, 1880, for the conditional purchase of 60 acres of land is void, as the land applied for was previously taken up.

2. A form for refund of deposit has been forwarded for the signature of the applicant, the nature of which you will be so good as to explain to him, if required.

I have, &c.,

WM. BLACKMAN

(For the Chief Commissioner).

## No. 53.

Messrs. Norton and Smith to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

12, Spring-street, Sydney, 20 July, 1881.

We have the honor by the instructions of Mr. E. K. Crace to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed to Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson, dated the 9th instant, No. 81-5,716 Alienation.

2. We are surprised that in the first paragraph of your communication any reliance should be placed upon the finding of the Court of Claims.

3. We presume that you are not aware that the application to the Court of Claims related solely to and dealt with 312 acres of land which are now admitted by your letter now under reply to be included in and form part of Morrissett's original grant.

4. Mr. Crace was, in fact, led to make that application to the Court of Claims through a mistake on the part of the Government surveyors in alleging that the 312 acres of land were not included in Colonel Morrissett's grant.

5. We should, moreover, mention that when, pending the inquiry before the Court of Claims, it was discovered by us that the Government surveyor had made a mistake as to these 312 acres of land (the sole subject matter of the reference to the Court of Claims), as they unquestionably belonged to Mr. Crace, we, by letter, addressed to the Commissioners, withdrew Mr. Crace's claim for any further deed of grant in relation thereto, and as the land then in question had been already granted the Court of Claims had really no jurisdiction or function in the matter.

6. With respect to the second paragraph of your communication we fear that it would be illegal for the Crown to issue any new deed of grant, as suggested by you ; and we submit that no additional grant is in fact required, inasmuch as the identity of the land comprised in the grant is now fixed, both by your letter and by recent surveys, beyond the possibility of doubt, and comprises by apt words the whole of the land in question, including the two portions referred to by you, and which you erroneously infer are not included in the grant.

7. On referring to the description in the deed of grant we find that the starting-point is defined and fixed as being at the point E, marked on the tracing sent by you, on the northern side line of G. F. Palmer's portion No. 3 ; thence the eastern boundary line is fixed as extending to the northern boundary line, the position of which is now admittedly fixed by recent survey as identical with the extension of the southern boundary line of G. F. Palmer's other portion of 640 acres, surveyed at the same time, and which is shown by a blue-ink line upon the sketch furnished by you in your communication now under reply.

This is strange. Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson urged that the case be sent. The surprise has, no doubt, arisen because Crace was unsuccessful.

The letter admits nothing of the kind ; Crace was the plaintiff, or rather the claimant, in the case (see report and Mr. Smith's note to Deputy Surveyor-General with these papers).

It has been conclusively proved that the northern part of the land occupied is not included in Morrissett's grant, the chainage of which gives only 728 acres, and the description is explicit.

It has been proved that Mr. Crace has no legal claim to the excess of area. There is nothing in the papers to show that Mr. Crace's claim was abandoned. It is questionable whether he could withdraw it.

The identity of the land mentioned in the grant is fixed now—that is true, but it is an absolute identity to the extent of 728 acres only, and not to over 1,000 acres. It was never inferred that the two portions were not in the land described in the grant. It was known that they were and are so included.

This is correct as regards the starting-point. The statement as to the eastern boundary is incorrect. The east boundary extends by grant 115 chains from the starting-point, whereas by occupation it is over 154 chains. The statement about the northern boundary is glaringly incorrect. The northern boundary, as given in the grant, has been undoubtedly fixed to be 39 chains further south than the southern boundary of Palmer's block of 640 acres.

8. The western boundary line of the grant is clearly identified as extending at right angles to the last-mentioned line, until it reaches the northern boundary line of G. F. Palmer's 640 acres, portion No. 1; and thence by the northern and eastern sides of that grant to G. F. Palmer's portion No. 3, already referred to; and thence by portion No. 3 to the commencing point, marked E, on your plan.

9. It accordingly follows that as the starting-point and all the side lines of the grant and their bearings are determined with the greatest accuracy it is not open to the Crown to say that the grant is void for uncertainty, or open to correction on any ground. No doubt it does appear on actual survey that the eastern and western side lines of the grant are somewhat longer and the area somewhat greater than described in the grant, but this is covered by the terms "more or less" used in the grant, and the excess of area is not greater than has occurred in many other surveys of the same date.

10. We presume that no steps would be taken to alter the grants in any case so as to prejudice Mr. Crace, but we would respectfully point out that he is a purchaser for valuable consideration, who has paid for the whole of the land, which has always been occupied as and is expressed to be comprised within the boundary lines of the grant irrespective of the area, and that at the time of his purchase the Surveyor-General, with the approval of the Minister, had, on the official charts and plans of the county of Murray, caused the whole of the land now in dispute to be charted as forming portion of J. T. Morrissett's original grant of 728 acres, and accordingly Mr. Crace was by the action of the Government led to purchase (and at a very high price) all the land in dispute, relying on representations set forth in the official Government charts of the Colony that the whole of this land was included within the original grant, and formed, with other land then purchased by Mr. Crace, one connected property.

11. It further appears, although many years ago, the Government discovered that the side lines were longer than expressed in the grant, yet, instead of then making the matter public, and taking action against the parties in possession, it was resolved by minute of the then Minister for Lands not to interfere with the occupation, and acting upon this resolution the Government charts were altered in such a way as practically to lead Mr. Crace and ourselves, as his solicitors, at the time of making his purchase into the idea that the grant comprised, as we think it does, the whole of the land charted as comprised in it.

12. Under these circumstances we confidently trust that as the language of Mr. Crace's grant comprises within its boundary-lines the whole of the land in question, and as such land has for many years been charted and represented by the Government, and allowed by them to be occupied, as if comprised in the grant, no steps would now be taken to interfere with Mr. Crace's title and possession as a *bona fide* purchaser for valuable consideration, who bought without notice of any error in the grant, even if it exists, and relying on the accuracy of the Government charts and official plans in the office of the Surveyor-General.

We have, &c.,

NORTON AND SMITH.

This letter, with its several misstatements, simply means that because Crace has been occupying 287 acres of Crown lands for years past he should be left to do so,—1st. Because Mr. Forster, when Minister for Lands, declined to take steps to confine Crace to the land mentioned in the grant; and, 2nd, because the maps and charts have now been proved to have for years past delineated wrongly the land conveyed in the deed of grant to Mr. Morrissett, the original holder. It seems to me, therefore, that the only course to adopt is to inform Mr. Crace, in accordance with Ministerial approval of 16/6/81 on Aln. 81-5,716, that unless within a month he accepts the proposition conveyed in Lands letter of 9th instant, immediate steps will be taken to confine him to the land mentioned and described in the deed of grant, and that the land between the northern boundary, as described in Morrissett's grant, and the southern boundaries of Rolfe's 160 acres and Rolfe's (now Ryan's) 320 acres will be dealt with in accordance with the Crown Lands Alienation Acts.—R.H.D., 25/7/81.

No. 54.

Messrs. Norton and Smith to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

12, Spring-street, Sydney, 8 August, 1881.

Referring to your letter, No. 81-5,716 Aln., addressed to Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson, and to our letter in reply of 16th ultimo, on behalf of Mr. E. K. Crace, we shall be glad to know if the Government propose taking any further steps in the matter.

We may state that although Mr. Crace considers that his legal position is unassailable, and although he has paid in full for the whole of the land, relying upon the accuracy of the official plans and surveys, yet, nevertheless, he would be prepared to meet the Crown in any fair spirit of concession, if after all that has transpired you should not be disposed to confirm the action taken by the former Minister for Lands as referred to in our letter.

We have, &c.,

NORTON AND SMITH.

This is correct, but only on the basis that the east boundary is 115 chains long from Palmer's block—115 chains being the length given the grant, and not 154, as occupied.

The Crown has not said the grant is void. The Crown simply says that Morrissett and his successors have been and are holding 287 acres more than the grant conveyed. The east and west side-lines are 33 per cent. longer. This is rather more than "somewhat," and it is too much to say that the formal phrase "more or less" in a grant is a warrant for holding 287 acres, equal to 39 per cent. of area granted.

It is difficult to see what the Surveyor-General or the Survey Department had to do with Crace's purchase. It was a private transaction. Where the boundaries are expressed in lengths, and the area given in accordance therewith, the theory here set up goes for nought. As for the maps, &c., showing the land occupied (1,040 acres) to be Morrissett's, it is simply observed that the Survey Department for years past were quite clear that the delineation was not correct, but were at a loss to account for the difference in the lengths of the east boundary as occupied and as given in the deed.

Just so, but still the fact remains that in the land occupied by Crace, there are 287 acres of Crown land, which of course any subject of the Crown has a right to deal with, in accordance with the Lands Act, Mr. Crace having no legal title to it.

The language in the grant comprises nothing of the kind; without the formal phrase "more or less," the language states 728 acres, and the lengths of the boundaries give that area, and that alone; besides, the grant recites the land was lot 69, under the advertisement of the 9th November, 1835, viz., 728 acres, and which Morrissett bought at auction at 5s. per acre.



No. 55.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to The Crown Solicitor.

[81-8047.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 September, 1881.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the papers in connection with a claim set up by Mr. E. K. Crace to an area of about 313 acres of land in the parish of Canberra, county of Murray, and to request the opinion of the Attorney-General on the points set forth in the accompanying *précis* of the case.

I have, &amp;c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,

Under Secretary.

[Enclosure.]

In the year 1835 a surveyed portion of land was sold by auction at 5s. per acre, as lot No. 69, to J. T. Morrissett, the area sold being 728 acres, situated in the county of Murray, parish of Canberra.

In 1869 it was found that the area which was occupied by the grantee (or his alienee) was over 1,000 acres, and attempts were made by the Survey Office to ascertain the surveyed boundaries of the 728 acres, as described in the deed of grant without success, as the only survey marks discovered on the ground were those which were adopted by the grantee in his occupation of the larger area. As, however, it was clear that the area occupied was in excess of that granted, the question was submitted to the Secretary for Lands (Mr. Forster) as to whether any steps should be taken to prevent the grantee from occupying the area in excess of that purchased by him. Mr. Forster wrote on August 13th, 1869, "No action can be recommended."

In 1880 the case was again brought under notice through one Ryan having applied to conditionally purchase part of the land included within the survey lines marked on the ground.

Ryan's application was declared void, on account of the land applied for being part of that included within the surveyed boundaries of Morrissett's grant, and also because the land contained some £200 worth of improvements; and in giving a decision upon the case, Mr. Hoskins endorsed an opinion expressed by the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Purchases to the effect that the decision of Mr. Forster operated as an abandonment of any claim to the excess of area.

The present holder of Morrissett's grant (Mr. E. K. Crace) applied to have the deed of grant amended so as to include the whole of the area that is within the surveyed boundaries.

The matter has now been thoroughly investigated, and the evidence now available gives full particulars and a complete history of the matter. The facts are: That the surveyor who surveyed the portion of land sold to Mr. Morrissett as lot 69 marked the lines on the ground in error so as to include 922 acres, and showed on the plan, which he forwarded to the Survey Office, only 728 acres, and the lengths of the lines given in the plan embrace only that area, and so the deed of grant mentions only that area, and the description in the deed of course accords with Mr. Hoddle's plan, and does not agree with the marking on the ground, especially in the matter of the lengths of the east and west boundaries, which are given in the deed as being 115 chains each, but as marked on the ground they are 154 chains each, and include 194 acres more than is included in the description of the deed of grant—making a total of 922 acres included in the marking on the ground.

There is, however, besides that, an area of 93 acres which the description of the deed of grant particularly includes, making the total area in question in this case 1,015 acres, but which is quite left out by the marking on the ground.

The description in the deed of grant is very definite, and accurately defines the position of an area of 728 acres, which Mr. Hoddle showed by his plan that he had included in his survey, whereas he had only included 635 acres of that land, and had included 287 acres of the other land to the north, making 922 acres within the surveyed boundaries marked on the ground (which have recently been retraced without difficulty by Mr. Acting-District Surveyor T. H. Smith).

This 287 acres contains improvements, the property of Mr. Crace, to the value of about £200; and the 93 acres which are included in the description in the deed of grant, but excluded from the marking on the ground, have recently been applied for as a conditional purchase by Patrick Ryan. Mr. Crace has commenced an action for trespass against Ryan, and in view of the fact that the deed of grant, by its description, includes this 93 acres, Mr. Crace may perhaps be able to eject Ryan; and it is a question for consideration by the Secretary for Lands as to whether Ryan's conditional purchase should be declared void, and Crace held to be the owner of the 93 acres on the ground that the deed includes the land (which it undoubtedly does).

There would then remain the 287 acres to the north to be dealt with, and the question is as to whether action should be taken to interfere with Crace's occupation of this land after it has been in occupation of the grantee and his alienees for over forty-six years, and has been considerably improved, and is included within the surveyed boundaries of the portion—also the descriptions in the deeds of grant of two portions on the north—sold to A. Rolfe—define the south boundary of those two portions as being the northern boundary of Morrissett's grant.

26 October, 1881.

C. O.

No. 56.

## The Crown Solicitor to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Crown Solicitor's Office, Sydney, 17 October, 1881.

I have the honor to return herewith the papers relating to E. K. Crace's alleged claim to land in parish of Canberra, county of Murray, and to state that I have submitted the matter for the consideration of Mr. Attorney-General Wisdom, a copy of whose advising thereon will be found upon the other side.

I have, &amp;c.,

JOHN WILLIAMS,

Crown Solicitor.

OPINION.

In this case the quantity of land offered for sale and sold was 728 acres. The boundary-lines described in the grant include 728 acres, and the quantity of land said to be granted is 728 acres. It is clear, therefore, that the grantee, and those who claim under him, have no legal right to any larger area.

It seems, however, in marking out the land an error was made by the surveyor, Mr. Hoddle, and as a consequence of this error the grantee and those claiming under him have ever since been in occupation of a very much larger area than that to which they are entitled. There have no doubt been many cases in which grantees have, where the acreage has been larger than that said to be granted, been allowed to retain possession of the excess, but in such cases the excess was contained within the boundary-lines as described in the grant, and, therefore, had in fact been granted, it being considered that the boundary-lines define the grant, and that the grant is not affected by an incorrect statement of the number of acres intended to be granted. In the present case, however, all that can be said is that the grantee has by a mistake on the part of the surveyor been put in possession of a larger area than he was entitled to, and the question now to be considered is whether, after the lapse of forty years, that possession should be disputed. This is not a legal question calling for my opinion as Attorney-General. It is a matter to be determined by the Minister for Lands or the Cabinet after a careful consideration of all the circumstances of the case.

ROBERT WISDOM,

A.-G., 5/10/81.

Submitted.—J.D.D., 19/10/81. C.O., 20/10/81. I must have a concise *précis* of this case prepared for the Cabinet.—J.H., 21/10/81. Herewith.—C.O., 26/10/81.

[Enclosure.]

Enclosures.

Voidance approved of.—C.O., 8/6/82.

[Enclosure.]

E. K. Crace's alleged claim to land in parish of Canberra, county of Murray.

1. In October, 1835, Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Hoddle surveyed a block of 728 acres of Crown land in the parish of Canberra, which, on the 9th December, 1835, was sold at auction at Sydney to Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. Morrissett as 728 acres, who paid for that area only. The present owner is Mr. E. K. Crace. The deed of grant recites 728 acres, more or less, but the lengths given in the surveyor's plan and the lengths given in the deed of grant give 728 acres exactly. (For copy of description in deed see Annex A.)

2. The surveyor's plan, however, did not agree with the marking on the ground, as, by mistake, he took for a starting-point\* a marked tree about 37 chains north of the point† shown as the starting-point on his plan.

\*Point J on tracing.  
†Point K on tracing.

3. The north boundary-line on the ground being thus much farther north than shown on the plan, and described in the grant, whilst the south boundary as given in the grant was to the same extent too far south of the true southern boundary, and the holders of the land accepting the northern boundary as marked on the ground, and the southern boundary as given in the grant, as their limits, have, since 1835, been in occupation of over 1,041 acres.

4. About 1869, when dealing with other surveys in the neighbourhood, the Survey Department became aware of this great discrepancy in area and lengths between the land occupied and that shown on the plan and maps, but were unable to account for it until the early part of the present year. Until recently, therefore, the official maps delineated Morrissett's grant of 728 acres as extending about 154 chains from Palmer's southern block, No. 3 of 640 acres, to Palmer's northern block of 640 acres, marked X on tracing on Annex A, instead of from block No. 3 to the line A B, the land described in the deed of grant, 115 chains.

5. In 1869, the Survey Branch brought under notice the existence of this excess of area occupied over that mentioned in the grant, but Mr. Forster, the then Minister for Lands, by minute of the 13th August, 1869, stated that "No action can be recommended" (vide Aln. 69-6,391).

6. The subject was dismissed from that time till last year, when applications were tendered to conditionally purchase the northern part of the land occupied, i.e., the land between the lines AB, CD. These applications were declined, the land being improved. The Chief Commissioner, Mr. Moriarty, by minute of the 8th March, 1880, in connection with one of the conditional purchase applications, was of opinion that Mr. Forster's decision must be held to have operated as an abandonment of any claim to the excess of area; otherwise, that was the time to have asserted a claim on the part of the Crown to the area in question, which certainly cannot be said to be included in the grant, the description of which is definite. With this Mr. Hoskins concurred (vide C.S. 80-5,837).

7. On the application (Aln. 80-3,383) of the agents of Mr. Crace for an amended grant to include this excess of 313 acres, the case was submitted to the Court of Claims, the Commissioners of which, however, by report dated 11th October, 1880, declined to recommend the issue of a grant to him, for the following reasons:—

(a) That the Crown intended to grant 728 acres only.

(b) That that area is included in the grant.

(c) That by Hoddle's measurement he surveyed to give 728 acres only.

(d) That, although it was admitted that Crace had been in occupation of the excess for about forty years, it did not give any right as against the Crown (Court of Claims, case 1,518; Aln. 80-8,593).

8. Sir Henry Parkes, for the Minister for Lands, on the 16th June last, approved of the purport of the Commissioners' report being conveyed to the agents of Mr. Crace, and that that gentleman be offered the option of retaining the 728 acres described in the grant (see AK BH on tracing), or of surrendering the deed, and having a fresh one issue for 728 acres, to accord with the marking on the ground (see AD BN on tracing), and in the event of his declining to surrender it would be necessary to confine him strictly to the land described in the grant (vide Aln. 81-5,716). With the exception of the alternative, this was done by letter of the 9th July, 1881, to Messrs. Blomfield and Dickson.

9. By letter of the 20th July, 1881, Mr. Crace's solicitors, Messrs. Norton and Smith, express surprise that any reliance should be placed upon the report of the Court of Claims, and make statements which are not in accordance with the facts of the case. They urge:—

(a) That in view of Mr. Forster's minute of 13th August, 1869 (vide par. 5 ante).

(b) That, as the official charts have for many years shown the land occupied (viz., 1,041 acres) to be Morrissett's 728 acres, granted (vide par. 4 ante); and

(c) That, as Mr. Crace has been for years in undisturbed occupation, no further steps be taken to interfere with him (vide Norton and Smith's letter, Aln. 81-7,243).

10. The opinion of the Attorney-General is desired on the following points:—

(a) Whether Mr. Forster's minute should be considered as an abandonment of the Crown's claim to the excess.

(b) If not, whether the Crown can now assume and declare possession of the excess; and

(c) Whether, under the circumstances of the case, it would be advisable to do so, and so confine Mr. Crace to the boundaries of the land described in the grant.

C.O., 14/9/81.

ANNEX A.

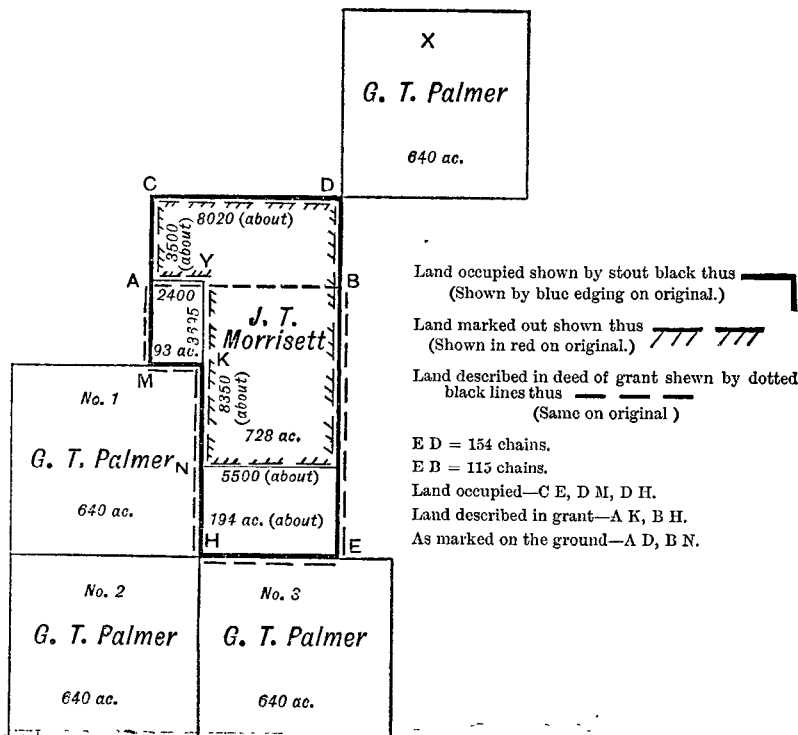
Description of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres, county of Murray, parish unnamed.

728 acres, situated in the county of Murray, parish unnamed, near Gruningruninderry, and bounded on the east by the first section line east of G. T. Palmer's northern portion, being a purchase of 640 acres, north 115 chains, commencing at the south-east corner.

On the north by a section line west 80 chains; on the west by a section line south 35 chains to the northern boundary of G. T. Palmer's said 640 acres; thence by lines east 24 chains and south 80 chains; and on the south by part of G. T. Palmer's eastern portion, being a purchase 640 acres, east 56 chains to the south-east corner aforesaid.

Being the land sold as lot 69 in pursuance of the advertisement of 9th November, 1835.

Approved.—J.H., 15/9/81. The Secretary to the Attorney-General.—C.O., B.C., 16/9/81.



## No. 57.

## Office Memorandum by The Under Secretary for Lands.

5 March, 1883.

THE question for consideration in this case is as to whether steps shall be taken to convey by deed to Mr. E. K. Crace an area of 287 acres of land which has been for forty-six years in the occupation of that gentleman and previous holders of a deed of grant of 728 acres of land, through the surveyor (Mr. Hoddle) having, in 1835, included in his survey on the ground 287 acres of land in addition to the 728 acres described in the deed of grant.

The facts of this case are set forth in the annexed *précis*, the principal points being that the 287 acres above mentioned are not included in the description in the deed of grant; that the land contains improvements made by the grantee and his alienees to the value of about £200; that there is no conflicting claim for the land; that the survey marks on the ground include the 287 acres; that in the year 1869 the Secretary for Lands, Mr. Forster, declined to take any action to disturb the alienee of the grantee in his occupation of the 287 acres, and that Mr. Hoskins, when Minister for Lands in 1880, endorsed Mr. Forster's decision, and was of opinion that Mr. Forster's decision should be held to have been an abandonment on the part of the Crown of any claim to the 287 acres.

Mr. Crace, the present holder of the deed of grant for the 728 acres, desires to have his title to the whole area (the 728 acres and the 287 acres) perfected.

The purchase money paid in 1835 for the 728 acres, 5s. per acre.

I see no reason for disturbing the decision of the late Mr. Forster in 1869.—J.S.F., 5/3/83. Inform.—E.H.S., 8/3/83. E. K. Crace, 14/3/83.

Charting Branch, Reserves, by direction of the Under Secretary, to prepare description, &c., for the cancellation of reserve No. 98, which was notified on 25th January, 1881, and which includes land described in Morrissett's grant.—E.H.S., 14/3/83.

A description is enclosed for the cancellation of reserve No. 93, county of Murray.—G. LEWIS (for the Surveyor-General), 13/4/83. Mr. Wilson,—For Executive Council minute.—J.D.D., 18/4/83. Executive Council minute, Mis. 83-8,455, gazetted 28th May, 1883. Land Agent informed 28/5/83. Charted on parish map.—R.S.C. Examined.—G.B., 7/6/83.

## No. 58.

## Minute-paper for the Executive Council.

## Recommending the Revocation of Reserves from Sale.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 April, 1883.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the temporary reservation of the portions within described and particularised in the annexed schedule be now revoked under the 6th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the revocation to take effect at the expiration of thirty clear days from the date of notification in the *Government Gazette*.

JAMES S. FARNELL.

The Executive Council advise that the temporary reservation of the land referred to be revoked in terms of the 6th clause, Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, to take effect from the date specified.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. His Excellency the Governor, the Executive Council. Min. 83-15, 25/4/83. Approved.—A.L., 25/4/83. Confirmed, 1/5/83. Gazetted, 28/5/83.

## SCHEDULE.

Registration number.	Number.	County.	Parish.	Area to be revoked.			Date of notification.
				a.	r.	p.	
83-3,204 .....	Part of 218a.....	Bourke .....	Lupton .....	196	0	0	26th Nov., 1878.
" .....	Part of 218a extension	" .....	" .....	79	3	0	28th June, 1880.
83-4,013 .....	" 746 .....	Gough .....	Yarrarford.....	1,060	0	0	16th June, 1879.
83-6,283 .....	" 133 .....	Bathurst .....	Grantham.....	135	0	0	27th April, 1881.
82-12,299 .....	Part of 664 .....	Gough .....	Herbert .....	8	2	32	6th Jan., 1879.
Mineral, 83-1,563 .....	98 .....	Murray.....	Canberra .....	194	0	0	25th Jan., 1880.
C.S. 82-10,040 Sur. ....	545 extension	Rous .....	Meerschaum ...	160	0	0	28th Mar., 1881.

## No. 59.

## Gazette Notice.

## Revocation of Temporary Reserves.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 May, 1883.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to revoke, under the 6th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, the temporary reservation from sale of the portions of land hereinafter described, the revocation to take effect at the expiration of thirty clear days from this date.

J. S. FARNELL.

No. 98, county of Murray, parish of Canberra, area about 194 acres. The Crown lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of G. T. Palmer's most northern portion of 640 acres, parish of Canberra; thence bounded on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that portion northerly about 36 chains; on the north by a southern boundary of J. T. Morrissett's portion of 728 acres bearing easterly 54 chains; on the east by a line south about 36 chains; on the south by part of the northern boundary of G. T. Palmer's most eastern grant of 640 acres, parish of Canberra, bearing westerly, to the point of commencement.

Notified 25th January, 1881, for travelling stock and other public purposes.

[Min. 83-1,563.]

No. 60.

## No. 60.

## Office Memorandum.

A TRACING is enclosed showing position of reserve 98, cancelled 28th May, 1883, county of Murray, parish of Canberra, for the information of the Crown Lands Agent at Queanbeyan.

G. LEWIS

(For the Surveyor-General).

The Under Secretary for Lands, B.C., 7/6/83. Dealt with in the Reserve Branch. After informing Land Agent papers may, it is submitted, be forwarded for the information of Charting Branch (Mr. Elwin).—J.D.D., 13/6/83. Land Agent, with tracing, 13/6/83.\* †Plans M 47 and M 47A-743, with the numbers of the papers referred to, dealt with up-stairs.—J.H.C., 3/7/83. Mis. Records. Mr. Blaxland.—Any further action in Auction Branch?—J.D.D. (for F. H. Wilson), 5/7/83. No further action, the Minister having by minute of 5/3/83 on min. 83 declined to depart from Mr. Forster's decision of 1869, viz., not to interfere. Of course the department cannot amend, in face of such decision, Mr. Morrisett's (now Crace's) grant, so as to include 1,015 acres, when only 728 acres were paid for at auction.—R.H.D., 23/2/83. Put away.—R.H.D., 23/2/83.

This letter unobtainable.

† Appendix S.

## No. 61.

The District Surveyor, Cooma, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Be good enough to forward the papers noted in the margin, as they are urgently required in order to deal with a claim under the Crown Lands Act of 1884. Mis. 83-10,276

H. HARE

(For District Surveyor).

The District Surveyor at Cooma, as requested.—R.H.D. (for the Under Secretary). Lands, B.C., 3/11/87. To be returned. Returned, the case in connection with which these papers were required having been dealt with.—H. HARE (for the District Surveyor), 29/12/87. The Under Secretary for Lands.

[Nineteen Plans.]

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Sydney : Charles Potter, Government Printer.—1890.



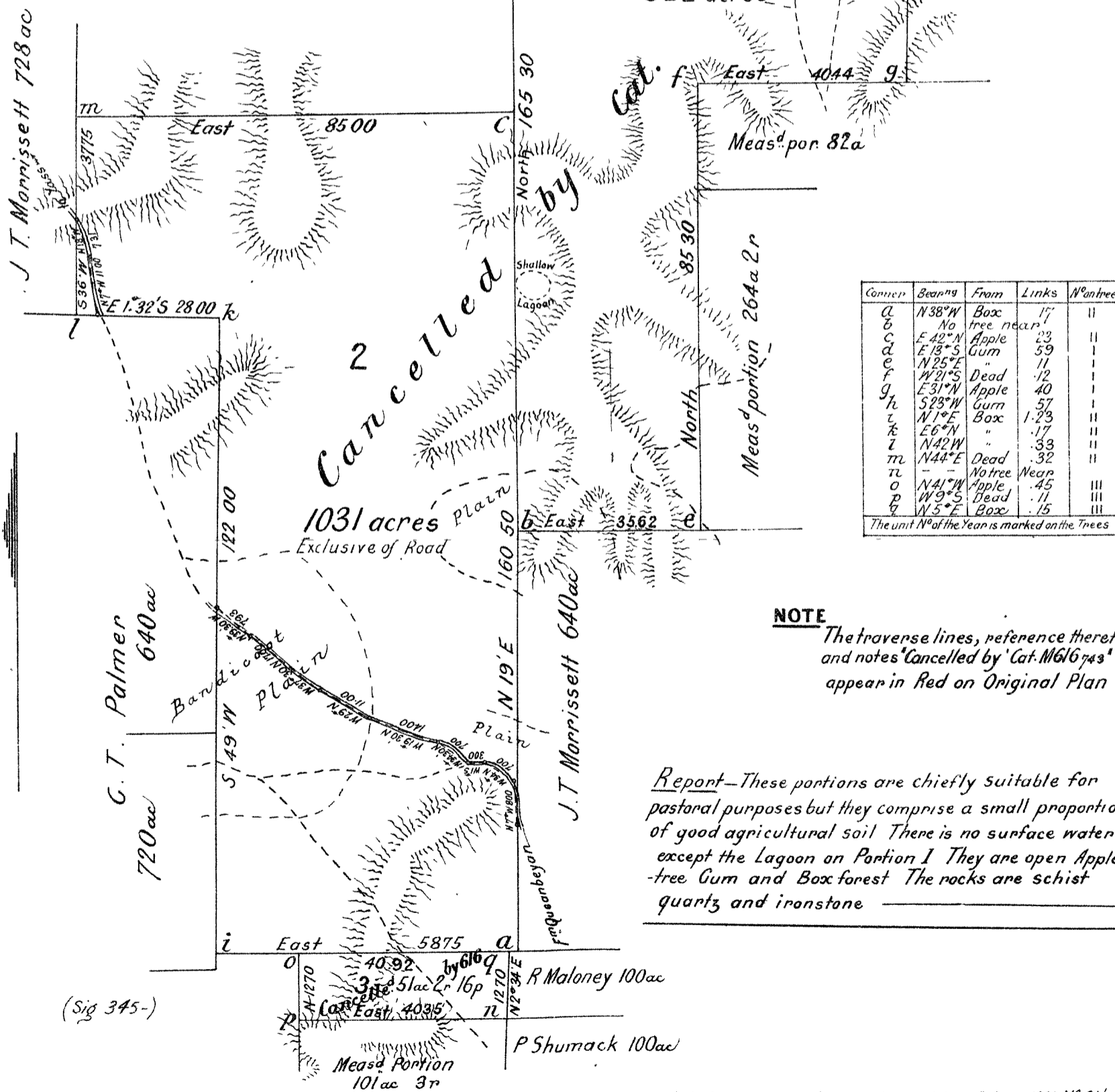
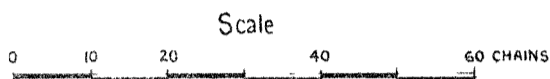
APPENDIX A

Surveyor General's Office  
N<sup>o</sup> 5366  
1861  
Sydney

G.T. Palmer 640ac

Plan of 3 portions of land near Gininginderry  
County of Murray. 1 and 2 are applied for by  
W<sup>m</sup> Davis and 3 by Rob<sup>t</sup> Maloney

The circumferenter was used in the Survey



Corner	Bearing	From	Links	N <sup>o</sup> of tree
a	N 38° W	Box	17	
b	No	tree near		
c	E 42° N	Apple	23	
d	E 13° S	Gum	59	
e	N 25° E	"	11	
f	N 21° S	Dead	12	
g	E 31° W	Apple	40	
h	S 23° W	Gum	57	
i	N 1° E	Box	1.23	
k	E 6° N	"	17	
l	N 42° W	"	33	
m	N 44° E	Dead	32	
n	-	No tree	Near	
o	N 41° W	Apple	.45	
p	W 9° S	Dead	.11	
q	N 5° E	Box	.15	

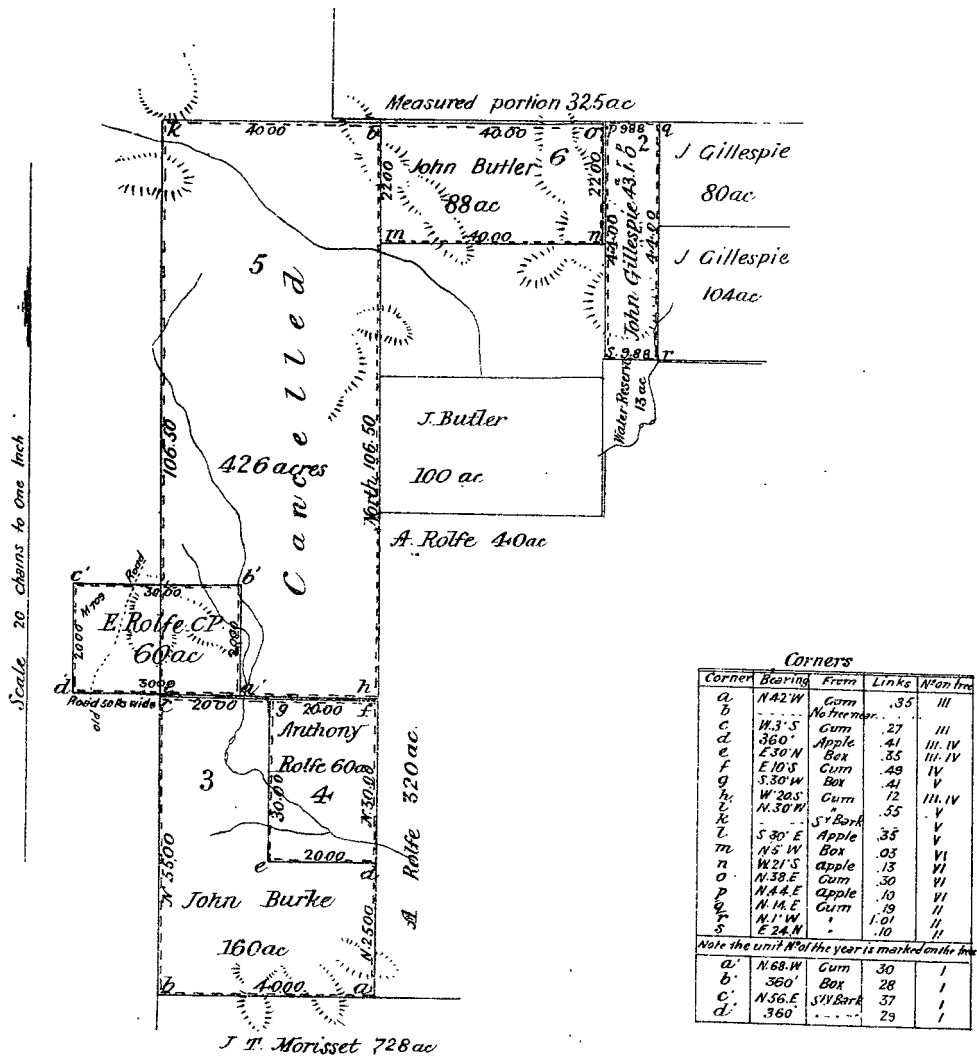
The unit N<sup>o</sup> of the Year is marked on the Trees

**NOTE**  
The traverse lines, reference thereto,  
and notes 'Cancelled by' 'Cat. N 616 743'  
appear in Red on Original Plan

Report—These portions are chiefly suitable for  
pastoral purposes but they comprise a small proportion  
of good agricultural soil There is no surface water  
except the Lagoon on Portion 1 They are open Apple-  
tree Gum and Box forest The rocks are schist  
quartz and ironstone

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1861 N<sup>o</sup> 61/39  
Sig<sup>d</sup> J. B. Thompson  
Licensed Surveyor

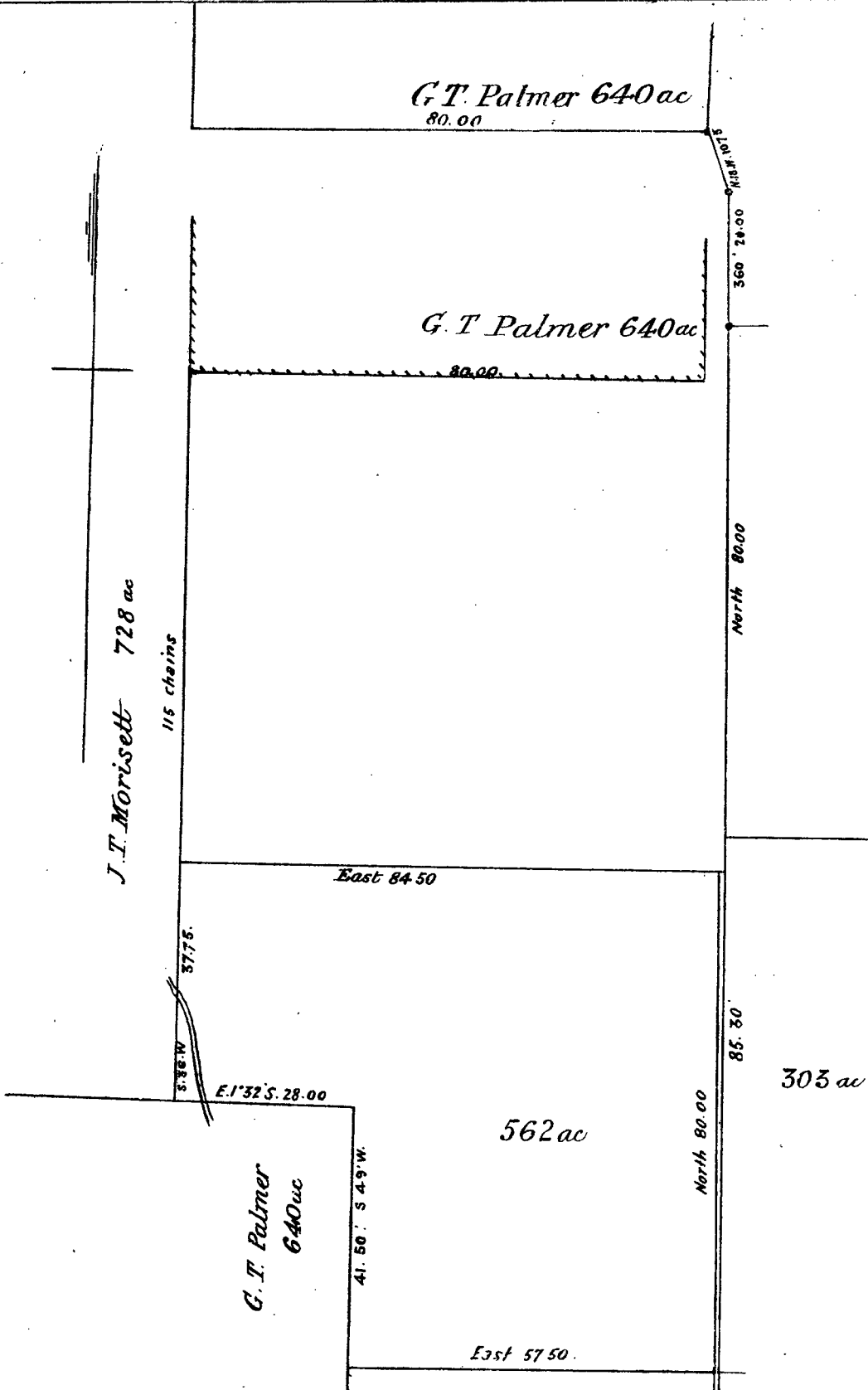
Tracing of 5 portions near One Tree Hill  
County of Murray



Note: Corners shown in red on Original shown thus on tracing a' b' c' d'  
Portions edged red on Original shown thus on tracing (Sig. 345.)

(Sgd) J. B. Thompson D.S.

M617.745.



(Note)  
 G. T. Palmers 640 ac. shown in Red on  
 Original shown thus on tracing



APPENDIX D

# Tracing

Enclosure to No 5.

shewing excess of area in J. T. Morrissett's 728 ac<sup>s</sup>

Sketch Book Vol. 10. p. 56

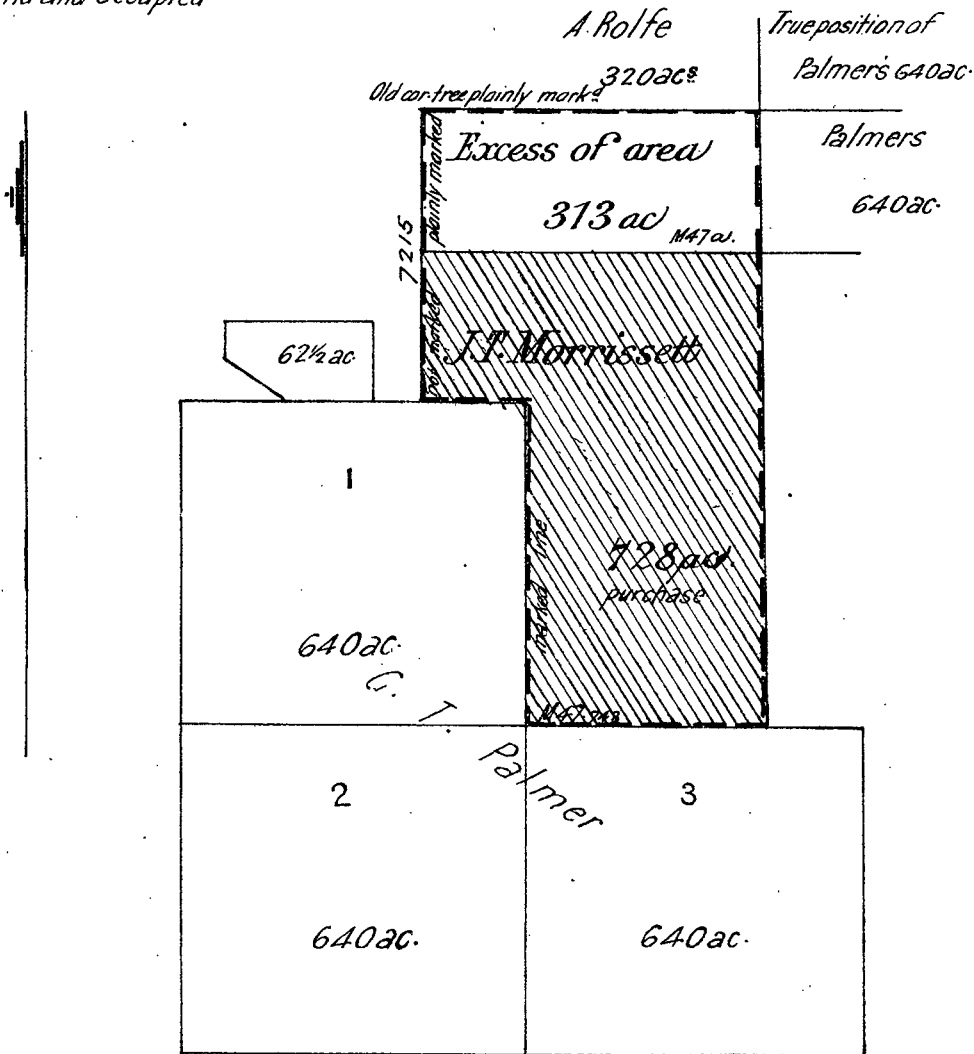
## Parish of Canberra

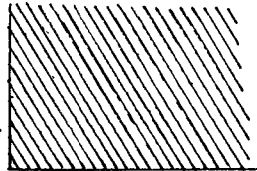
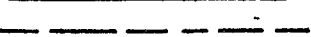
### COUNTY OF MURRAY

Scale.



Note:- The red tint indicates J. T. Morrissett's 728 ac. as shewn on M<sup>r</sup>. Surv<sup>r</sup>. Hoddle's plan and described in deed of grant  
 Blue edging shews the same land as marked on the ground and occupied.



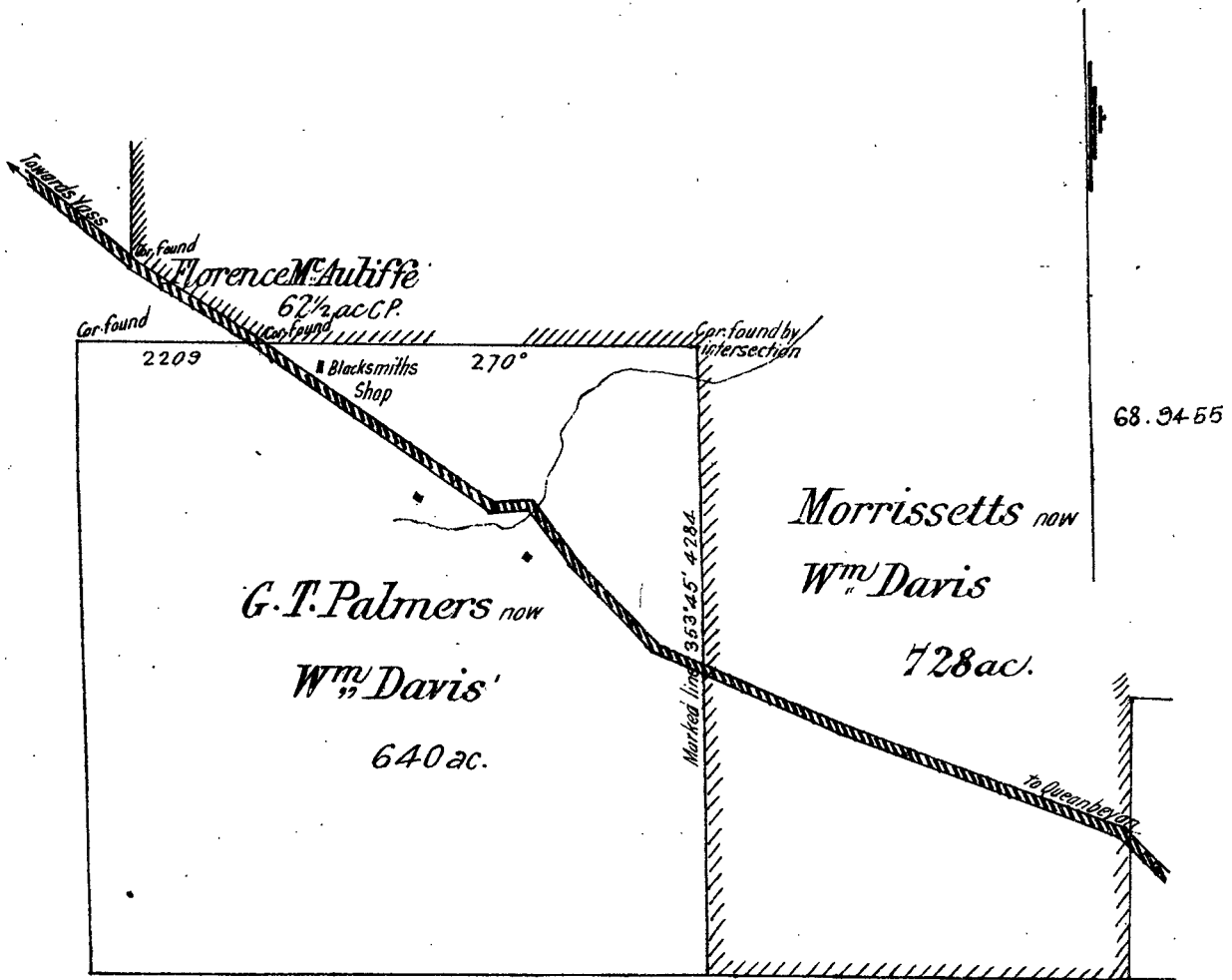
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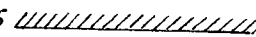
APPENDIX E

Enclosure to N<sup>o</sup> 5.

TRACING  
 from Road Survey shewing  
 McAuliffe's C.P., Palmers & Morrissetts  
 Freeholds

(sig.) J. B. Haughton  
 16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 66/384.

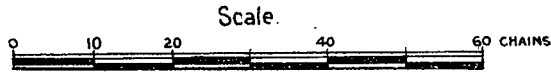


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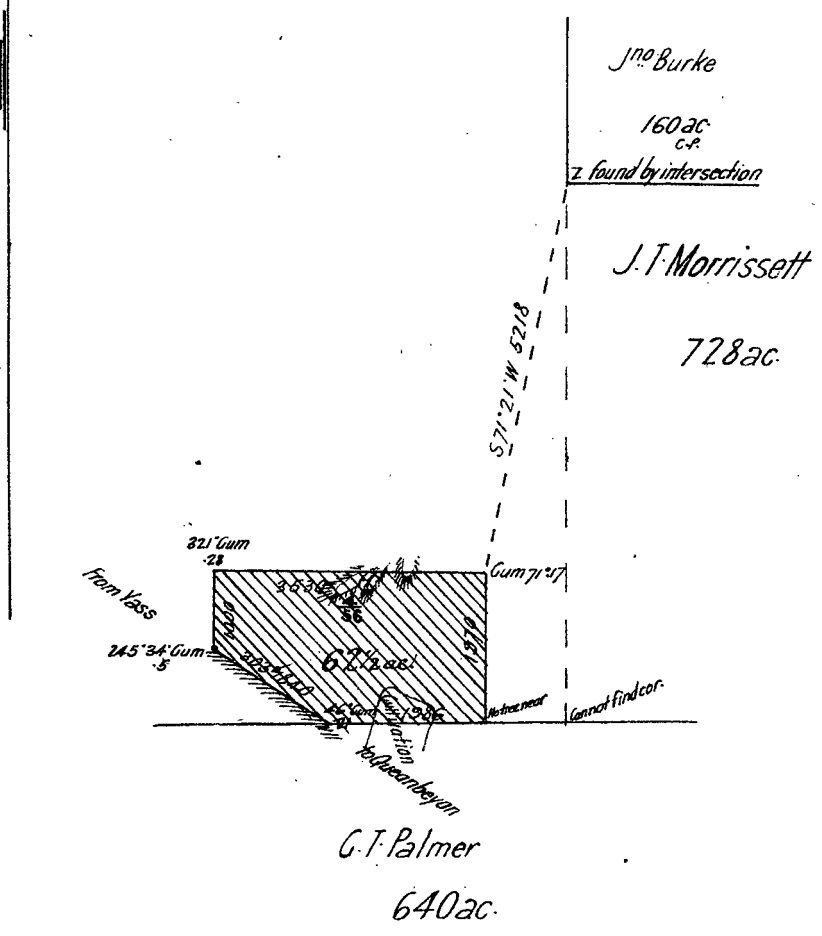
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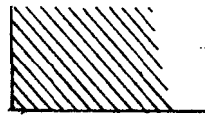
Florence McAuliffe's 62½ ac<sup>s</sup>  
Parish of Gunniderra



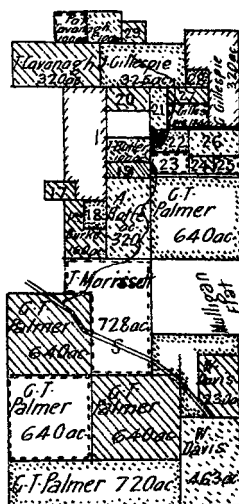
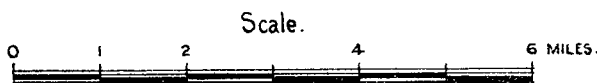
(sig<sup>d</sup>) J. B. Thompson.  
31<sup>st</sup> March 65/6



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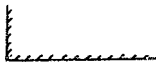
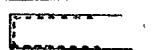
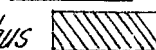
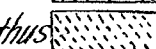



# Tracing from Map of the County of Murray



*Parish of Goorangaroo.*

17	C.F.	60 ac.	26	J. Grenigan	90 ac.
18	A. Rolfe	60 ac.	27	J. Gillespie	80 ac.
19	D <sup>o</sup>	40 ac.	28	D <sup>o</sup>	30 ac.
20	J. Butler	88 ac.	29	J. Grenigan	40 ac.
21	J. Gillespie	43-1-0.			
22	J. Grenigan	41-0-0			
23	D <sup>o</sup>	54-0-0			
24		39-0-0			
25	W. Davis	37-1-0.			

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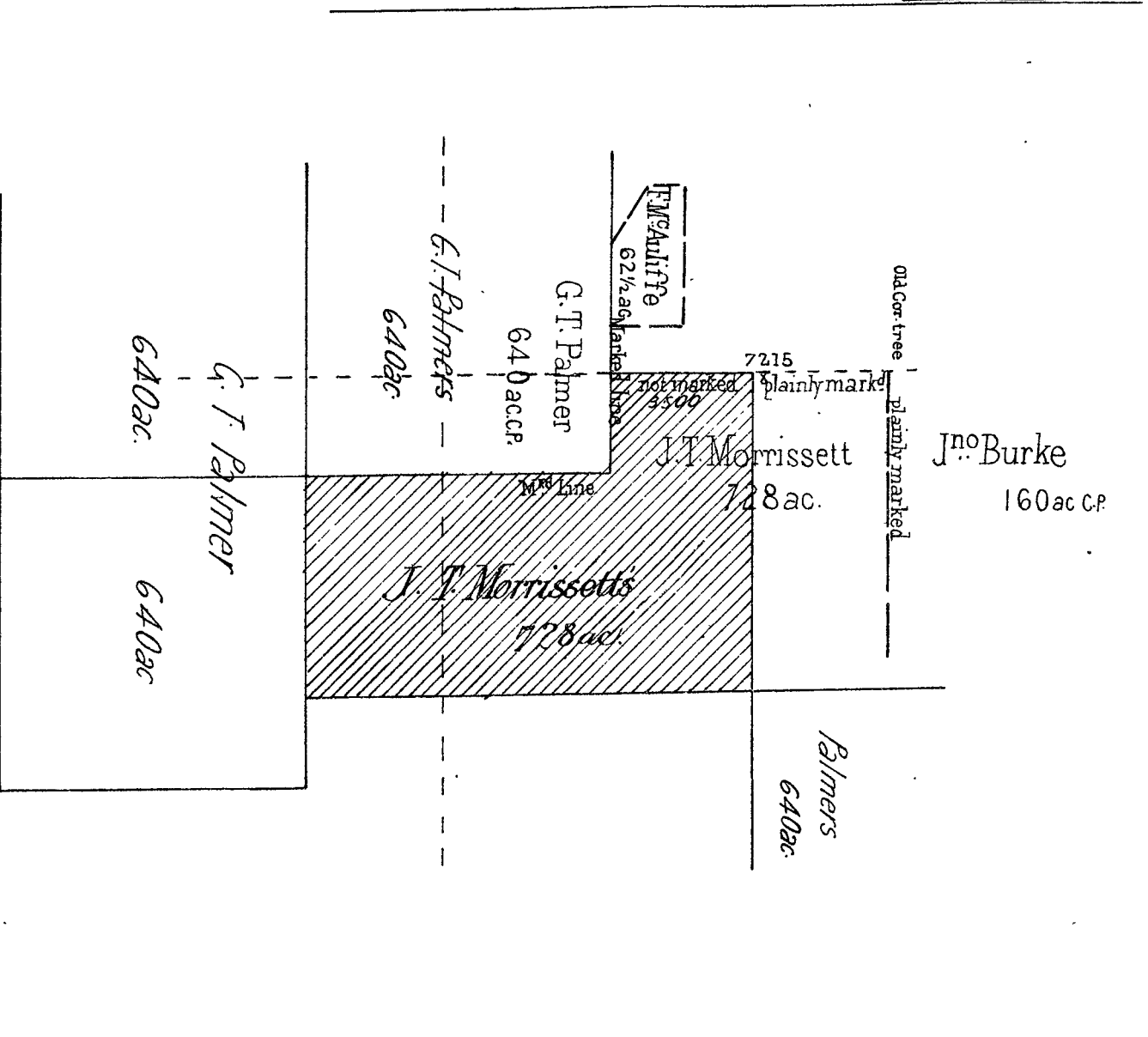
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APPENDIX H.

Tracing

Enclosure to No 5.

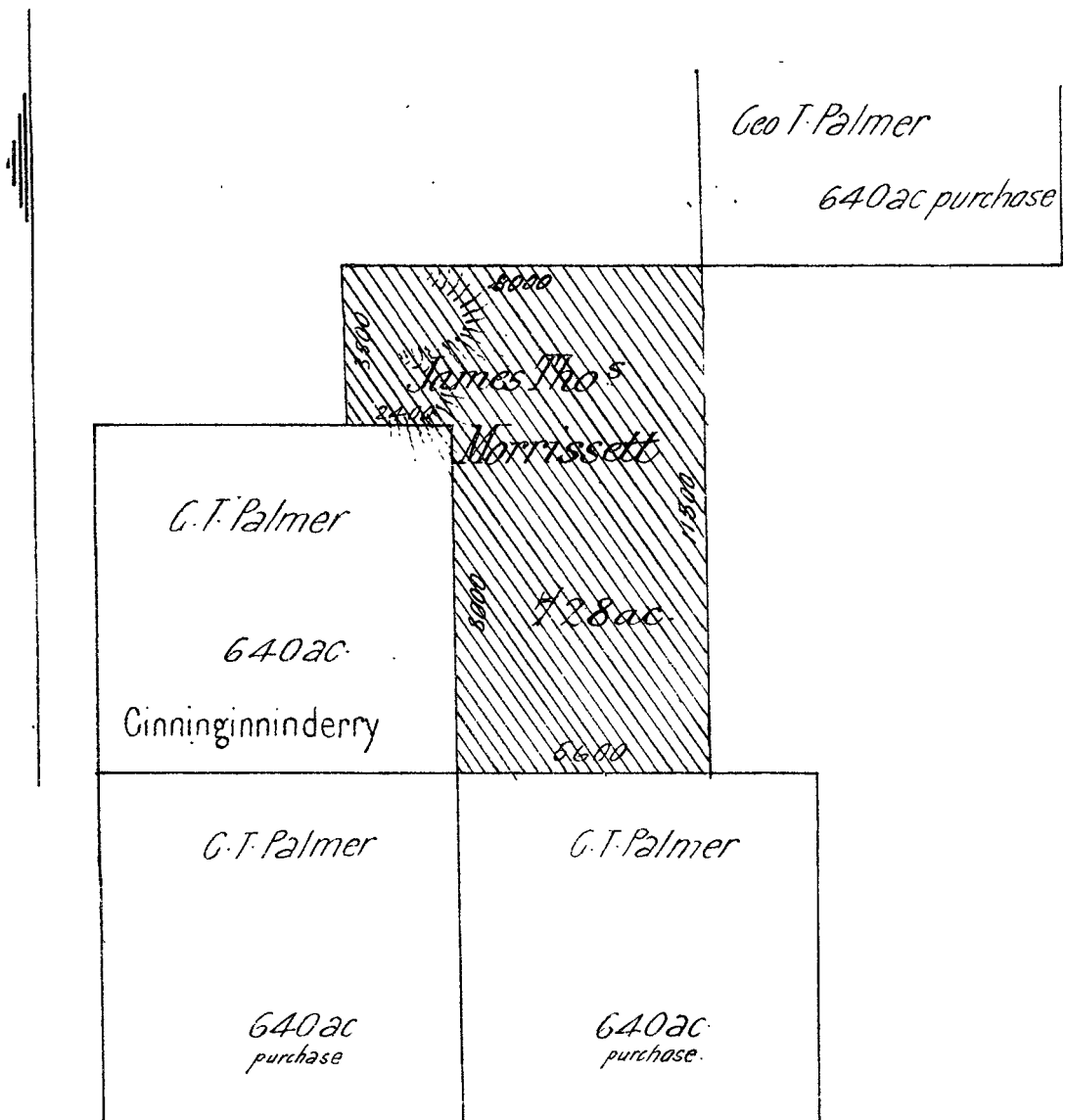
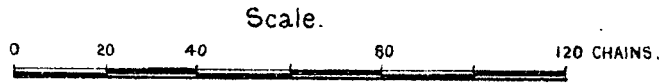
showing a discrepancy that appears to exist with regard to the position of Morrissetts North Br. as shown by Mr. Huddle (faint) and Mr. Twynam (red line)



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N<sup>o</sup> 1.

# Morrissett's 728ac<sup>s</sup>



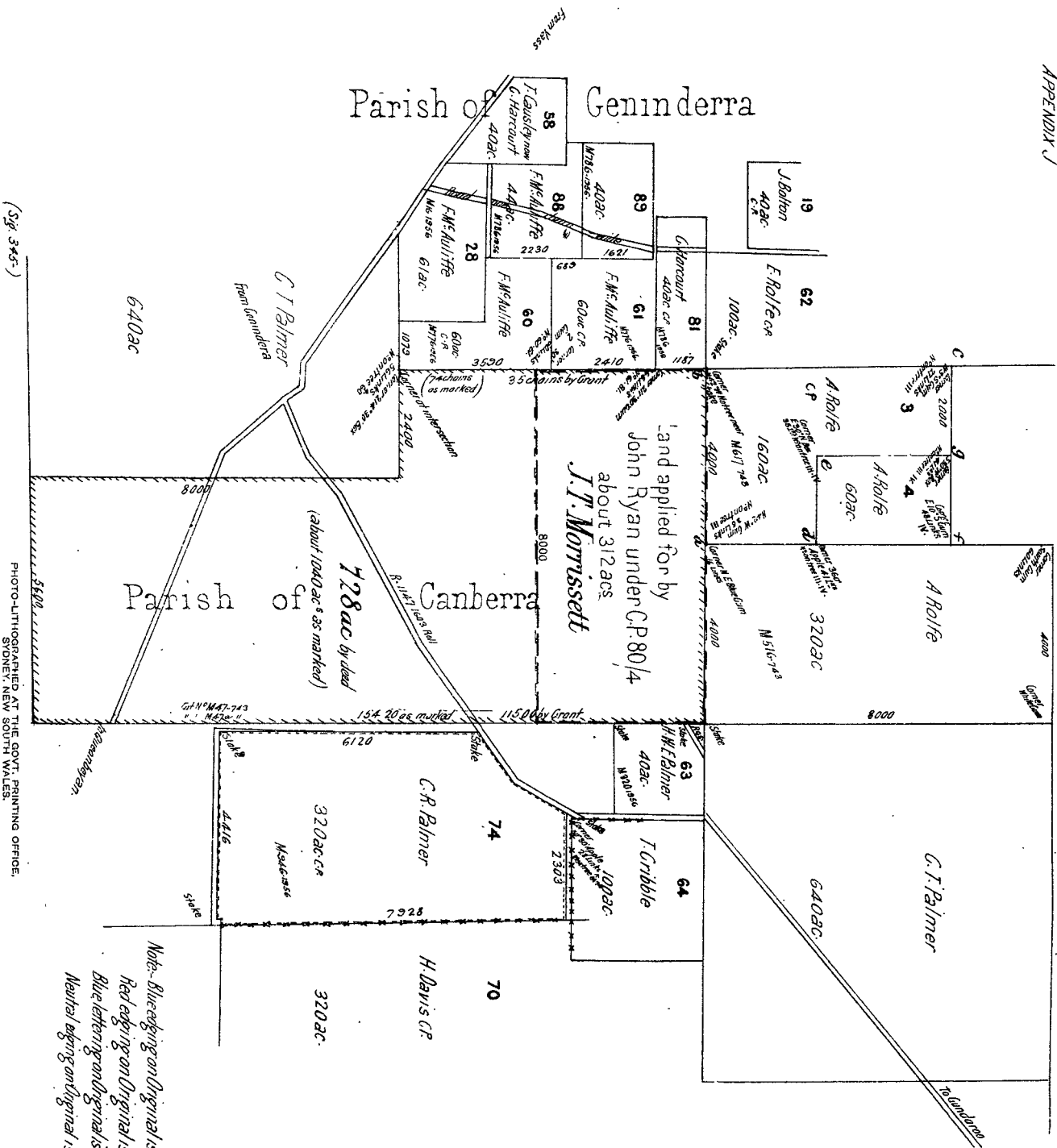
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Parish of Canberra



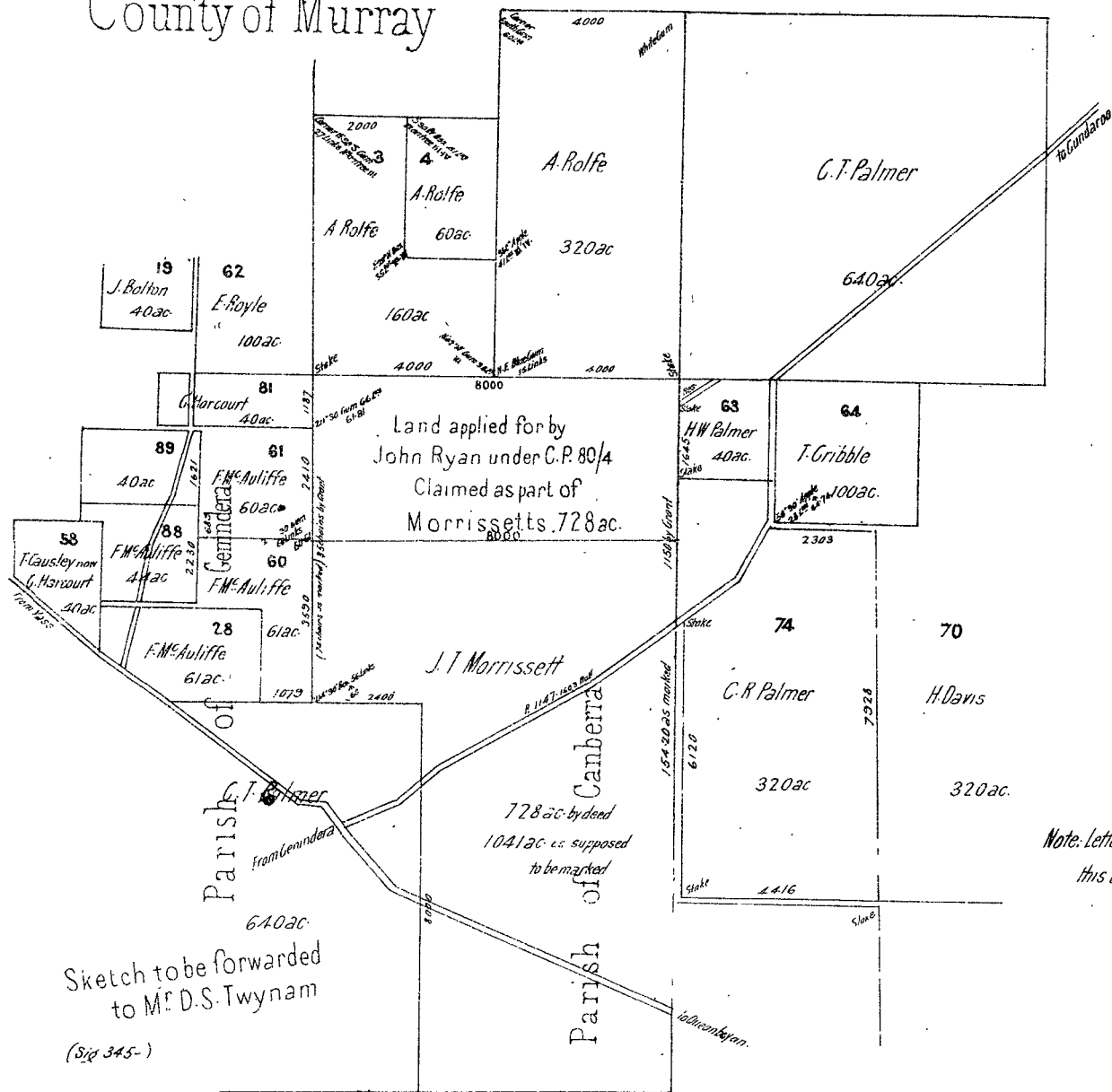
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# County of Murray

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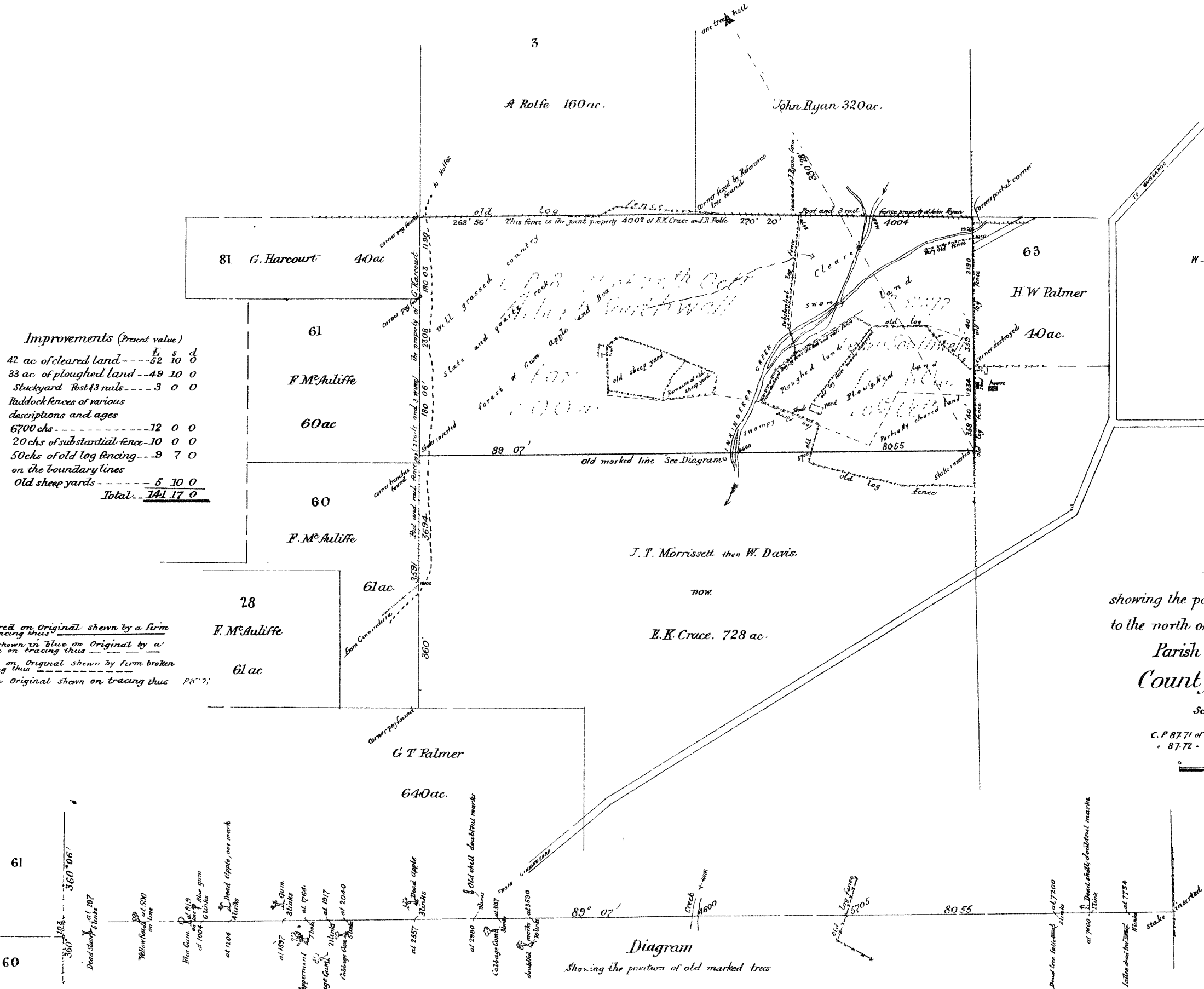


Sketch to be forwarded  
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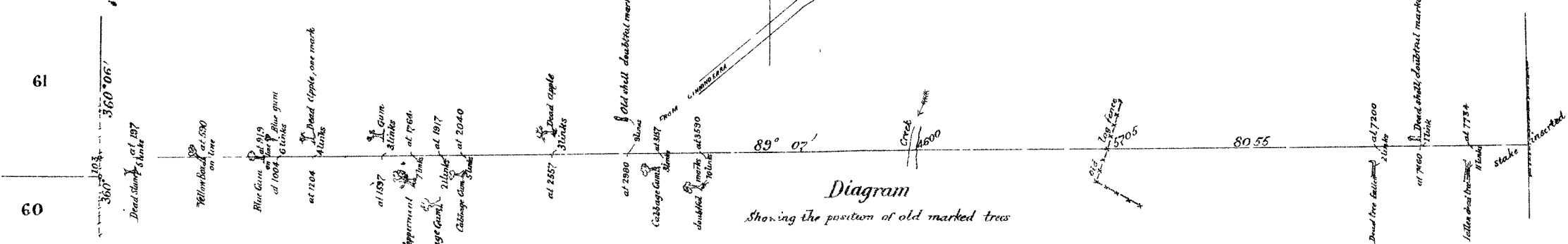


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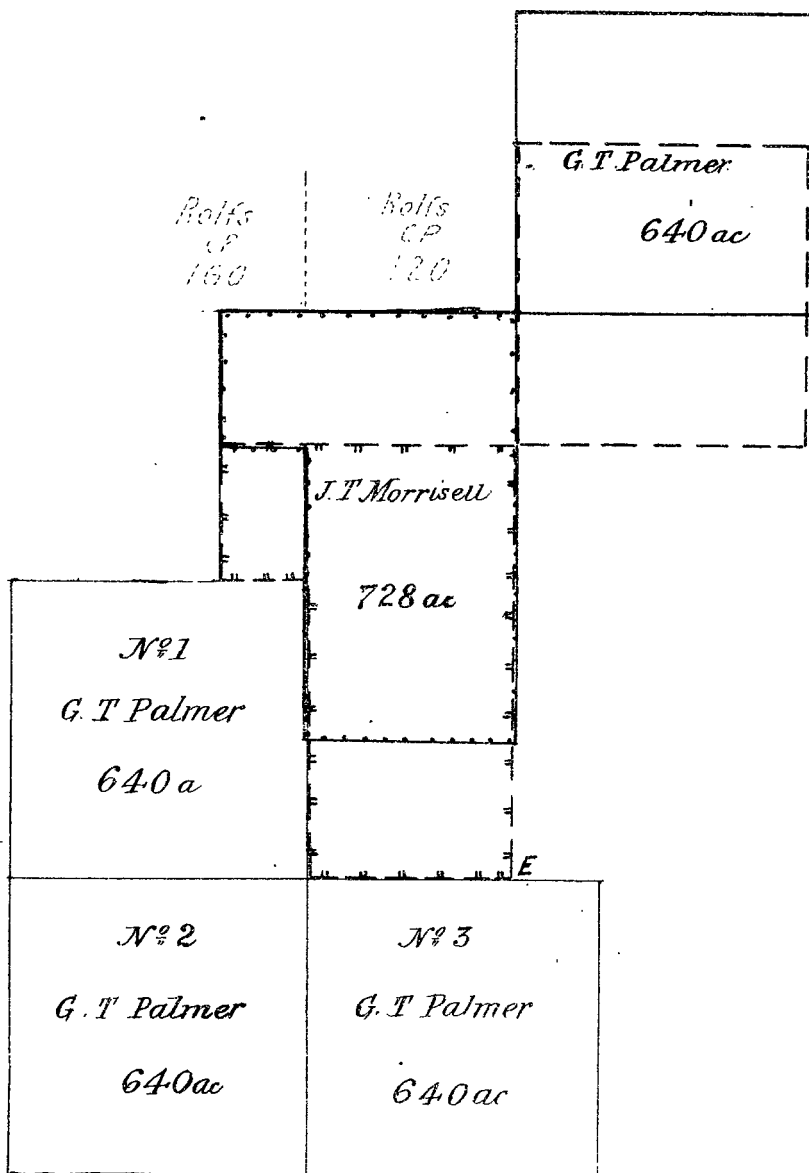
42 ac of cleared land	£	52	10	0
33 ac of ploughed land	£	48	10	0
Stackyard Post 43 rails	£	3	0	0
Raddock fences of various descriptions and ages	£	12	0	0
6700 chs of substantial fence	£	10	0	0
50 chs of old log fencing on the boundary lines	£	3	7	0
Old sheep yards	£	5	10	0
<b>Total</b>	£	<b>141</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>

(Note)  
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**Plan**  
showing the position of 279 acres of land to the north of J. T. Morrissett's 728 acres Parish of Canberra County of Murray  
Scale 8 chains to an inch  
C. P. 87.71 of 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. by Albert Southwell (clause 26) for 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 87.72 " " " Lewis Southwell " " 80<sup>th</sup> Oct. Scale 24 CHAINS



Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter of 13<sup>th</sup> August N<sup>o</sup> 80/27  
(Signed) *Robert Stephen*  
Licensed Surveyor



G. T. Palmers 640 ac as measured edged blue on Original as described edged red. On tracing as measured shown by a bold line thus \_\_\_\_\_ as described by a broken line thus - - - - -

J. T. Morrisell's 728 ac as measured shown on Original by broken blue lines. As described by broken red lines. On tracing as measured shown thus - - - - - as described thus - - - - -

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APPENDIX N.

**Nº 5.**

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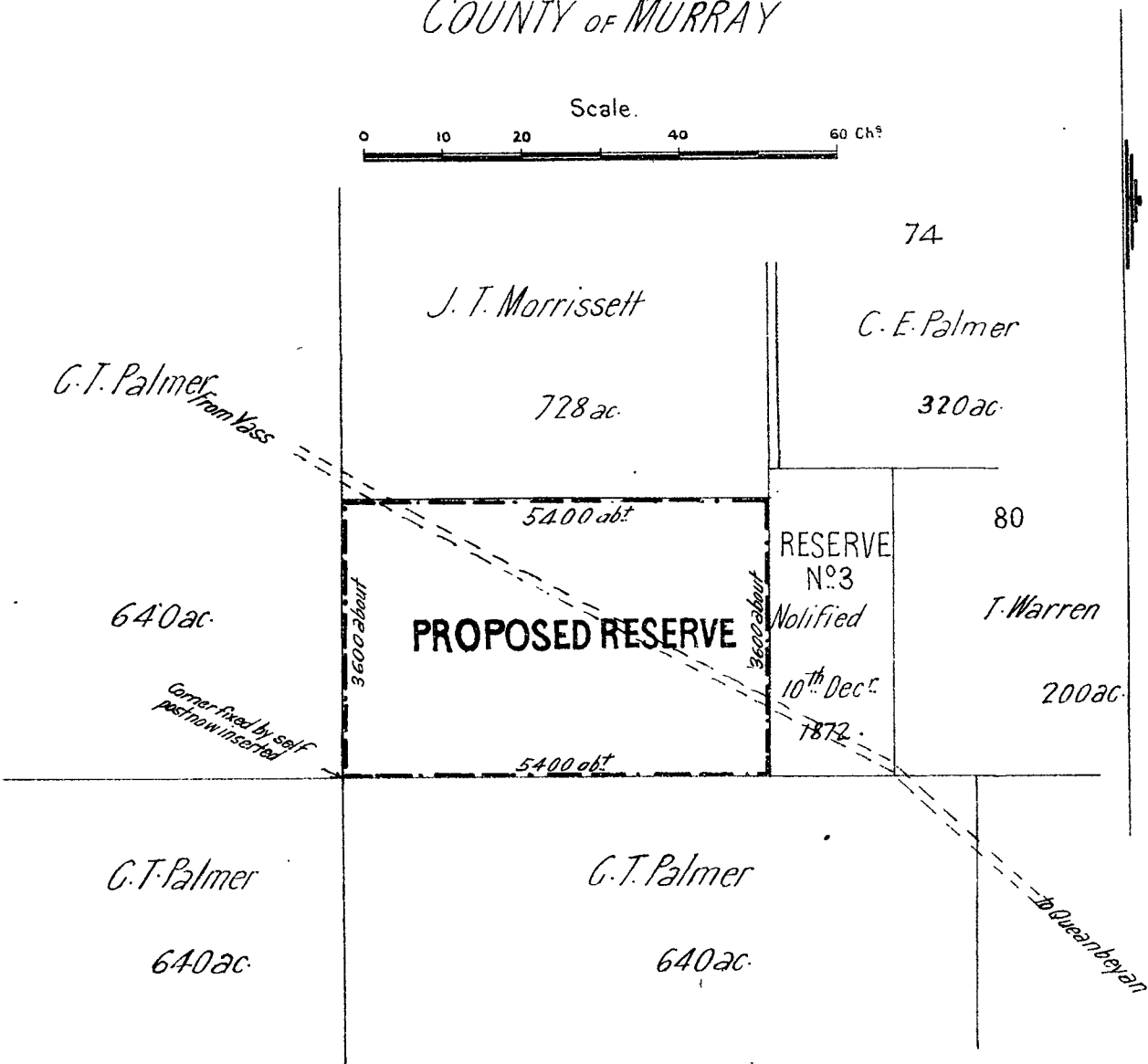
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*of a Proposed Reserve for Travelling Stock and other Public Purposes*

Parish of Canberra

COUNTY OF MURRAY

Scale.



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*(sig<sup>d</sup>) Tho<sup>s</sup> H. Smith 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1881.*  
*Surveyor.*

Conditional Sales APPENDIX O  
81-10660.  
Enclosure  
Dep<sup>t</sup> of Lands N.S.W.

(Tracing from)  
Rough Sketch

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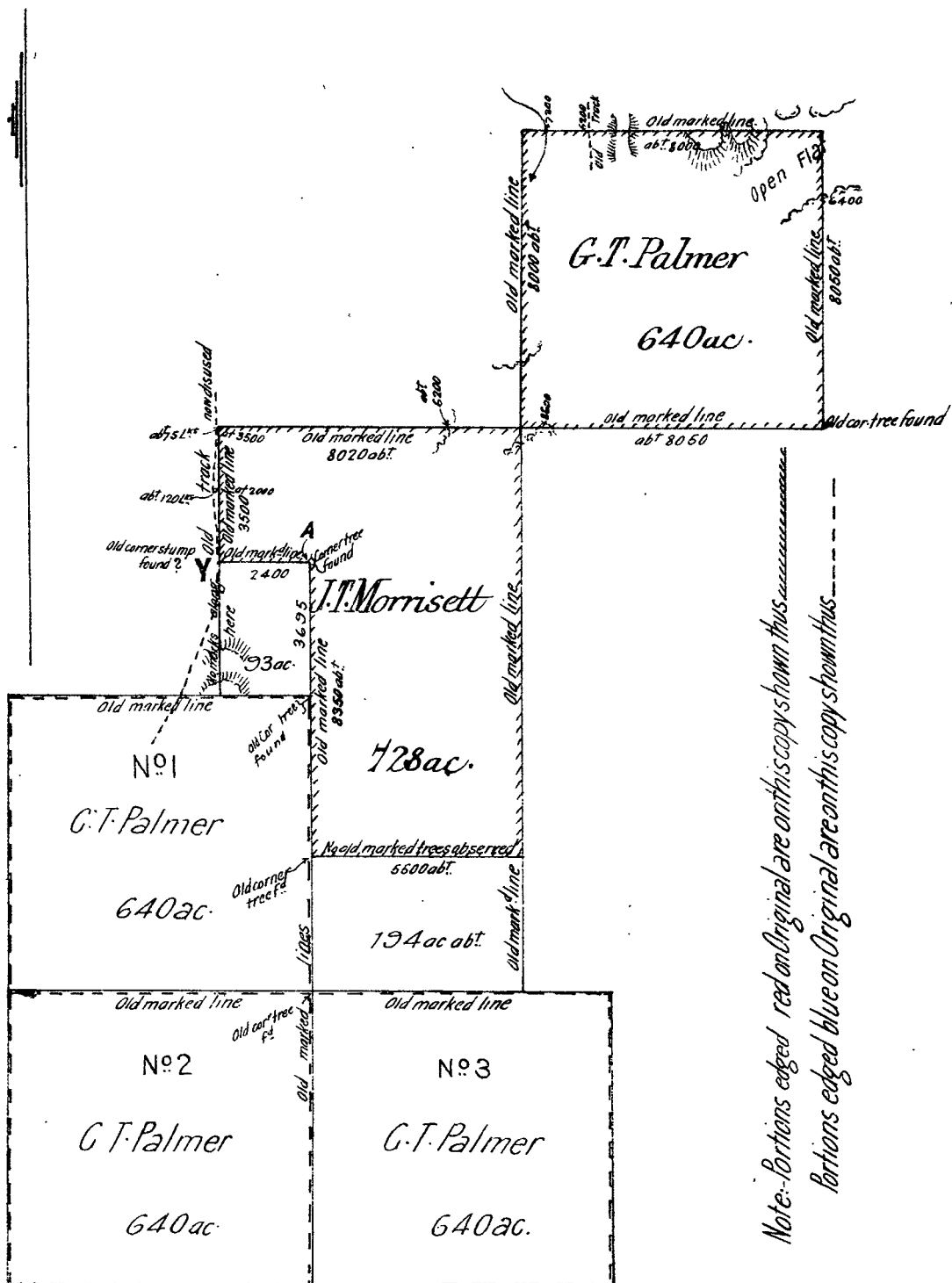
Enclosure to N<sup>o</sup> 47

of my survey re-tracing the boundaries of J.T. Morrisett's 728ac and G.T. Palmers 640ac.

Parish of Canberra

COUNTY OF MURRAY

for ready comparison with attached sketch of the original field-notes



(Sig. 345-

Transmitted to the Surveyor-General with my letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1881-11.

(sig.) Thomas H. Smith.  
Surveyor.



Conditional Sales  
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APPENDIX Q

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Enclosure to No. 47.

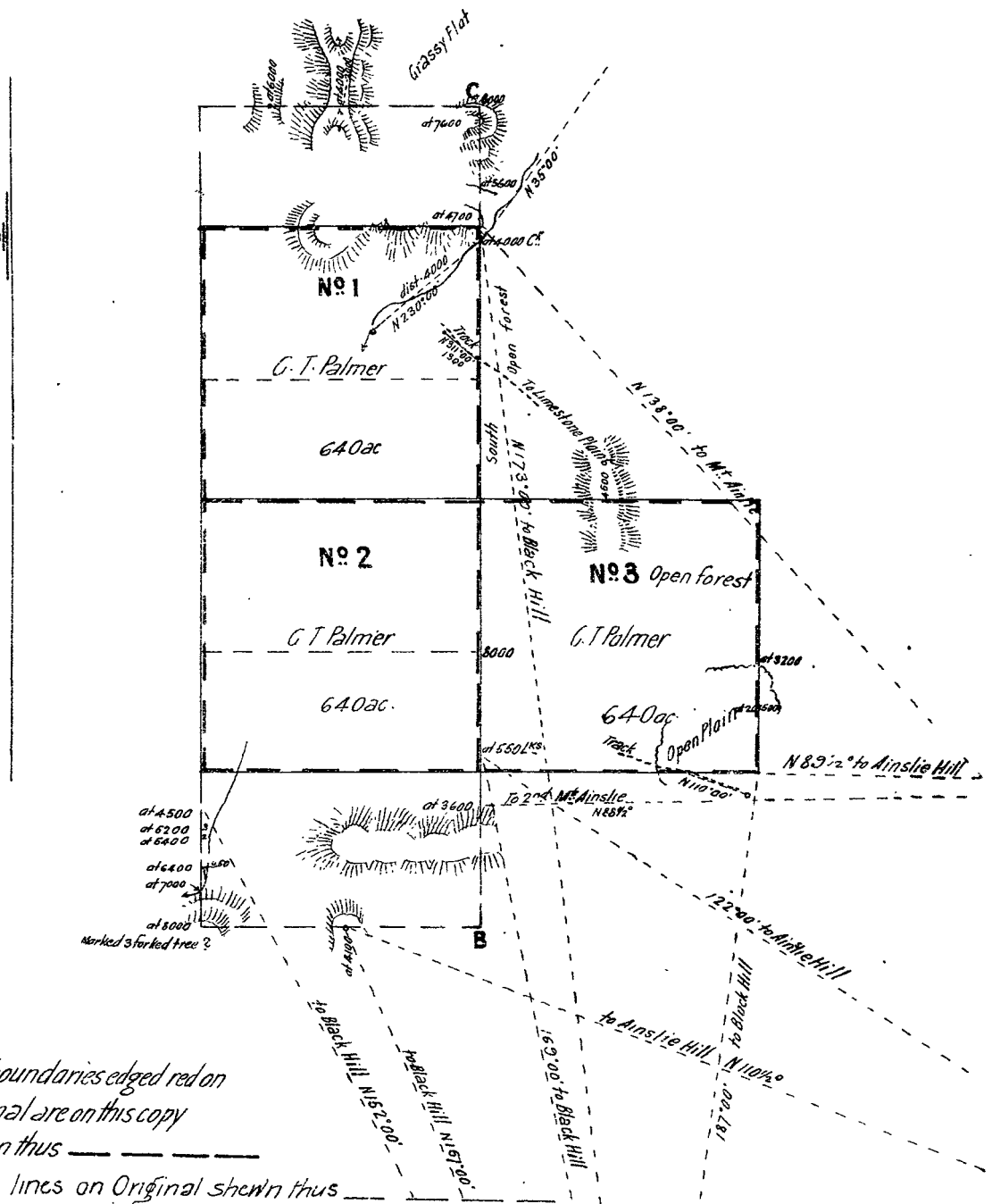
Rough Sketch

of Surveyor Hoddles Field-notes of survey of  
G. T. Palmers 3-640ac.

Parish of Canberra

COUNTY OF MURRAY

taken from page 31 Hoddles Field-Book dated 31<sup>st</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 1833



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Original are on this copy  
shown thus

Blue lines on Original shown thus

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Transmitted to the Surveyor-General with my letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1831-11.

(sig<sup>d</sup>) Thomas H. Smith  
Surveyor.







1890.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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CROWN RENTS BILL.

(MESSAGE No. 7.)

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*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 28 May, 1890.*

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CARRINGTON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 7.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill "To give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as rents and license fees under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and to deal with other matters in connection with such rents and license fees, and the adjustment thereof."

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 28th May, 1890.*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN RENTS BILL, No. 2.

(MESSAGE No. 27.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 31 July, 1890.*

CARRINGTON,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 27.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill "To give certainty as to the proper amounts payable to the Crown as Rents and License Fees under the Crown Lands Act, 1884; to permit the determination thereof to be made by the Land Court in certain cases; to provide for the adjustment of accounts, and for staying and limiting the effect of litigation in connection with the Rents and License Fees under the said Act, and to further amend the law in respect thereof."

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 31st July, 1890.*



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS ACT, 1889.

(ADDITION TO REGULATION No. 73, UNDER.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 53 Vic. No. 21.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 June, 1890.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the following addition to Regulation No. 73 under the Crown Lands Act of 1889, together with form 72 in connection therewith.

[Ml. 90-6,446.]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

Holders of conditional leases under section 52 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, shall, within two years from 1st December, 1889, make an application in form 72 to the Chairman that the Board may prescribe the kind or kinds of fencing to be erected on the boundaries of such leases. Any such holder may apply in such application (or make separate applications as hereinafter provided) for exemption from fencing any natural boundary or boundary included within an existing fence, or may apply for permission to enclose a road or water-course; and the Board, when dealing therewith, may sanction such amendment of, or addition to, the application as circumstances may require.

## FORM 72.

## Crown Lands Acts: Regulation 73.

Application by the holder of a conditional lease under section 52 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, that the Board may prescribe the kind of fencing to be erected.

I [name in full] of [address, and nearest post town] being the holder of conditional lease No. [Date] 189 under section 52 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, in the Land District of , notified in the Government Gazette of the , 18 , hereby apply that the kind or kinds of fencing to be erected on the boundaries of the land may be prescribed by the Local Land Board.

[Signature of Applicant.]

Chairman of the Local Land Board, at



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## CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1889.

(ADDITION TO REGULATION No. 256, UNDER THE.)

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Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 53 Vic. No. 21.

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Department of Lands,

Sydney, 22 August, 1890.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the following addition being made to Regulation No. 256, under the "Crown Lands Act of 1889."

[Ml. 90-9,904]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

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It shall be lawful for the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture, to exempt any mine or class of mines other than coal-mines from the payment of the royalties prescribed in the foregoing Regulation No. 255, or to suspend the payment of such royalties in respect of the minerals other than coal raised from any mine or class of mines for any given period, or to alter the rate at which such royalty shall, during any given period, be computed in respect of any mineral other than coal raised at any mine or class of mines.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

**CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1889.**

(AMENDMENT OF FORM 11 UNDER THE.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 53 Vic. No. 21.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 29 August, 1890.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to amend Form 11, under the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," as shown hereunder.

[Ml. 90-10,296]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

FORM 11.

Crown Lands Acts: Regulation No. 67.

*Certificate of Confirmation of an Application by Local Land Board.*

New South Wales, }  
to wit. }

WHEREAS, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_, [name of applicant] of \_\_\_\_\_, lodged with the Land Agent at \_\_\_\_\_ on application No. \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_ acres \_\_\_\_\_ roods and \_\_\_\_\_ perches of Crown Land in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ parish of \_\_\_\_\_, as [state kind of application]

And whereas the Local Land Board at \_\_\_\_\_ considered the said application, and decided to confirm the same: These are therefore to certify that the said application was, on the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, confirmed, and that the portion hereunder mentioned, comprising an area of \_\_\_\_\_ acres \_\_\_\_\_ roods and \_\_\_\_\_ perches, w allotted in satisfaction thereof.

Portions allotted :—

No.	Area.			Parish.	County.	Land District.
	Acres.	Roods.	Perches.			

Given under my hand, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_.

Chairman of the Local Land Board at



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

**CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1889.**  
 (REGULATION No. 61, SUBSTITUTED FOR SAME NUMBER, NOW IN FORCE.)

Presented to Parliament pursuant to Act 53 Vic. No. 21.

Department of Lands,  
 Sydney, 16th December, 1890.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to substitute the following Regulation No. 61, under the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," for the Regulation bearing the same number at present in force under the said Act.

[Ml. 90-14,482]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## REGULATION 61.

When two or more complete applications for conditional purchases or conditional leases tendered at the same time appear to the Land Agent to be conflicting, he shall, unless all but one be then and there withdrawn, determine in the following manner how the applications shall stand to each other in order of priority:—The Land Agent shall make a list of the names of the several applicants, and shall number in consecutive order the names appearing on the list. The Land Agent shall select those of the marbles provided for the purpose, which bear the same consecutive numbers as appear on the list, and each applicant, if he so desire, may place, in the box supplied for the purpose, the marble, which bears the number corresponding to that appearing opposite to his name on the list, or otherwise the Land Agent shall do so. When all the marbles are in the box, the Land Agent shall, in the presence of as many of the parties as possible, lock up the box, turn it round on its axis, and then draw off all the marbles one by one; and if any stoppage occurs in the delivery of the marbles, the box may be turned round as often as may be necessary. As the first marble comes out, the Land Agent shall write the number 1 against the name of the applicant whose number on the list is the same, as that on the marble which first comes out; and as one by one the remaining marbles come out, the Land Agent shall, in like manner, write the numbers 2, 3, and so on, against the names of the respective applicants; and the applications shall stand to each other in order of priority according as the marbles relating to them come out as aforesaid. The Land Agent shall, after all the marbles have been drawn off, sign and certify the aforesaid list, and note therein the withdrawal of any application, and forward the list to the Chairman, and shall post up in his office a signed and certified copy thereof.

For the purposes of this regulation any duly authorised agent who tenders an application may act for the applicant.



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**CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1889.**

(REGULATION No. 274, SUBSTITUTED FOR SAME NUMBER NOW IN FORCE.)

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 Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 53 Vic. No. 21.
 

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Department of Lands, Sydney, 12th December, 1890.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to substitute the following Regulation, No. 274, under the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," for the Regulation bearing the same number at present in force under the said Act.

[Ml. 90-14,482]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

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 REGULATION No. 274.

Every holder of a pastoral lease who proposes to be registered as the holder of a homestead lease, and every holder of a homestead lease who proposes to be registered as the holder of another homestead lease, and every holder of a homestead lease who proposes to be registered as the holder of a pastoral lease, shall, with his transfer, lodge a statutory declaration, showing whether such transfer is by way of mortgage or not; and if it be by way of mortgage, what and whose moneys are intended to be secured thereby, and what portion of such moneys has already been advanced. The Minister may in any case require full particulars to be furnished and verified by statutory declaration as to all other pastoral and homestead leases held by the intending transferee, and as to all mortgages affecting such leases. It shall be in the discretion of the Minister whether he will allow any such transfer to be registered, and any registration obtained by fraud may be cancelled after notice has been given to the parties concerned.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

ALTERATIONS OF DESIGNS OF CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES, UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. NO. 18.

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Town or Village.	<i>Government Gazette</i> in which alteration is notified.
Dalgety (Village) .....	4 January, 1890.
Tumbarumba (Town) .....	1 March, 1890, folio 1886.
Wangonilla (Village).....	8 March, 1890, folio 2044.
East Maitland (Town) .....	12 April, 1890, folio 3091.





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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(ALTERATIONS OF DESIGNS OF CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES, UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act  
48 Victoria No. 18.

Town or Village.	<i>Government Gazette</i> in which alteration is notified.
Coreen (Village of) .....	24 May, 1890, folio 4115.



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(ALTERATIONS OF DESIGNS OF CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES, UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act  
48 Victoria No. 18.

Town or Village.	Government Gazette in which alteration is notified.
Murwillumbah (Village).....	7 June, 1890, folio 4449.
Raleigh (Village) .....	" "
Sofala (Town) .....	" "
Kiandra (Town) .....	14 June, 1890, folio 4696.



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(ALTERATIONS OF DESIGNS OF CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES, UNDER THE 107TH SECTION OF THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Town or Village.	<i>Government Gazette</i> in which alteration is notified.
Parramatta (Town) .....	9 August, 1890, folio 6261.









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Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Town or Village.	<i>Government Gazette</i> in which alteration is notified.
Alectown (Village) .....	6 December, 1890, folio 9388.



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORIZED TO BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC PURPOSES, UNDER THE ACT, 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act, 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act, 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place.	County.	Portion.	Allotment	Section.	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
						a. r. p.			
Collic .....	Ewenmar.....	..	.....	....	Parish of Collic .....	13 0 32	General Cemetery.....	90- 5,529	Ms. 160 Do.
Forbes .....	Ashburnham ..	..	.....	....	Town of Forbes.....	2 0 0	Site for Hospital .....	90- 4,421	F. 62-1,830.
Middle Harbour (Manly).	Cumberland ..	..	.....	....	Parish of Gordon .....	4 2 0	Public Road .....	88-14,687	Ms. 115 Sy.



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## CROWN LANDS.

(DEDICATED TO PUBLIC PURPOSES, UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place	County	Portion	Allotment	Section	Locality	Area	To what purpose dedicated	No of Papers	Cat No of Plan
						a r p		Misc	
Burdabarra Gap	Gipps	24			Parish of Caravardool	2 0 0	Public School Site	S9-15,182	G 1,185-1,571
Conjola (Ulladulla)	St Vincent	15A			Parish of Conjola	47 0 0	Public Recreation	90- 7,059	U 1,762-2 013
Cowra	Lathurst		1	30	Town of Cowra	3 1 33	Public Recreation	90- 6,322	C 25-1,350
Hillgrove	Sandon				Parish of Metz	11 2 30	General Cemetery	90- 7 003	Ms 63 Ae.
Lewis Ponds	Bathurst				Parish of Worcest.	5 2 20	General Cemetery	90- 2,510	Ms 62 Oe
Wallamba River	Gloucester	113			Parish of Tuncurry	2 0 0	Public School Site	90- 1,450	G 2,229 1,407



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORIZED TO BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC PURPOSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 104TH SECTION OF THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Acts 48 Vic. No. 18 and 53 Vic. No. 21.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place.	County.	Portion.	Allotment.	Section.	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Cacoonba .....	Rous .....	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Byron .....	a. r. p. 14 0 3	General Cemetery.. ...	Misc. 90-7,781	Misc. 168, G.F.N.
Murrurundi .....	Brisbane .....	63	.....	.....	Parish of Murrurundi ..	5 1 20	Addition to Show Ground for the use of the Murrurundi Pastoral and Agricultural Association.	90-5,390	B 3,037-2,096
Pitt Town .....	Cumberland ..	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Pitt Town....	13 1 17	General Cemetery.....	90-6,210	Misc. 176, Sy.
Thirlmere .....	Camden .....	159, 160, 161, 162.	.....	.....	Parish of Couridjah....	16 1 8	General Cemetery.....	90-8,534	Misc. 325, Sy.





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(AUTHORIZED TO BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC PURPOSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 104TH SECTION OF THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place.	County.	Portion.	Allotment	Section.	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
						a. r. p.		Misc.	
Bardsley .....	Fitzroy .....	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Bardsley .....	10 2 9	General Cemetery .....	90- 8,171	Ms. 155 Gfn.
Bogabri .....	Pottinger .....	.....	10	22	Town of Bogabri .....	0 2 0	Site for School of Arts .....	90- 9,478	B. 6-1,725
Cluri .....	Darling .....	131	.....	.....	Parish of Cuerindi .....	2 0 0	Public School Site .....	90- 7,562	D. 1,837-1,808
Jerilderie .....	Urana .....	11	.....	.....	Parish of Jerilderie South .....	10 0 0	Site for Hospital .....	90- 9,640	V. 2,375-1,881
Molong Creek .....	Wellington .....	199	.....	.....	Parish of Borenore .....	2 0 0	Public School Site .....	90- 4,946	W. 2,742-2,091
Oban .....	Clarke .....	2	.....	.....	Parish of Coventry .....	2 0 0	Public School Site .....	90- 3,880	C. 1,056-1,867
Overton .....	Urana .....	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Gunambil .....	11 0 33	General Cemetery .....	89-15,613	Ms. 163 W.G.A. roll.
Peak Hill .....	Narromine .....	.....	1 to 5	8	Town of Peak Hill .....	1 1 0	Public School Site .....	90- 5,528	Peak Hill 23.
Severn .....	Gough .....	.....	2	8	Village of Severn .....	1 0 0	Public School Site .....	90- 9,064	S. 5-1,667
South Head .....	Cumberland .....	.....	16	.....	Parish of Alexandria .....	0 3 35	General Cemetery .....	90- 8,982	{ C. 213-730 604-690
Taltingan .....	Yancowinna .....	.....	.....	.....	Town of Taltingan .....	12 2 0	General Cemetery .....	90- 8,367	T. 2-2,493
The Scrub .....	Clive .....	20	.....	.....	Parish of Bluffland .....	2 0 0	Public School Site .....	90- 5,101	C. 1,470-1,809



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(DEDICATED TO PUBLIC PURPOSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 104TH SECTION OF THE ACT  
48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th  
section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place	County.	Portion.	Allotment	Section	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Fairfield	Drake	..	.	.	Parish of West Fairfield	a. r. p. 11 0 0	Public Recreation	90-10,360	Ms. 164 Gfn.
Goulburn	Argyle	.	6	21	City of Goulburn	0 3 4	Site for Public Baths	90-11,717	G. 108-834
Lilaville	Bligh	137	.	.	Parish of Puggoon	2 0 0	Public School Site	90- 4,468	B. 2,635-1,570
Warrangong	Forbes	111	.	.	Parish of Wattamondara	2 0 0	Public School Site	90- 7,273	F. 2,587-1,787



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORISED TO BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC PURPOSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 104TH SECTION OF THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place.	County.	Portion.	Allotment	Section.	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Catalogue No. of Plan.
Bathurst .....	Bathurst .....	.....	.....	149	City of Bathurst .....	a. r. p. 2 0 20	Public Recreation .....	Misc 90-14,719	B. 163-824 roll.
Do .....	do .....	.....	.....	148	do .....	9 3 30	do .....	90-14,719	B. 163-824 ,,
Do .....	do .....	.....	.....	88	do .....	10 0 20	do .....	90 14,719	B. 163-824 ,,
Celey's Creek ..	Beresford .....	34	.....	.....	Parish of Good Good ..	2 0 0	Public School Site .....	90- 7,154	B. 2,678-1,765
Condoublin ....	Cunningham ..	.....	4	20	Town of Condoublin ..	0 2 0	Site for Town Hall .....	90-12,223	
Henty .....	Hume .....	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Henty .....	10 1 9	General Cemetery .....	89-17,543	Mis. 121 Wga.
Nyngan .....	Oxley .....	.....	1	32	Town of Nyngan .....	20 0 0	Show Ground .....	90-15,221	N. 10-2,232
Pulganbar .....	Drake .....	169	.....	.....	Parish of Pulganbar ..	2 0 0	Public School Site .....	90-11,317	D. 630-1,743
Warroo .....	Murray .....	13	.....	.....	Parish of Boambolo .....	2 0 0	do .....	90- 8,232	M. 4,415-1,956



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORIZED TO BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC PURPOSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 104TH SECTION OF THE ACT 48 VICTORIA No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place.	County.	Portion.	Allotment	Section.	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Penrith .....	Cumberland .....	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Claremont....	a. r. p. 10 3 2	General Cemetery.....	Misc. 90- 9,656	C. 1,085-1,984
Thackaringa.....	Yancowinna .....	.....	.....	.....	Parish of Albert.....	12 0 0	General Cemetery.....	90-16,208	Ms. 177 BE.
Waratah.....	Northumberland	642 to 657 in- clusive.	.....	.....	Parish of Newcastle ....	5 2 29½	Benevolent Asylum ....	90-16,641	N. 3,006-2,111





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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORISED TO BE DEDICATED AND RESERVED TO PUBLIC PURPOSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 104TH SECTION OF THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place.	County.	Portion.	Allotment.	Section.	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
						a. r. p.			
Mitchell's Island	Macquarie	231	.....	....	Parish of Oxley	0 2 0	Site for Mechanics' Institute.	90-16,591	M. 3,094- 666
O.B.X. Creek	Fitzroy	43	.....	....	Parish of Ermington	2 0 0	Public School Site	90- 9,507	F. 955-1,810
Peak Hill	Narromine	....	.....	....	Parish of Mingelo	13 0 32	General Cemetery	90-11,552	Ms. 169- 100
Tocumwal	Denison	....	4	24	Village of Tocumwal	0 2 0	Site for Mechanics' Institute.	90-17,394	T. 9-1,816
Willyama	Yancoinna	....	.....	....	Parish of Picton	1 0 0	General Cemetery (Extension).	90-17,176	Ms. 236 B. E.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorised to be reserved for Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th Section of the Act 48 Victoria, No. 18.

Place.	County.	Portion.	Allotment.	Section.	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Catalogue No. of Plan.
						a. r. p.		Ms.	
Armidale	Sandon	....	8	57	City of Armidale	0 1 24	Site for Mechanics' Institute.	90-16,635	Town Map.



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORIZED TO BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC AND RELIGIOUS PURPOSES UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC.  
No. 18 AND ACT 25 VIC No. 1.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18 and Act 25 No. 1.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Place.	County.	Portion	Allotment	Section	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat No of Plan.
Gullen .....	Argyle .....	....	....	....	Parish of Pejar .....	a. r. p. 1 0 0	Site for Wesleyan Church.	Misc. 90- 2,682	C. 199-1,984
Meranburn ....	Ashburnham .	112	.....	....	Parish of Dulladerry ..	1 0 0	„ „	90- 3,050	C. 667-1,984

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place.	County.	Portion	Allotment	Section	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Acacia Dam, near Silvertown	Yancowinna .	4	....	part of 6	Parish of Naradin .	a. r. p. 3 0 0	Public School Site ...	Misc. 89-14,888	Y. 304-2,186
Alma .....	Yancowinna .	..	..	..	Town of Alma .....	2 0 19	Public School Site .	89- 7,779	Alma, 6
Armidale .....	Sandon .....	....	....	....	Parish of Armidale ..	7 0 12½	General Cemetery (extension of)	90- 5,242	Ms. 185 Ae
Ashford .....	Arrawatta ..	....	2	30	Village of Ashford .	2 0 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-15,611	A. 4-1,745
Bald Nob .....	Gough .....	50	....	....	Parish of Bloxsome ..	2 0 0 0	Public School Site .	90- 3, 44	G. 4,424-1,7r1
Bellinger Heads.	Raleigh .....	48	....	....	Parish of Newry .	2 0 0 0	Public School Site ..	89- 9,044	R. 773-1,714
Berry Jerry ..	Bourke .....	112	....	....	Parish of Berry Jerry	2 0 0 0	Public School Site ..	89-11,406	B. 2,010-1,806
Bluff River ...	Clive .....	76	....	....	Parish of Jondol .	2 0 0 0	Public School Site	89-14,337	C. 1,423-1,809
Bowral .....	Camden .....	....	....	....	Parish of Mittagong .	10 0 0 0	General Cemetery .	90- 2,835	Ms. 226 Sv.
Bredbo .....	Beresford ..	....	....	....	Village of Bredbo .	10 0 21	General Cemetery .	89-17,286	Bredbo, 1
Brewer's Flat .	King .....	38	....	....	Parish of Barnett .	2 0 0 0	Public School Site	89-16,427	K. 4,765-1,995.
Buckhobble ..	Ashburnham .	59	....	....	Parish of Brymedura .	2 0 0 0	Public School Site	89-17,369	A. 5,024-1,770
Byron (Parish of)	Rous .....	69	....	....	Parish of Byron .....	2 0 0 0	Public School Site .	89-17,020	R. 4,352-1,759
Carinda .....	Clyde .....	4	....	....	Parish of Corinda ...	5 0 0 0	Public School Site ....	89-10,109	C. 396-1,828
Carraballa ..	Durham .....	36	....	....	Parish of Colonna .	2 0 0 0	Public School Site ..	89 12,634	D. 3,083-2,083
Coonamble ..	Leichhardt ..	....	....	....	Parish of Moorambilla..	56 0 0 0	Public Recreation	89-18,163	Ms 151 Do.
Coraki .....	Richmond .	187	....	....	Parish of West Coraki..	9 2 0 0	Show Ground for the use of Central Richmond Pastoral and Agricultural Society.	89-18,464	R 1,231-1,744
Cowra .....	Forbes .....	285	....	....	Parish of Mulyan ....	3 3 0 0	Show Ground for the use of Cowra Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association.	90- 4,035	F 2,580-1,787
Dalgety .....	Wallace .....	..	3	3	Village of Dalgety .	2 3 7	Public School Site .	89-19,288	D. 4-2,158
Digby .....	Pottinger .....	17	....	....	Parish of Digby .....	2 0 0 0	Public School Site .	90- 2,352	P. 3,123-1,781
Dubbo .....	Lincoln .....	....	....	....	Town of Dubbo .....	8 3 15	General Cemetery (extension).	89-17,828	C. 192-1,984
Dumaresq Creek	Sandon .....	255	....	....	Parish of Butler ..	1 0 0 0	Public School Site	89-17,213	S. 2,963-1,600
East Maitland ..	Northumberland.	..	....	29	Town of East Maitland..	5 0 6	Site for Boys High School.	90- 4,028	M 96- 790
Gadara .....	Wynyard ..	32	....	....	Parish of Gadara ..	2 0 0 0	Public School Site	89- 9,875	W. 3,443-2,119
Gooda Creek ..	Murray .....	18	....	....	Parish of Jeir .....	2 0 0 0	Public School Site .	89-15,558	M. 4,393-1,956
Gosper's Downs.	Ashburnham .	85	....	....	Parish of Dulladerry	2 0 0 0	Public School Site	89-17,966	A. 5,013-1,770
Gunnary .....	King .....	44	....	....	Parish of Gunnery .	2 0 0 0	Public School Site	89-17,222	K 4,773-1,995
Hanover .....	Bathurst ..	369	....	....	Parish of Neville ..	2 0 0 0	Public School Site .	89-10,113	B 3,243-2,009
Helensburg ...	Cumberland .	..	....	....	Parish of Heathcote	11 3 0	General Cemetery .	90- 3,170	Ms 254 Sv.
Hornsby .....	Cumberland .	235	....	....	Parish of South Colah.	0 1 22½	Site for School of Arts	90- 1,785	C. 1,362-2,030
Jingera .....	Beresford ..	..	....	....	Parish of Wangraha ..	11 1 30	General Cemetery	89-15,598	Ms 112 Ca
Jennings .....	Clive .....	..	1	7	Town of Jennings	2 0 0 0	Public School Site ...	90- 916	Jennings, 2
Keajura Creek	Wynyard ...	221	....	....	Parish of Keajura	2 0 0 0	Public School Site	89-16,104	W. 3,443-2,119
Killarney Swamp	Wellesley ..	129	....	....	Parish of Gulgun ...	2 0 0 0	Public School Site	89-13,299	W 3,893-1,584
Kimo .....	Clarendon .	3	....	....	Parish of Kimo .....	2 0 0 0	Public School Site .	89-10,748	C 2,910 1,578
Kulki .....	Arrawatta .	200	....	....	Parish of Redbank	2 0 0 0	Public School Site	89-16,095	A 1,452-1,847

Place.	County.	Portion	Allotment	Section	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Larry's Flat ...	Gloucester	72	.....	...	Parish of Kundibahh	a r p.	Public School Site ...	Misc 89-13,420	G 2,134-1,497
Lesterfield....	Bonoke	46	.....	..	Parish of Coolamon	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-17,801	B. 2,018-1,806
Malaga .....	Cadell	44	..	..	Parish of Bama	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89- 9,331	C 951-1,817
Malsden .....	Blend	..	3	6	Town of Marsden	0 2 0	Site for School of Arts	90- 3,331	M. 1-2,197
Narrangeric ..	Napier	100	..	..	Parish of Narrangeric	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-17,500	N. 507-1,883
Never Never....	Raleigh	44	.....	..	Parish of Never Never	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-18,997	R. 807-1,714
Ovaton .....	Urana	101	..	..	Parish of Clear Hill ..	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-16,100	U. 2,863-1,881
Paradise .....	Gough	57	..	..	Parish of Eden	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	82-13,334	G. 4,419-1,701
Peabody .....	Ashburnham	264	..	..	Parish of Molong	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-16,282	A. 5,919-1,770
Pooncana .....	Perry	..	1, 2, 3, 8, 9 & 10	2	Village of Pooncana	3 0 0	Public School Site ...	90- 876	P. 2 & 3-1860, HAY.
Red Rock .....	Buller	1	..	..	Parish of Callaway	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	90- 2,439	B 822-1,741
Savernake .....	Denison	..	..	..	Parish of Savernake	9 1 16	General Cemetery .....	89- 8,930	Savernake, 1
Savernake .....	Denison	..	10	..	Village of Savernake	0 2 0	Site for School of Arts	89-15,571	Savernake, 1
South Lismore..	Rous	..	..	..	Parish of South Lismore	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-14,411	R. 4,331-1,759
Staggy Creek ..	Murchison	174	..	..	Parish of Gum Flat ..	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-16,094	M. 1,201-1,783
Stewart's Brook	Durham	13	.....	..	Parish of Oldcastle ..	1 1 12	Public School Site ...	90- 2,816	D 3,168-2,083
Stony Crossing	Wakool	27	..	..	Parish of Boon Boon	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-14,862	W. 1,793-1,917
Tarcutta(Lower)	Wynyard	33	..	..	Parish of Tarcutta	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-17,958	W. 3,460-2,119
Toothill .....	Fitzroy	61	..	..	Parish of Toothill	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-14,409	F. 923-1,810
Thosby's Creek	Northumberland	..	..	..	Parish of Newcastle ..	3 1 5	Prevention of Flood	90- 5,299	Ms 212 Md
Tunstall .....	Rous	..	..	..	Parish of South Lismore	7 3 3	General Cemetery .....	89-19,286	Ms. 113 G Fn.
Wagonga Heads	Dampier	..	..	..	Parish of Nootooma	2 0 0	Public School Site .....	89-18,088	Ms. 265 Sj.
Walla Walla West	Pottinger	24	..	..	Parish of Walla Walla	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-17,011	P. 3,096-1,781
Wanarrang .....	Ularua	..	2	26	Village of Wanarrang	2 0 13	Public School Site ...	89-14,554	Wanarrang, 4
Wee Jasper .....	Buccleuch	27	..	..	Parish of West Coolia dugbee.	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-12,009	B 1,536-1,713
West Ballina ..	Rous	100	..	..	Parish of Ballina	10 1 24	Site for Hospital .....	90- 937	R. 4,392-1,759
Woogoolga .....	Fitzroy	..	1	31	Village of Woogoolga	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-12,543	Woogoolga, 2
Wyaldra .....	Philipp	344	..	..	Parish of Gulgong ..	2 0 0	Public School Site ...	89-14,375	P. 1,649-2,125

1890.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(AUTHORIZED TO BE DEDICATED TO RELIGIOUS AND PUBLIC PURPOSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT 25 VIC. No. 1 AND THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Acts 25 Vic. No. 1 and 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.

Place.	County.	Portion.	Allotment	Section.	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
New Lambton ..	Northumberland	1,218 1,219	.....	.....	Parish of Newcastle .....	a. r. p. 0 1 9	Site for Primitive Methodist Church and Minister's Residence.	Misc. 90-11,250	Newcastle Pastorage Reserve Plan

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place.	County.	Portion.	Allotment	Section.	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers.	Cat. No. of Plan.
Smithtown .....	Dudley .....	219	.....	.....	Parish of Cooroobongatti	a. r. p. 2 0 0	Public School Site.....	Misc. 90-11,179	D. 1,198-1,505
Warren .....	Oxley .....	120	.....	.....	Parish of Warren .....	7 0 0	Extension to Show Ground for the use of the Warren Pastoral Association.	9,634	O. 588-2,000



1890.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

AUTHORISED TO BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC AND RELIGIOUS PURPOSES, UNDER ACT 48 VIC. No. 18,  
SEC. 104, AND ACT 25 VIC. No. 1, SEC. 5.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Place.	County.	Portion	Allotment	Section	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers	Cat No. of Plan.
						a r p.		Ms	
Chatham Valley.	Westmoreland	71			Parish of Duckmaloi	2 0 0	Public School site ..	89-12,684	W 1,933-1,502
Ford's Bridge .	Gunderbooka	8			Parish of Ford's Bridge	2 0 0	Public School site	90-10,132	G 214-1,944
Gum Springs	Ashburnham	97			Parish of Eugowra	2 0 0	Public School site	90-11,886	A 4,616-1,770
Mullumbimby	Rous . .		1	8	Village of Mullumbimby	0 1 0	Site for Mechanics' In- stitute	90-18,007	Mullumbimby 3
Nerriga .	St Vincent	4			Parish of Meangora	2 0 0	Site for Mechanics' In- stitute	90-16,776	V 2,192-2,013
Rock Forest . .	Wallace . .	93			Parish of Wallgrove	2 0 0	Public School site	90 11,887	W. 3,861-1,604

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th Section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Place.	County.	Portion	Allotment	Section	Locality.	Area.	To what purpose dedicated.	No. of Papers	Catalogue No of Plan.
						a r p.		Ms.	
Adamstown ..	Northumber- land	1,645 & 1,646			Parish of Newcastle	0 2 39½	Primitive Methodist Church site	90-17,689	N 2,896-2,111
New Lambton	Northumber- land	782, 783, 784			Parish of Newcastle	0 2 21½	Wesleyan Church site	90-16,171	N. 2,732-2,111





1890.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(PROPOSED DEDICATION OF CERTAIN LANDS, UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18, AND ACT 53 VIC. No. 21.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18, and Act 53 Vic. No. 21.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF MARKET SITE AND  
CATTLE AND SHEEP SALE YARDS AT ARMI-  
DALE.

It is hereby notified for general information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedications of the lands at Armidale, hereunder described, areas 3 acres 3 roods 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches and 1 acre 3 roods 30 perches, dedicated on the 15th August, 1871, and 21st April, 1880, for market and cattle and sheep sale yards respectively, with a view to the reservation of the areas in question for market.

[Ms. 90-3,854]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

## Market.

3 acres 3 roods 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches. County of Sandon, parish of Armidale, allotment 5, section 2, City of Armidale: Commencing at the intersection of the southern side of Dumaresq-street with the eastern side of Dangar-street; and bounded thence on the west by Dangar-street bearing southerly 4 chains and 85 links to Moore-street; on the south by that street bearing easterly 8 chains to Faulkener-street; on the east by that street bearing northerly 4 chains and 85 links to Dumaresq-street; and on the north by that street bearing westerly 8 chains, to the point of commencement.

## Cattle and Sheep Sale Yards.

1 acre 3 roods 30 perches. County of Sandon, parish of Armidale, allotments 8, 9, 10, and 11, of section 98, City of Armidale: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of the section; and bounded thence on the east by Canambe-street, bearing north 8 degrees 15 minutes east 10 chains; on the north by Kirkwood-street, bearing north 81 degrees 45 minutes west 2 chains; on the west by the eastern boundary of allotment 12 of 2 roods, a line crossing a lane 30 links wide; and the eastern boundary of allotment 7 of 1 rood 35 perches, in all bearing south 8 degrees 15 minutes west 10 chains; and on the south by Dumaresq-street, bearing south 81 degrees 45 minutes east 2 chains, to the point of commencement,—exclusively of a lane 30 links wide, passing through this land in a westerly direction, the area of which has been deducted from the total area.

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Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION AND RE-DEDICATION OF  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE AT SOUTH CASINO.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to resume and re-dedicate the Public School site at South Casino, viz., portion No. 54, in the parish of East Casino, County of Richmond, dedicated on the 17th June, 1873, and hereunder described, an amended survey of the land in question having been effected.

[Ms. 90-3,853]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

## Public School Site, proposed to be resumed.

2 acres. County of Richmond, parish of East Casino, portion 54: Commencing at a point 11 chains westerly and 1 chain 50 links southerly from the south-eastern corner of portion 15 of 112 acres; and bounded thence on the north by a road 1 chain 50 links wide, dividing it from part of that portion, bearing west 4 chains; on the west by a line bearing south 5 chains; on the south by a line bearing east 4 chains; and on the east by a line bearing north 5 chains, to the point of commencement.

Plan P. 182-1,978.

## Public School Site, proposed to be dedicated.

2 acres 0 roods 36 perches. County of Richmond, parish of East Casino, at South Casino, portion 54: Commencing on the southern side of the road 1 chain 50 links wide from Casino to Coraki, at the north-western corner of portion 82 of 1 acre, appropriated for an addition to the site for a Public School, being a point distant 10 chains west; and thence 1 chain 50 links south from the south-eastern corner of portion 15 of 112 acres; and bounded thence on the north by that road, dividing it from part of the latter portion, bearing west 4 chains; on the west by a road 1 chain wide, dividing it from part of portion 58 of 50 acres 1 rood 38 perches bearing south 4 chains east 86 links, and thence south 2 chains; on the south by part of a northern boundary of portion 59 of 50 acres bearing east 3 chains and 14 links; and on the east by the western boundary of portion 82 aforesaid bearing north 6 chains, to the point of commencement.

Plan P. 1,633-1,978.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF RECREATION RESERVE AT CASTLE HILL AND RE-DEDICATION OF PART THEREOF FOR SHOW-GROUND.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Castle Hill, area 38 acres 2 roods 15 perches, dedicated on the 12th August, 1884, for public recreation, and hereunder described, with a view to the re-dedication of 35 acres 2 roods 36 perches thereof for show ground for the use of the Castle Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Association.

[Ms. 90-6,349]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTIONS.**

Recreation Reserve, proposed to be resumed.

County of Cumberland, parish of Castle Hill, area 38 acres 2 roods 15 perches. Commencing on the south-western side of a road 1 chain wide at the northern corner of Michael Hancy's now F. W. Suttors 50 acres; and bounded thence on the north-east by that road dividing it from part of John Good's now R. Gilbert's 140 acres bearing north 65 degrees 37 minutes west 15 chains 22½ links; and thence by a line bearing north 72 degrees west 8 chains 73½ links; on the north-west by lines bearing south 74 degrees 21 minutes west 8 chains 44 links; north 88 degrees 18 minutes west 3 chains 27 links; and thence south 61 degrees 8 minutes west 76½ links; on the south-west by part of the north-eastern boundary of Michael Hancy's now F. W. Suttors 100 acres, bearing south 28 degrees 52 minutes east 22 chains 23 links; and on the south-east by the north-western boundary of Michael Hancy's (now F. W. Suttors) 50 acres aforesaid, bearing north 61 degrees east 26 chains 89 links, to the point of commencement.

Show Ground, proposed to be dedicated.

County of Cumberland, parish of Castle Hill, area 35 acres 2 roods 36 perches. Commencing on the north-eastern boundary of M. Hancy's 100 acres portion 125, at the westernmost corner of M. Hancy's 50 acres, portion 126; and bounded thence on the south-west by part of that boundary bearing north 28 degrees 52 minutes west 16 chains 90 links to the south-eastern side of a road 1 chain wide; thence on the north-west and north-east by lines forming south-eastern and south-western sides of that road bearing north 52 degrees 46 minutes east 11 chains 92½ links, south 72 degrees east 8 chains 73½ links, and south 65 degrees 37 minutes east 15 chains 22½ links to the eastern extremity of the north-western boundary of portion 126 aforesaid; and thence on the south-east by that boundary bearing south 61 degrees west 26 chains 89 links to the point of commencement.

Plan catalogued C. 1,390-2,030.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF RECREATION RESERVE AT EAST MAITLAND, AND RE-DEDICATION THEREOF FOR GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land in the town of East Maitland, area 2 acres 3 roods 23 perches, viz., allotment 14 of section 26, dedicated on the 23rd July, 1889, for Public Recreation, and hereunder described, with a view to the re-dedication of the land in question as a site for a Girls' High School.

[Ms. 90-6,070]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of Northumberland, parish of Maitland, town of East Maitland, area 2 acres 3 roods 23 perches: Commencing at the intersection of the north-west side of High-street with the north-east side of Lindesay-street; and bounded thence on the south-west by part of the north-east side of the last-mentioned street bearing north 45 degrees west 5 chains 79½ links; on the north-west by the south-eastern boundary-line of Short-street, being a line bearing north 44 degrees 59 minutes east 4 chains 99½ links to a point on the south-western boundary of allotment 8 of section 26, G. H. Stephen's 2 roods; thence on the north-east by part of that south-west boundary and that of allotments 9, 10, 11, and 12, section 26, being in all a line bearing south 45 degrees east 5 chains 79·7 links to the north-west side of High-street first-mentioned; and thence on the south-east by part of that side of that street, being a line bearing south 45 degrees west 4 chains 99½ links to the point of commencement,—to include allotment 14 of section 26, as shown on plan catalogued M. 91-790.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION AND RE-DEDICATION OF RECREATION RESERVE AT BRUNSWICK RIVER (MULLUMBIMBI).**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Brunswick River, area 100 acres, dedicated on the 20th December, 1887, for public recreation, and hereunder described, with a view to the re-dedication of the land in question, as at Mullumbimbi.

[Ms. 90-5,093]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTION.**

**EASTERN DIVISION.**

**LAND DISTRICT OF MURWILLUMBAH.**

County of Rous, parish of Brunswick, containing an area of 100 acres. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at a point 50 links west of the south-west corner of J. Chislér's conditional purchase of 110 acres; and bounded on the north by a line and part of the southern boundary of that portion bearing east 25 chains; thence on the east by a line bearing south 40 chains to the northern boundary of portion 28 of 160 acres; thence on the south by part of the north boundary of that portion and the north boundary of portion 29, W. Reddcliff's conditional purchase 85-5 of 60 acres in all, bearing west 25 chains; thence on the west by an east boundary of the aforesaid portion 29 and the east side of a road 1 chain wide in all, bearing north 40 chains, to point of commencement.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF PART OF CANDELO RECREATION RESERVE AND RE-DEDICATION FOR SITE FOR COURT-HOUSE.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of that part of Candelo recreation reserve hereunder described, viz., section 31 of 2 acres 1 rood 39 perches, with a view to the re-dedication of that area for site for Court-house.

[Ms. 90-3,851]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of Auckland, parish of Candelo, town of Candelo, being section 31, area 2 acres 1 rood 39 perches, exclusive of road: Commencing at the intersection of the south side of Queen-street with the east side of William-street; thence bounded on the west by that side of William-street bearing south 6 chains to the north side of Gordon-street; thence on the south by that side of Gordon-street bearing easterly 5 chains to the west side of Bega-street; thence on the east by that side of Bega-street bearing north 6 chains to the south side of Queen-street aforementioned; and thence on the north by that side of Queen-street bearing west 5 chains, to the point of commencement,—but exclusive of the road 1 chain wide from Bombala to Merrimbla.

Plan catalogued C. 11-1,906.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF SITE FOR PUBLIC BATHS AT GOSFORD.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Gosford, area 3 roods 8 perches, dedicated on the 15th January, 1886, for site for Public Baths, and hereunder described, it being intended to reserved another site in lieu thereof.

[Ms. 90-3,857]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of Northumberland, at Brisbane Water (Gosford), area 3 roods 8 perches: Commencing at a point bearing about south 11 degrees 40 minutes 45 seconds east and distant 17 chains 30½ links from the south-eastern corner of 3 roods 17 perches, recreation reserve, town of Gosford; and bounded thence on the north by a line bearing east 2 chains; on the east by a line bearing south 4 chains; on the south by a line bearing west 2 chains; and on the west by a line bearing north 4 chains, to the point of commencement.

[Plan G. 51-1,123]

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF RECREATION RESERVE  
AT GLEN INNES, AND RE-DEDICATION FOR  
RACECOURSE.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Glen Innes, area 222 acres, viz.:—Portions Nos. 118 and 119, in the parish of Stonehenge, county of Gough, dedicated on the 15th August, 1871, for public recreation, and hereunder described, with a view to the rededication of the land in question for Racecourse.

[Ms. 90-3,862]

**JAMES N. BRUNKER.**

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of Gough, parish of Stonehenge, area 222 acres: Commencing on the right bank of Beardy waters at the north-western corner of portion 120, George Every' 117 acres; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundary line of that portion being a line bearing east 63 chains 80 links; on the east by a line bearing north 40 chains to a road 1 chain wide; on the north by that road bearing west 54 chains 70 links to Beardy waters aforementioned; and on the west by those waters upwards, to the point of commencement,—being portions 118 and 119, as shown on plan catalogued G. 81-1,761.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF WENTWORTH PARK,  
ORANGE, AND DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC  
RECREATION IN LIEU THEREOF.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of Wentworth Park, Orange, area 136½ acres, dedicated on the 8th November, 1881, for public recreation, and hereunder described, with a view to the dedication of portion 181 of 133½ acres, in the parish of Orange, county of Wellington, for the same purpose in lieu thereof.

[Ms. 90-1,282]

**JAMES N. BRUNKER.**

**DESCRIPTIONS.**

Reserve for public recreation, proposed to be resumed.

County of Wellington, parish of Orange, portion 181, containing 136 acres 1 rood, within the following boundaries: Commencing at the south-west corner of portion 6, H. Wright's 10 acres 2 roods; bounded thence on part of the east by the west boundary of that portion and its prolongation north 41 minutes east 15 chains 19 links to the south boundary of W. E. Sampson's 640 acres; thence bounded on the north by part of that south boundary west 36 chains 27 links to the south-west corner of aforesaid 640 acres; thence on the west by the eastern side of a road being lines bearing south 2 degrees 2 minutes west 33 chains 10 links, and south 20 minutes west 14 chains 48 links to the north-west corner of the temporary common at Orange, notified 1st March, 1867; thence on part of the south by a line bearing south 89 degrees 42 minutes east 17 chains 43 links; thence on the south-east by a line bearing north 62 degrees east 9 chains 22 links; on the remainder of the east by a line bearing north 1 degree 11 minutes east 23 chains 36 links; and thence on the remainder of the south by a line bearing south 88 degrees 53 minutes east 11 chains 17 links, to the point of commencement.

Area of 133 acres 2 roods proposed to be dedicated for public recreation.

County of Wellington, parish of Orange, area 133 acres 2 roods, being measured portion 181, within the following boundaries: Commencing at the south-west corner of portion 6, H. Wright's 10 acres 2 roods; and bounded thence on part of the east by a line partly forming the west boundary of that portion bearing north 12 minutes west 15 chains 16 links to the south boundary of portion 72, W. E. Sampson's 640 acres; thence on the north by part of the south boundary of that portion bearing south 89 degrees 5 minutes west 36 chains 24 links; thence on the west by the eastern side of a road being lines bearing south 1 degree 1 minute west 33 chains 9 links, and south 37 minutes east 12 chains 61 links to the northern side of a road 1 chain wide on the northern side of the railway from Molong to Orange; thence on part of the south by part of that side of that road bearing east 25 chains 46 links; on the remainder of the east by a line bearing north 16 minutes east 31 chains 16 links; and thence on the remainder of the south by a line bearing south 89 degrees 46 minutes east 11 chains 13 links, to the point of commencement.

Shown on plan catalogued W. 2,440-2,091, District Survey Office, Orange.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF RECREATION RESERVE  
AT COONAMBLE, AND RE-DEDICATION FOR  
RACECOURSE.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Coonamble, area 225 acres, viz.:—Portion No. 212, in the parish of Coonamble, county of Leichhardt, dedicated on the 18th January, 1884, for public recreation, and hereunder described, with a view to the re-dedication of the land in question for Racecourse.

[Ms. 90-3,856]

**JAMES N. BRUNKER.**

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of Leichhardt, parish of Coonamble, area 225 acres, portion 212: Commencing on the left bank of Yuramie Creek at a point where the eastern side of a road 2 chains wide dividing it from portion 109 of 50 acres meets that creek; and bounded thence on the west by that road bearing south 55 chains and 64 links; on the south by a line bearing east 48 chains and 65 links; on the east by a line and a road 2 chains wide dividing it partly from portion 34 of 40 acres 2 roods in all bearing north 1 degree 23 minutes east 31 chains and 88 links to Yuramie Creek; and on the north-east by that creek downwards, to the point of commencement.

Plan B. 68-1,834.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF CRICKET GROUND  
AT TAMWORTH.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the Cricket Ground at Tamworth, area 5 acres 2 roods 16 perches, dedicated on the 3rd May, 1865, and hereunder described, another site having been dedicated in the locality for the same purpose.

[Ms. 90-6,350]

**JAMES N. BRUNKER.**

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of Inglis, parish and town of Tamworth, area 5 acres 2 roods 16 perches: Commencing at a point bearing south 42 degrees west, and distant 1 chain 50 links from the most southerly corner of allotment 1 of section 3, town of Tamworth, being the eastern corner of reserve for public recreation of 8 acres 1 rood, dedicated 24th September, 1889; and bounded thence north-west by part of the south-east boundary-line of that reserve, being a line bearing south 48 degrees west 7 chains; thence on the south-west by a line bearing south 42 degrees east 8 chains; on the south-east by a line bearing north 48 degrees east 7 chains to the south-western side of Lower-street; and thence on the north-east by part of that side of that street, being a line bearing north 42 degrees west 8 chains, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued T. 30-1,393.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF SITE FOR MECHANICS'  
INSTITUTE AT WARREN.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the site for Mechanics' Institute at Warren, area 2 roods, viz., allotment 1 of section 11, dedicated on the 24th October, 1882, and hereunder described, the land not having been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated.

[Ms. 90-3,855]

**JAMES N. BRUNKER.**

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of Oxley, parish of Warren, town of Warren, 2 roods, allotment 1 of section 11: Commencing on the south-western side of Dubbo-street, at its intersection with the north-western side of Redford-street; and bounded thence on the north-east by Dubbo-street bearing north 46 degrees 15 minutes west 1 chain and 25 links; on the north-west by a line bearing south 43 degrees 45 minutes west 4 chains; on the south-west by a line bearing south 46 degrees 15 minutes east 1 chain 25 links to Redford-street aforesaid; and on the south-east by that street bearing north 43 degrees 45 minutes east 4 chains, to the point of commencement.

Plan W. 3-1,773.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF CATTLE MARKET AND  
GAOL SITES AT GRAFTON.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the Cattle Market site at Grafton, area 5 acres 3 roods 28 perches, dedicated on the 18th March, 1873; and reserve 2,665 for Gaol site, in the same locality, area 6 acres 2 roods 3 perches, notified on the 14th September, 1886, both hereunder described, other sites having been appropriated in lieu thereof.

[Ms. 90-4,607]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

DESCRIPTIONS.

**EASTERN DIVISION.**

**LAND DISTRICT OF GRAFTON.**

Within the boundaries of the City of Grafton.

**Cattle Market Site.**

County of Clarence, parish of Great Marlow, containing an area of 5 acres 3 roods 28 perches: Commencing at the intersection of the north-eastern side of Hoof-street with the south-eastern side of Mary-street; and bounded thence on the north-west by Mary-street north-easterly 10 chains; on the north-east by Arthur-street south-easterly 5 chains 92½ links; on the south-east by a line south-westerly, parallel with Mary-street, 10 chains to Hoof-street; and on the south-west by that street north-westerly 5 chains 92½ links, to the point of commencement.

The above was dedicated on the 18th March, 1873, for Cattle Market site.

**Gaol Site.**

Reserve 2,665 for Gaol site, notified 14th September, 1886. County of Clarence, parish of Great Marlow, area 6 acres 2 roods 3 perches. The Crown Lands with the boundaries of allotment 1 of section 118,—as shown on plan catalogued G. 63-1,359.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF GENERAL CEMETERY  
AT WARIALDA, AND DEDICATION FOR THE  
SAME PURPOSE IN LIEU THEREOF.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the General Cemetery at Warialda, area 7½ acres, dedicated on the 6th December, 1867, and hereunder described, with a view to the dedication of 11 acres in the same locality, also hereunder described, for General Cemetery in lieu thereof.

[Ms. 90-4,605]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

DESCRIPTIONS.

**General Cemetery, proposed to be resumed.**

County of Burnett, parish of Warialda, containing 7 acres 2 roods: Commencing at a point bearing south 28 degrees 32 minutes west and distant 13 chains 77 links from the south-eastern corner of allotment 18 of section 55, village of Warialda, being G. Bowman's 2 roods; bounded thence on the north-east by a line bearing south 72 degrees east 9 chains 96 links; on part of the south-east by a line bearing south 18 degrees west 8 chains; on part of the south-west by a line bearing north 72 degrees west 5 chains; on part of the north-west by a line bearing north 18 degrees east 4 chains 56 links; again on part of the south-west by a line bearing north 72 degrees west 1 chain; thence on the remainder of the south-east by a line bearing south 18 degrees west 4 chains 56 links; on the remainder of the south-west by a line bearing north 72 degrees west 3 chains 96 links; and on the remainder of the north-west by a line bearing north 18 degrees east 8 chains, to the point of commencement.

Shown on plan catalogued C. 944-730.

**General Cemetery, proposed to be dedicated.**

County of Burnett, parish of Warialda, containing 11 acres: Commencing at a point bearing north 24 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds west and distant 28 chains 17 links from the north-west corner of allotment 18 of section 8, containing 2 roods, town of Warialda; bounded thence on the east by a line bearing north 12 chains; on the north by a line bearing west 15 chains 12 links; on the east by a line bearing south 2 chains 56 links; and thence on the south-west by a line bearing south 58 degrees 1 minute east 17 chains 82½ links, to the point of commencement.

Shown on plan catalogued Ms. 47 Me.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF MARKET RESERVE  
AT MUDGEES, AND RE-DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC  
RECREATION.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land in the town of Mudgee, area 3 acres 3 roods 38 perches, viz.:—Section No. 68, dedicated on the 12th March, 1869, for market, and hereunder described, with a view to the rededication of the land in question for public recreation.

[Ms. 90-1,281]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

DESCRIPTION.

County of Wellington, parish of Mudgee, town of Mudgee, area 3 acres 3 roods 38 perches: Commencing at the intersection of the south side of Market-street with the east side of Douro-street; and bounded thence on the north by part of the south side of Market-street bearing north 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds east 10 chains 2 links to the west side of Perry-street; thence on the east by part of the west side of Perry-street bearing south 1 minute 45 seconds east 3 chains 98 links to the north side of Market-lane; thence on the south by part of the north side of Market-lane bearing south 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds west 10 chains 2½ links to the east side of Douro-street aforesaid; and thence on the west by part of the east side of that street bearing north 3 chains 98 links, to the point of commencement.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF HOSPITAL SITE  
AT WARIALDA.**

It is hereby notified for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the Hospital site at Warialda, area 2 roods 34 perches, viz.:—Allotments Nos. 5 and 5 of section 54, hereunder described, another site having been dedicated in the locality in question.

[Ms. 90-3,859]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

DESCRIPTION.

County of Burnett, parish of Warialda, at Warialda, area 2 roods 34 perches, allotments 5 and 6 of section 54: Commencing on the southern bank of Warialda Creek, at the north-eastern corner of allotment 4; and bounded thence on the west by the eastern boundary of that allotment bearing south 3 chains and 43 links; on the south by Hope-street bearing east 2 chains; on the east by the western boundary of allotment 7 bearing north 3 chains and 71 links to Warialda Creek; and on the north by that creek westerly, to the point of commencement.

Plans W. 3-1,371 and W. 4-1371.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF TOWN HALL SITE  
AT WICKHAM.**

It is hereby notified for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Wickham, area 2 roods 27 perches, dedicated on the 11th January, 1889, for site for Town Hall, and hereunder described, the land not having been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated.

[Ms. 90-3,858]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

DESCRIPTION.

County of Northumberland, parish of Newcastle, private town of Wickham, area 2 roods 27 perches: Commencing at the north-eastern corner of portion 184, Thomas Bryant's 1 acre 0 roods 24 perches; and bounded thence on the north-east by a line forming part of the south-western side of Railway-street, bearing north 1 degree 3 minutes 30 seconds west 1 chain 95 links; on the north-west by a line forming part of a south-eastern boundary of portion 165, Henry Dangar's 24 acres, bearing south 88 degrees 48 minutes west 2 chains 82 links, and by part of a south-eastern boundary line of Bullock Island Railway bearing south 81 degrees 30 minutes west 2 chains 31½ links; and on the south-east by part of the north-western boundary of portion 184 aforesaid bearing north 88 degrees 48 minutes east 4 chains 6½ links, to the point of commencement.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF ROMAN CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL SITE AT POKOLBIN.**

It is hereby notified for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the Roman Catholic School site at Pokolbin, area 2 roods 1 perch, viz., portion No. 235, in the parish of Pokolbin, county of Northumberland, hereunder described, the land not having been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated.

[Ms. 90-4,608]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of Northumberland, parish of Pokolbin, at Pokolbin, area 2 roods 1 perch, portion 235: Commencing at the south-east corner of 1 acre appropriated for a Roman Catholic Church; and bounded thence on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that appropriation bearing northerly 1 chain 90 links; on the north by the southern boundary of 2 roods appropriated for a Roman Catholic Presbytery bearing easterly 2 chains 49 links; on the north-east by the road 1 chain wide dividing it from part of D. Wilson's 26 acres 3 roods bearing south 10 degrees 39 minutes east 1 chain 93 links; and on the south by a road 1 chain wide, dividing it from part of portion 222 of 1 acre 0 roods 4 perches, bearing westerly 2 chains 85 links, to the point of commencement.  
Plan N. 1,720-2,111.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY SITES AT CURRABUBULA.**

It is hereby notified for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the Roman Catholic Church and Presbytery sites at Currabubula, area 1 acre 2 roods, viz.:—Allotments 6, 7, and 8 of section 13, dedicated on the 30th November, 1877, and hereunder described, the land not having been used for the purposes for which it was dedicated.

[Ms. 90-4,606]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of Buckland, parish of Currabubula, town of Currabubula, containing 1 acre 2 roods: Commencing at the intersection of the south-west side of Breeza-street with the north-west side of Armidale-street, at the eastern corner of section 13; bounded thence on the south-east by part of the north-west side of the last-mentioned street, being a line bearing south 43 degrees west, and distant 6 chains to the eastern corner of allotment 9 of the same section; on the south-west by the north-east boundary-line of that allotment, being a line bearing north 47 degrees west 2 chains 50 links to the south-east side of a lane 30 links wide; thence on the north-west by part of that side of that lane, being a line bearing north 43 degrees east, and distant 6 chains to the south-west side of Breeza-street first-mentioned; and thence by part of that side of that street, being a line bearing south 47 degrees east and distant 2 chains 50 links, to the point of commencement,—being allotments 6, 7, and 8 of section 13, town of Currabubula,—as shown on plan catalogued C. 597-1,984.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF OLD PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SITE AT TAMWORTH, AND RE-DEDICATION  
FOR SITE FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the Old Public School site at Tamworth, area 1 acre 1 rood, viz.:—Allotments 10 and 11 of section 17, hereunder described, with a view to the re-dedication of the land in question for site for Council Chambers.

[Ms. 90-3,850]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTION.**

Commencing at the intersection of the north-eastern side of Peel-street with the south-eastern side of Darling-street, being the north-western corner of allotment 11 of section 17, town of Tamworth; bounded thence on the north-west by part of the south-eastern side of Darling-street aforesaid, being a line bearing north 42 degrees east 5 chains to the south-western corner of allotment 9 adjoining; on the north-east by the south-western side of that allotment, bearing south 48 degrees

east 2 chains 50 links to the northernmost corner of allotment 12 of the same section; on the south-east by the north-western boundary of the aforesaid allotment, bearing south 42 degrees west 5 chains to the north-eastern side of Peel-street first-mentioned; and thence on the south-west by part of that side of that street bearing north 48 degrees west 2 chains 50 links, to the point of commencement,—being allotments 10 and 11 of section 17, town of Tamworth, containing 1 acre 1 rood, as shown on plan catalogued N. 41-1,367.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF NATIONAL SCHOOL  
SITE AT TABULAM AND DEDICATION FOR  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE IN LIEU THEREOF.**

It is hereby notified for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the national school site at Tabulam, area 2 acres, viz.: Allotment 1 of section 22, hereunder described with a view to the dedication of portion 105 of 4 acres in the parish of Tabulam, county of Drake, as a site for public school in lieu thereof.

[Ms. 90-437]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTIONS.**

National School Site, proposed to be resumed.

2 acres. County of Drake, parish of Tabulam, town of Tabulam, allotment 1 of section 22: Commencing at the south-westerly intersection of Court and Pond Streets; and bounded thence on the east by Pond-street southerly 4 chains; on the south by a line westerly at right angles to Pond-street 5 chains; on the west by a line northerly, parallel with Pond-street 4 chains to Court-street; and on the north by that street easterly 5 chains to the point of commencement.  
Plan N. 109-1,367.

Public School Site, proposed to be dedicated.

County of Drake, parish of Tabulam, containing 4 acres. Commencing at a point on the southern side of Court-street, at its intersection with the eastern side of Pond-street; thence by the southern side of Court-street and a line bearing south 77 degrees east 8 chains; thence south 13 degrees west 5 chains; thence north 77 degrees west 8 chains; thence north 13 degrees east 5 chains to point of commencement,—being portion No. 105, shown on plan catalogued D. 618-1,743.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION AND RE-DEDICATION OF  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE AT GLEN MORRISON.**

It is hereby notified for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to resume and rededicate the public school site at Glen Morrison, area 2 acres, viz., portion 3a, in the parish of Cobrabald, county of Vernon, dedicated on the 20th April, 1875, and hereunder described, an amended survey of the land in question having been effected.

[Ms. 90-4,609]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTIONS.**

Public School site, proposed to be resumed.

County of Vernon, parish of Cobrabald, at Glen Morrison, area 2 acres: Commencing at a point bearing south 60 degrees west, and distant 142 chains and 50 links from the south-west corner of R. H. Dennis' 288 acres, parish of St. Leonard; and bounded thence on the north-east by a line bearing north 23 degrees west 4 chains and 48 links; on the north-west by a line bearing south 67 degrees 4 chains 48 links; on the south-west by a line bearing south 23 degrees east 4 chains and 48 links; and on the south-east by a line bearing north 67 degrees east 4 chains and 48 links, to the point of commencement,—being portion 3a, shown on plan catalogued P. 209-1,978.

Public School site, proposed to be dedicated.

County of Vernon, parish of Cobrabald, portion 3a, containing 2 acres: Commencing at a point bearing south 84 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds east, and distant 11 chains 4½ links from the south-east corner of portion 198, James Walsh's 200 acres; and bounded thence on the west by a line bearing south 4 chains 48 links; on the south by a line bearing east 4 chains 48 links; on the east by a line bearing north 4 chains 48 links; and on the north by the south side of a road 1 chain wide, being a line bearing west 4 chains 48 links, to the point of commencement.

Shown on plan catalogued V. 1,461-1,719.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 25th April, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF CATTLE SALE-YARDS  
AT BATHURST.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the Cattle Sale-yards at Bathurst, area 6 acres 3 roods 39 perches, being part of section 103, City of Bathurst, dedicated on the 17th July, 1886, and hereunder described, with a view to the reservation of the land in question for water supply.

[Ms. 90-949]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of Bathurst, parish of Bathurst, city of Bathurst, area 6 acres 3 roods 39 perches. Commencing at the intersection of the south-east side of Acheron-street with the north-east side of Russell-street; and bounded thence by that side of the latter street bearing south 50 degrees 4 minutes east 10 chains 10 links to the north-west side of Pearl-street; thence by that side of that street bearing north 39 degrees 56 minutes east 4 chains 90 links to the left bank of Queen Charlotte's Vale Creek; thence by that bank of that creek downwards to the south-west side of Howick-street; thence by that side of that street bearing north 50 degrees 4 minutes west 2 chains 30 links to the south-east side of Acheron-street aforesaid; and thence by that side of that street bearing south 40 degrees 33 minutes west 10 chains 53 links to the point of commencement,—being part of section 103, as shown on plan catalogued B. 25-2,038.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(PROPOSED DEDICATION OF CERTAIN LANDS, UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18, AND ACT 53 VIC. No. 21.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18, and Act 53 Vic. No. 21.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 23rd May, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF GENERAL CEMETERY  
AT DEEPWATER AND DEDICATION FOR THE  
SAME PURPOSE IN LIEU THEREOF.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the General Cemetery at Deepwater, area 7 acres 2 roods 3 perches, dedicated on the 17th June, 1873, and hereunder described, with a view to the dedication of 14 acres 1 rood 8 perches in the same locality, also hereunder described, for General Cemetery in lieu thereof.

[Ms. 90-7,263]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

General Cemetery proposed to be resumed.

County of Gough, parish of Deepwater, village of Deepwater, containing an area of 7 acres 2 roods 3 perches: Commencing at the south-west corner of portion 21, Emanuel Barrat's 40 acres; and bounded thence on part of the south by a line bearing west 8 chains; on part of the west by a line bearing north 5 chains; on part of the north by a line bearing east 4 chains 56 links; again on part of the west by a line bearing north 1 chain; on the remainder of the south by a line bearing west 4 chains 56 links; on the remainder of the west by a line bearing north 3 chains 96 links; on the remainder of the north by a line bearing east 8 chains to a point on the western boundary line of portion 21 above mentioned; and thence on the east by part of that west boundary line south 9 chains 96 links, to the point of commencement.

Shown on plan catalogued C. 322-1,984.

General Cemetery proposed to be dedicated.

County of Gough, parish of Deepwater, 14 acres 1 rood 8 perches, including road: Commencing on the eastern side of a road 1 chain wide, the western side of which partly forms the eastern boundary of portion 57, J. Sullivan's conditional purchase of 100 acres, at a point bearing about north 14 degrees 30 minutes east, and distant about 4 chains 30 links from the south-east corner of portion 57 above mentioned; and bounded thence on the south by a line bearing east 13 chains, being also the north boundary line of an area of 6 acres 2 roods, reserved for plantation and extension in connection with the cemetery; bounded thence on the east by a line bearing north 11 chains to the south side of a road 1 chain 50 links wide; on

the north by part of that side of that road being a line bearing west 13 chains to the eastern side of a road 1 chain wide first mentioned; and thence on the west by part of that side of that road being a line bearing south 11 chains, to the point of commencement.

Shown on plan catalogued Ms. 178 Ae.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 23rd May, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION AND REDEDICATION OF  
GENERAL CEMETERY AT WENTWORTH.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to resume and rededicate the General Cemetery at Wentworth, area 10 acres 2 roods 13 perches, dedicated on the 6th December, 1867, and hereunder described, with a view to the redistribution of the allotments therein.

[Ms. 90-7,265]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

County of Wentworth, parish of Wentworth, town of Wentworth, containing 10 acres 2 roods 13 perches: Commencing at the intersection of the western side of Wilmot-street with the northern side of Cadell-street, at a point bearing west and distant 1 chain 50 links from the south-west corner of allotment 1, section 5; and bounded thence on the south by a line bearing west 10 chains to the eastern side of West-street; thence by part of that side of that street being a line bearing north 5 chains 30 links; thence by a line bearing east 10 chains to the western side of Wilmot-street first mentioned; and thence by part of that side of that street, being a line bearing south 5 chains 30 links, to the point of commencement. Again—Commencing on the western side of Wilmot-street, at a point bearing west and distant 1 chain 50 links from the south-west corner of allotment 1 of section 14; and bounded thence again on the south by a line bearing west 10 chains to the eastern side of West-street; thence by part of that side of that street being a line bearing north 5 chains 30 links to the south side of Adelaide-street; thence by part of that side of that street being a line bearing east 10 chains to the western side of Wilmot-street first mentioned; thence by part of that side of that street, being a line bearing south 5 chains 30 links, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued C. 849-730.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 23rd May, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE  
AT BUNDARIGO, AND DEDICATION FOR THE  
SAME PURPOSE IN LIEU THEREOF.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the Public School site at Bundarigo, area 2 acres, viz., portion 40 in the parish of Lanitza, county of Clarence, dedicated on the 9th July, 1886, and hereunder described, with a view to the dedication of portion 79 of 2 acres in the same locality as a site for Public School in lieu thereof.

[Ms. 90-7,264]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTIONS.**

**EASTERN DIVISION.**

**LAND DISTRICT OF GRAFION.**

Public School site proposed to be resumed.

County of Clarence, parish of Lanitza, at Bundarigo, 2 acres, portion 40. Commencing at the most northerly north-eastern corner of portion 41 of 8 acres; and bounded thence on the west by a line dividing it from that portion bearing south 4 chains; on the south by a northern boundary of that portion bearing east 3 chains 69 links; on the south-east by lines bearing north 39 degrees 38 minutes east 44 links; and thence north 31 degrees 39 minutes east 4 chains 30 links; and on the north by a line bearing west 6 chains 23 links, to the point of commencement.

Plan P. 1,557-1,978.

Public School site proposed to be dedicated.

County of Clarence, parish of Lanitza, containing an area of 2 acres. Commencing at the south-eastern corner of portion 80 (being the area set apart for Public School paddock); thence by the south boundary of that portion bearing west 5 chains

and 83 links; thence by a line bearing south 4 chains; thence by a line bearing east 4 chains and 18 links; and thence by a line bearing north 22 degrees 22 minutes east 4 chains and 33 links, to point of commencement,—being measured portion 79, as shown on plan catalogued C. 1,629-1,577.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 23rd May, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF PERMANENT  
COMMON AT MOREE.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the permanent common at Moree, area 606 acres and 30 perches, dedicated on the 19th May, 1868, and hereunder described, with a view to the area in question being included in a reserve for temporary common.

[Ms. 90-7,576]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTION.**

**CENTRAL DIVISION.**

**LAND DISTRICT OF MOREE.**

Within the boundaries of the leasehold area of Tyreel  
Holding No. 52.

County of Courallie, parish of Moree, containing an area of 606 acres 0 roods 30 perches. Commencing on the north or right bank of the Meei or Gwydir River, at a peg bearing north 52 degrees 52 minutes east 51 links from a gum-tree marked broad-arrow over 1; and bounded thence by marked lines bearing north 8 degrees 54 minutes west 54 chains 64 links, north 25 chains 70 links, west 60 chains, and south 91 chains; 21 links to the right bank of the Meei or Gwydir River aforesaid; and thence by that river upwards, to the point of commencement,—but exclusive of measured portion 230 of 33 acres 3 roods 10 perches, general cemetery and reserved roads, as shown on plan C. 35-1,880.



1890.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SETTING FORTH PROPOSED DEDICATION OF CERTAIN LANDS, UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. NO. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 15th July, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF PART OF PUBLIC  
ROAD AT WHITE BAY.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of that part of the Public Road at White Bay, Balmain, dedicated on the 18th January, 1884, hereunder described, with a view to the alienation of the land in question.

[Ms. 90-9,089]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

County of Cumberland, parish of Petersham, area 4·6 perches : Commencing on the north-west side of Mansfield-street, at the south-east corner of 6 perches granted to T. A. King and John Sullivan under section 69 Crown Lands Act of 1884 ; and bounded on the south-west by the north-eastern boundary of that portion bearing north 14 degrees 42½ minutes west 234·12 links ; on the north-west by a line bearing north 77 degrees 27½ minutes east 7 links ; on the north-east by a line bearing south 17 degrees 29 minutes east 228·5 links to the aforesaid north-west side of Mansfield-street ; and on the south-east by part of that street bearing south 59 degrees west 18·8 links, to the point of commencement.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 15th July, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE  
AT UKOLAN (HALL'S CREEK), AND DEDICA-  
TION FOR THE SAME PURPOSE IN LIEU  
THEREOF.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the Public School Site at Ukolan (Hall's Creek), area 2 acres, viz. :—Portion No. 67, in the parish of Fleming, county of Darling, dedicated on the 2nd July, 1889, and hereunder described, with a view to the dedication of an area of 2 acres in the same locality, also hereunder described, as a site for Public School in lieu thereof.

[Ms. 90-9,864]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

Public School Site proposed to be resumed.

County of Darling parish of Fleming, 2 acres, portion 67 : Commencing at a point bearing west 8 chains from the north-west corner of portion No. 39, parish of Cuerindi ; and bounded thence on the south by a line bearing west 4 chains ; on the west by a line bearing north 5 chains ; on the north by a line bearing east 4 chains ; and on the east by a line bearing south 5 chains, to the point of commencement, being portion 67,—as shown on plan catalogued D. 1,571-1,808.

Public School Site proposed to be dedicated.

County of Darling, parish of Fleming, 2 acres, portion 67 : Commencing on the right bank of Hall's Creek, at the south-west corner of portion No. 6 of 116 acres ; and bounded thence on the east by part of the west boundary of that portion bearing north 2 chains 26 links to a road 1 chain wide ; on the north-west by the south-eastern side of a 1-chain road bearing south 67 degrees 14 minutes west 4 chains 26 links ; on the west by a line bearing south 6 chains 46 links to the right bank of Hall's Creek aforesaid ; and thence by that bank of that creek upwards, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued D. 1,854-1,808.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 15th July, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION AND REDEDICATION OF  
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL SITE AT  
EAST MAITLAND.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to resume and rededicate the Church of England School site at East Maitland, area 1 acre, an amended plan thereof having been furnished.

[Ms. 90-9,489]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

Church of England School Site proposed to be resumed.

- 1 acre. County of Northumberland, parish of Maitland, town of East Maitland : Commencing at a point bearing north 45 degrees 7 minutes east and distant 2 chains from the eastern corner of allotment 6 of section 6 ; and bounded thence on the west by a line bearing north 3 chains 16½ links ; on the north by a line bearing east 3 chains 16½ links ; on the east by a line bearing south 3 chains 16½ links ; and on the south by a line bearing west 3 chains 16½ links, to the point of commencement. [Plan N. 52-2,071 Roll]

Church of England School Site proposed to be dedicated.

1 acre. County of Northumberland, parish of Maitland, town of East Maitland : Commencing at a point bearing north 45 degrees 7 minutes east and distant 2 chains from the eastern corner of allotment 6 of section 6 ; and bounded thence on the south by a line bearing east 2 chains 38 links ; on the east by lines bearing north 13 degrees 55 minutes west 3 chains 26½ links ; and thence north 14 degrees 27 minutes west 1 chain 96½ links ; on the north by a line bearing west 1 chain 55½ links ; and on the west by a line bearing south 5 degrees 5 minutes east 5 chains 9 links, to the point of commencement. [Plan C. 1,093-1,984]

NOTE.—The above is in lieu of the notice in the Government Gazette of the 7th January, 1887.



1890.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SETTING FORTH THE MODE IN WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO DEAL WITH THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN LANDS UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. NO. 18.)

Presented to Parliament pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 2nd September, 1890.

## PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF HAM COMMON.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to resume the Ham Common, area 6,006 acres, hereunder described, with a view to reservation of a site for Agricultural College Farm, extension of the town of Windsor by auction sale, or other appropriations under the Crown Lands Acts.

[Ms. 90-11,546]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

All that piece or parcel of land situated in the county of Cumberland, parishes of Saint Matthew and Ham Common, containing by admeasurement 6,006 acres, be the same more or less: Commencing at the west corner of D. M'Arty's 40 acres; and bounded first on the south by a line bearing west 12 degrees north to the village of Little Richmond, dividing it from various grants; then on the north-west by the south-east boundary line of the village of Little Richmond bearing north 40 degrees east; then on the south-west by the north-east boundary line of that village bearing north 50 degrees west; then on the south-east by the north-west boundary line of that village bearing south 40 degrees west to the northern boundary line of William Minchin's 200 acres; then again on the south by that boundary line bearing west 12 degrees north to Yellow Mundy Lagoon; thence on the west by Yellow Mundy Lagoon to the southern corner of Charles Webb's 100 acres; then again on the north-west by Charles Webb's 100 acres bearing north 54 degrees east to a reserved road; thence across that road to the south-east corner of Thomas M. Pitt's 100 acres; and thence by the following farms bearing north 40 degrees east (namely:—Thomas M. Pitt's 100 acres, Mary Pitt's 100 acres, Thomas Spence's 100 acres, and William Small's 100 acres) to the western corner of the township of Richmond; then on the north-east by the south-west boundary of that township bearing east 40 degrees south 81 chains 75 links; then again on the north-west by the south-east boundary

of that town bearing north 38 degrees 20 minutes east 55 chains 27 links to the south-west side of Paget-street; then on the north-east by a line bearing east 19 degrees south 22 chains; then on the north-west by a line bearing north 19 degrees to Richard Dalton's 100 acres; then on the north by the southern boundary lines of Richard Dalton's 100 acres, of Thomas Arkell's 100 acres, and John Earl's 100 acres, bearing east 20 degrees north to the south-west corner of G. W. Evans' 519 acres; and thence by the southern boundaries of that land, of W. and J. Cox's 200 acres, and of Robert Forrester's 70 acres; then on the east by Wm. Naish's 108 acres bearing south; then on the north-east by Wm. Ezzy's 130 acres bearing south 32 degrees east to the Glebe land; then on the south-east by the Glebe land bearing west 37 degrees south; then again on the north-east by the Glebe land bearing east 40 degrees south; then again on the north-west by the Glebe land bearing north 34 degrees east to a point where the south-west boundary line of the Benevolent Asylum land prolonged would meet the Glebe land; then again on the north-east by a line to the west corner of the Benevolent Asylum land; and thence by its south-west boundary line bearing east 33 degrees 30 minutes south; then again on the north-west by the south-east boundary line of that land bearing north 33 degrees 30 minutes east to the south-west police boundary of the town of Windsor; then again on the north-east by that police boundary line bearing east 34 degrees south; then again on the north by the south police boundary line of that town bearing east to Thomas Cross' 30 acres; thence again on the east by part of the west boundary line of that farm and by John Burn's 30 acres; then again on the south by part of Jacob Russell's 30 acres; then again on the east by Russell's land; then again on the north by part of that land to the north-west corner of Edward Johnston's 25 acres; then again on the north-east by Edward Johnston's 25 acres and by Charles King's 30 acres bearing south 20 degrees east; then by Richard Ridge's 50 acres and by J. Podgett's 30 acres bearing south 23 degrees east; then by 30 acres of land granted to Edward Perkins in the year 1794 (but since cancelled); then again on the south-east by Luar's or Freeman's grant bearing south-westerly; then again on the north-east by that grant bearing south 30 degrees east to D. M'Arty's 40 acres; and then again on the south-east by D. M'Arty's 40 acres bearing west 30 degrees south, to the point of commencement (advertised as No. 41 in the Government notice, dated 11th July, 1850).

NOTE.—The above is in lieu of the notice in the Government Gazette of the 31st July, 1890.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 2nd September, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF FIRE ENGINE STATION  
AND TOWN HALL SITES AT GOULBURN AND  
DEDICATION FOR TOWN HALL SITE.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedications of the Fire Engine Station site at Goulburn, area 3½ perches, and the Town Hall site, area 1 rood, dedicated on the 5th October, 1866, and 22nd April, 1886, respectively, both hereunder described, with a view to the dedication of allotments 11 and 17 of section 2, City of Goulburn, area 35½ perches, for site for Town Hall.

[Ms. 90-12,622]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

DESCRIPTIONS.

**EASTERN DIVISION.**

**LAND DISTRICT OF GOULBURN.**

**Fire Engine Station site proposed to be resumed.**

County of Argyle, parish of Goulburn, City of Goulburn, containing an area of 3½ perches. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at the south-eastern side of Auburn-street, at the northern corner of M. Healy's allotment 6 of 2 roods; and bounded thence on the north-west by that street north-easterly 20 feet; on the north-east by a line south-easterly at right angles to Auburn-street 50 feet; on the south-east by a line south-westerly parallel to Auburn-street 20 feet; and on the south-west by part of the north-eastern boundary line of allotment 6 aforesaid north-westerly at right angles to Auburn-street 50 feet, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued G. 79-834.

NOTE.—The area proposed to be dedicated for Town Hall site includes the above.

**Town Hall site proposed to be resumed.**

County of Argyle, parish of Goulburn, allotment 14 of section 2, City of Goulburn, containing an area of one rood: Commencing on the south-western side of Montague-street, at the eastern corner of allotment 12; and bounded thence on the north-east by that street south-easterly 2 chains and 50 links; on the south-east by a line south-westerly at right angles to Montague-street 1 chain; on the south-west by a line north-westerly parallel with Montague-street 2 chains and 50 links; and on the north-west by the south-eastern boundary line of allotment 12 aforesaid north-easterly at right angles to Montague-street 2 chains and 50 links, to the point of commencement. Plan G. 72-834.

**Town Hall site proposed to be dedicated.**

County of Argyle, parish of Goulburn, City of Goulburn containing an area of 35½ perches. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at the most northern corner of Matthew Healy's allotment 6 of section 2 where that allotment meets Auburn-street; and bounded thence on the south-west by part of the north-eastern boundary of allotment 6 being a line bearing south 63 degrees 51 minutes east 150 feet; on the south-east by a line bearing north 26 degrees 9

minutes east 65 feet; on the north-east by a line bearing north 63 degrees 51 minutes west 150 feet to Auburn-street; and on the north-west by part of that street being a line bearing south 26 degrees 9 minutes west 65 feet, to the point of commencement, being allotments 11 and 17 of section 2,—shown on plans catalogued G. 79-834 and G. 103-834.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 2nd September, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF RECREATION AND  
WATER RESERVE AT MUDGEES, AND RE-  
DEDICATION FOR THE SAME PURPOSES IN  
TWO AREAS.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Mudgee, area about 18 acres, dedicated on the 15th April, 1879, for public recreation and water supply, and hereunder described, with a view to the re-dedication of 2 roods 8 perches thereof for water supply, and the remainder, about 17½ acres, for public recreation.

[Ms. 90-12,621]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

DESCRIPTIONS.

**Area proposed to be resumed.**

County of Wellington, parish of Mudgee, town of Mudgee, area about 18 acres: Commencing on the left bank of the Cudgegong River, at its intersection with the north side of Short-street; thence on the south by a line westerly to its intersection with the south-eastern bank of an ana-branch of the Cudgegong River aforesaid, said intersection being situated about 1½ chain northerly of the north-western corner of section 55; thence by that bank of that ana-branch north-easterly; and by the left bank of Cudgegong River upwards, to the point of commencement.

**Area proposed to be dedicated for water supply.**

County of Wellington, parish of Mudgee, town of Mudgee, being section 54a, area 2 roods 8 perches: Commencing on the left bank of the Cudgegong River, at its intersection with the north side of Short-street; and bounded thence by part of that side of that street bearing north 89 degrees 53 minutes west 3 chains; thence by a line bearing north 3 chains 68 links to the aforesaid left bank of the Cudgegong River; and thence by that bank of that river upwards, to the point of commencement,—as shown on plan catalogued W. 27-2,075.

**Area proposed to be dedicated for public recreation.**

County of Wellington, parish of Mudgee, area about 17½ acres: Commencing on the north side of Short-street, at a point situated 1 chain 50 links north from the north-west corner of section 1, town of Mudgee, being the south-western corner of section 54a of 2 roods 8 perches; and bounded thence by part of that side of that street westerly to its intersection with the south-eastern bank of an ana-branch of the Cudgegong River, said intersection being situated about 1½ chain northerly of the north-western corner of section 55; thence by that bank of that ana-branch north-easterly and by the left bank of the Cudgegong River aforesaid upwards to the northernmost corner of section 54a abovementioned; and thence by the western boundary of that section, being a line bearing south 3 chains 68 links, to the point of commencement.

1890.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SETTING FORTH THE MODE IN WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO DEAL WITH THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN LANDS UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. NO. 18.)

Presented to Parliament pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

[7702]

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF RECREATION RESERVE  
AT DUBBO, DEDICATION FOR THE SAME PURPOSE  
IN LIEU, AND RESERVATION FOR RAILWAY  
PURPOSES.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Dubbo, area 47 acres 1 rood 21 perches, dedicated on the 17th March, 1876, for public recreation, and hereunder described, with a view to the re-dedication of 36 acres 2 roods thereof for public recreation, and to the reservation of the remainder, 10 acres 3 roods 10 perches, for railway purposes.

[Ms. 90-12,913]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

Recreation reserve proposed to be resumed.

County of Lincoln, parish of Dubbo, town of Dubbo, area 47 acres 1 rood 21 perches: Commencing at the intersection of the southern side of Erskine-street with the western side of Gipps-street; and bounded thence on the east by Gipps-street southerly 33 chains; on the south by Wingewarra-street westerly 11 chains 63 links; on the west by a line bearing north 10 chains; again on the south by a line bearing west 10 chains; again on the west by Darling-street northerly 23 chains; and on the north by Erskine-street easterly 21 chains and 63 links, to the point of commencement; but exclusive of an area of 10 acres 3 roods resumed for railway purposes, and a street 99 feet wide, confirmed 20th August, 1880, being a continuation of Talbragar-street,—shown on plan catalogued D. 19-1,349.

Recreation reserve proposed to be dedicated.

County of Lincoln, parish of Dubbo, town of Dubbo, area 36 acres 2 roods: Commencing at the intersection of the east side of Darling-street with the south side of Talbragar-street, town of Dubbo; and bounded thence on the north by part of the south side of Talbragar-street first-mentioned, being a line bearing east 21 chains 63 links to the east side of Gipps-street; thence on the east by part of that side of that street, being a line bearing south 21 chains 50 links to the north side of Wingewarra-street; thence on part of the south by part of that side of that street, being a line bearing west 11 chains 63 links to the south-east corner of an area of 10 acres, dedicated 6th December, 1867, for public recreation; thence on part of the west by the

eastern boundary of that dedication, being a line bearing north 10 chains to its north-east corner; on the remainder of the south by the north boundary of the aforesaid dedication, being a line bearing west 10 chains to the east side of Darling-street aforesaid; and thence on the remainder of the west by part of that side of that street, being a line bearing north 11 chains 50 links, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued D. 19-1,349.

[7704]

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF SCHOOL OF ARTS  
SITE AT LAWRENCE AND DEDICATION FOR  
THE SAME PURPOSE IN LIEU.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Lawrence, area 37 perches, dedicated 22nd January, 1886, for site for School of Arts, and hereunder described, with a view to its being set apart for roadway, and to the dedication of allotment 10 of section 3 in the same locality, as a site for School of Arts in lieu.

[Ms. 90-13,683]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

School of Arts site proposed to be resumed.

County of Clarence, parish of Lawrence, town of Lawrence, area 37 perches, allotment 10 of section 3: Commencing on the eastern side of Grafton-street, at the north-western corner of allotment 8; and bounded thence on the west by that street bearing north 15 degrees east 1 chain 41 links; on the north-east by lines bearing south 53 degrees 15 minutes east 2 chains 68 links; and thence south 28 degrees east 57½ links; and on the south by part of the northern boundary of allotment 8 aforesaid, bearing north 75 degrees west 2 chains 88 links, to the point of commencement,—as shown on plan catalogued L. 15-1,662.

School of Arts site proposed to be dedicated.

County of Clarence, parish of Lawrence, town of Lawrence, containing an area of 1 rood. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at a point on the eastern side of Grafton-street, bearing north 15 degrees east 100 links from the north-west corner of allotment 8 of section 3; thence south 75 degrees east 250 links; thence north 15 degrees east 100 links; thence north 75 degrees west 250 links; thence south 15 degrees west 100 links, to the point of commencement,—as shown on plan catalogued L. 18-1,662.

[7703]

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1890.

PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF PITT TOWN  
COMMON.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to resume Pitt Town Common, area 8,875 acres, hereunder described, with a view to extension of the town and other purposes provided for in the Crown Lands Acts.

[Ms. 90-13,428]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

All that piece or parcel of land situated in the county of Cumberland, and parish of Pitt Town, containing by admeasurement 8,875 acres, be the same more or less: Commencing at a marked gum-tree, the south-west corner of the common, being a distance of 80 links in a northerly direction from a box-tree which is the north-west corner of C. Marsden's 900 acres; and bounded on the south-west by part of that land being a line bearing south 28 degrees 15 minutes east 35 chains to a marked stump; thence by part of Charles Marsden's 900 acres being a line bearing south 40 degrees east 10 chains 60 links; from thence on the south partly by the land granted as Marsden's 900 acres and Captain Maurice O'Connell's 2,500 acres to the south-east corner of the common, being a line bearing east 25 degrees south 137 chains 9 links; from thence on the eastward by portions of land granted to various parties in the parish of Nelson, being a line bearing north 19 degrees 30 minutes east 556 chains to Cattai Creek; thence by Cattai Creek to the north-east corner of the 100 acres of land granted to John Trotter at said creek; thence on the west by John Trotter's grant of 100 acres being a line bearing south 44 chains 10 links to an ironbark-tree; thence on the north-west by the 150 acres of land granted to Thomas Arndell being a line bearing south 21 degrees 30 minutes west 47 chains to a marked gum-tree; thence on the north-west by the lands granted to Wheeler and Paulett, being a line bearing south 53

degrees 30 minutes west 38 chains 75 links to an old dead gum-tree at the side of the present fence; thence on the north-west by the 130 acres of land granted to Joseph Smith, being a line bearing south 19 degrees 30 minutes west 65 chains 22 links to a marked gum-tree; thence by a line bearing west 16 degrees 30 minutes south 309 links to an ironbark-tree being the distance left for a reserved road; thence on the north-west by township land formerly John Palmer's 380 acres, also by the 280 acres grant to Thomas Biggers, and the 260 acres grant to Andrew Thompson, being a line bearing south 19 degrees 30 minutes west 295 chains 90 links to the marked gum-tree at the south-west corner of the common as aforesaid,—being the land advertised as number 10 in the Government notice, dated 15th January, 1850.

[7705]

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1890.

PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF POLICE RESERVE  
AT MARULAN.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke police reserve No. 1,642 at Marulan, area 8 acres, proclaimed 22nd April, 1886, and hereunder described, with a view to its being included in a reserve of 9 acres 2 roods 12 perches for police purposes.

[Ms. 90-13,257]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

No. 1,642. County of Argyle, parish of Marulan, at Marulan, area 8 acres: Commencing on the southern side of a road 1 chain wide, at a point distant 1 chain south from the south-eastern corner of a measured portion of 100 acres; and bounded thence on the north by that road dividing it from part of that portion bearing west 8 chains; on the west by a line bearing south 10 chains; on the south by a line bearing east 8 chains; and on the east by a line bearing north 10 chains, to the point of commencement.

[37.]

Sydney: Charles Potter, Government Printer.—1890.

1890.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SETTING FORTH THE MODE IN WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO DEAL WITH THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN LANDS UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. NO. 18, SEC. 105.)

Presented to Parliament pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 4th November, 1890.

## PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF OLD POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE SITE AND MARKET RESERVE AT WINDSOR, AND DEDICATION THEREOF FOR TOWN HALL SITE AND ADDITION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedications of the old Post and Telegraph Office site and the Market Reserve in the Town of Windsor, area 1 rood 3 perches and 1 acre 1 rood respectively, both hereunder described, with a view to the dedication of the first-mentioned area for Town Hall site, and the latter for addition to Public School site.

[Ms. 90-15,109]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

## Old Post and Telegraph Office Site.

County of Cumberland, parish of St. Matthew, town of Windsor, area 1 rood 3 perches: Commencing on the north-western side of George-street, at the south-eastern corner of Benjamin & Moses' allotment 5 of 1 rood 4 perches; and bounded thence by the south-western boundary of that land bearing north 56 degrees 15 minutes west 2 chains 60 links; thence by a line forming the south-eastern boundary of J. B. Polding's allotment 8 of 1 rood 3 perches, bearing south 33 degrees 45 minutes west 1 chain 4 links; thence by a line forming the north-eastern boundary of M. M'Quade's allotment 3 of 1 rood 3 perches, bearing south 56 degrees 15 minutes east 2 chains 60 links to the north-western side of George-street aforesaid; and thence by lines forming part of that side of that street, bearing north 33 degrees 45 minutes east 27 links and north 40 degrees 45 minutes east 77 links, to the point of commencement,—as shown on plan catalogued W. 31-873.

## Market Reserve.

County of Cumberland, parish of St. Matthew, town of Windsor, area 1 acre 1 rood: Commencing at the intersection of the north-western side of Macquarie-street with the south-western side of Christie-street; and bounded thence by that side of Christie-street bearing north 56 degrees west 2 chains 51.5 links to the north-eastern corner of the 1 acre dedicated

for Public School, 12th March, 1869; thence by the south-eastern boundary of that land and of the additional grant of 39 perches for Public School, bearing south 33 degrees 30 minutes west 5 chains to the north-eastern side of Dight-street; thence by that side of that street bearing south 56 degrees east 2 chains 51.5 links to its intersection with the north-western side of Macquarie-street; and thence by that side of Macquarie-street bearing north 33 degrees 30 minutes east 5 chains, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued W. 36-873.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 4th November, 1890.

## PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF GENERAL CEMETERY AT RODBOROUGH.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the General Cemetery at Rodborough, near Manly, area 3 acres, hereunder described, with a view to its being set apart for Water Supply.

[Ms. 90-15,106]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

All that piece or parcel of land situate in the county of Cumberland, parish of Manly Cove, at Rodborough, containing 3 acres: Commencing on the eastern side of a road one chain wide at the north-western corner of W. G. Ainsworth's 12 acres 2 roods 22 perches; and bounded thence on the west by that side of that road bearing north 10 minutes east 6 chains to the south-western corner of the 1 acre dedicated as site for Church of England; thence on the north by the southern boundary of that land and by the southern boundaries of the Church of England School and Parsonage sites, bearing in all south 89 degrees 50 minutes east 5 chains to the western side of a road 50 links wide; thence on the east by that side of that road bearing south 10 minutes west 6 chains to the northern boundary of W. G. Ainsworth's 12 acres 2 roods 22 perches aforesaid; and thence on the south by that boundary bearing north 89 degrees 50 minutes west, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan C. 821-1,984.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 4th November, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION AND REDEDICATION OF  
GENERAL CEMETERY AT TUMBULGUM.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the General Cemetery at Tumbulgum (North Arm, Tweed River), area 8 acres 2 roods 10 perches, dedicated on the 12th January, 1883, and hereunder described, with a view to its rededication in an amended form with an area of 6 acres 3 roods 37 perches.  
[Ms. 90-15,000]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTIONS.**

General Cemetery proposed to be resumed.

County of Rous, parish of Berwick, area 8 acres 2 roods 10 perches: Commencing on the left bank of the north arm of the Tweed River, at the south-west corner of portion 22; and bounded thence on the east by part of the west boundary of that portion being a line bearing north 11 chains and 1 link; on the north by a line bearing west 9 chains 90 links to the east side of a road 1 chain wide; on the west by part of that side of that road being a line bearing south 6 chains 94½ links; and on the south-west by lines bearing south 76 degree east 2 chains 29½ links, south 68 degrees 47 minutes east 3 chains 12 links, and south 59 degrees 45 minutes east 3 chains 23 links respectively, to the point of commencement,—as shown on plan catalogued C. 1,065-1,984.

**EASTERN DIVISION.**

LAND DISTRICT OF MURWILLUMBAH.

General Cemetery proposed to be dedicated.

County of Rous, parish of Berwick, area 6 acres 3 roods 37 perches: Commencing at the intersection of the western boundary line of portion 22, with the north-eastern side of a road 100 links wide; and bounded thence on the east by part of that western boundary being a line bearing north 10 minutes east 9 chains 12 links; on the north by a line bearing east 9 chains 90 links to the east side of a road 1 chain wide; thence on the east by part of that side of that road being a line bearing south 5 chains 62 links to the north-eastern side of a road 100 links wide; and thence on the south-west by that side of that road bearing respectively south 74 degrees 44 minutes east 7 chains 87 links and south 58 degrees 8 minutes east 2 chains 69 links, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued Ms. 105 Gfn.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 4th November, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF SHOW GROUND AT  
MOREE AND DEDICATION FOR THE SAME  
PURPOSE IN LIEU.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Moree, area 5 acres, viz., portion 123, in the parish of Moree, county of Courallie, dedicated on the 22nd May, 1877, for show ground, and hereunder described, with a view to its being included in a travelling stock reserve, and to the dedication in lieu of portion 231 of 10 acres 1 rood 20 perches, in the locality in question, also hereunder described, for show ground for the use of the Gwydir Pastoral and Agricultural Society.

[Ms. 90-15,107]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTIONS.**

Show Ground proposed to be resumed.

County of Courallie, parish of Moree, containing an area of 5 acres: The Crown Lands within the boundaries of measured portion 123 of 5 acres,—as shown on plan C. 315-1,880.

Show Ground proposed to be dedicated.

County of Courallie, parish of Moree, within the suburban boundaries of the town of Moree, containing an area of 10 acres 1 rood 20 perches. The Crown Lands within the boundaries of measured portion 231 of 10 acres 1 rood 20 perches,—as shown on plan catalogued M. 20-1,769.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 4th November, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF MECHANICS' INSTI-  
TUTE SITE AT NOWRA.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Nowra, area 2 roods, viz., allotment No. 11 of section 26, dedicated on the 13th March, 1877, for site of Mechanics' Institute, and hereunder described, with a view to the sale by auction of the land in question.

[Ms. 90-15,110]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTION.**

County of St. Vincent, parish of Nowra, area 2 roods, being allotment 11 of section 26, village of Nowra: Commencing at the north-eastern corner of the section; and bounded thence on the east by Kinchorne-street southerly 2 chains 24 links; on the south by a line westerly at right angles to Kinchorne-street 2 chains 24 links; on the west by a line northerly parallel with Kinchorne-street 2 chains and 24 links to Plunket-street; and on the north by that street easterly 2 chains and 24 links, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued N. 5-1,489.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 4th November, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF GENERAL CEMETERY  
AT WYRALLAH AND DEDICATION FOR THE  
SAME PURPOSE IN LIEU.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the General Cemetery at Wyrallah, Richmond River, area 3 acres 3 roods 0½ perch, dedicated on the 12th March, 1869, and hereunder described, with a view to the reservation of that area for the preservation of graves, and the dedication of an area of 8 acres 3 roods 8 perches in the same locality, also hereunder described, for site for General Cemetery in lieu.

[Ms. 90-14,718]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

**DESCRIPTIONS.**

General Cemetery proposed to be resumed.

County of Rous, parish of Tuckurimba, area 3 acres 3 roods 0½ perch: Commencing at point on the eastern boundary line of portion 36, John Keep's 40 acres, being also the south-eastern corner of portion 32 of 2 acres, dedicated 12th March, 1869, as a site for Public School at Tucki Tucki (Richmond River); and bounded thence on the east by a line bearing south 7 chains 51 links; on the south by a line bearing west 5 chains; on the west by a line bearing north 7 chains 51 links; and on the north by a line bearing east 5 chains, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued C. 60-1,984.

General Cemetery proposed to be dedicated.

County of Rous, parish of Tuckurimba, area 8 acres 3 roods 8 perches: Commencing at a point bearing south 73 degrees 33 minutes west, and distant 1 chain 83·6 links from the most northern corner of portion 107 of 80 acres; and bounded thence on the south-east by a line bearing south 40 degrees 33 minutes west 8 chains to the most southern corner of an allotment 4 of 2 roods appropriated for Wesleyan burial purposes; thence on the south-west by a line bearing north 49 degrees 27 minutes west 11 chains 1 link to the western corner of an allotment 5 of 3 roods, appropriated for Presbyterian burial purposes; thence on the north-west by a line bearing north 40 degrees 33 minutes east 8 chains to the most northern corner of an allotment 1 of 1 acre, appropriated for Roman Catholic burial purposes; and thence on the north-east by a line bearing south 49 degrees 27 minutes east 11 chains 1 link, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued Ms. 61 Gfn.

NOTE—The above is in lieu of the Supplement published 24th October, 1890.



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SETTING FORTH THE MODE IN WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO DEAL WITH THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN LANDS UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. NO. 18, SEC. 5.)

Presented to Parliament pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF WILBERFORCE  
COMMON.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to resume Wilberforce Common, area 7,970 acres, hereunder described, with a view to setting apart portions thereof as Special Areas and Temporary Common, and other appropriations under the Crown Lands Acts,—the claims of the various occupants to be dealt with on their merits.

[Ms. 90-16,458]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

All that piece or parcel of land situated in the county of Cook, parish of Wilberforce, containing by admeasurement 7,970 acres, be the same more or less, exclusive of the town of Wilberforce: Commencing at an ironbark-tree, being the north-west corner of Wm. Singleton's 92 acres; and bounded on the south by that land, being a line bearing east 21 degrees north 28 chains; thence on the west by the same land, being a line bearing south 1 degree east 32 chains 40 links; thence on the south-east by Baldwin's, Gosport's, Reiby's, and Reynolds' grants, being a line bearing north 62 degrees east 96 chains; thence on the south-east by J. Cobroft's 50 acres grant, being a line bearing north 39 degrees 15 minutes east 27 chains; thence on the north-east by Matthew Lock's 30 acres, being a line bearing north 21 degrees west 15 chains; thence on the south-east by the same land, being a line bearing east 24 degrees north 20 chains; thence on the south by Edward Robinson's 100 acres grant, being a line bearing east 2 degrees north 29 chains; thence on the south by Thomas Dargin's 150 acres grant, being a line bearing east 4 degrees north 42 chains 50 links; thence on the south-east by the land reserved as the extension of the town of Wilberforce, being a line bearing east 36 degrees north 52 chains; thence on the south-west by the same land, being a line bearing south 38 degrees 30 minutes east 41 chains 50 links; thence on the north-west by the town of Wilberforce, being a line bearing west 36 degrees south 8 chains; thence on

the west by John Howarth's 70 acres grant, being a line bearing south 22 chains 50 links; thence on the south-east by Charles Watson's 75 acres grant, being a line bearing east 17 degrees 30 minutes north 23 chains 40 links; thence on the east by D. Dunstan's 100 acres grant, being a line bearing north 35 chains 90 links; thence on the south-east by the same land, being a line bearing east 36 degrees north 19 chains; thence on the south-west by the same land, being a line bearing south 36 degrees east 31 chains; thence on the south-east by Joseph Banks' 30 acres grant, being a line bearing north 35 degrees east 11 chains 20 links; thence on the south-east by Fowke's and Waring's grants of 30 acres each, being a line bearing north 43 degrees east 31 chains 60 links; thence on the north-east by D. Brown's 100 acres grant, being a line bearing north 30 degrees west 23 chains 20 links; thence on the south-east by the same land, being a line bearing east 36 degrees north 35 chains 20 links; thence on the south-west by the same land, being a line bearing south 30 degrees east 1 chain 90 links to the north-west corner of W. Hopkins' 34 acres; thence on the south by W. Hopkins' 34 acres, being a line bearing east 24 chains to a reserved road 1 chain 53 links wide; from thence on the south-east by William Burgess' 150 acres grant, being a line bearing north 42 degrees 30 minutes east 36 chains 44 links to a gum-tree at the Hawkesbury River; thence by the Hawkesbury River to an oak-tree, being the south-east corner of Owen Cavenagh's 100 acres grant; thence on the north by Owen Cavenagh's 100 acres, being a line bearing west 36 chains; thence on the east by Cavenagh's, Davison's, and Howe's grants of 100 acres each, being a line bearing north 66 chains to a marked apple-tree, being the north-east corner of the Common; thence on the north, partly by Crown land, and Hall's, Beasley's, and Duncombe's grants, being a line bearing west 1 degree 30 minutes south 394 chains to the north-east corner of J. R. Hatfield's 50 acres; thence on the west by Hatfield's 50 acres, Sweeney's 40 acres, the grant to the Benevolent Society, and the grants of Yeomans, Gosport, Parr, Baldwin, and part of Mary Reiby's 100 acres grant, being a line bearing south 254 chains to the ironbark-tree at the north-west corner of Wm. Singleton's 92 acres as aforesaid.

Advertised as No. 63 in the Government notice dated 22nd August, 1851.

This area was dedicated 20th October, 1851.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF PART OF SOUTH  
HEAD ROAD, PADDINGTON, AND REDEDICA-  
TION FOR TOWN HALL SITE.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to resume that portion of the South Head Road, Paddington, area 1 rood  $4\frac{1}{4}$  perches, hereunder described, with a view to the rededication of that area for Town Hall site.

[Ms. 90-16,787]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

DESCRIPTION.

County of Cumberland, parish of Alexandria, at Paddington, area 1 rood  $4\frac{1}{4}$  perches: Commencing on the north-western side of Oatley Road, at the north-east corner of the Barrack wall; and bounded thence on the south-east by part of the north-western side of Oatley Road bearing north 17 degrees 3 minutes east  $124\frac{1}{10}$  links to the proposed new southern building line of the South Head Road; thence on parts of the north-east by that proposed new building line, being lines bearing north 82 degrees 54 minutes west  $241\frac{4}{10}$  links and north 77 degrees 12 minutes west  $47\frac{1}{10}$  links; thence on the north-west by a line bearing south 6 degrees 57 minutes west  $80\frac{9}{10}$  links to the northern side of the Barrack wall aforesaid; and thence on the south-west by the northern side of the said Barrack wall bearing south 72 degrees 57 minutes east  $270\frac{9}{10}$  links, to the point of commencement.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1890.

**PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF GENERAL CEMETERY  
AT THIRLMERE.**

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the General Cemetery at Thirlmere (Redbank), area 10 acres 3 roods 20 perches, dedicated 11th June, 1886, and hereunder described, with a view to its being included in a recreation reserve.

[Ms. 90-7,656]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

DESCRIPTION.

County of Camden, parish of Couridjah, village of Thirlmere, area 10 acres 3 roods 20 perches: Commencing on the northern side of Mason-street, at the southern extremity of the western side of Goodlet-street; and bounded thence on the east by part of the western side of the last-named street north 5 chains; thence on the north by a line west 12 chains; thence again on the east by a line north 3 chains 74 links to the southern side of Oaks-street; thence again on the north by part of that side of that street south 89 degrees 11 minutes west 1 chain; thence on the west by a line south 5 chains  $97\frac{1}{2}$  links; thence again on the north by a line west 7 chains 29 links; thence again on the east by a line north 2 chains 25 links; thence again on the north by a line west 4 chains to the eastern side of a road 1 chain wide; thence again on the west by part of that side of that road south 5 chains to the northern side of Mason-street aforesaid; and thence on the south by part of that side of that street east 24 chains 29 links, to the point of commencement. Plan catalogued C. 1,078-1,984.

1890.

## NEW SOUTH-WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SETTING FORTH THE MODE IN WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO DEAL WITH THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN LANDS UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. NO. 18, SEC. 5.)

Presented to Parliament pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

[10302] Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 15th December, 1890.

## PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF PART OF COOTAMUNDRA WATER RESERVE.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of that part of the water reserve at Cootamundra, dedicated 12th March, 1869, within the boundaries of allotment No. 2 of section 32, area 3 roods 2 perches, hereunder described, with a view to the reservation of that area for market site.

[Ms. 90-16,783] JAMES N. BRUNKER.

DESCRIPTION.  
EASTERN DIVISION.

## LAND DISTRICT OF COOTAMUNDRA.

County of Harden, parish of Cootamundra, containing an area of 3 roods 2 perches. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at a point bearing south 30 degrees 30 minutes west 2 chains from the most eastern corner of section 32, town of Cootamundra; and bounded thence on the south-east by part of the north-western side of Parker-street bearing south 30 degrees 30 minutes west 2 chains 55 links; thence by a line bearing north 81 degrees 56 minutes west 2 chains 71 links; thence by a line bearing north 30 degrees 30 minutes east 3 chains 59 links; and thence by a line bearing south 59 degrees 30 minutes east 2 chains 50 links, to the point of commencement.

[10300] Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 15th December, 1890.

## PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF LIBRARY SITE AT KIAMA, AND DEDICATION OF SITE FOR MECHANICS' INSTITUTE IN LIEU.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to resume the library site at Kiama, area 2 roods—viz., allotment 5 of section 3, hereunder described—with a view to its sale or other appropriation under the Crown Lands Acts, and to the dedication in lieu of allotment 19 of section 5, in the same locality, area 24 perches, for site for Mechanics' Institute.

[Ms. 90-4,765] JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

## Library site proposed to be Resumed.

All that piece or parcel of land situate in the county of Camden, parish of Kiama, being allotment 5, section 3, of the town of Kiama, and containing by admeasurement 2 roods: Commencing on the south-eastern side of Manning-street, at the most western corner of allotment 4, dedicated as site for Church of England; thence by a line forming the south-western boundary of that allotment and allotment 3 bearing south 63 degrees east 5 chains; thence by a line forming the north-western boundary of the Reverend J. Barnier's allotment 10 bearing south 27 degrees west 1 chain; thence by a line forming the north-eastern boundaries of A. King's allotments 7 and 6 respectively bearing north 63 degrees west 5 chains to the south-eastern side of Manning-street aforesaid; and thence by that side of that street bearing north 27 degrees east 1 chain, to the point of commencement,—as shown on plan K. 32-1,091.

Site for Mechanic's Institute proposed to be dedicated.

County of Camden, parish of Kiama, area 24 perches. Commencing at a point on the north-western side of Manning-street bearing south 27 degrees west 2 chains 49 links from its intersection with the south-western side of Terralong-street; and bounded thence on the north-east by a line bearing north 63 degrees west 1 chain 50 links; thence on the north-west by a line bearing south 27 degrees west 1 chain; thence on the south-west by a line bearing south 63 degrees east 1 chain 50 links to the north-western side of Manning-street aforesaid; and thence on the south-east by that side of that street bearing north 27 degrees east 1 chain, to the point of commencement,—being allotment 19 of section 5, town of Kiama, as shown on plan K. 42-1,091.

[10301] Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 15th December, 1890.

## PROPOSED RESUMPTION AND REDEDICATION OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCH AND PARSONAGE SITES AT LAMBTON.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to resume and rededicate the Church of England Church and Parsonage sites at Lambton, area 1 acre 2 roods, hereunder described, an amended plan of the land in question having being furnished.

[Ms. 90-18,510] JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

## Area proposed to be resumed.

County of Northumberland, parish of Newcastle, Lambton, area 1½ acres: Commencing on the eastern boundary line of the Lambton Colliery Company's portion 14 of 320 acres, at a point 12 chains north from the south-eastern corner of that portion; and bounded thence on the west by part of that boundary line bearing north 3 chains; thence on the north by a line bearing east 5 chain; thence on the east by a line bearing south 3 chains; and thence on the south by a line bearing west 5 chains, to the point of commencement,—to include portions 317 of ½ acre and 318 of 1 acre,—as shown on plan catalogued C. 97-1,984.

## Area proposed to be dedicated.

County of Northumberland, parish of Newcastle, Lambton, area 1½ acres: Commencing on the western side of Church-street, at the south-east corner of portion 124 of 30½ perches; and bounded thence on the east by the west side of Church-street bearing south 2 degrees 34 minutes 52 seconds east 3 chains 57⅞ links to the north-east corner of portion 270 of 28 perches; thence on the south by the northern boundaries of portions 270, 269, and 266, bearing south 87 degrees 56 minutes west 4 chains 23 links to the eastern side of Morehead-street; thence on the west by the eastern side of that street bearing north 1 degrees 40 minutes 38 seconds west 3 chains 57⅞ links to the south-west corner of portion 43 of 25½ perches; and thence on the north by the southern boundaries of portion 43, 122, 123, and 124 aforesaid, bearing north 87 degrees 56 minutes east 4 chains 17¾ links, to the point of commencement,—to include portion 2,365,—as shown on plan catalogued N. 2,166-2,111.



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVED FROM SALE UNTIL SURVEYED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Acts 48 Vic. No. 18, and 53 Vic. No. 21.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18 and the 39th section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	Section.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 89-18998	10492	101	Ashburnham	Mumbidgle, &c.	a. r. p. 7,800 0 0	20 Dec., 1889	9236
16281	10418	"	do	Dulladerry	8 0 0	21 " "	9275
18120	10469	"	Gregory	Northcote, &c.	640 0 0	" "	9280
10443	10438	109	Murchison	Caroda	640 0 0	" "	"
11510	9863	101	Cook, &c.	Cox, &c.	150 0 0	" "	9281
"	9864	"	Cook	Cox	73 0 0	" "	"
"	9865	"	do	do	670 0 0	" "	"
"	9866	"	Roxburgh	Ben Bullen	330 0 0	" "	"
16541	10445	"	Buccleuch	Bramina, &c.	1,300 0 0	" "	"
16429	10440	"	Gregory	Merrimba	1,050 0 0	" "	"
12720	10260	"	Nandewar	Narrabri	144 0 0	" "	"
15022	10442	"	Kennedy	Derribong	200 0 0	" "	9282
16820	10441	"	Rous	Terranora, V. of Cooloon	0 3 19	" "	"
16523	10444	"	Robinson	Mopone, &c., &c.	65,200 0 0	" "	"
14833	10404	"	Gregory	Gerar	40 0 0	" "	"
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10443	10437	109	Murchison	Caroda, &c.	1,680 0 0	" "	9283
14234	10439	"	Cadell	Moama	345 0 0	" "	"
15022	10443	"	Kennedy	Derribong	780 0 0	" "	"
15629	10450	"	Manara	Cubarlo	640 0 0	" "	"
"	10451	"	do	do	640 0 0	" "	"
15637	10491	101	Westmoreland	Bindo	42 0 0	" "	"
15461	10379	"	Forbes	Cudgelong	167 0 0	" "	9284
Aln. 89-5580	10513	"	Gregory	Buttabone, &c.	840 0 0	31 " "	9502
Ms. 89-19332	10522	"	Murray	Monkellan	10 0 0	" "	"
19335	10512	"	Bathurst	Kenilworth	2 0 0	" "	"
17472	10317	103	Ashburnham	Cookawidgera	1,020 0 0	4 Jan., 1890	116
"	10318	"	do	Currajong	20 0 0	" "	"
"	10319	"	do	Kamandra	303 0 0	" "	"
15683	10448	101	Wynyard	Rowan	55 0 0	" "	122
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15967	10465	112	Wakool	Miranda	1,112 3 0	" "	"
15068	9328	109	Selwyn	Yellowin	275 0 0	" "	"
15457	10463	101	Kennedy	Kadina	7 3 8	" "	123
16295	10466	"	King	Yass	2 2 2	" "	"
10106	9914	"	Rous	South Lismore	0 3 0	" "	"
"	9915	"	do	do	1 0 1	" "	"
16378	10461	"	Raleigh	Never Never	8 0 0	" "	"
16982	10515	"	Camden	Joadja	40 0 0	11 " "	331
17089	10481	"	Gregory	Gilgoen	280 0 0	" "	"
14675	10501	"	Cadell	Mathoura	2 1 0	" "	"
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15732	10490	"	Hunter	Macdonald	31 2 0	" "	332
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Ms. 89-14675	10498	101	Cadell	Mathoura	a r. p 2 1 0	11 Jan , 1890	332
"	10499	"	do	do	2 1 0	" "	"
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17169	10516	"	Wellington	Cunningham	835 0 0	" "	"
16828	10504	109	Waradgery	Wallaby	271 0 0	" "	"
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17163	10482	101	Gloucester	Tuncurry	21 0 0	" "	333
14675	10495	"	Cadell	Matnoua	2 2 0	" "	"
17097	10518	"	Georgiana	Copperhamia, &c	640 0 0	" "	"
"	10519	"	do	Abercrombie	550 0 0	" "	"
"	10520	"	do	Bigga. &c.	670 0 0	" "	"
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17375	10517	"	Gloucester	Nerong	3 2 0	" "	"
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Occ. 89-10056	10473	"	do	Bama	10 0 0	" "	334
10512	10477	"	White	Gulleigh	5 0 0	" "	"
"	10475	"	Boyd	Jurambula	3 9 0	" "	"
8133	10471	"	Kennedy ..	Mungeria	5 0 0	" "	"
Ms 89-15245	10479	"	Cumberland	Cornelia	0 2 0	" "	"
18498	10662	"	Pottinger	Yaraman	156 0 0	15 "	421
18252	10648	"	Westmoreland.	Antono	187 0 0	" "	"
C S. 89-27705 Dep	10653	"	Rous	Broadwater	172 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90- 566	10665	"	Lincoln	Goonoo	480 0 0	" "	"
559	10664	"	Goulburn	Germanton	112 3 0	" "	"
Rds. 89-212-2	10510	"	Wynyard	Adelong	4 0 0	18 "	562
Occ. 89- 8279	10470	"	Roxburgh	Anley	7 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90- 804	10726	"	Wakool	Gwynne	640 0 0	22 "	640
809	10732	"	Clarendon	Cooba	160 0 0	" "	"
Aln. 90- 145	10737	"	Burnett	Burnett	208 1 0	" "	"
Ms. 90- 1198	10759	"	Raleigh	Congarinne	140 0 0	" "	"
369	10714	"	Pottinger	Gulligal	112 1 0	" "	"
1036	10760	"	Burnett	Balfour ..	1,400 0 0	" "	"
Aln 90- 385	10723	"	Cook	Lett	46 1 0	" "	"
Ms 90 964	10733	"	Couralle	Bumb'e	270 0 0	" "	"
1013	10757	"	Goulburn	Carabobala	175 3 0	" "	"
89-15493	10538	109	Pottinger	Gulligal	430 0 0	25 "	862
17086	10529	"	Tandora	Sihstina	640 0 0	" "	"
"	10530	"	do	do	640 0 0	" "	"
18007	10558	"	Cumberland	Eckersley	20 2 0	" "	887
18172	10559	101	Georgiana	Guinang	60 0 0	" "	"
17374	10557	"	Gloucester	Nerong	1 2 0	" "	"
17650	10572	"	Gipps	Bumbcen	619 0 0	" "	"
17441	10580	"	Stapylton	Bogabilla	3 0 0	" "	"
11071	10540	"	Harding	Abington	430 0 0	" "	888
"	10541	"	do	Barlow	109 0 0	" "	"
"	10542	"	do	do	278 0 0	" "	"
"	10543	"	do	do	280 0 0	" "	"
"	10544	"	do	do	735 0 0	" "	"
"	10545	"	do	Laura	1,280 0 0	" "	"
"	10546	"	do	do	2,970 0 0	" "	"
17698	10551	"	Brisbane	Tem	1,286 0 0	" "	"
17797	10552	"	do	do	85 0 0	" "	"
18115	10553	"	do	do	120 0 0	" "	889
17992	10565	"	Phillip	Dungatee	1 0 0	" "	"
"	10566	"	do	do	1 0 0	" "	"
17218	10536	109	Lincoln	Dubbo	640 0 0	" "	"
15067	10547	"	Cowper	Kiala, &c , &c	19,000 0 0	" "	"
17441	10575	101	Stapylton	Bogabilla	70 0 0	" "	"
18169	10554	"	Boyd	Mycrotha	377 3 0	" "	890
18114	10563	"	Couralle	Bumble	430 0 0	" "	"
18237	10562	112	Roxburgh	Castleton, &c.	2 260 0 0	" "	"
88- 3598	10571	"	Richmond	Dona'dson	5,900 0 0	" "	"
89-17546	10561	"	Kennedy	Minalong	2,775 0 0	" "	"
17545	10560	101	Leichhardt	Moorambilla	20 0 0	" "	"
17376	10556	"	Gloucester	Euther	0 1 0	" "	831
17441	10576	"	Stapylton	Bogabilla	18 1 0	" "	"
15233	10528	"	Clive	Romney	2,400 0 0	" "	"
17441	10578	"	Stapylton	Bogabilla	1 3 0	" "	"
18463	10567	"	Richmond	West Coraki, &c	2 0 0	" "	"
17222	10540	"	King	Gunnary	8 0 0	" "	"
18358	10550	"	Clive	Ballandean	3 1 8	" "	"
17441	10577	"	Stapylton	Bogabilla	2 2 0	" "	892
18360	10535	"	Gough	Strathbogie North	100 0 0	" "	"
16524	10336	"	Tongowoko	Heumitage	12,700 0 0	" "	"
17741	10573	"	Bathurst	Neville	113 0 0	" "	"
17098	10548	"	Georgiana	Yewrangara	830 0 0	" "	"
17381	10564	"	Coulburn	Germanton	0 0 35	" "	"
17625	10570	101,	Sandon	Armdale	95 0 0	" "	893
"	"	109	"	"	"	"	"
18006	10555	101	Cumberland	Eckersley	1 0 0	" "	"
17441	10581	"	Stapylton	Bogabilla	44 2 0	" "	"
17314	10568	"	Auckland	Coolangubia	300 0 0	" "	"
17315	10569	"	do	do	318 0 0	" "	"
90- 1372	10809	"	Harden	Cunjejong	2½ square miles	29 "	916
1200	10769	"	Pottinger	Tulla Mullen	57 0 0	" "	"
1240	10770	"	do	Clift	610 0 0	" "	"
89-15349	10626	"	St. Vincent	Jerawangala	640 0 0	1 Feb ,	1026
13165	10649	"	Bland	Yeo Yeo	115 0 0	" "	"

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Ms. 89-17814	10612	101	Narromine	Buddah	a. r. p.		
"	10613	"	do	do	300 0 0	1 Feb., 1890	1026
17384	10617	112	St. Vincent	Kioloa, &c.	350 0 0	" "	1027
"	10616	"	do	Benandra	55,000 0 0	" "	"
17227	10607	101	Brisbane	Tryone	50,000 0 0	" "	1028
"	10608	"	do	do	210 0 0	" "	"
15908	10606	"	Sturt	Carrathool	420 0 0	" "	"
73- 226	10605	"	Westmoreland	Oberon	2 0 19	" "	"
89-18232	10610	"	Macquarie	Oxley	1 0 0	" "	"
90- 180	10254	109	Bland	Tubbul	50 0 0	" "	"
89-17632	10603	101	Auckland	Meringo	476 0 0	" "	"
17688	10639	"	Brisbane	Manbus	10 0 13	" "	1029
11887	10602	"	Yancowinna	Picton, &c.	2 0 0	" "	"
16371	10650	"	do	do	5 1 1	" "	"
17806	10641	"	Sandon	Mihi	0 1 20	" "	"
17428	10611	"	Pottinger	Bogabri	360 0 0	" "	"
18092	10615	"	do	Dubbleda	108 0 0	" "	"
16975	10628	109	Urana	Palmer	110 0 0	" "	"
18224	10609	"	Gloucester	Talawah, &c.	492 3 0	" "	"
17543	10651	101	Hume	Henty	0 1 35	" "	1030
"	10652	"	do	do	0 2 11	" "	"
90- 7	10604	"	Bland	Bundawarrah	0 2 11	" "	"
"	10647	"	Auckland	Yowaka	0 1 0	" "	"
89-17834	10614	"	Macquarie	John's River	1,320 0 0	" "	"
90- 1403	10858	"	Forbes	Broula	0 2 9	" "	"
"	10833	"	Mitchell	Arajoel	53 0 0	4 "	1088
89-18253	10706	"	Westmoreland	Bimlow	160 0 0	8 "	"
19241	10716	"	Clarence	Quyarigo	28 2 0	" "	1198
19067	10656	"	Burnett	Warialda	160 0 0	" "	"
12081	10524	"	Beresford	Bransby	32 0 0	" "	"
18373	10715	"	Harden	Currawong	8 3 0	" "	1199
18111	10724	109	Nicholson	Redbank	10 0 17	" "	"
19240	10702	"	Tongowoko	Hermitage	640 0 0	" "	"
"	10703	"	do	do	319 0 0	" "	"
90- 467	10743	"	Yantara	Yandenberry	640 0 0	" "	"
"	10744	"	do	do	640 0 0	" "	"
"	10747	"	Livingstone	Marle	640 0 0	" "	"
"	10748	"	do	do	302 0 0	" "	"
"	10749	"	Werunda	Curranvale	351 3 0	" "	"
89-17696	10709	101	Gloucester	Forster	640 0 0	" "	"
19252	10685	"	Fitzroy	Corindi	16 0 0	" "	"
18336	10725	"	Georgiana	Burrage	100 0 0	" "	1200
"	10718	"	Bligh	Puggoon	30 0 0	" "	"
"	10719	"	do	do	30 0 0	" "	"
"	10720	"	do	do	90 0 0	" "	"
"	10721	"	do	do	40 0 0	" "	"
89-19246	10717	"	Fitzroy	Bligh, &c.	148 0 0	" "	"
90- 681	10741	"	Jamison	Belar	40 square miles	" "	"
89-17435	10723	112	Rous	Findon, &c.	485 0 0	" "	"
17462	10646	101	Dudley	Cooroobongatti	16,600 0 0	" "	"
17202	10624	"	Clyde	Carinda	4 0 0	" "	1201
"	10623	"	do	do	255 0 0	" "	"
19374	10686	109	Kennedy	Weridgery	26 0 0	" "	"
18547	10684	101	Auckland	Coolangoobra	640 0 0	" "	"
18557	10711	"	do	Wataganah	140 0 0	" "	"
17202	10621	"	Clyde	Carinda	125 0 0	" "	"
"	10622	"	do	do	5 1 0	" "	"
18432	9846	"	Bland	Bundawarrah	21 1 0	" "	"
18225	10739	"	Ashburnham	Collett	2 0 0	" "	1202
90- 1658	10753	"	Cadell	Moama, &c.	100 0 0	" "	"
89-17202	10625	"	Clyde	Carinda	5,635 0 0	" "	"
19154	10712	"	Leichhardt	Dinoa	1,080 0 0	" "	"
90- 192	10660	"	Narromine	Biridoo	120 0 0	" "	1203
89-17325	10588	"	Burnett	Warialda	500 0 0	" "	"
"	10589	"	do	do	2 0 0	" "	"
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"	10591	"	do	do	4 2 0	" "	"
"	10597	"	do	do	31 0 0	" "	"
"	10598	"	do	do	30 0 0	" "	"
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19456	10534	"	Camden	Terragong	0 2 0	" "	"
17325	10592	"	Burnett	Warialda	288 0 0	" "	1204
"	10593	"	do	do	40 0 0	" "	"
"	10594	"	do	do	110 0 0	" "	"
"	10596	"	do	do	155 0 0	" "	"
90- 181	10659	109	Irrara	Mukerjeroo	240 0 0	" "	"
89-19238	10713	"	Mouramba	Wills, &c.	2,520 0 0	" "	"
19482	10687	101	Georgiana	Carrawa	2,400 0 0	" "	"
90- 51	10658	"	Yancowinna	Robe	100 0 0	" "	"
89-17696	10710	"	Gloucester	Forster	2 0 0	" "	1205
90- 641	10708	"	Hardinge	Bundarra	40 0 0	" "	"
89-17202	10620	"	Clyde	Carinda	0 2 0	" "	"
90- 506	10722	"	Camden	Jellore	46 0 0	" "	"
"	10740	"	Dudley	Parrapel	90 0 0	" "	"
89 17325	10601	"	Burnett	Warialda	36 0 0	" "	"
"	10595	"	do	do	44 0 0	" "	1206
"	10657	"	Westmoreland	Jooriland, &c.	335 0 0	" "	"
19352	10707	"	Brisbane	Ellerston	470 0 0	" "	"
19380	10533	"	Camden	Terragong	6 0 0	" "	"
19456	10533	"	do	do	578 0 0	" "	"

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Ms. 89-17325	10600	101	Burnett	Warialda	a. r. p. 2 0 0	8 Feb., 1890	1206
90- 1865	10882	"	Westmoreland	Lother	80 0 0	11 " "	1268
1918	10853	"	Darling	Namoi	210 0 0	" "	"
2043	10912	"	Leichhardt	Warraba East	520 0 0	" "	1267
2044	10913	"	do	do	47 0 0	" "	"
89-14229	10675	"	Raleigh	Allgomeria, &c.	60 0 0	15 " "	1448
90- 832	10791	"	Bligh	Wargundy, &c.	200 0 0	" "	"
1673	8299	"	Bourke	Lupton	320 0 0	" "	"
"	8300	"	do	Derry	168 0 0	" "	"
89-14229	10676	"	Raleigh	Unkya	18 0 0	" "	1449
87- 6587	10786	112	Fitzroy	Ross	29 square miles	" "	"
89-17799	10803	"	Bland	Murbunga, &c.	2,300 0 0	" "	"
"	10804	"	do	Wargin, &c.	1,680 0 0	" "	"
"	10805	"	do	do	460 0 0	" "	"
"	10806	"	do	Culingerai, &c.	1,180 0 0	" "	"
16347	10801	"	Townsend	Wargam	701 2 0	" "	"
"	10802	"	Waradgery	Weckenberjal	672 0 0	" "	"
90- 1668	10734	101	Nandewar	Weetaliba	368 0 0	" "	1450
89-17450	10783	109	Jamison	Helebah	2,240 0 0	" "	"
13801	10789	"	do	Cubbaroo, &c.	3,000 0 0	" "	"
90- 786	10790	"	Narran	Bundabulla	1,945 0 0	" "	"
89-17321	10679	101	Fitzroy	Moonee	450 0 0	" "	"
90- 703	10785	109	Hawes	Mukki	22 0 0	" "	1451
88- 4350	10787	"	Finch	Burrardown	640 0 0	" "	"
90- 1090	10815	101	Harden	Jindalee	3 2 8	" "	"
89-17321	10678	"	Fitzroy	Moonee	150 0 0	" "	"
19065	10808	"	Murray	Warri	240 0 0	" "	"
17794	10807	"	Argyle	Goulburn	50 0 0	" "	"
90- 189	10768	"	Rous	Ballina	100 0 0	" "	"
89-17419	10811	109	Robinson	Gidgie	200 0 0	" "	1452
"	10812	"	do	do	474 0 0	" "	"
"	10813	"	do	do	606 0 0	" "	"
90- 705	10771	"	Yancowinna	Stephen	211 1 0	" "	"
"	10772	"	do	do	295 1 0	" "	"
794	10814	101	Raleigh	Medlow	330 0 0	" "	"
545	10784	"	Macquarie	Macquarie	5 1 7	" "	"
194	10680	"	Courallie	Peacumboul	607 0 0	" "	"
195	10680	"	do	Bumble	703 1 0	" "	"
1673	8298	"	Bourke	Elliott	800 0 0	" "	1453
88- 4350	10788	"	Benarba	Bucknell	640 0 0	" "	"
89-16416	10671	"	Goulburn	Forest Creek	48 3 0	" "	"
C.S. 90-1543 Dep.	10945	"	Parry	Crawney	40 0 0	19 " "	1507
Ms. 90- 2656	10953	"	Gough	Mount Mitchell	600 0 0	" "	"
64	10845	"	Goulburn	Germanton	5 0 0	22 " "	1617
89- 8223	10819	"	Cumberland	Willoughby	0 0 13	" "	"
17316	10631	109	Ashburnham	Bunbury, &c.	1,787 0 0	" "	1618
"	10632	"	do	Bindogandri	380 0 0	" "	"
"	10633	"	do	Kamandra	80 0 0	" "	"
16983	10817	"	Urana	Jerilderie North, &c.	700 0 0	" "	"
18308	10816	"	Blaxland	Mount Hope, &c.	17,000 0 0	" "	1619
17316	10638	101	Ashburnham	Bindogandri	103 0 0	" "	"
19507	10949	"	Harden	Cootamundry	40 0 0	" "	"
90- 102	10850	"	Bland	Combaning	76 0 0	" "	"
645	10832	"	King	Gunning	100 0 0	" "	"
89-17316	10634	"	Ashburnham	Kamandra	260 0 0	" "	"
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Ms. 90- 102	10851	"	Bland	Combaning	310 0 0	" "	1620
"	10852	"	do	do	380 0 0	" "	"
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"	10854	"	do	do &c.	5,270 0 0	" "	"
Aln. 88- 5498	10847	"	Sandon	Falconer	4 1 6	" "	"
Ms. 89- 7034	10782	"	Monteagle	Narallen	44 0 0	" "	"
90- 1666	10673	"	Nandewar	Gunnenbeme	50 0 0	" "	"
89-17316	10636	"	Ashburnham	Kamandra	5 2 0	" "	1621
"	10637	"	do	Bindogandri	336 0 0	" "	"
"	10635	101,	do	Kamandra	377 0 0	" "	"
8223	10818	109	Cumberland	Willoughby	0 0 9	" "	"
90- 1691	10701	101	Gloucester	Forster	30 0 0	" "	"
Occ. 89-13825	10843	"	Murray	Monkellan	640 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 89-19479	10846	"	Beresford	Cooma	6 2 0	" "	1622
90- 1188	10823	"	Dampier	Dena, &c.	1,180 0 0	" "	"
2033	10767	"	Cook	Nepean	142 0 0	" "	"
89-19326	10820	112	Georgiana	Glengarry	2,940 0 0	" "	"
90- 530	10821	101	Clive	Jondol	40 0 0	" "	"
89- 7034	10781	"	Mounteagle	Narrellan	9 0 0	" "	"
90- 1407	11001	"	Jamison	Brigalow	1,570 0 0	25 " "	1723
1898	10907	"	Auckland	Towamba	0 2 0	1 March, "	1881
89-18043	10886	"	Cowley	Umburra	400 0 0	" "	1882
"	10887	"	do	do	450 0 0	" "	"
"	10888	"	do	Urayarra	265 0 0	" "	"
"	10890	"	do	Booroomba	400 0 0	" "	"
"	10889	"	do	Cavan	280 0 0	" "	"
16000	10868	"	Harden	Wallendoon	4 0 0	" "	"
90- 428	10862	109	Rous	South Lismore	140 0 0	" "	"
89-15398	10860	"	Blaxland	Gounelgerie	598 0 0	" "	"
"	10861	"	do	do	640 0 0	" "	"
90- 1096	10899	"	Selwyn	Tumberumba	5 0 0	" "	1883
"	10900	101	do	do	1 0 0	" "	"



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Ms. 90- 1096	10901	101	Selwyn	Tumberumba	a. r. p. 1 0 0	1 March, 1890	1883
"	10902	"	do	do	2 2 0	" "	"
"	10903	"	do	do	4 2 0	" "	"
1898	10908	"	Auckland	Towamba	2 0 0	" "	"
"	10909	"	do	do	5 1 8	" "	"
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791	10884	"	Ashburnham	Brymedura	0 2 0	" "	"
89-19014	10859	"	Pottinger	Bogabri	0 2 0	" "	"
19304	10866	"	Gough	Llangothlin	1 1 8	" "	"
17543	10652	"	Hume	Henty	0 2 11	" "	"
90- 1096	10898	"	Selwyn	Tumbarumba	8 2 0	" "	1884
87- 9543	10885	"	St. Vincent	Tomerong	125 0 0	" "	"
90- 1096	10904	"	Selwyn	Tumbarumba	1 0 0	" "	"
"	10905	"	do	do	31 0 0	" "	"
"	10897	"	do	do	11 2 0	" "	"
1390	3994	"	Macquarie	Cairncross	30 0 0	" "	"
1096	10906	"	Selwyn	Tumbarumba	2 0 0	" "	"
3022	11043	"	Narromine	Caloma, &c.	780 0 0	4 "	1958
"	11044	"	do	do	1,300 0 0	" "	"
"	11045	"	do &c.	Mingelo, &c.	1,600 0 0	" "	"
199	10914	"	Benarba	Umbri	40 0 0	8 "	2041
1917	10930	"	Courallie	Paramellowa	80 0 0	" "	"
89-19512	10911	"	Sandon	Woolomombi	7,300 0 0	" "	"
90- 1917	10931	"	Courallie	Paramellowa	280 0 0	" "	"
89-15304	10923	109	Townsend	Wanganilla	640 0 0	" "	"
90- 1963	10933	101	Fitzroy	Shannon	40 0 0	" "	"
Aln. 89- 3509	10925	"	Bathurst	Shadforth	680 0 0	" "	2042
Ms. 90- 1395	10915	"	Cook	Jamieson, &c.	4 2 0	" "	"
Aln. 89- 5194	10932	"	Leichhardt	Budgean	40 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90- 1391	10926	"	Rous	North Casino	404 2 0	12 "	2289
2792	11102	"	Northumberland	Cessnock	37 1 20	" "	"
3221	11104	"	Clarence	Yamba	900 0 0	" "	2290
3373	11105	"	Ashburnham	Bowan	42 0 0	" "	"
3982	11153	"	Benarba	Colymungoul	6,600 0 0	" "	"
3563	11112	"	Nicholson	Langtree	1,753 0 0	" "	"
2659	11101	"	Northumberland	Gosford	10 0 0	" "	"
2794	11103	"	do	Cessnock	4 3 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "	"
1513	10976	"	Pottinger	Gunnedah	2 0 0	15 "	2387
"	10977	"	do	do	49 0 0	" "	"
3868	10988	"	Clarke	Stanton, &c.	28,000 0 0	" "	2388
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"	11010	"	do	Rockvale	125 0 0	" "	"
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1624	10935	"	Cowley	Cochran	490 0 0	" "	2390
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"	10940	"	do	Greenfield	400 0 0	" "	"
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"	10936	"	do	Cochran, &c.	360 0 0	" "	"
1513	10971	"	Pottinger	Gunnedah	2 0 0	" "	"
89-10122	11000	"	Dampier	Noorooma	13 0 0	" "	2391
90- 1513	10983	"	Pottinger	Gunnedah	6 0 0	" "	"
"	10984	"	do	do	7 0 0	" "	"
"	10985	"	do	do	8 0 0	" "	"
"	10986	"	do	do	10 0 0	" "	"
"	10987	"	do	do	11 0 0	" "	"
2318	10958	"	Cowper	Bourke	1 0 14	" "	"
784	11016	"	Clyde	Waverney	85 0 0	" "	"
"	11017	"	do	Willa Murra	92 0 0	" "	"
"	11018	"	do	do	94 0 0	" "	"
"	11019	"	do	do	205 0 0	" "	"
1792	10896	"	Bourke	Murrulebale	553 0 0	" "	2392
1969	10959	"	Courallie	Morce	220 0 0	" "	"
1513	10978	"	Pottinger	Gunnedah	0 2 0	" "	"
"	10979	"	do	do	1 0 0	" "	"
"	10980	"	do	do	1 0 0	" "	"
"	10981	"	do	do	1 2 0	" "	"
"	10982	"	do	do	2 0 0	" "	"
"	10972	"	do	do	1 2 0	" "	2393
"	10973	"	do	do	1 3 34	" "	"
"	10974	"	do	do	2 0 0	" "	"
"	10975	"	do	do	9 1 25	" "	"

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Ms. 90- 846	10962	101	Gloucester	Forster	a. r. p. 5 0 0	15 March, 1890	2393
89-15702	10947	109	Wynyard	Bangus, &c.	3,200 0 0	" "	"
90- 1915	10949	"	Courallie	Wathagar	608 1 0	" "	"
2471	10957	101	Hunter	Macdonald	6 1 0	" "	2394
3873	10991	112	Clarke	Dyke, &c.	315 0 0	" "	"
"	10992	"	do	Mowles	5,760 0 0	" "	"
"	10993	"	do	George	13,600 0 0	" "	"
1051	10989	"	Auckland	Numbugga	270 0 0	" "	"
"	10990	"	do	do	530 0 0	" "	"
2184	10960	"	Forbes	Conimbla, &c.	16,630 0 0	" "	"
1861	10964	101	Clarke	Coventry	8 0 0	" "	2395
89-18375	10948	"	Bathurst	Kenilworth	1,530 0 0	" "	"
90- 2462	10961	"	Rous	Cougal	480 0 0	" "	"
2885	10893	"	Waradgery	Narrawidgery	5 2 0	" "	"
"	10894	"	do	do	148 1 0	" "	"
2093	10950	"	Boyd	Aragoon	693 0 0	" "	"
89-19462	10654	"	Goulburn	Germanton	21 2 20	" "	2396
90- 4119	11190	"	Nandewar	Therribry	162 0 0	18 "	2477
4318	11189	"	White	Wee Waa	920 0 0	" "	"
4104	11188	"	Gordon	Cordington	74 0 0	" "	"
3890	10998	"	Goulburn	Yarara	520 0 0	22 "	2625
2829	11050	"	Beresford	Brest	39 2 20	" "	"
2745	11048	"	Argyle	Baw Baw	5 1 0	" "	"
2766	11049	"	Westmoreland	The Peakes	90 0 0	" "	"
Ali. 90- 325	11042	"	Monteagle	Young	5 1 21	" "	"
Ms. 90- 2652	11038	"	Waradgery	Hay	15 0 0	" "	"
"	11031	"	do	do	5 1 14	" "	"
1596	11053	"	Clarke	Gill, &c.	2,720 0 0	" "	2626
"	11054	"	do	Avondale, &c.	3,250 0 0	" "	"
"	11055	"	do	do	2,760 0 0	" "	"
"	11056	"	do	do	135 0 0	" "	"
"	11057	"	do	do	70 0 0	" "	"
"	11058	"	do	Day	870 0 0	" "	"
3754	11113	103	Bligh	Collaroy	193 0 0	" "	2619
3755	11114	"	Rous	Mooball	100 0 0	" "	"
1596	11059	101	Clarke	Day	90 0 0	" "	2627
"	11060	"	do	do	170 0 0	" "	"
3600	11168	"	Townsend	Kerranakoon	810 0 0	" "	"
2652	11030	"	Waradgery	Hay	5 1 14	" "	"
"	11025	"	do	do	16 0 0	" "	"
3034	11065	"	Ewenmar	Cobboco	280 0 0	" "	"
2658	11063	"	Hawes	Mukki	198 1 0	" "	"
89-16701	11051	"	Cooper	Bingar	160 0 0	" "	"
90- 2652	11032	"	Waradgery	Hay	1 1 0	" "	2628
"	11033	"	do	do	1 1 0	" "	"
"	11034	"	do	do	5 1 12	" "	"
"	11035	"	do	do	6 0 0	" "	"
3040	11066	"	Argyle	Taraga	5 0 0	" "	"
2649	11047	"	Murray	Molonglo	3 3 0	" "	"
2652	11028	"	Waradgery	Hay South	14 0 0	" "	"
"	11029	"	do	Hay	53 0 0	" "	"
2647	11052	109	Bourke	Mandamah	2,120 0 0	" "	"
3756	11115	101	King	Jerrawa	40 0 0	" "	2629
2616	11046	"	Bathurst	Bathurst	2 1 10 <sup>3</sup>	" "	"
3602	11202	"	Forbes	Wattamondra	640 0 0	" "	"
"	11203	"	do	do	3 square miles.	" "	"
"	11204	"	Ashburnham	Nangar	1,995 0 0	" "	"
2652	11039	"	Waradgery	Hay	3 1 0	" "	"
"	11040	"	do	do	5 0 0	" "	"
"	11026	"	do	do	3 3 0	" "	2630
"	11027	"	do	do	6 1 27	" "	"
3980	10956	"	St. Vincent	Termil	23 0 0	" "	"
3402	11095	"	Courallie	Bumble	1,273 0 0	" "	"
3403	11096	"	do	Wallanall	657 1 0	" "	"
3404	11097	"	Courallie	Bumble	1,219 2 0	" "	2630
2747	11064	"	Clarence	Yamba	1,200 0 0	" "	"
3753	11116	112	Macquarie	Redbank	45 0 0	" "	"
2652	11036	"	Waradgery	Hay South	40 0 0	" "	2631
"	11037	"	do	do	100 0 0	" "	"
2326	9733	109	Lincoln	Dubbo	30 0 0	" "	"
4588	11224	101	King	Jerrara	100 0 0	25 "	2706
4587	11223	"	Gregory	Belarbone	130 0 0	" "	"
2598	11068	"	Argyle	Collector, &c.	2,000 0 0	29 "	2808
3606	11151	"	Rous	North Codrington	35 0 0	" "	"
89-17627	11091	109	Gough, &c.	Eden, &c.	2,770 0 0	" "	2809
14113	11090	"	Darling	Veness	100 0 0	" "	2810
90- 3220	11106	"	Flinders	Grahway	317 0 0	" "	"
3145	11089	"	Manara	Bingarrah, &c.	10,271 0 0	" "	"
2341	11130	101	Murray	Majura	42 0 0	" "	"
3117	11067	"	Northumberland	Branxton	0 3 6	" "	"
3391	11108	"	Bathurst	Arkell	780 0 0	" "	"
89-17627	11092	109	Hardinge	Elderbury	157 0 0	" "	2811
"	11093	"	do	Everett	633 2 0	" "	"
"	11094	"	Gough	Eden	90 0 0	" "	"
90- 3144	11071	"	Manara	Goondoola	255 0 0	" "	"
"	11072	"	do	do	453 2 0	" "	"
"	11073	"	do	do	569 2 0	" "	"
89-19371	11110	112	Gresham	Brothers, &c.	480 0 0	" "	"
"	11111	"	Drake	Dandahra	900 0 0	" "	"

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Ms. 90-3369	11107	101	Ashburnham	Manildra	a. 480 r. 0 p. 0	29 Mar., 1890	2812
89-18442	11069	"	Goulburn	Albury	8 1 34	" "	"
90- 2841	11131	"	Murray	Carwoola	49 0 0	" "	"
"	11133	"	do	do	96 0 0	" "	"
"	11134	"	do	do	220 0 0	" "	"
"	11132	"	do	Merrigan	64 1 0	" "	"
89-19371	11109	"	Gresham	Newton Boyd	44 0 0	" "	"
90- 4321	11062	"	Wellington	Rouse	115 0 0	" "	"
3132	11145	"	Mitchell	Tootool	129 0 0	" "	"
3690	11152	"	Gowen	Mundar	330 0 0	" "	2813
3280	11098	"	St. Vincent	East Nelligen	19 0 0	" "	"
"	11099	"	do	do	10 0 0	" "	"
"	11100	"	do	do	11 0 30	" "	"
C S. 90-4 Dep	11150	"	do	Endrich	1,920 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 89-12859	11149	"	Rous	Nullum	72 0 0	" "	"
90- 2625	11088	"	Bland	Bundawarrah	0 1 0	" "	"
2078	11087	"	Narromine	Mingelo	1 0 0	" "	"
4423	11233	"	Bland	Bundawarrah, &c.	11,000 0 0	2 April	2900
"	11234	"	Bourke	Buddigower, &c.	62,800 0 0	" "	"
4676	11250	"	Beresford	Rowland	970 0 0	" "	"
4678	11251	"	do	Good Good	790 0 0	" "	"
4579	11249	"	Harden	Cowcumbla	48 2 0	" "	"
4915	11281	"	Pottinger	Gullendaddy	50 0 0	" "	"
4343	11231	"	Goulburn	Forest Creek	892 0 0	" "	"
4369	11221	"	Ewenmar	Wonbobbie	170 0 0	12	3085
3680	11199	"	Yanda	Yandagulla	4,000 0 0	" "	"
"	11200	"	Landsborough	Nalticomebee	1,600 0 0	" "	"
3956	11187	"	Cowper	Bye	2 0 18	" "	"
988	11169	109	Gough	Stonehenge, &c.	5,000 0 0	" "	3086
5598	11215	39	Nandewar	Weetalba	264 3 0	" "	"
3714	11175	101	Gloucester	Bullah Delah	60 0 0	" "	3087
"	11176	"	do	Euunderree	130 0 0	" "	"
3686	11185	"	Ashburnham	Manildra, &c.	640 0 0	" "	"
4105	11192	"	Gordon	Narragal	320 0 0	" "	"
4106	11193	"	Ashburnham	Wolablar	320 0 0	" "	"
3523	11184	"	Durham	Avenal	20 0 0	" "	"
4103	11214	"	King	Opton	1,340 0 0	" "	"
988	11170	109	Gough	Stonehenge	200 0 0	" "	3088
2366	11163	"	Bourke	Quandary, &c.	600 0 0	" "	"
4311	11194	101	Macquarie	Palmerston	93 0 0	" "	"
2336	11208	"	Northumberland	Matland	3 3 36	" "	"
4903	11279	"	Gordon	Dilga, &c.	2,500 0 0	" "	"
4952	11280	"	Waradgery	Boyong	612 0 0	" "	"
4041	11213	"	King	Gunning	1 0 2	" "	"
3956	11186	"	Cowper	Bye	2 0 19	" "	"
429	11217	"	Durham	Sedgefield	82 2 9	" "	3089
89-18057	11219	"	King	Derringgullen	181 0 0	" "	"
90- 5324	11282	112	Pottinger	Denison West	6,500 0 0	" "	"
3670	11212	101	Brisbane	Alma	320 0 0	" "	"
2933	11220	"	Camden	Meryla	470 0 0	" "	"
2336	11206	"	Northumberland	Matland	0 3 32½	" "	"
2717	11211	"	Bourke	Langi kal-kal	640 0 0	" "	3090
2336	11207	"	Northumberland	Matland	2 3 8½	" "	"
"	11209	"	do	do	0 2 16½	" "	"
"	11210	"	do	do	2 3 11	" "	"
3528	11155	"	Clive	Bluffland	8 0 0	" "	"
2813	11085	"	Urana	Munyabba	145 0 0	" "	"
4230	11218	"	Auckland	Yuglamah	40 0 0	" "	"
2813	11084	"	Urana	Munyabba	76 0 0	" "	"
429	11216	39	Durham	Sedgefield	356 0 3	" "	3091
5247	11325	101	Bland	Mandamah	28 2 0	16	3206
"	11326	"	do	Gidgingdumbung, &c.	4,420 0 0	" "	"
"	11327	"	do	Mundamah	14,000 0 0	" "	"
482	11323	39	Denison	Denison	309 2 0	" "	"
4821	11324	"	do	do	523 3 0	" "	"
2480	11179	101	Goulburn	Woomargama	105 2 0	19	3260
3722	11195	"	do	Mountain Creek	58 0 0	" "	"
835	11158	"	Bligh	Puggoon	574 2 30	" "	"
3691	11154	"	Gordon	Calooma	52 0 0	" "	"
2624	11162	109	Hardon	Bookham	300 0 0	" "	3261
5570	11391	39	Urana	Palmer	58 2 0	23	3333
2303	11230	101	Ashburnham	Collett	70 0 0	26	3400
4307	11253	"	Gregory	Goolagoola	220 0 0	" "	"
4758	11269	"	Cumberland	St Luke	3 2 5	" "	"
182	11263	"	Yancowinna	Picton	10 1 8	" "	"
4677	11267	"	Beresford	Good Good	1,000 0 0	" "	3401
4680	11268	"	do	Holland, &c.	2,860 0 0	" "	"
4757	11261	"	Cumberland	St Luke	0 3 32½	" "	"
3540	11252	"	Gough	Inverell	12 0 0	" "	"
4759	11270	"	Cumberland	St Luke	2 0 0	" "	"
4414	11255	"	Murray	Burra	10 0 0	" "	"
4799	11257	"	Rous	Publico	31 1 8	" "	3402
4567	11277	"	King	Bramah	260 0 0	" "	"
4308	11254	"	Leichhardt	Dmoa	300 0 0	" "	"
2364	11260	101,	Bourke	Kindra	200 0 0	" "	"
4665	11372	109	Brisbane	Denman	200 0 0	" "	"
3609	11256	"	Walgeers	Mossgiel	0 0 6	" "	"
4804	11265	"	Bathurst	Kenilworth	2 1 24	" "	3403
4794	11266	"	Beresford	Rowland	400 0 0	" "	"



1890.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVED FROM SALE UNTIL SURVEYED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18,

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	Section.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 90-5448	11356	101	Sandon .....	Uralla .....	a. r. p.	3 May, 1890	3557
5449	11357	"	do .....	Metz .....	2 0 0		
3121	11242	"	Courallie .....	Moree .....	0 2 0	" "	3558
1907	11290	109	Sandon .....	Exmouth, &c. ....	3 0 37	" "	
431	7436	"	Cunninghame .....	Mount Nobby, &c. ....	1,225 0 0	" "	" "
"	7437	"	do .....	Mowabla, &c. ....	4,000 0 0	" "	" "
5373	11331	"	Canbelego, &c. ....	Glenariff, &c. ....	4,500 0 0	" "	" "
4454	11335	"	Young, &c. ....	Wilcannia, &c. ....	7,300 0 0	" "	" "
1907	11291	"	Sandon .....	Duval .....	203 sq. miles	" "	3559
"	11292	"	do .....	Exmouth .....	305 0 0	" "	3560
4563	11353	"	Jamison .....	Cubbaroo .....	385 0 0	" "	" "
2484	11333	"	Clarendon .....	Bilda .....	280 0 0	" "	" "
5312	11342	"	Rankin .....	Bulla Bulla .....	590 0 0	" "	" "
"	11343	"	do .....	do .....	640 0 0	" "	" "
4454	11336	"	Yungnulgra .....	Cope .....	640 0 0	" "	" "
3526	11284	101	Gough .....	Wellingrove .....	460 0 0	" "	" "
5228	11352	112	Macquarie .....	Ralfe, &c. ....	2,600 0 0	" "	3561
5253	11329	"	Townsend .....	Campbell .....	55 0 0	" "	" "
"	11330	"	do .....	Edgar .....	40 0 0	" "	" "
3121	11237	101	Courallie .....	Moree .....	7 2 0	" "	" "
"	11238	"	do .....	do .....	10 0 0	" "	" "
"	11239	"	do .....	do .....	26 0 0	" "	" "
"	11240	"	do .....	do .....	32 2 0	" "	" "
"	11236	"	do .....	do .....	9 3 0	" "	" "
5064	11285	"	Camden .....	Belangla .....	3 0 0	" "	3562
5445	11355	"	Rous .....	Kyogle .....	160 0 0	" "	" "
5185	11316	"	Gloucester .....	Nerong .....	7 0 0	" "	" "
3121	11246	"	Courallie .....	Moree .....	13 0 0	" "	" "
"	11247	"	do .....	do .....	338 0 0	" "	" "
5191	11321	"	Jamison .....	Boorah .....	521 0 0	" "	" "
5192	11322	"	do .....	do .....	119 0 0	" "	" "
4892	11287	"	Murray .....	Ginnindera .....	640 0 0	" "	" "
4893	11288	"	do .....	Canberra .....	60 0 0	" "	" "
5001	11289	"	Buckland .....	Quirindi .....	5 0 0	" "	3563
5185	11315	"	Gloucester .....	Nerong .....	2 2 0	" "	" "
5184	11314	"	Macquarie .....	Lorne .....	6 0 0	" "	" "
3100	11302	"	Forbes .....	Thurungle .....	549 0 0	" "	" "
3121	11235	"	Courallie .....	Moree .....	22 3 0	" "	" "
3093	11283	"	Kennedy .....	Hastings .....	40 0 0	" "	" "
5063	11354	"	Northumberland .....	Morrisset .....	22 2 0	" "	" "
2334	11293	"	Yancowinna .....	Picton .....	0 1 0	" "	" "
3121	11244	"	Courallie .....	Moree .....	6 3 0	" "	" "
5382	11332	"	Fitzroy .....	Moonee .....	250 0 0	" "	3564
2095	11286	"	Selwyn .....	Jingellic, East .....	160 0 0	" "	" "
4950	11320	"	Inglis .....	Tara, &c. ....	5,280 0 0	" "	" "
3121	11243	"	Courallie .....	Moree .....	0 2 16	" "	" "
"	11245	"	do .....	do .....	1 1 9	" "	" "
4808	11319	"	Rous .....	Byron .....	40 0 0	" "	" "
5396	11339	"	do .....	North Codrington .....	200 0 0	" "	3565
4172	11317	"	Clarke .....	Mitchell .....	183 0 0	" "	" "
3121	11248	"	Courallie .....	Moree .....	8 0 0	" "	" "

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Ms. 90- 3121	11241	101	Courallie	Moree	a. r. p. 1 0 0	3 May, 1890	3565
6431	11514	"	Parry, &c.	Gill, &c.	200,000 0 0	7 "	3628
6591	11513	"	Townsend	Barratta	878 0 0	" "	"
5245	11328	103	Robinson, &c.	Cobar, &c.	306 square miles	10 "	3732
3830	11411	109	Wakool	Poon Boon	614 0 0	" "	3733
5673	11387	"	Finch	Burrandown, &c.	10,900 0 0	" "	"
"	11388	"	do	Eckford	480 0 0	" "	3738
"	11389	"	do	Burrandown	490 0 0	" "	"
"	11390	"	do	Burran Burran	575 0 0	" "	"
6279	11506	101	Hardinge	Balala	185 0 0	" "	3739
"	11507	"	do	do	225 0 0	" "	"
"	11508	"	do	do	3 850 0 0	" "	"
"	11509	"	do	Honeysuckle	5,500 0 0	" "	"
"	11510	"	do	Morse	870 0 0	" "	"
"	11511	"	do	Nuandle, &c.	3,620 0 0	" "	"
"	11512	"	do	Roumalla, &c.	1,000 0 0	" "	3740
5139	11358	"	Forbes	Conimbla	360 0 0	" "	"
"	11359	"	do	Merriganowry	150 0 0	" "	"
"	11360	"	do	do	900 0 0	" "	"
"	11361	"	do	Mulyan	950 0 0	" "	"
4037	11312	109	Harden	Bookham	160 0 0	" "	"
"	11313	"	do	do	320 0 0	" "	"
5250	11362	101	Rous	Eitrick	276 2 0	" "	3741
"	11363	"	do	do	800 0 0	" "	"
"	11364	"	do	Geneva, &c.	762 0 0	" "	"
"	11365	"	do	Geneva	144 0 0	" "	"
"	11366	"	do	do	98 0 0	" "	"
"	11367	"	do	do	330 0 0	" "	"
"	11368	"	do	do	800 0 0	" "	"
"	11369	"	do	Langwell	700 0 0	" "	"
"	11370	"	do	Stratheden	75 0 0	" "	"
"	11371	"	do	do	90 0 0	" "	"
5712	11412	112	Ashburnham	Murga	460 0 0	" "	"
5574	11373	101	Wellesley	Thoko	320 0 0	" "	3742
5575	11374	"	do	do	175 0 0	" "	"
5577	11380	"	do	Glenbog	492 2 0	" "	"
"	11381	"	do	do	960 0 0	" "	"
"	11382	"	do	do &c.	2,245 0 0	" "	"
5675	11377	"	Courallie	Moree	48 0 0	" "	"
5637	11398	"	Cowper	Bourke	17 3 10	" "	"
990	11409	"	Yancowinna	Picton	15 0 0	" "	"
5638	11375	"	Gordon	Catombal	40 0 0	" "	3743
5436	11379	"	Ashburnham	Moura, &c.	280 0 0	" "	"
5437	11383	"	do	Moura	500 0 0	" "	"
5521	11386	"	Lincoln	Bodangora	20 0 0	" "	"
1511	11378	"	Ewenmar	Umangla	3 0 0	" "	"
5857	11413	"	Yancowinna	Picton	0 1 0	" "	"
5687	11392	"	Wynyard	Tamut	10 0 0	" "	"
5643	11376	"	Cowley	Brayshaw	184 0 0	" "	"
5663	11384	"	Wakool	Barham	51 0 0	" "	3744
"	11385	"	Cadell	Moama	17 0 0	" "	"
4462	11341	"	Rous	Berwick	1 3 16	" "	"
Rds. 89-451-4	11393	"	Denison	Savernake, &c.	261 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90- 6328	11535	"	Courallie	Bumble	1,265 1 0	14 "	3865
7125	11564	"	Bligh	Nanima	240 0 0	" "	3866
89-19022	11418	"	Raleigh	North Bellingen	4 1 8	17 "	3944
"	11419	"	do	do	15 0 0	" "	"
90- 6217	11464	"	Clarence	Southgate	74 2 0	" "	"
4866	11448	"	Macquarie	Beranghi	2 2 0	" "	"
"	11449	"	Dudley	Kalateenee	8 1 21	" "	"
"	11450	"	do	Yarravil	12 0 0	" "	"
5187	11468	"	Narromine	Mingelo	240 0 0	" "	"
89-15205	11402	"	Wakool	Coobool	23 0 0	" "	"
90- 3581	11403	"	do	Cobwell	80 0 0	" "	"
89-15205	11401	"	do	Coobool	5 0 0	" "	"
90- 6032	11454	112	Bland	Thanowring	400 0 0	" "	3945
5839	11452	"	Drake	Rogers	9,800 0 0	" "	"
"	11453	"	do	do	40 0 0	" "	"
5061	11459	101	Cumberland	St. Luke	12 0 0	" "	"
4866	11436	"	Dudley	Yarravel	1 2 0	" "	"
5924	11456	"	Gloucester	Nerong	22 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90- 2793	11458	"	Urana	Napier	174 0 0	" "	"
Mis. 90- 5378	11346	"	Denison	Tocumwal	87 0 0	" "	"
5914	11467	109	Finch	Gundabloui, &c.	5,900 0 0	" "	3946
89-19022	11415	101	Raleigh	North Bellingen	1 0 0	" "	"
"	11416	"	do	do	22 0 29	" "	"
90- 4866	11438	"	Dudley	Yarravel	1 0 16	" "	"
"	11439	"	do	do	2 0 0	" "	"
"	11440	"	Macquarie	Beranghi	2 0 0	" "	"
"	11441	"	Dudley	Kalateenee	2 2 0	" "	"
"	11442	"	Macquarie	Beranghi	2 2 0	" "	"
5061	11460	"	Cumberland	St. Luke	0 1 19	" "	"
"	11461	"	do	do	0 2 0	" "	"
5846	11422	"	Sandon	Merrigalah	40 0 0	" "	"
5833	11427	"	Gough	Ben Lomond	70 0 0	" "	3947
5378	11347	"	Denison	Tocumwal	670 0 0	" "	"
89-19022	11414	"	Raleigh	North Bellingen	9 3 38	" "	"
90- 6274	11474	"	Courallie	Peacumboul	404 2 0	" "	"

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					a.	r.	p.		
Ms. 90- 5061	11462	101	Cumberland .....	St. Luke.....	10	1	30	17 May, 1890	3947
6544	11552	"	Rous .....	Billinudgel.....	7	0	0	" "	"
"	11553	"	do .....	Brunswick.....	45	0	0	" "	"
89-19022	11417	"	Raleigh .....	North Bellingen .....	6	0	0	" "	"
90- 4866	11444	"	Macquarie .....	Beranghi .....	2	1	15½	" "	3948
"	11445	"	do .....	do .....	3	2	0	" "	"
5061	11463	"	Cumberland .....	St. Luke.....	6	0	0	" "	"
5920	11455	"	Gloucester .....	Forster .....	20	0	0	" "	"
4866	11437	"	Dudley .....	Yarravel.....	20	1	17½	" "	"
"	11443	"	do .....	do .....	1	0	0	" "	"
5861	11426	"	Yancowinna .....	Pictou .....	2	0	0	" "	"
4866	11451	"	Dudley .....	Kalateenee.....	0	2	0	" "	"
5853	11428	"	Vernon .....	Tia, &c. ....	261	2	0	" "	3949
5826	11421	"	Gough .....	Fletcher .....	10	0	0	" "	"
5594	11420	"	Sandon .....	Bouralong .....	3,600	0	0	" "	"
4866	11446	"	Macquarie .....	Beranghi.....	4	0	0	" "	"
"	11447	"	do .....	do .....	6	2	0	" "	"
5998	11457	"	King .....	Taunton .....	8	0	0	" "	"
6504	11515	"	Cumberland .....	Narrabeen .....	340	0	0	" "	3950
5926	11423	"	Richmond .....	Riley .....	0	1	0	" "	"
5831	11424	"	Gough .....	Boyd .....	20	0	0	" "	"
5841	11425	"	Clive .....	Angoperran .....	24	0	0	" "	"
7374	11641	"	Ashburnham .....	Boree, Cabonne.....	440	0	0	21 "	4010
"	11640	"	do .....	do Nyrung .....	830	0	0	" "	"
89-16167	11566	"	Auckland .....	Kameruka .....	2,000	0	0	24 "	4114
90- 6113	11480	"	Murray .....	Boambolo .....	140	0	0	" "	"
6170	11477	"	Forbes.....	Wattamondra .....	8	0	0	" "	"
C.S. 89-27713 Dep.	11629	"	Urana .....	Brookong North .....	40	0	0	" "	"
Ms. 90- 6967	11555	"	Bathurst.....	Clarendon .....	40	0	0	" "	4115
6968	11556	"	do .....	do .....	40	0	0	" "	"
6969	11557	"	do .....	do .....	40	0	0	" "	"
5662	11431	"	Rous .....	Clunes.....	34	0	0	" "	"





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(RESERVED FROM SALE UNTIL SURVEYED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY, UNDER  
THE ACT 48 VIC. NO. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Acts 48 Vic. No. 18 and 53 Vic. No. 21.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or  
other public purposes, in accordance with the 101st and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	Section.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
					a. r. p.		
Ms. 90-3529	11494	101	Denison .....	Berrigan .....	1 3 9	31 May, 1890.	4408
"	11495	"	do .....	do .....	2 0 0	" "	"
2175	11486	"	Bathurst .....	Dunleary .....	0 1 0	" "	4410
"	11487	"	do .....	do .....	0 0 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "	"
"	11488	"	do .....	do .....	0 0 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "	"
3529	11498	"	Denison .....	Berrigan .....	10 1 0	" "	"
5996	11546	"	Nicholson .....	Redbank .....	5 1 8	" "	"
6459	11522	"	Richmond .....	Coombell .....	480 0 0	" "	4411
"	11523	"	do .....	do .....	1,430 0 0	" "	"
"	11524	"	do .....	Hogarth .....	44 0 0	" "	"
"	11525	"	do .....	do .....	54 0 0	" "	"
"	11526	"	do .....	do .....	84 0 0	" "	"
"	11527	"	do .....	Mongogarrie .....	100 0 0	" "	"
"	11528	"	do .....	Shannon .....	1,100 0 0	" "	"
"	11529	"	do .....	Wyon, &c. ....	1,030 0 0	" "	"
3529	11493	"	Denison .....	Gereldery .....	14 0 0	" "	"
6420	11536	"	Monteagle .....	Young .....	11 0 20	" "	4412
3529	11502	"	Denison .....	Berrigan .....	2 0 18	" "	"
"	11503	"	do .....	do .....	3 0 29	" "	"
2175	11489	"	Bathurst .....	Dunleary .....	0 1 27	" "	"
"	11490	"	do .....	do .....	0 3 22	" "	"
6462	11530	"	Gloucester .....	Bohnock .....	42 0 0	" "	"
3529	11499	"	Denison .....	Berrigan .....	5 3 0	" "	"
"	11500	"	do .....	do .....	10 0 31	" "	"
"	11501	"	do .....	do .....	11 0 0	" "	"
5996	11547	"	Nicholson .....	Redbank .....	80 0 0	" "	"
6750	11542	"	Pottinger .....	Curlewis .....	1 0 0	" "	4413
5850	11544	"	Murchison .....	Gum Flat .....	750 0 0	" "	"
2175	11484	"	Bathurst .....	Dunleary .....	0 0 29	" "	"
"	11485	"	do .....	do .....	0 1 0	" "	"
5996	11545	"	Nicholson .....	Redbank .....	18 2 0	" "	"
Aln. 89- 2295	11538	"	Clarendon .....	North Gundagai .....	6 2 6	" "	"
Ms. 90- 6321	11548	"	Bathurst .....	Cowra .....	1 0 39 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "	"
6582	11537	"	Argyle .....	Yarralaw .....	2 0 29	" "	"
3529	11504	"	Denison .....	Berrigan .....	0 2 32	" "	4414
5708	11539	"	Ashburnham .....	Bell .....	200 0 0	" "	"
6506	11541	"	do .....	Cumbe .....	140 0 0	" "	"
6114	11540	"	Rous .....	Cudgen .....	360 0 0	" "	"
3529	11505	"	Denison .....	Berrigan .....	55 0 0	" "	"
3107	11551	"	Forbes .....	Nanima .....	43 0 0	" "	"
3529	11496	"	Denison .....	Berrigan .....	1 3 33	" "	"
"	11497	"	do .....	Gereldery .....	31 0 3	" "	"
6336	11532	109	Goulburn .....	Jingellic .....	581 0 0	" "	"
4435	11771	101	Boyd .....	Kabarabarabyal .....	640 0 0	4 June,	4481
89-19019	11614	"	Roxburgh .....	Sofala .....	360 0 0	7 "	4543
16778	10480	"	Rous .....	Murwillumbah .....	7 0 0	" "	"
90- 6173	11521	"	Wynyard .....	Umutbee .....	538 3 0	" "	"
2513	11766	"	Bland .....	Combaning .....	1,040 0 0	" "	4545
6553	11635	"	Gough .....	Ben Lomond .....	110 0 0	" "	"
89-19019	11615	"	Roxburgh .....	Sofala .....	14 0 0	" "	"
"	11616	"	do .....	do .....	7 0 0	" "	4546

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Ms. 89-19019	11617	101	Roxburgh .....	Sofala .....	a. r. p.	7 June, 1890	4546
17409	11634	"	Forbes .....	Mulyan .....	9 0 0		
90- 6932	11637	112	Gloucester .....	Tinonee .....	32 1 9	" "	" "
6933	11638	"	do .....	do .....	2,300 0 0	" "	" "
6782	11562	101	Selwyn .....	Glenken .....	4,600 0 0	" "	" "
6832	11636	"	Wellesly .....	Glenbog .....	350 0 0	" "	" "
6854	11561	"	Cumberland .....	Nelson .....	90 0 0	" "	" "
6794	11563	"	Bathurst .....	Arkell .....	7 0 0	" "	4547
89-19019	11618	"	Roxburgh .....	Sofala .....	710 0 0	" "	" "
"	11619	"	do .....	do .....	35 0 0	" "	" "
90- 5827	8885	"	Clarke .....	Seeley .....	50 0 0	" "	" "
89-19019	11613	"	Roxburgh .....	Sofala .....	450 0 0	" "	" "
13101	11620	"	Macquarie .....	Lansdowne .....	8 3 0	" "	" "
12687	11625	"	Buller .....	Boonoo Boonoo .....	8 0 0	" "	4548
12683	11622	"	Murchison .....	Myall .....	8 0 0	" "	" "
90- 6677	11558	"	Murray .....	Purrorumba .....	8 0 0	" "	" "
6679	11559	"	do .....	Thurrailily .....	10 0 0	" "	" "
6769	11560	"	do .....	Bywong .....	20 0 0	" "	" "
C.S. 90-1930 Cor.	11828	"	Gordon .....	Catombal .....	10 0 0	" "	" "
Ms. 90- 6425	11662	"	Harden .....	Muttama .....	640 0 0	11	4605
4890	11612	"	Bland .....	Carumbi .....	250 0 0	"	"
1358	11682	"	Wallace .....	Kiandra .....	4 2 0	14	4688
6130	11690	"	Phillip .....	Wollar .....	5 0 19	"	4690
6584	11658	"	Murray .....	Boambolo .....	44 0 0	"	"
7166	11657	"	Selwyn .....	Tumbarumba .....	8 0 0	"	"
1358	11674	"	Wallace .....	Kiandra .....	1 0 0	"	4691
"	11675	"	do .....	do .....	0 2 10	"	"
"	11676	"	do .....	do .....	1 3 19	"	"
6103	11691	"	Phillip .....	Wollar .....	8 0 5	"	"
"	11692	"	do .....	do .....	0 2 0	"	"
"	11693	"	do .....	do .....	1 0 0	"	"
"	11694	"	do .....	do .....	1 2 0	"	"
7020	11645	"	Inglis .....	Pringle, &c. ....	2 0 0	"	"
"	11646	"	do .....	Winton .....	3,736 0 0	"	"
1358	11683	"	Wallace .....	Kiandra .....	6,100 0 0	"	"
"	11684	"	do .....	do .....	12 2 15	"	"
6103	11698	"	Phillip .....	Wollar .....	24 0 38	"	"
"	11699	"	do .....	do .....	1 0 0	"	"
Occ. 90- 8348	11650	"	Sandon .....	Donald .....	2 0 0	"	"
8350	11651	"	Rous .....	Dyraaba, &c. ....	140 0 0	"	4692
8351	11652	"	Forbes .....	Neila .....	773 2 0	"	"
4220	11653	"	do .....	do .....	60 2 0	"	"
8349	11654	"	Vernon .....	Shelving .....	400 0 0	"	"
"	11655	"	do .....	do .....	82 2 0	"	"
"	11656	"	do .....	do .....	142 2 0	"	"
Ms. 90- 6948	11812	"	Cooper .....	Bundigerry .....	173 2 0	"	"
6949	11813	"	Clarendon .....	Maror .....	94 0 0	"	"
6950	11814	"	do .....	do .....	60 0 0	"	"
6958	11815	"	do .....	do .....	127 0 0	"	"
5070	11643	"	Ashburnham .....	Belubula .....	170 0 0	"	"
6773	11644	"	Beresford .....	The Brothers .....	10 0 0	"	4693
7861	11565	"	Sandon .....	Enmore, &c. ....	40 0 0	"	"
6102	11647	"	Clarendon .....	South Jewnee .....	24,000 0 0	"	"
6103	11697	"	Phillip .....	Wollar .....	12 1 18	"	"
4417	11595	"	Wakool .....	Jimaringle .....	180 0 0	"	"
6103	11687	"	Phillip .....	Wollar .....	346 0 0	"	"
"	11688	"	do .....	do .....	0 2 0	"	4694
3752	11831	"	Darling .....	Baldwin .....	2 0 0	"	"
7227	11649	"	Gordon .....	Narragal .....	600 0 0	"	"
7237	11632	"	Rous .....	North Casino .....	388 0 0	"	"
6103	11686	"	Phillip .....	Wollar .....	136 1 0	"	"
6780	11648	"	Murray .....	Gundaroo .....	100 0 0	"	"
1358	11673	"	Wallace .....	Kiandra .....	194 0 0	"	"
6103	11689	"	Phillip .....	Wollar .....	0 1 2	"	4695
7237	11631	"	Rous .....	North Casino .....	32 0 0	"	"
7158	11660	"	Canbelego .....	Lynch .....	53 0 0	"	"
1358	11677	"	Wallace .....	Kiandra .....	100 0 0	"	"
"	11678	"	do .....	do .....	0 2 18	"	"
"	11679	"	do .....	do .....	2 3 24	"	"
"	11680	"	do .....	do .....	4 0 32	"	"
"	11681	"	do .....	do .....	4 2 36	"	"
6103	11695	"	Phillip .....	Wollar .....	4 3 32	"	"
"	11696	"	do .....	do .....	2 0 0	"	"
"		"			5 0 0	"	"

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No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	Section.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 90-8644	11895	101	Selwyn	Mannus	a. r. p. 565 0 0	18 June, 1890.	4741
8627	11894	"	Cowley	Cavan	320 0 0	" "	"
8113	11880	"	Benarba	Colymungoul	305 0 0	" "	"
8636	11903	"	Selwyn	Ouranee	1,600 0 0	" "	4742
8638	11904	"	do	do	500 0 0	" "	"
8642	11905	"	do	Mannus	332 0 0	" "	"
8643	11906	"	do	do	324 0 0	" "	"
8645	11907	"	do	do	700 0 0	" "	"
8646	11908	"	do	do	328 0 0	" "	"
8647	11909	"	do	do	328 0 0	" "	"
8633	11901	"	Clarendon	Ironbong, &c.	752 0 0	" "	"
8634	11902	"	do	Billabung	1,325 0 0	" "	4743
8632	11900	"	Harden	Mooney Mooney, &c.	412 0 0	" "	"
8572	11898	"	Ashburnham	Belubula, &c.	4,000 0 0	" "	"
"	11899	"	do	Trajere	6,200 0 0	" "	"
7257	11870	"	Inglis	Moonbi	130 0 0	" "	"
"	11871	"	do	do	2,300 0 0	" "	"
7642	11872	"	do	Attunga	900 0 0	" "	"
8635	11896	"	Selwyn	Ouranee	406 0 0	" "	4744
8572	11897	"	Ashburnham	Nanami	352 0 0	" "	"
6538	11715	"	Clarence	Lawrence	300 0 0	21	4850
5454	11591	"	Wynyard	Nacka Nacka	107 0 0	" "	"
7236	11769	"	Hume	Brocklesby	262 2 0	" "	"
7417	11716	"	Townsend	Yalgadoori	239 1 0	" "	4851
"	11717	"	do	do	272 1 0	" "	"
"	11718	"	do	Wonnui	50 0 0	" "	"
"	11719	"	do	Tawarra	65 0 0	" "	"
"	11720	"	do	Boorga	130 0 0	" "	"
"	11721	"	do	do	230 0 0	" "	"
"	11722	"	do	do	230 0 0	" "	"
"	11723	"	do	do	200 0 0	" "	"
"	11724	"	do	do	100 0 0	" "	"
"	11725	"	do	do	100 0 0	" "	"
"	11726	"	do	do	320 0 0	" "	"
"	11727	"	do	Derrulaman	70 0 0	" "	"
"	11728	"	do	do	90 0 0	" "	"
"	11729	"	do	Conargo	99 3 0	" "	"
"	11730	"	do	do	60 0 0	" "	"
"	11731	"	do	Willeroo	188 1 0	" "	"
"	11732	"	do	do	200 0 0	" "	"
"	11733	"	do	Quamong	78 3 0	" "	4852
"	11734	"	do	Blackwood	54 0 0	" "	"
7304	11759	"	Rous	Toolond	340 0 0	" "	"
"	11760	"	do	Mullumbimby	670 0 0	" "	"
7415	11736	"	Ularara	Wanaaring	0 0 12	" "	"
"	11737	"	do	do	0 0 26	" "	"
"	11738	"	do	do	0 1 13	" "	"
"	11739	"	do	do	0 1 30	" "	"
"	11740	"	do	do	0 2 15	" "	"
"	11741	"	do	do	0 3 0	" "	"
"	11742	"	do	do	25 2 0	" "	"

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Ms. 90- 7415	11743	101	Ularara ..	Waanaring...	a. r. p. 50 0 0	21 June, 1890	4852
6169	11757	"	Mitchell .	Edgehill ..	52 0 0	" "	4853
"	11758	"	Hume ..	Henty ..	61 0 0	" "	"
6846	11751	"	Gordon .	Buckinbah .	137 0 0	" "	"
"	11752	"	do ..	do ..	379 0 0	" "	"
"	11753	"	do ..	do ..	1,100 0 0	" "	"
"	11754	"	do ..	Catombal ..	2,450 0 0	" "	"
"	11755	"	do ..	Loombah ..	140 0 0	" "	"
"	11756	"	do ..	Ganoo, &c. .	12,200 0 0	" "	4854
7304	11761	"	Rous .	Toolona, &c. .	150 0 0	" "	"
6538	11714	"	Clarence .	Lawrence .	320 0 0	" "	"
7641	11775	"	Parry ..	Bective, &c. .	11,000 0 0	" "	4855
5199	11777	"	Darling .	Warrabah .	350 0 0	" "	"
Occ. 90- 8518	11762	"	Gough .	Rangers Valley ..	86 0 0	" "	"
8519	11763	"	do ..	Scone ..	170 0 0	" "	"
8450	11764	"	Vernon ..	Bergen-op Loom .	100 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90- 7415	11735	"	Ularara ..	Waanaring ...	4 2 0	" "	4856
8628	11892	"	Monteagle .	Murringo North .	360 0 0	" "	"
8629	11893	"	do ..	Gungewalla .	20 0 0	" "	"
8815	11952	"	Selwyn .	Jungelic East, &c	358 0 0	25	4339
8816	11953	"	do ..	Burra ..	57 0 0	" "	"
8817	11954	"	do ..	Tumbarumba .	40 0 0	" "	"
8818	11955	"	do ..	do ..	55 0 0	" "	"
8825	11956	"	do ..	Burra .	234 0 0	" "	4940
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9217	12054	"	Raleigh .	Medlow ..	400 0 0	" "	"

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Mis 90- 9217	12055	101	Raleigh	Medlow	1 200	0 0		25 June, 1890	4947
" "	12053	"	Rous	Hanging Rock	3,000	0 0		" "	" "
" "	12056	"	Raleigh	Denison	900	0 0		" "	" "
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7933	12057	"	Rous, &c	Dyraaba, &c	4,031	3 0		" "	" "
Mis. 90- 6590	11801	"	Buccleuch	Killmeat	235	0 0		" "	4948
8946	12048	"	Dowling, &c	Naradhun, &c	62,720	0 0		" "	" "
8993	12050	"	Beresford	Kydra	960	0 0		" "	" "
8151	12039	"	Bland	Eurabba	280	0 0		" "	" "
8562	12051	"	Buckland	Temu	1,800	0 0		" "	" "
8987	12049	"	King	Jerrara	54	0 0		" "	" "
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7751	11781	"	Sandon	Metz	558	1 0		28	5044
2487	11711	"	Roxburgh	Sofala	100	0 0		" "	5045
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8197	11806	"	Hume	Henty	240	0 0		" "	" "
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7991	11791	"	Ashburnham	Manildra	300	0 0		" "	" "
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7302	11784	"	Benarba	Gullaway	25	2 0		" "	" "
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8366	12071	"	Gough	Ben Lomond	150	0 0		" "	" "
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9352	12075	"	Hawes	Myra	109	0 0		" "	" "
8809	12076	"	Vernon	Andy, &c	2,133	3 0		" "	" "
Ms. 90- 9448	12124	"	Clarke	Warner &c	700	0 0		" "	" "
9361	12108	"	Roxburgh	Duramana	10	0 0		" "	" "
9250	12085	"	Darling	Hall	840	0 0		" "	5150
9075	12106	109	do	Borah	770	0 0		" "	" "
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8941	12102	"	Rous	Ballina	87	2 0		" "	" "
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Ms 90- 9303	12081	101	Rous	Jiggi	60 0 0	2 July, 1890	5151
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8557	12131	39	Wallace	Goandra, &c	67,668 0 0	" "	"
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5554	11886	"	Fitzroy	Limington	2 0 0	5 "	5233
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5529	11846	"	Ewenmar	Collie	10 3 8	" "	5235
5554	11885	"	Fitzroy	Ermington	6 3 7	" "	"
5168	10612	109	Narromine	Buddah	300 0 0	" "	"
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8098	11833	"	Dudley	Nulla Nulla	150 0 0	" "	"
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8101	11835	"	do	Jiggi	40 0 0	" "	"
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10089	12214	"	Georgiana	Bombah, &c	10,500 0 0	9 "	5315
9175	12163	"	Harden	Gobarralong	593 1 0	" "	"
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Occ 90- 9283	12209	"	Clarke	Waiver	55 0 0	" "	"
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9780	12164	"	Arawatta	Redbank	168 0 0	" "	5317
9685	12205	"	Hawes	Woko	430 0 0	" "	"
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10065	12165	"	Leichhardt	Amos, &c	64,260 0 0	" "	"
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5137	12009	"	Jamson	Bunyah	330 0 0	" "	"
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7688	12010	"	Brisbane	Merriwa	145 0 0	" "	5408
5331	10175	109	Darling	Baraba	240 0 0	" "	"
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8653	12019	"	Cowley	Cavan	120 0 0	" "	"
8477	11924	101	Murray	Warrwa	10 0 0	" "	"
7764	11926	"	Gregory	Northcote	780 0 0	" "	"
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8720	12005	"	Richmond	Wyon	128 0 0	" "	"
10104	12204	"	Bland	Wallundry	275 0 0	" "	"
7242	11851	"	Rous	Dunbible	117 0 0	" "	"
8303	12011	"	Macquarie	Macquarie	9 2 20	" "	"
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5103	11922	"	Fitzroy	Coff	360 0 0	" "	5404
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4264	11921	101	Northumberland	Coongewat	320 0 0	" "	"
8641	12012	"	Selwyn	Glenken, &c.	914 0 0	" "	"

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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(RESERVED FROM SALE UNTIL SURVEYED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY UNDER  
THE ACT 48 VIC NO 18)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No 18

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or  
other public purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48  
Victoria No 18

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Ms 90 10087	12244	101	Narromine &c	Mingelo, &c	2,870 0 0	16 July, 1890	5495
" "	12243	"	Narromine	Mingelo	1,620 0 0	" "	"
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" 8552	12231	"	Selwyn	Mundeco	400 0 0	" "	"
" 10363	12235	"	Inglis	Congu	167 1 20	" "	"
" 10217	12234	"	Beresford	Good Good	130 0 0	" "	"
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Aln 90- 4633	12236	"	Oxley	Lawson	133 0 0	" "	"
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Ms 90-10095	12238	"	Uiana	Wood	67 1 0	" "	"
" 10381	12233	"	Clarendon	Claris, &c	438 0 0	" "	"
" 89-14384	11685	"	Bathurst	Neville	8 1 39	" "	"
Occ 90- 9784	12247	"	Selwyn	Mannus	40 0 0	" "	5497
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Ms. 90- 6684	12257	"	Beresford	The Brothers	80 0 14	" "	"
Aln 90- 5732	12255	"	Clarendon	Wantiol	41 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90- 8722	12069	"	Richmond	Coombell	43 0 0	19	5576
Aln 89- 142	12021	"	King	Wallah	3 3 0	" "	"
Ms 90- 5654	12097	"	Richmond	South Ballina	15 1 0	" "	5578
" 8894	12034	"	Rous	Nimbin	125 0 0	" "	"
" 9071	12098	"	Phillip	Wyaldia	2 0 0	" "	"
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Aln 89- 142	12022	"	King	Narrawa	22 1 0	" "	"
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Ms. 90-10752	12314	101	Forbes.....	Meriganowry .....	a. r. p. 605 0 0	23 July, 1890.	5670
9699	12297	"	Clarendon .....	Meriybundinah. ....	120 0 0	" "	"
9909	12303	"	Bland .....	Combaning .....	50 0 0	" "	"
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8438	11919	"	Denison .....	Osborne .....	80 0 0	26 "	5973
6525	12149	"	Dowling .....	Gurangully .....	0 1 0	" "	"
9575	12119	"	Gough .....	Severn .....	240 0 0	" "	"
9576	12151	"	Rous .....	Ettrick .....	4 0 0	" "	5976
7681	12150	"	Farnell .....	Corona, &c. ....	878 3 0	" "	"
8911	12030	"	Forbes .....	Wattamondara .....	1 2 0	" "	"
"	12029	"	do .....	do .....	360 0 0	" "	"
11101	12345	"	Courallie .....	Bumble .....	226 0 0	30 "	6044
11146	12366	"	Benarba .....	Colymungoul .....	550 0 0	" "	"
10740	12337	"	Gordon .....	Strathorn .....	600 0 0	" "	"
10850	12344	"	Darling .....	Tiabundie .....	140 0 0	" "	"
11102	12353	"	Sandon .....	Metz .....	1,387 2 0	" "	"
11097	12365	"	Clarendon .....	Ironbong .....	357 0 0	" "	"
6995	12215	"	Wellington .....	Wellington .....	6 0 8	2 Aug., "	6100
9726	12168	109	Nicholson .....	Redbank .....	159 0 0	" "	6101
9291	12225	"	Mossgiel .....	Carowra .....	509 0 0	" "	"
"	12228	"	do .....	do .....	608 0 0	" "	"
10135	12253	101	Durham .....	St. Aubins .....	436 2 0	" "	"
10137	12254	"	Blgh .....	Curryall .....	40 0 0	" "	"
9616	12167	"	Gough .....	Gordon .....	64 0 0	" "	"
6995	12216	"	Wellington .....	Wellington .....	19 3 32	" "	"
9066	12166	"	Canbelego .....	Gidambone .....	1 0 0	" "	"
9626	12239	"	Gough .....	Marowan .....	320 0 0	" "	6102
1806	10166	109	Darling .....	Nandewar .....	50 0 0	" "	"
10085	12252	101	Hunter .....	Doyle .....	11 0 0	" "	"
10076	12251	"	Macquarie .....	Jasper .....	1 2 0	" "	"
10130	12242	"	Clyde .....	Brewarrina .....	3 0 13	" "	"
6995	12217	"	Wellington .....	Wellington .....	22 2 32	" "	"
10017	12240	"	King .....	Crosby .....	8 0 0	" "	"
10018	12241	"	do .....	do .....	8 0 0	" "	"



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No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	Section.	County.	Parish.	Area.			Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
					a.	r.	p.		
Ms. 90-11358	12414	101	Hardinge	Clerkness	1,584	1	16	6 Aug., 1890	6156
11086	12397	"	Rous	North Casino	70	0	0	"	"
11029	12396	"	Gordon	Buckinbah	115	0	0	"	"
10071	12270	"	Pottinger	Bogabri	200	0	0	9	6252
10026	12269	"	Ashburnham	Nangar	380	0	0	"	6256
9305	12275	109	Rous	Turnstall	135	0	0	"	"
10378	12290	"	Clyde	Weribiddee	335	0	0	"	"
"	12291	"	do	do	400	0	0	"	"
"	12292	"	do	Higgins, &c.	425	0	0	"	"
"	12293	"	do	Grandool	640	0	0	"	"
9792	12268	101	Richmond	West Coraki	0	2	0	"	"
10378	12294	109	Clyde	Grandool, &c.	6,100	0	0	"	6257
10301	12276	"	Young, &c.	Waltragalda, &c.	70 square miles			"	"
10455	12278	"	Cooper	Yarangery	139	1	0	"	"
10301	12277	"	Young	Moorabin	640	0	0	"	"
10795	12356	101	Narromine	Mingelo	0	1	0	"	6258
10044	12264	"	Sandon	Elton	24	0	0	"	"
10025	12266	"	Ashburnham	Murga	450	0	0	"	"
10378	12289	"	Clyde	Grandool	1,260	0	0	"	"
10812	12363	"	Narromine	Mingelo	10	3	8	"	"
10795	12357	"	do	do	0	2	0	"	"
"	12361	"	do	do	0	2	0	"	6259
10311	12301	112	Dudley	Collombatti	6,500	0	0	"	"
10405	12302	101	Cook	Megalong	80	0	0	"	"
10795	12358	"	Narromine	Mingelo	5	1	9	"	"
"	12359	"	do	do	5	1	9	"	"
10810	12362	"	do	do	26	0	0	"	"
7119	12223	"	Northumberland	Vere	142	2	0	"	"
10417	12309	"	Hume	Corowa	2	0	0	"	6260
10795	12360	"	Narromine	Mingelo	4	0	0	"	"
9268	12321	"	Buller	Emu	100	0	0	12	6336
11470	12457	"	Pottinger	Black Jack	100	0	0	"	"
11332	12286	"	Bland	Dinga Dingi	21	0	0	16	6444
"	12287	"	do	do	34	0	0	"	"
11310	12288	"	Gordon	Cardington	620	0	0	"	"
10894	12347	"	Brisbane	Brogheda	46	0	0	"	6448
10590	10999	"	Northumberland	Gosford	1	0	28	"	"
10896	12348	"	Brisbane, &c.	Wandewoi, &c.	277	0	0	"	6449
10097	12346	109	Mitchell	Mangoplal, &c.	360	0	0	"	"
89-13651	12311	112	Bland	Tumbleton	222	0	0	"	"
90- 9632	12328	101	Cooper	Wyangan	320	0	0	"	"
10167	12331	"	Ashburnham	Forbes	1,400	0	0	"	6450
"	12332	"	do	do	1,410	0	0	"	"
"	12333	"	do	do	3,600	0	0	"	"
10688	12329	"	Durham	Avenal	37	2	0	"	"
Aln. 90- 4456	12265	"	Urana	Morundah South	65	2	0	"	"
Ms. 90-10846	12349	"	Dudley	Barraganyatti	500	0	0	"	6451
10955	12160	"	Clarence	Great Marlow	6	2	3	"	"
10690	12330	"	Georgiana	Laggan, &c.	367	0	0	"	"
10094	12274	"	Wynyard	Hindmarsh	125	0	0	"	"
11719	12466	"	Fitzroy	Chambigne	10	0	0	20	6541
11798	12475	"	Bland	Carumbi	956	0	0	"	"

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Ms. 90- 9458	12385	101	Murray .....	Queanbeyan .....	a. r. p. 6 0 0	23 Aug., 1890	6659
5077	12381	"	Harden .....	Coolac .....	5 0 0	" "	"
Aln. 90- 4173	12375	"	Cumberland .....	Sutherland .....	1 0 37	" "	6662
Ms. 90- 9959	12341	"	Urana .....	Crommelin .....	91 0 0	" "	"
8740	12386	"	Ashburnham .....	Eugowra .....	5 2 16	" "	"
9648	12259	"	Hume .....	Buckaringah .....	40 0 0	" "	6663
11005	12394	"	St. Vincent .....	Currowan .....	10 0 0	" "	"
11006	12395	"	Westmoreland .....	Terni .....	34 0 0	" "	"
9727	12373	109	Mossgiel, &c. ....	Booboran, &c. ....	2,200 0 0	" "	"
9728	12370	"	Blaxland .....	Ulumba .....	640 0 0	" "	"
5077	12383	101	Harden .....	Coolac .....	5 0 0	" "	6664
10689	12376	"	Wallace .....	Wallgrove .....	8 0 0	" "	"
10350	12374	"	Hardinge .....	Nuandle .....	330 0 0	" "	"
11088	12398	"	Brisbane .....	Brawboy .....	40 0 0	" "	"
11895	12408	"	Bathurst .....	Kenilworth .....	5 2 9	30 "	6795
"	12409	"	do .....	do .....	6 1 30	" "	"
"	12410	"	do .....	do .....	43 0 0	" "	"
Aln. 90- 1234	12436	"	King .....	Numby .....	26 1 34	" "	6796
Ms. 90-11360	12450	"	Wellington .....	Ironbarks .....	0 1 0	" "	"
Aln. 90- 1234	12437	"	King .....	Numby .....	2 2 0	" "	"
Ms. 90-11008	12336	"	Gough .....	Deepwater .....	7 2 3	" "	"
11450	12441	"	Burnett .....	Warialda .....	13 0 0	" "	"
11288	12449	"	Macquarie .....	Taree .....	67 2 0	" "	"
Aln. 90- 1234	12435	"	King .....	Numby .....	23 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90-10062	12260	"	Sandon .....	Armidale .....	1 3 30	" "	6797
"	12261	"	do .....	do .....	3 3 20 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	" "	"
11895	12400	"	Bathurst .....	Kenilworth .....	29 0 0	" "	"
"	12401	"	do .....	do .....	59 2 0	" "	"
Aln. 90- 1234	12434	"	King .....	Numby .....	3 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90-11895	12402	"	Bathurst .....	Kenilworth .....	5 1 9	" "	"
"	12403	"	do .....	do .....	6 0 24	" "	"
11900	12380	"	Rous .....	Nimbin, &c. ....	770 0 0	" "	6798
11895	12411	"	Bathurst .....	Kenilworth .....	1 1 4	" "	"
"	12412	"	do .....	do .....	1 1 30	" "	"
"	12413	"	do .....	do .....	16 2 0	" "	"
11179	12368	"	Dudley .....	Cooroobongatti .....	1 3 35	" "	"
"	12369	"	do .....	do .....	2 0 0	" "	"
11434	12451	"	Rous .....	Murwillumbah .....	1 2 21	" "	"
11450	12442	"	Burnett .....	Warialda .....	22 1 20	" "	"
10495	12454	"	Forbes .....	Neila .....	8 0 0	" "	6799
10756	12322	"	Courallie .....	Moree .....	1,230 0 0	" "	"
11895	12405	"	Bathurst .....	Kenilworth .....	0 0 18	" "	"
"	12406	"	do .....	do .....	8 2 24	" "	"
"	12407	"	do .....	do .....	14 1 34 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	" "	"
"	12404	"	do .....	do .....	6 0 17	" "	"
Aln. 90- 1234	12438	"	King .....	Numby .....	4 2 0	" "	"
Ms. 90-11200	12447	"	Rous .....	Whian Whian .....	145 0 0	" "	"
11055	12445	"	Camden .....	Burrawang .....	370 0 0	" "	6800
11009	12440	"	King .....	Yass .....	542 0 0	" "	"
10061	12258	"	Bathurst .....	Bathurst .....	6 3 39	" "	"
10989	12444	"	Clarence .....	Scope, &c. ....	80 0 0	" "	"
11272	12448	"	Pottinger .....	Mucca Mucca, &c. ....	630 0 0	" "	"
11081	12446	"	Ewenmar .....	Allamurgoola .....	240 0 0	" "	6801

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No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	Section.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
					a. r. p.		
Ms. 90-12477	12540	112	Beresford .....	Montague .....	470 0 0	3 Sept., 1890	6862
11639	12470	101	Roxburgh .....	Winburn .....	72 0 0	6 " "	6982
8718	12433	"	Monteagle .....	Rossi .....	250 0 0	" " "	"
11484	12453	109	Bourke .....	Mandamah, &c. ....	6,350 0 0	" " "	"
11428	12068	"	Blaxland .....	Hyandra, &c. ....	3,860 0 0	" " "	"
5825	12469	101	Gough .....	Glen Innes, &c. ....	2,040 0 0	" " "	6983
11792	12471	"	Rous .....	Brunswick .....	40 0 0	" " "	"
8139	12429	"	Denham .....	Gorian, &c. ....	900 0 0	" " "	"
"	12430	"	do .....	do .....	1,130 0 0	" " "	"
8718	12432	"	Monteagle .....	Rossi .....	54 0 0	" " "	"
Aln. 90- 6631	12463	"	Harden .....	Currawong .....	12 3 30	" " "	"
Ms. 90-11792	12472	"	Rous .....	Brunswick .....	37 0 0	" " "	6984
Aln. 90- 6681	12462	"	Harden .....	Currawong .....	12 3 10	" " "	"
Ms. 90- 7467	12419	"	Sturt .....	Tom's Point .....	452 0 0	" " "	"
9354	12452	"	Mitchell .....	Milbrulong .....	1,000 0 0	" " "	"
13047	12594	"	Urana .....	Yathong .....	535 0 0	10 " "	7065
12807	12593	"	Townsend .....	Warbecan .....	198 0 0	" " "	"
12014	12595	"	Dampier .....	Bermagoe .....	1,400 0 0	" " "	"
12752	12585	"	Clive .....	Romney .....	13,000 0 0	" " "	7066
8970	12591	"	Cook .....	Blackheath .....	0 0 36	" " "	"
12714	12592	"	Clarke .....	Look Out .....	2,350 0 0	" " "	"
12712	12573	"	Buller .....	Cullendore .....	320 0 0	" " "	"
11753	10440	109	Gregory .....	Merrimba .....	1,050 0 0	" " "	7159
11959	12491	"	do .....	do .....	700 0 0	" " "	"
11657	12490	"	Bland .....	Mugga, &c. ....	260 0 0	" " "	"
12195	12509	"	Wellesley .....	Hayden .....	140 0 0	" " "	"
12053	12504	"	Mouramba .....	Belowra, &c. ....	560 0 0	" " "	"
"	12502	"	do .....	do .....	637 0 0	" " "	"
12086	12506	101	Narromine .....	Mingelo .....	19 2 0	13 " "	"
11721	10225	109	Sturt .....	Tom's Point .....	345 0 0	" " "	7160
11722	12486	101	Macquarie .....	Beranghi .....	315 0 0	" " "	"
11201	12508	"	Rous .....	Gooninbar, &c. ....	225 0 0	" " "	"
10125	12484	"	Bathurst .....	Tenandra .....	46 0 0	" " "	"
10930	2567	"	Durham .....	Balmoral, &c. ....	259 0 0	" " "	"
11975	12488	"	Buccleuch .....	Brungle .....	2 0 0	" " "	"
11938	12485	"	Cook .....	Currency .....	12 0 0	" " "	"
9068	12481	"	Gough .....	Fletcher .....	5 0 36	" " "	7161
89-17666	12483	"	Camden .....	Berrima .....	38 3 0	" " "	"
90-11957	12487	"	Durham .....	Seaham .....	170 0 0	" " "	"
11720	12501	"	Nicholson .....	Booligal .....	130 0 0	" " "	"
11975	12489	"	Buccleuch .....	Brungle .....	3 0 0	" " "	"
11720	12500	"	Nicholson .....	Booligal .....	130 0 0	" " "	7162
13406	12620	"	Bland .....	Carumbi .....	30 0 0	17 " "	7263
13451	12670	"	Drake .....	Sandilands .....	100 0 0	" " "	"
13266	12616	"	Darling .....	Manilla .....	198 0 0	" " "	"
12432	12671	"	Vernon .....	Branga .....	51 2 0	" " "	"
"	12672	"	do .....	do .....	66 2 0	" " "	"
"	12673	"	do .....	do .....	100 0 0	" " "	7264
"	12674	"	do .....	do .....	167 0 0	" " "	"
12433	12675	"	do .....	Andy, &c. ....	2,049 0 0	" " "	"
4110	12496	112	Ashburnham .....	Waugan .....	320 0 0	20 " "	7358
10578	12531	"	Bourke .....	Ramsay, &c. ....	2,500 0 0	" " "	"

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Ms 90-12247	12478	101	Northumberland	Martland	a r p 0 2 0	20 Sept, 1890	7358
"	12479	"	do	do	2 2 8	" "	"
"	12480	"	do	do	0 2 0	" "	"
11123	12515	"	Mitchell	Ashcroft	250 0 0	" "	"
12407	12538	"	Roxburgh, &c	Thoinshope, &c.	52 0 0	" "	7359
12406	12532	"	Durham	Dungog	11 0 0	" "	"
"	12533	"	do	Barford	950 0 0	" "	"
"	12534	"	Gloucester	Bullah Delah	28 0 0	" "	"
"	12535	"	do	Booloombayt	230 0 0	" "	"
"	12536	"	do	Neiong	280 0 0	" "	"
"	12537	"	do	do	4,600 0 0	" "	"
4110	12495	"	Ashburnham	Waugan	48 3 0	" "	"
Occ. 90-11823	12665	"	Clarke	Eurongilly	40 0 0	24 "	7416
"	12666	"	do	do	247 0 0	" "	"
"	12667	"	do	Snowy	100 0 0	" "	"
Ms 90-12187	12513	"	Westmoreland	Crete	250 0 0	27 "	7519
11293	12568	"	Hume	Hindmarsh	48 0 0	" "	"
12715	12578	"	Sandon	Harnham, &c.	690 0 0	" "	"
11973	12571	"	Bathurst	Hampton	65 0 0	" "	"
10971	12586	"	Beresford	The Brothers	80 0 0	" "	"
11638	12528	112	Gloucester	Curreeki, &c	8,000 0 0	" "	7520
"	12529	"	do	Gooloongolok, &c	4,000 0 0	" "	"
"	12530	"	do	do do	1,200 0 0	" "	"
12724	12576	"	Clive	Dickson	1,700 0 0	" "	"
12684	12575	"	Yancowinna	Umberumberka	275 0 0	" "	"
12276	9690	109	Bland	Tigalong, &c	120 0 0	" "	"
12359	12557	101	Rous	Ballna	0 2 0	" "	"
11078	12550	"	Wallace	Kiandra	130 0 0	" "	7521
"	12551	"	do	Tantangana	200 0 0	" "	"
"	12552	"	do	do	250 0 0	" "	"
"	12553	"	do	do	240 0 0	" "	"
"	12554	"	do	do	200 0 0	" "	"
"	12555	"	do	Gooandia, &c.	280 0 0	" "	"
11293	12564	"	Hume	Walbundry	20 0 0	" "	"
4900	12556	"	Harden	Jugong	19 2 0	" "	"
12361	12558	"	Durham	Foy	4 2 0	" "	"
12775	12587	"	Bathurst	Dunleary	0 3 0	" "	7522
11638	12522	"	Gloucester	Booloombayt	1,700 0 0	" "	"
"	12525	"	do	Telararee	2,700 0 0	" "	"
"	12523	"	do	Gooloongolok	1,100 0 0	" "	"
"	12524	"	do	do	2,300 0 0	" "	"
"	12520	"	do	Topi Topi	160 0 0	" "	"
"	12519	"	do	Bachelor	10,600 0 0	" "	"
"	12521	"	do	Telararee	28,000 0 0	" "	"
11293	12561	"	Hume	Hindmarsh	16 2 0	" "	7523
"	12562	"	do	Walbundry	2 2 0	" "	"
6782	11562	"	Selwyn	Glenken	350 0 0	" "	"
12475	12574	"	Gibbs	Milbee	100 0 0	" "	"
11638	12576	"	Gloucester	Curreeki	480 0 0	" "	"
11293	12567	"	Hume	Walbundry	3 29 0	" "	"
"	12563	"	do	do	1 0 0	" "	7524
7458	12517	"	do	Howlong	15 1 12	" "	"
11293	12565	"	do	Walbundry	2 2 0	" "	"
"	12566	"	do	do	3 2 19	" "	"
11638	12527	"	Gloucester	Wallingat	70 0 0	" "	"

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Ms. 90-11107	12747	101	Bourke .....	Berrembed .....	1,205	3 0	1 Oct., 1890	7635
10982	12745	"	Urana .....	Yathong .....	1,288	2 0	" "	"
"	12746	"	do .....	do .....	484	2 0	" "	"
13768	12706	"	Bland .....	Yerai .....	160	0 0	" "	"
"	12707	"	do .....	do .....	640	0 0	" "	"
"	12708	"	do .....	do .....	720	0 0	" "	7636
"	12709	"	do .....	do &c. ....	960	0 0	" "	"
13035	12744	"	Rous .....	Queebun .....	350	3 0	" "	"
13768	12704	"	Bland .....	Yerai .....	150	0 0	" "	"
"	12705	"	do .....	do .....	640	0 0	" "	"
12025	12604	"	Gloucester .....	Kundibakh .....	10	3 21	4 " "	7732
8124	12579	"	Kennedy .....	Houston .....	3	2 14	" "	"
12686	12598	"	Hume .....	Burrumbuttock .....	7	1 29	" "	"
12439	12608	"	King .....	Grabben Gullen .....	30	2 20	" "	"
12485	12621	"	Hume .....	Bungwannah .....	34	3 0	" "	7733
"	12622	"	do .....	do .....	101	3 0	" "	"
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"	12624	"	do .....	Moorwatha .....	40	0 0	" "	"
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"	12628	"	do .....	Lowes .....	25	0 0	" "	"
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7987	12632	"	Boyd .....	Boyd .....	40	0 0	" "	"
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"	12644	"	Waradgery .....	Berestford .....	320	0 0	" "	"
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"	12651	"	do .....	Ilginbah .....	196	0 18	" "	"
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"	12655	"	do .....	Narrawidgery .....	2,495	0 0	" "	"
"	12656	"	do .....	Twynan .....	320	0 0	" "	"
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"	12659	"	do .....	do .....	666	1 0	" "	"
"	12660	"	do .....	Wirkenberjal .....	52	2 0	" "	"

No. of Papers.	No. of Reserve.	Section.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Government Gazette in which the description is published.	Folio.
Ms. 90- 7987	12661	101	Waradgery .....	Wirkenberjal .....	a. r. p. 66 0 0	4 Oct., 1890	7734
"	12662	"	do .....	do .....	115 3 0	" "	"
"	12663	"	do .....	do .....	401 0 0	" "	"
"	12664	"	do .....	do .....	956 2 0	" "	7735
12485	12630	"	Urana .....	Booroobanilly .....	80 0 0	" "	"
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11514	12607	"	Wynyard .....	Bangus .....	100 0 0	" "	"
8630	12603	"	Buccleuch .....	Adjungbilly .....	300 0 0	" "	"
C.S. 90-14504 Dep.	12613	"	Gough .....	Flagstone .....	20 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90-13268	12611	"	Bland .....	Wallundry .....	20 0 0	" "	"
13269	12612	"	do .....	Carumbi .....	33 1 0	" "	"
11530	12577	"	Urana .....	Wood .....	67 1 0	" "	"
13033	12609	112	Townsend .....	Boorooban .....	175 0 0	" "	7736
12032	12548	101	Cumberland .....	St. John .....	22 1 38	" "	"
10891	12606	"	Gordon .....	Benya, &c. ....	730 0 0	" "	"
Occ. 90-10498	12614	"	Brisbane .....	Isis .....	26 0 0	" "	"
"	12615	"	do .....	do .....	194 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90-13068	12610	"	Urana .....	Crommelin, &c. ....	830 0 0	" "	"
14664	12783	"	Clive .....	Tarban .....	62 2 0	7 "	7759
12282	12785	"	Dudley .....	Cooroobongatti .....	40 0 0	" "	"
"	12786	"	do .....	Tanban .....	200 0 0	" "	"
13895	12753	"	Pottinger .....	Gulligal .....	118 0 0	" "	"
C.S. 90-5158 Cor.	12784	"	Bourke .....	Bungambil .....	559 2 0	" "	"
Ms. 90-10757	12669	"	Clarence .....	Lanitza .....	10 0 0	11 "	7923
13040	12693	"	Macquarie .....	Ralfe .....	8 0 0	" "	"
13366	12694	"	Gloucester .....	Foster .....	20 0 0	" "	"
10757	12317	"	Clarence .....	Lanitza .....	2 2 24	" "	"
8171	12618	"	Fitzroy .....	Bardsley .....	5 3 16	" "	7924
11732	12692	"	Kennedy .....	Houston .....	1,287 0 0	" "	"
15233	12862	"	Benarba .....	Tala .....	350 0 0	14 "	8000
15079	12867	"	Bland .....	Gidgingidginbung .....	186 0 0	" "	8001
12444	12728	"	Rous .....	Terania .....	8 0 0	18 "	8095
13487	12719	"	Georgiana .....	Carrawa .....	75 0 0	" "	"
13106	12718	"	Gordon .....	Bolderogery, &c. ....	375 0 0	" "	"
13364	12726	"	Macquarie .....	Camden Haven .....	43 0 0	" "	"
Aln. 90- 8448	12714	"	King .....	Ware .....	7 2 0	" "	8097
Ms. 90-13088	12725	"	Clarence .....	Taloumbi .....	0 0 20	" "	"
5204	12724	"	Argyle .....	Collector .....	280 0 0	" "	"
13455	12723	"	Stapylton, &c. ....	Blue Nobby, &c. ....	30 0 0	" "	"
10626	12721	"	Vernon .....	Shelving .....	17,500 0 0	" "	8098
13485	12712	"	Raleigh .....	Tarranbella .....	77 0 0	" "	"
13627	12713	"	Ashburnham .....	Belubula .....	4 0 0	" "	"
10626	12720	"	Vernon .....	Branga, &c. ....	4,165 0 0	" "	"
12685	12710	"	Denison .....	Mulwala .....	1 0 0	" "	"
13443	12711	"	Clive .....	Bimby .....	3,550 0 0	" "	"
13365	12727	"	Macquarie .....	Harrington .....	120 0 0	" "	"
8477	11924	"	Murray .....	Werriwa .....	10 0 0	" "	8099
9644	12716	109	Burnett, &c. ....	Parkhurst, &c. ....	590 0 0	" "	"
8124	12579	101	Kennedy .....	Houston .....	3 2 14	" "	"
13031	12717	"	Cowper .....	Bourke .....	0 2 0	" "	"
15550	12911	"	Clarke .....	Tubbamurra .....	1,280 0 0	22 "	8166
13675	12695	"	Monteagle .....	Brundah .....	260 1 0	" "	"
15843	12914	"	Dudley .....	Warbro .....	200 0 0	" "	"
15443	12910	"	Burnett .....	Abercrombie .....	1,330 0 0	" "	"
13452	11894	109	Cowley .....	Cavan .....	320 0 0	25 "	8272
15091	12865	101	Gloucester .....	Wollom .....	43 2 0	" "	"
9567	12735	"	Nandewar .....	Burburgate .....	4 3 0	" "	"
"	12736	"	do .....	do .....	8 0 0	" "	"
"	12737	"	do .....	do .....	28 0 0	" "	"
12362	12703	"	Wynyard .....	Umutbee .....	160 0 0	" "	"
14103	12757	"	Sandon .....	Elton .....	3 0 0	" "	8276
4711	12754	"	Burnett .....	Warialda .....	22 0 0	" "	"
13756	12756	112	Argyle .....	Tarlo .....	1,600 0 0	" "	"
13921	12780	"	Darling .....	Halloran .....	3,600 0 0	" "	"
13490	12722	101	Bourke .....	Derry .....	960 0 0	" "	"
13925	12777	"	Harden .....	Mooney Mooney .....	60 0 0	" "	8277
4711	12755	"	Burnett .....	Warialda .....	10 0 0	" "	"
13108	12779	"	Harden .....	Bowning .....	300 0 0	" "	"
12694	12740	"	Bland .....	Temora .....	92 0 0	" "	"
13323	12696	"	Bourke .....	Buddigower, &c. ....	610 0 0	" "	"
13913	12776	"	Beresford .....	Rivers .....	40 0 0	" "	"
14477	12781	109	Flinders .....	Whitbarrow, &c. ....	2,240 0 0	" "	8278
15090	12864	101	Northumberland .....	Cowan .....	80 0 0	" "	"

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(RESERVED FROM SALE, UNTIL SURVEYED, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY, OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 101st, 109th, AND 112th SECTIONS OF THE ACT 48 VICTORIA No 18 )

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ABSTRACT of Crown Lands reserved from sale, until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No 18

No of Papers	No of Reserve	Section	County	Parish	Area	Government Gazette in which the description is published	Footo
C S 90-5406 Cor	12941	101	Bourke	Bungambil	a r p 788 0 0	29 Oct, 1890	8338
Ms 90-16180	12955	"	Cumberland	Narrabeen	52 3 0	" "	"
14096	12789	109	Yancowinna, &c	Picton, &c	54 sq miles	1 Nov, "	8575
10354	12793	101	Clarence	Clarence	43 0 0	" "	8578
12952	12836	109	Narran	Bilbil	350 0 0	" "	8579
"	12837	"	do	Cowga	240 0 0	" "	"
"	12838	"	do	Dickenson	130 0 0	" "	"
"	12839	"	do	Morabilla	170 0 0	" "	"
"	12840	"	do	Willawillinhah	100 0 0	" "	"
"	12841	"	do	do	130 0 0	" "	"
"	12842	"	do	Goonoo, &c	44 sq miles	" "	"
8607	12759	101	Wellington	Hargraves	3 1 32	" "	8580
"	12760	"	do	do	4 3 22	" "	"
"	12761	"	do	do	5 3 0	" "	"
"	12762	"	do	do	11 0 30	" "	"
"	12763	"	do	do	27 2 0	" "	"
"	12764	"	do	do	40 1 0	" "	"
"	12765	"	do	do	60 3 0	" "	"
"	12766	"	do	do	4 0 32	" "	"
Ls 87- 2991	12843	"	Goulburn	Wagra, &c	1,255 0 0	" "	8581
Ms 90-11010	12783	"	Raleigh	Bowra	0 3 6	" "	"
C S 90- 854 Cor	12844	"	Ewemmar	Wonbobbie	40 0 0	" "	"
Ls 89- 339	12845	"	Gregory	Bokamore	577 0 0	" "	"
C S 85-7313 D	12846	"	Wakool	Mia Mia	48 1 0	" "	"
C S 87-6518 D	12847	"	Nicholson	Amoilla North	640 0 0	" "	"
Aln 87-5005	12848	"	Jamison	Clements	640 0 0	" "	"
C S 85-17773 D	12849	"	Mitchell	Hanging Rock	40 0 0	" "	"
28108 D	12850	"	Livingstone	Marlborough	120 0 0	" "	"
Ms 90- 8607	12772	"	Wellington	Hargraves	3 3 0	" "	"
13110	12832	"	Forbes	Binda	4 2 19	" "	"
13483	12859	"	Yancowinna	Picton	6 0 31	" "	"
14197	12500	109	Gunderbooka	Nidgerie	50 0 0	" "	8582
"	12801	"	do	do	600 0 0	" "	"
"	12802	"	do	do	640 0 0	" "	"
14199	12806	"	Killara	Waramutty	624 0 0	" "	"
"	12807	"	Fitzgerald, &c	do	640 0 0	" "	"
14195	12810	"	Irrara	Kenmare	10 0 0	" "	"
"	12811	"	do	do	603 0 0	" "	"
"	12812	"	do	do	640 0 0	" "	"
8607	12768	101	Wellington	Hargraves	0 3 27	" "	"
"	12769	"	do	do	0 3 33	" "	"
"	12770	"	do	do	1 3 20	" "	"
"	12771	"	do	do	3 0 32	" "	"
13110	12833	"	Forbes	Binda	25 3 17	" "	"
5960	12787	"	Mouramba	Priority Plains	40 0 0	" "	8583
8607	12767	"	Wellington	Hargraves	25 0 0	" "	"
10354	12794	"	Clarence	Clarence	145 0 0	" "	"
"	12795	"	do	do	145 0 0	" "	"
13110	12834	"	Forbes	Binda	173 0 0	" "	"
8356	11845	"	Oxley	Eilgenbah, &c	1,000 0 0	" "	"

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					a.	r.	p.		
Ms. 90-12767	12835	101	Harden	Wombat	449	0	0	1 Nov., 1890	8584
14308	12790	"	Gloucester	Forster	1	0	0	" "	"
15469	12750	"	Mitchell	Maclean	232	2	0	" "	"
8607	12773	"	Wellington	Hargraves	14	0	0	" "	"
14202	9613	109	Gipps	Bolagamy	242	0	0	8 "	8708
14755	12870	"	Baradine	Merritombea	1,040	0	0	" "	"
15212	12873	"	Fitzgerald, &c.	Mullawooka, &c.	110	sq. miles		" "	"
	12874	"	Thoulcanna	Kelly	400	0	0	" "	8709
14755	12871	"	Baradine	Merritombea	530	0	0	" "	"
14106	12824	101	Harden	Cunjegong	80	0	0	" "	"
9073	12900	"	Bathurst	Bathurst	20	1	30	" "	"
	12901	"	do	do	2	0	21	" "	"
	12902	"	do	do	2	3	0	" "	"
	12903	"	do	do	3	0	22	" "	"
15035	12893	"	Raleigh	South Bellingen	23	0	0	" "	8710
	12894	"	do	do	25	0	0	" "	"
14106	12895	"	Harden	Cunjegong	160	0	0	" "	"
7238	12887	"	Clarence	Yamba	1	0	36	" "	"
	12888	"	do	do	1	2	0	" "	"
	12889	"	do	do	9	2	25	" "	"
8896	12861	"	Raleigh	Allgomeria, &c.	80	0	0	" "	"
15020	12890	"	St. Vincent	Termeil	1	3	9	" "	"
6159	12826	"	Townsend	Billabong	25	0	0	" "	"
15214	12909	"	Gregory	Boonum	160	0	0	" "	"
89-14899	12688	"	Northumberland	Newcastle	0	1	29	" "	"
90- 9073	12906	"	Bathurst	Bathurst	8	2	14	" "	"
7238	12875	"	Clarence	Yamba	0	3	35	" "	8711
13759	12916	"	Darling	Veness	1	2	0	" "	"
8304	12896	"	Macquarie	Macquarie	0	3	0	" "	"
13759	12917	"	Darling	Manilla	1	2	0	" "	"
	12918	"	do	do	2	2	0	" "	"
	12919	"	do	Veness	2	2	0	" "	"
	12920	"	do	Manilla	2	3	0	" "	"
	12921	"	do	Veness	4	0	0	" "	"
	12922	"	do	Manilla	5	0	0	" "	"
	12923	"	do	Veness	5	0	0	" "	"
	12924	"	do	Manilla	6	0	0	" "	"
	12925	"	do	do	17	0	0	" "	"
	12926	"	do	Veness	17	0	0	" "	"
7238	12876	"	Clarence	Yamba	9	0	0	" "	8712
9073	12904	"	Bathurst	Bathurst	0	0	32	" "	"
	12905	"	do	do	4	3	37	" "	"
8304	12897	"	Macquarie	Macquarie	0	1	14	" "	"
	12898	"	do	do	0	3	6	" "	"
7238	12877	"	Clarence	Yamba	12	2	14	" "	"
	12878	"	do	do	0	2	4	" "	"
	12879	"	do	do	10	0	0	" "	"
15034	12907	"	Fitzroy	Woogoolga	0	3	0	" "	"
	12908	"	do	do	12	2	0	" "	"
13759	12927	"	Darling	Manilla	5	0	21½	" "	"
15052	12895	"	Camden	Kiama	0	0	24	" "	8713
15035	12891	"	Raleigh	South Bellingen	2	2	0	" "	"
	12892	"	do	do	3	0	0	" "	"
7238	12880	"	Clarence	Yamba	0	1	35	" "	"
	12881	"	do	do	1	0	0	" "	"
	12882	"	do	do	2	3	0	" "	"
8304	12899	"	Macquarie	Macquarie	1	3	3	" "	"
13759	12928	"	Darling	Manilla	0	0	26½	" "	"
7238	12884	"	Clarence	Yamba	3	0	0	" "	"
	12885	"	do	do	12	0	0	" "	"
	12886	"	do	do	82	2	37	" "	"
13759	12930	"	Darling	Manilla	5	1	8	" "	"
13944	12816	"	Wellington	Warne	1	0	0	" "	8714
	12817	"	do	do	4	2	0	" "	"
5373	11331	109	Canbelego, &c.	Glenariff, &c.	7,300	0	0	" "	"
7238	12883	101	Clarence	Yamba	2	0	0	" "	"
13759	12929	"	Darling	Manilla	2	0	0	" "	"
C.S. 90-19667D.	13017	"	Harden	Gobarralong	56	3	0	11 "	8735
Mis. 89-17323	13028	"	Richmond	Myrtle	210	0	0	" "	"
	13029	"	do	do	251	3	0	" "	"
	13030	"	do	Nandabah	128	0	0	" "	"
	13031	"	do	do	548	0	0	" "	"
	13032	"	do	do	194	0	0	" "	8736
13482	12743	"	St. Vincent	Nowra	0	1	0	" "	"
Aln. 89- 7953	12965	"	Waradgery	Simson	360	0	0	15 "	8820
	12966	"	do	Jumbrick, &c.	550	0	0	" "	"
Mis. 89-15567	12970	112	Georgiana	Glengarry	3,070	0	0	" "	8824
9352	12715	"	Darling	Hobden	5,000	0	0	" "	"
15307	12969	101	Macquarie	Macquarie	60	0	0	" "	"
14698	12957	"	Cunningham	Tinda, &c.	2,560	0	0	" "	"
7234	12931	"	Goulburn	Jindera	24	0	0	" "	8825
7581	12968	"	Bligh	Nanima	480	0	0	" "	"
15250	12942	109	Irrara	Mucruss, &c.	8,700	0	0	" "	"
14169	12778	101	St. Vincent	Tomboye	14	0	0	" "	"
Aln. 89- 8164	12944	"	Monteagle	Brundah	23	3	22	" "	8826
Mis. 89-16813	13078	"	Narromine	Mingelo	7	0	35	18 "	8872
16959	13080	112	Dowling	Uabba	744	0	0	" "	"
15899	12990	101	Rous	Brunswick	100	0	0	22 "	8982
	12991	"	"	Condong	160	0	0	" "	"



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Mis. 89-15899	12992	101	Rous	Mooball	a 450 0 0	22 Nov, 1890	8982
15909	12988	"	Gloucester	Berrico	132 0 0	" "	"
15873	12951	"	Denison	Barooga	3 0 0	" "	"
15260	12960	"	Ewenmar	Wambianna	420 0 0	" "	"
16289	12995	"	Dudley	Yarravel	149 1 0	" "	"
90-15571	12985	"	Cook	Strathdon	0 2 38	" "	8983
"	12986	"	do	do	0 3 26	" "	"
15873	12946	"	Denison	Barooga	3 0 0	" "	"
"	12947	"	do	do	5 0 0	" "	"
"	12948	"	do	do	15 0 0	" "	"
"	12949	"	do	do	70 0 0	" "	"
16863	12915	"	Bland	Genaldia	77 0 0	" "	"
16186	12993	"	Bathurst	Clarendon	80 0 0	" "	"
"	12994	"	do	do	40 0 0	" "	"
15873	12945	"	Denison	Barooga	33 0 0	" "	8984
16495	12984	"	Camden	Kiama	1 1 8	" "	"
15873	12950	"	Denison	Barooga	4 0 0	" "	"
15070	12940	"	Goulburn	Pulletop	80 0 0	" "	"
15081	12938	"	Selwyn	Youngal	640 0 0	" "	"
15062	12932	"	Bland	Temora	115 0 0	" "	"
16226	12989	"	Arrawatta	Texas	1,500 0 0	" "	8985
15873	12952	"	Denison	Barooga	14 0 0	" "	"
16841	12967	"	Wellington	Mulyan	120 0 0	" "	"
15853	12987	"	Harden	Murrumboola	11 0 10	" "	"
Occ. 90-11341	13144	"	Forbes	Wattamondara	4 0 0	25 "	9045



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No of Papers	No of Reserve	Section	County	Parish	Area	Government Gazette in which the description is published	Folio
Ms. 90-15901	12998	101	Dudley	Kullatine	a r p 146 3 0	29 Nov, 1890	9171
16255	13011	"	Gloucester	Tinonee	6 0 0	" "	"
12957	13005	109	Flinders, &c	Coolbah, &c	10,500 0 0	" "	9172
16282	13015	"	Narran	Milroy	1,900 0 0	" "	"
16283	13016	"	do &c	Narrandool, &c	21 sq miles	" "	"
15577	12976	101	Goulburn	Murray	70 0 0	" "	"
"	12977	"	do	Carabost	340 0 0	" "	"
15294	12997	109	do	Forest Creek	640 0 0	" "	"
15901	12999	101	Dudley	Kullatine	87 3 0	" "	9173
16271	13012	"	St Vincent	Bendoura	7 0 0	" "	"
16126	13013	"	Nicholson	Redbank	380 0 0	" "	"
16048	13010	"	Northumberland	Newcastle	0 1 33½	" "	"
16687	13022	"	Mootwingee	Morden	200 0 0	" "	"
16275	13014	"	Macquarie	Comboyne, &c	9,600 0 0	" "	9174
17560	13141	"	Richmond	Bundock	200 0 0	1 Dec. "	9185
"	13142	"	do	Woolroowoolgan	40 0 0	" "	"
"	13143	"	do	Bundock	50 0 0	" "	"
16710	13066	"	Darling	Woodsreef	720 0 0	3 "	9284
17561	13007	"	Bourke	Lupton	259 2 0	" "	"
17540	13180	"	Urana	Thurrowa	131 0 0	" "	"
17561	13008	"	Bourke	Ellhott	640 0 0	" "	"
C S. 90-23505	13203	"	St Vincent	Wollumboola	57 0 0	" "	"
Ms. 90-13776	13026	103	Bland	Thanowring	1,760 0 0	6 "	9376
"	13027	"	do	Culingerai, &c	3,760 0 0	" "	"
16647	13034	"	Ashburnham	Brymedura	145 0 0	" "	9377
"	13035	"	do	do	160 0 0	" "	"
"	13036	"	do	do	160 0 0	" "	"
16949	13059	101	Rous	Teven	2 2 0	" "	9382
16775	13070	"	Beresford	Thosby	150 0 0	" "	"
16949	13056	"	Rous	Teven	4 3 8	" "	"
"	13057	"	do	do	8 2 3	" "	"
16268	13021	"	Bathurst	Worcester	0 1 0	" "	"
11725	13048	"	Buckland	Currabubula	8 2 0	" "	"
16691	13069	"	Dampier	Bermagui	3 0 0	" "	9383
13776	13025	"	Bland	Gidgingidgmbung	160 0 0	" "	"
16906	13084	"	Clarence	Gulmarrad	86 0 0	" "	"
16949	13060	"	Rous	Tuckombil	2 0 7	" "	"
16904	13082	"	Buller	Reid	400 0 0	" "	"
"	13083	"	do	do	400 0 0	" "	"
5096	11190	"	Nandewar	Therribry	162 0 0	" "	"
7351	13071	"	Denham	Toryweewha	70 0 0	" "	"
15356	13039	109	Dowling	Yeikn, &c	640 0 0	" "	"
"	13040	"	do	do	640 0 0	" "	"
16732	13072	101	Bourke	Wallerobie	224 0 0	" "	9384
11725	13045	"	Buckland	Currabubula	3 0 0	" "	"
16322	13075	"	Rous	Lismore	13 0 0	" "	"
17568	13020	"	Bathurst	Worcester	0 2 0	" "	"
13776	13024	"	Bland	Thanowring	291 2 0	" "	"
11725	13044	"	Buckland	Currabubula	1 0 0	" "	"
16949	13055	"	Rous	Tuckombil	0 2 35	" "	"

No of Papers	No of Reserve	Section	County	Parish	Area	Government Gazette in which the description is published	Folio
Ms 90-11725	13046	101	Buckland	Currabubula	a r p 1 0 0	6 Dec , 1890	9384
16777	13073	"	Durham	Dungog	0 3 3	" "	"
16778	13074	"	do	do	1 3 35	" "	9385
17041	13077	"	Denison	Mulwala	0 1 8	" "	"
17569	13009	"	Aigyle	Nerrimunga	46,000 0 0	" "	"
16334	13081	109	Parry	Nemingha	36 0 0	" "	"
12572	12961	101	Buller	Toooloom, &c	300 0 0	" "	9386
16645	13067	"	Georgiana	Markdale	390 0 0	" "	"
"	13068	"	do	Keveystone	240 0 0	" "	"
16646	13076	"	Cook	Blackheath	0 2 16	" "	"
11725	13047	"	Buckland	Currabubula	1 0 0	" "	"
16949	13058	"	Rous	Tuckombil	2 0 0	" "	"
"	13061	"	do	Teven	1 3 11	" "	"
"	13062	"	do	do	2 0 25	" "	"
C S 90-22911 Dep	13204	"	Buckland	Clift	311 1 0	10	9454
Ms 90-17564	13174	"	Argyle	Marulan	9 2 12	" "	"
17571	13175	"	Lincoln	Dubbo	10 3 10	" "	"
16637	11063	109	Hawes	Mukki	198 1 0	13	9547
16484	11266	"	Beresford	Rowland	400 0 0	" "	9548
16276	13087	"	Cowley, &c	Goodradigbee	360 0 0	" "	"
12217	13065	101	Goulburn	Jerra Jerra	30 2 0	" "	"
16823	13054	"	do	Murray	47 0 0	" "	"
12217	13064	"	do	Jerra Jerra	110 0 0	" "	"
16530	13089	"	Hume	Hovell	250 0 0	" "	"
15274	13136	"	Lianklin	Marowie	187 0 0	" "	"
16532	13088	109	Hume	Stitt	570 0 0	" "	"
17220	13134	101	Benarba	Bibble, &c	2,560 0 0	" "	9549
17221	13139	"	do	Yaiouah, &c	2,240 0 0	" "	"
13915	13102	"	Gipps	Tirianna	111 0 0	" "	"
1942	13132	"	Bland	Morangarell	10 0 0	" "	"
16820	13104	"	Wynyard	Umbango	1 2 14	" "	"
"	13105	"	do	do	1 2 14	" "	"
16936	13140	"	Wentworth	Gol Gol	2,400 0 0	" "	"
17172	13137	"	Yancowinna	Picton	33 2 17	" "	9550
17070	13110	"	Clive	Timbarra	42 0 0	" "	"
"	13111	"	do	do	50 0 0	" "	"
"	13112	"	do	do	184 1 0	" "	"
"	13113	"	do	do	320 0 0	" "	"
"	13114	"	do	do	550 0 0	" "	"
"	13115	"	do	do	650 0 0	" "	"
17219	13133	"	Goulburn	Albury	3 0 0	" "	"
16765	13103	"	Selwyn	Khancoban	460 0 0	" "	"
17172	13138	"	Yancowinna	Picton	20 0 0	" "	9551
13390	13135	112	Cooper	Cudgel	1,080 0 0	" "	"

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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES, DECLARED UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act  
48 Victoria No. 18.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
	acres.	acres.		
Lake Albert (Village) .....	105	Nil	County of Wynyard, parish of Rowan.	4 January, 1890.
Carinda (Village) .....	350	675	County of Clyde, parish of Carinda.	8 February, 1890.
Tumbarumba.....	Nil	790	County of Selwyn, parish of Tumbarumba.	1 March, 1890.
Sturt (Village) .....	146	704	County of Auckland, parish of Towamba.	1 March, 1890.
Wangonilla (Village) .....	530	1,380	County of Townsend, parish of Wangonilla.	8 March, 1890.
Termeil (Village) .....	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	37 $\frac{1}{4}$	County of St. Vincent, parish of Termeil.	22 March, 1890.
East Maitland (Town).....	650	300	County of Northumberland, parish of Maitland.	12 April, 1890.



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES, UNDER THE ACT 43 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 43 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act  
43 Victoria No. 18.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	<i>Government Gazette</i> in which published.
	acres.	acres.		
Repton (Village) .....	30	570	County of Raleigh, parish of North Bellingen.	17 May, 1890, folio 3936.
Liverpool (Town) .....	760	3,424	County of Cumberland, parish of St. Luke, &c.	17 May, 1890, folio 3951.





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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES, DECLARED UNDER THE 4TH AND 101ST SECTIONS OF THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Acts 48 Vic. No. 18 and 53 Vic. No. 21.

ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
	acres.	acres.		
Berrigan (Village) .....	310	141	County of Denison, parish of Gereldery.	31 May, 1890, folio 4407.
Mount M'Donald (Village).....	50	.....	County of Bathurst, parish of Dunleary.	31 May, 1890, folio 4415.
Sofala (Town) .....	190	1,450	County of Roxburgh, parish of Sofala.	7 June, 1890, folio 4450.
Kiandra (Town) .....	280	680	County of Wallace, parish of Kiandra.	14 June, 1890, folio 4696.
Wollar (Village) .....	200	130	County of Phillip, parish of Wollar.	14 June, 1890, folio 4696.



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ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act  
48 Victoria No. 18.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
Wattle Flat (Village) .....	acres. 35	acres. 460	County of Roxburgh, parish of Sofala, &c.	28 June, 1890, folio 5038.



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## CROWN LANDS.

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Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
	acres.	acres.		
Peak Hill (Town).....	291½	1,980	County of Narromine, parish of Mingelo.	9 August, 1890, folio 6252.
Blayney (Town) .....	348	1,385	County of Bathurst, parishes of Errol and Lindsay.	23 August, 1890, folio 6659.
Ford's Bridge (Village) .....	570	.....	County of Barrona, parish of Win- nalabrina.	30 August, 1890, folio 6790.



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES, DECLARED UNDER THE 101 SECTION OF THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
	a. r. p.	acres.		
Alma (Ext. Town) .....	58 3 6	.....	County Yancowinna, parish Picton.	1 October, 1890, folio 7636.
Tarcutta (Village) .....	141 0 0	550	County Wynyard, parish Umut- bee.	25 October, 1890, folio 8271.





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## CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES, DECLARED UNDER THE 101ST SECTION OF THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18

ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.			Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
	a.	r.	p.			
Hargraves (Town) .....	168	0	0	214	County of Wellington, parish of Hargraves.	1st November, 1890, folio 8587.
Bathurst (City).....	3,000	0	0	4,000	County of Bathurst, parish of Bathurst.	8th November, 1890, folio 8715.
Yamba (Town) .....	200	0	0	660	County of Clarence, parish of Yamba.	8th November, 1890, folio . 8716.
Barooga (Village) .....	180	0	0	680	County of Denison, parish of Barooga.	22nd November, 1890, folio 8978.
Alma (Town Ext.) .....	80	0	0	.....	County of Yancowinna, parish of Picton.	25th November, 1890, folio 9045.



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(SITES FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES).

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

ABSTRACT of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act  
48 Victoria No. 18.

City, Town, or Village.	Area for City, Town, or Village.	Area for Suburbs.	Locality.	Government Gazette in which published.
	acres.	acres.		
Lewis Ponds (Village).....	17½	.....	County of Bathurst, parish of Worcester.	6 Dec., 1890, folio 9373.
Currabubula .....	.....	2,500	County of Buckland, parish of Currabubula.	6 Dec., 1890, folio 9388.



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF CERTAIN LANDS, UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. No. 18, AND ACT 53 VIC. No. 21.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18, and Act 53 Vic. No. 21.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 17th June, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF PERMANENT COMMON  
AT YASS.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the Permanent Common at Yass, area 680 acres, dedicated on the 18th February, 1870, and hereunder described, with a view to its being included in a reserve for temporary common.

[Ms. 90-8,269]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

County of King, parishes of Yass and Derringullen, near Yass, containing 508 acres: Commencing at the north-eastern corner of Isabella Barber's 104 acres 3 roods; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundaries of that land, R. M. Redmayne's 71 acres 2 roods, James Magrath's 61 acres, and R. Jones' 65 acres 2 roods 33 perches, being a line bearing west 66 chains 20 links to the eastern boundary of Thos. Barker's 800 acres; on the west by part of the eastern boundary line of that 800 acres bearing northerly to the north-eastern corner of that land; again on the south by part of the northern boundary line of that land bearing west to the south-easterly corner of G. Barber's 58 acres; again on the west by the eastern boundary line of that land bearing north to the south boundary of Thos. Hannan's 320 acres; on the north by part of the southern boundary line of that 320 acres bearing east to the south-eastern corner of that land; again on the west by the eastern boundary line of that land bearing north (crossing a road from Yass to Boorowa) to its north-eastern corner; again on the north by a line bearing east about 50 chains to a road dividing it from B. Aplin's 36 acres, portion 71, on Fairy-hole Creek; thence by that road southerly, and by the road along the southern boundary of that land easterly, to the road along the western boundaries of W. Tanswell's portions 73 and 74, each of 46 acres, and J. Collins' portion 75 and M. Langdon's portion 76 each of 42 acres; thence on the east by that road southerly about 42 chains; thence again on the south by a road along the northern boundary of Isabella Barber's 100 acres 1 rood 16 perches easterly, and along the western boundary of that land southerly, to the point of commencement.

County of King, parish of Yass, near Yass, on the Yass River, containing about 172 acres: Commencing on the right bank of the Yass River, at the north-eastern corner of J. M'Bean's portion 124 of 62 acres, parish of Yass; and bounded thence on the south by part of the northern boundary line of that portion bearing west about 39 chains 50 links; on the west by a road 50 links wide dividing it from part of George Barber's 990 acres bearing northerly about 44 chains to a point 2 chains southerly from R. M. Redmayne's 67 acres; on the north by a line bearing east 41 chains to the Yass River; and on the east by that river downwards, to the point of commencement.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 17th June, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF SHOW GROUND  
AT PARRAMATTA.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to resume the land at Parramatta, area 15 acres, viz., portion 75, in the parish of St. John, county of Cumberland, set apart for the use of the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, and hereunder described, with a view to its being included in a reserve for Show Ground.

[Ms. 90-8,423]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

County of Cumberland, parish of St. John, 15 acres, at Parramatta, portion 75: Commencing at a point where the south-eastern side of a road 1 chain wide, dividing it from G. Oakes' portion 93 and J. S. Rodd's portion 87, meets the Great Western Railway; and bounded thence on the north-west by that road bearing north 22 degrees 20 minutes east 4 chains 80 links; and thence bearing north 29 degrees 20 minutes east 4 chains and 10 links; on the north by the southern boundary of a portion of 7 acres 1 rood 38 perches bearing east 18 degrees 45 minutes south 18 chains and 26 links; on the south-east by a line bearing south 18 degrees 45 minutes west 8 chains and 10 links to the Great Western Railway; on the south-west by the Great Western Railway bearing north-westerly, to the point of commencement.

Plan C. 735-690 Roll.



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## CROWN LANDS.

(PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF CERTAIN LANDS, UNDER THE ACT 48 VIC. NO. 18.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 48 Vic. No. 18.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 31st July, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF RECREATION RESERVE  
AT BATHURST.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at Bathurst, area 1 rood 22 perches, being part of section 88, dedicated on the 31st July, 1886, for public recreation, and hereunder described, with a view to the inclusion of the land in an area of 10 acres and 20 perches approved to be dedicated for public recreation.

[Ms. 90-10,588]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

1 rood 22 perches. County of Bathurst, parish of Bathurst, city of Bathurst, part of section 88: Commencing at the western corner of the section; and bounded thence on the north-west by the south-eastern building line of Bentwick-street north-easterly 2 chains; on the north-east by a line south-easterly at right angles to Bentwick-street, 1 chain and 64 links to Queen Charlotte's Vale Creek; thence by that creek upwards about 40 links; on the south-east by a line south-westerly parallel with Bentwick-street 1 chain 70 links to Howick-street; and on the south-west by the building line of that street north-westerly 2 chains, to the point of commencement.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 31st July, 1890.PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF WEDDIN PARK,  
GRENFELL.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of Weddin Park, Grenfell, area 260½ acres, viz.:—Portion No. 886, in the parish of Brundah, county of Monteaule, dedicated on the 10th February, 1885, for public recreation, and hereunder described, with a view to the reservation of the area in question for racecourse.

[Ms. 90-10,957]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

County of Monteaule, parish of Brundah, area 260 acres 1 rood. The Crown Lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at the intersection of the southern side of a road 1 chain wide with the western side of a road 1 chain wide, being a point 1 chain south of the south-east corner of suburban portion 262, and 1 chain west of the north-west corner of por-

tion 345; bounded thence on the east by the western side of the road before mentioned bearing south 51 chains 20 links; on the south by a line bearing west 50 chains 87 links; on the west by a line bearing north 51 chains 20 links to the southern side of the road first mentioned; and thence on the north by that side of that road bearing east 50 chains 87 links, to the point of commencement. Being measured portion 886,—as shown on plan catalogued L. 502-1,834.

Department of Lands,  
Sydney, 31st July, 1890.

## PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF HAM COMMON.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, it is proposed to resume the Ham Common, area 6,006 acres, hereunder described, the land being no longer required for the purpose for which it was set apart.

[Ms. 90-10,774]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## DESCRIPTION.

All that piece or parcel of land situated in the county of Cumberland, parishes of Saint Matthew and Ham Common, containing by admeasurement 6,006 acres, be the same more or less: Commencing at the west corner of D. M'Arly's 40 acres; and bounded first on the south by a line bearing west 12 degrees north to the village of Little Richmond, dividing it from various grants; then on the north-west by the south-east boundary line of the village of Little Richmond bearing north 40 degrees east; then on the south-west by the north-east boundary line of that village bearing north 50 degrees west; then on the south-east by the north-west boundary line of that village bearing south 40 degrees west to the northern boundary line of William Minchin's 200 acres; then again on the south by that boundary-line bearing west 12 degrees north to Yellow Mundy Lagoon; thence on the west by Yellow Mundy Lagoon to the southern corner of Charles Webb's 100 acres; then again on the north-west by Charles Webb's 100 acres bearing north 54 degrees east to a reserved road; thence across that road to the south-east corner of Thomas M. Pitt's 100 acres; and thence by the following farms bearing north 40 degrees east (namely:—Thomas M. Pitt's 100 acres, Mary Pitt's 100 acres, Thomas Spence's 100 acres, and William Small's 100 acres) to the western corner of the township of Richmond; then on the north-east by the south-west boundary of that township bearing east 40 degrees south 81 chains 75 links; then again on the north-west by the south-east boundary of that town bearing north 38 degrees 20 minutes east 55 chains 27 links to the south-west side of Paget-street;

then on the north-east by a line bearing east 19 degrees south 22 chains; then on the north-west by a line bearing north 19 degrees to Richard Dalton's 100 acres; then on the north by the southern boundary lines of Richard Dalton's 100 acres, of Thomas Arkell's 100 acres, and John Earl's 100 acres, bearing east 20 degrees north to the south-west corner of G. W. Evans' 519 acres; and thence by the southern boundaries of that land, of W. and J. Cox's 200 acres, and of Robert Forrester's 70 acres; then on the east by Wm. Naish's 108 acres bearing south; then on the north-east by Wm. Ezzy's 130 acres bearing south 32 degrees east to the Glebe land; then on the south-east by the Glebe land bearing west 37 degrees south; then again on the north-east by the Glebe land bearing east 40 degrees south; then again on the north-west by the Glebe land bearing north 34 degrees east to a point where the south-west boundary line of the Benevolent Asylum land prolonged would meet the Glebe land; then again on the north-east by a line to the west corner of the Benevolent Asylum land; and thence by its south-west boundary line bearing east 33 degrees 30 minutes south; then again on the north-west by the south-east boundary line of that land bearing north 33 degrees 30 minutes

east to the south-west police boundary of the town of Windsor; then again on the north-east by that police boundary line bearing east 34 degrees south; then again on the north by the south police boundary line of that town bearing east to Thomas Cross' 30 acres; then again on the east by part of the west boundary line of that farm and by John Burn's 30 acres; then again on the south by part of Jacob Russell's 30 acres; then again on the east by Russell's land; then again on the north by part of that land to the north-west corner of Edward Johnston's 25 acres; then again on the north-east by Edward Johnston's 25 acres and by Charles King's 30 acres bearing south 20 degrees east; then by Richard Ridge's 50 acres and by J. Podgett's 30 acres bearing south 28 degrees east; then by 30 acres of land granted to Edward Perkins in the year 1794 (but since cancelled); then again on the south-east by Luar's or Freeman's grant bearing south-westerly; then again on the north-east by that grant bearing south 30 degrees east to D. M'Arty's 40 acres; and then again on the south-east by D. M'Arty's 40 acres bearing west 30 degrees south, to the point of commencement (advertised as No. 41 in the Government notice, dated 11th July, 1850).



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**SYDNEY COMMON AND MOORE PARK.**

(NOTICES OF DEDICATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES OF.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 1 July, 1890.*

Government Public Notice.

Head Quarters, Sydney, 5 October, 1811.

HIS Excellency the Governor, anxious for the accommodation of the inhabitants of Sydney, and in pursuance of the intention signified in his General Orders of the 6th October last, gives this public notice, that he has assigned, and caused to be marked out and measured, a large common in the immediate vicinity of Sydney, containing one thousand acres, for the common pasturage of the cattle belonging to the inhabitants of Sydney. The public are to take notice that said commonage is described by the Acting Surveyor in the following terms:—Bounded on the west side by twenty-eight chains of Surry Hill Farm, and a south line of ninety-six chains; on the south side by an east line of ninety-seven chains; on the east side by a north line to the road leading from Sydney to the South Head; and on the north side by that road. For the purpose, however, of making said description and boundaries more clearly understood and known, the limits of said commonage will be further marked by four posts, with suitable labels, which will be erected on the most conspicuous angles or parts thereof.

This land being thus assigned for the use of the public, no excuse can be made for persons in future turning their cattle at large to seek food where it may be most easily found, without considering whether they may not trespass on private property, and do material injury to the gardens and enclosures of other persons; and the public are therefore cautioned not to permit any horses, horned cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs to stray in future, either upon the grounds called Hyde Park or on any private property belonging to other persons, as all cattle which may be thus found trespassing are to be taken up and put into the common pound of Sydney, until all damage incurred by them shall be fully discharged.

His Excellency thus communicates to the public that he will make a regular grant of said common lands to the Judge Advocate and Magistrates of Sydney for the time being, in trust for the benefit of the present and of all succeeding inhabitants of Sydney.

By command of His Excellency the Governor,  
J. T. CAMPBELL,  
Secretary.

Department

Department of Lands, Sydney, 5 October, 1866.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to dedicate the Crown Lands hereunder described to the several public purposes mentioned in connection therewith, abstracts of such intended dedications having been duly laid before Parliament, in accordance with the 5th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

J. BOWIE WILSON.

SCHEDULE of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act, 25 Victoria No. 1.

Place.	County.	Allotment.	Section.	Locality.	Area.			To what purpose dedicated.
					a.	r.	p.	
Aberdeen ...	Durham ...	.....	...	Parish of Russell, at Aberdeen ...	1,016	0	0	Permanent Common.
Armidale ...	Sandon ...	.....	...	Parish of Armidale .....	30	0	0	Town Reserve.
Bathurst .....	Bathurst ...	.....	120	Town of Bathurst .....	10	0	4	Horse and Cattle Market.
Cudgegong ...	Wellington..	11, 12, & 13.	8	Village of Cudgegong .....	2	0	0	Roman Catholic Church, School, and Presbytery.
Deniliquin ...	Townsend ...	6	17	Town of South Deniliquin .....	0	1	0	School of Arts.
Goulburn ...	Argyle .....	11	2	City of Goulburn.....	0	0	3½	Fire Engine Station.
Moama .....	Cadell .....	.....	...	Parishes of Tattaila and Moama, at Moama. .	765	0	0	Permanent Common.
Narrabri .....	Nandewar ...	.....	...	Town of Narrabri .....	104	0	0	Racecourse.
Nowra .....	St. Vincent..	11, 12, & 13.	27	Village of Nowra.....	2	0	0	Church of England Church, School, and Parsonage.
Orange .....	Bathurst ...	1, 2, & 11	12	Town of Orange .....	2	0	0	Presbyterian Church, School, and Manse.
Sydney .....	Cumberland	.....	...	City of Sydney, at Macquarie- place.	0	1	21	Reserve for Recreation.
Umaralla.....	Beresford ...	.....	...	Parish of Umaralla, at Umaralla..	7	1	27	General Cemetery.
Wallabadah...	Buckland ...	.....	...	Parish of Wallabadah, at Walla- badah.	7	2	0	do
Yarrawa .....	Camden.....	.....	...	Parish of Yarrawa, near Robertson	7	2	0	do
*Sydney .....	Cumberland	.....	...	On the south side of the Old South Head Road, near the Victoria Barracks.	490	0	0	Permanent Common.*
Do .....	Do ...	.....	...	On the south side of the Old South Head Road, towards Randwick and Waverley.	768	0	0	Water Reserve.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 August, 1871.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Municipal Council of Sydney as Trustees of the portions of land in the City of Sydney, dedicated for public recreation, the particulars of which are set out in the accompanying Schedule.

[Ms. 71-1121.]

J. BOWIE WILSON.

SCHEDULE OF LANDS DEDICATED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

Description.	Area.			Dedicated by notice in Gazette.
	a.	r.	p.	
Between Macquarie-place, Bridge-street, and Castlereagh-street .....	0	1	21	Oct. 5, 1866.
*South side of Old South Head Road, near Victoria Barracks .....	490	0	0	" " *
South side of Old South Head Road, near Victoria Barracks, towards Randwick and Waverley.	768	0	0	" "
Church Hill, between Charlotte-place, York and Church Streets .....	0	2	37½	March 15, 1867.
Opposite Australian Club.....	0	0	6½	" "
Between Argyle-place and Argyle-street .....	0	0	33	Dec. 6, 1867.
Junction of Kensington-street and Botany Road.....	0	0	15½	" "
Between Barrack Road, Pitt, Hay, and Elizabeth Streets .....	10	0	0	May 19, 1868.

1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY COMMONS.**  
(RETURN OF.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 7 May, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 4th September, 1889, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“A Return giving the area of each common (either permanent or temporary) in the Colony, and the name and the population of the towns (according to last Census Returns) to which commons have been granted, such Return to be in schedule form, showing the permanent and temporary commons separately.”

(*Mr. Wright.*)

RETURN showing the area of each common (permanent and temporary) in the Colony, and the name and population of the towns to which they are attached according to last census.

Town.	Commons.		Total Area.	When Dedicated or Reserved.	Population.
	Temporary.	Permanent.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Armidale .....		1,440	3,520	{ 2 October, 1866. 9 Nov., 1866 ; 20 Sept., 1880.	2,187
Do .....	2,080				
Adaminaby .....	1,150		1,150	23 June, 1879.	
Araluen .....	2,500		3,040	{ 4 March, 1873 .....	609
Do .....		540			
Do West .....	1,900		3,060	{ 1 July, 1873 .....	270
Do .....	1,000				
Do .....		160			
Aberdeen .....		1,016	1,016	5 October, 1866 .....	125
Ailsa .....	1,360		1,360	Reserved, 27 Oct., 1879.	
Arthur .....	640		1,253 $\frac{3}{4}$	{ 28 February, 1873 .....	500
Do .....		613 $\frac{3}{4}$			
Avisford .....	4,500		4,500	{ 23 September, 1881. 5 May, 1871 ; 29 June, 1889.	
Attunga .....	400		400	10 August, 1889.	
Adelong .....	1,000		1,700	{ 3 November, 1871 .....	753
Do .....		700			
Albury .....	11,000		12,000	{ 15 August, 1871 .....	4,040
Do .....		1,000			
Bendemeer .....	2,450		3,090	{ 26 June, 1868 ; 24 Sept., 1883.	
Do .....		640			
Bundarra .....	960		1,760	{ 19 May, 1868 .....	226
Do .....		800			
Boorook .....	354		354	{ 7 February, 1868 .....	301
Barrington .....	1,494		1,494	{ 6 December, 1867 .....	
Bokhara .....	1,010		1,010	{ 3 November, 1871 .....	113
				{ 8 April, 1870.	
Bourke .....	23,417		24,717	{ 15 March, 1886. 24 July, 1882 .....	1,138
Do .....		1,300			
				{ 28 July, 1879 ; 20 Nov., 1886.	
				{ 18 November, 1885 .....	
				{ 18 November, 1870 .....	

Towns	Commons.		Total Area. Acres.	When Dedicated or Reserved.	Population.
	Temporary.	Permanent.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Brewarrina .....	27,920		28,570	{ 20 April, 1869 .....	314
Do .....		650			
Byrock .....	11,990		11,990	{ 19 June, 1868 .....	1,634
Do .....		500	{ 19 May, 1868 .....		
Bega .....	2,550		2,250	{ 11 August, 1888.	1,000
Do .....		500	{ 18 May, 1889.		
Bermagui .....	2,250		810	{ 2 July, 1887.	270
Bermagui South .....	810		{ 13 June, 1871 .....		
Bibbenluke .....	405		405	{ 5 January, 1872 .....	350
Bombala .....	9,850		10,400	{ 13 May, 1873 .....	
Do .....		640	3,285	{ 15 August, 1871.	115
Bungendore .....	2,425		{ 9 April, 1883 .....		
Do .....		860	2,017	{ 19 January, 1889.	640
Barnedman .....	2,017		518	{ 15 March, 1867.	
Bimbi .....	518		518	{ 2 October, 1866.	359
Boorowa .....	850		2,402	{ 18 August, 1885.	
Do .....		1,552	445	{ 23 October, 1886.	179
Bulla .....	250		2,517	{ 11 August, 1884 .....	
Bookham .....	445		80	{ 18 November, 1885 .....	653
Binalong .....	2,517		400	{ 4 April, 1881.	
Do .....	80		400	{ 15 March, 1867 .....	359
Binda .....	400		1,777	{ 20 April, 1865 .....	
Boorowa .....	225		1,777	{ 16 June, 1868 .....	115
Do .....		1,552	167	{ 18 November, 1885.	
Ballina .....	1,200		163	{ Not yet notified.	640
Bexhill .....	167		14	{ 1 August, 1881 .....	
Brunswick .....	163		4	{ 2 July, 1887 .....	145
Brushgrove .....	14		6,964	{ 11 March, 1873 .....	
Do .....	4		3,900	{ 12 January, 1883 .....	87
Balranald .....	About 5,500		2,700	{ 4 February, 1884.	
Do .....		1,464	200	{ 24 June, 1870 .....	167
Borrooban .....	About 3,900		200	{ 8 April, 1870 .....	
Booligal .....	About 1,900		640	{ 3 March, 1888 .....	700
Do .....		800	44	{ 10 October, 1873 .....	
Branxton .....	200		44	{ 1 March, 1880.	20
Broke .....	640		993 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	{ 26 June, 1886 .....	
Bowman .....	44		721	{ 13 May, 1879 .....	7,221
Bingara .....	250		545	{ 29 September, 1888 .....	
Do .....		743 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5,280	{ 18 December, 1866 .....	229
Boggabilla .....	721		1,480	{ 1 December, 1879.	
Bathurst .....	545		77	{ 29 October, 1887.	453
Box Ridge .....	5,280		640	{ 17 February, 1874 .....	
Burruga .....	1,480		717	{ 23 September, 1881 .....	104
Barraba .....	77		1,200	{ 26 September, 1874.	
Do .....		640	300	{ 8 June, 1889 .....	444
Baradine .....	1,200		1,032	{ 19 July, 1881 .....	
Boggabri .....	300		2,031 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	{ 20 Oct. and 26 Oct., 1884	104
Do .....		732	2,400	{ 15 August, 1871.	
Blandford .....	1,577 & 54 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>		2,400	{ 1 November, 1880 .....	444
Do .....		400	5,100	{ 3 April, 1886 .....	
Bethungra .....	2,400		5,675	{ 5 January, 1872 .....	1,859
Berrima .....	5,100		67,550	{ 17 Nov., /79; 22 Aug., /81; 14 Mar., /81; 4 Dec., /86	
Do .....		575	827	{ 7 February, 1868 .....	146
Cobar .....	67,550		260	{ 6 December, 1867 .....	
Candelo .....	190		260	{ 29 October, 1883.	1,042
Do .....		637	12,882	{ 23 August, 1870 .....	
Colombo .....	260		2,269	{ 18 February, 1870 .....	472
Cooma .....	12,242		9,026	{ 23 April, 1875 .....	
Do .....		640	2,269	{ 500a. 31 Mar., /75; 7000a. 5 July, /76; and 1,526a. 7 Sept., /89.	800
Canonbar .....	2,269		2,380	{ 4 February, 1888 .....	
Coonamble .....	9,026		2,380	{ 13 April, 1869 .....	113
Do .....		637	2,130	{ 15 August, 1871.	
Cobborah .....	2,380		640	{ 24 December, 1869 .....	97
Condobolin .....	2,130		1,700	{ 5 May, 1879.	
Do .....		640	819	{ 25 January, 1878 .....	590
Collector .....	1,100		170	{ 15 September, 1884.	
Do .....	600		170	{ 11 February, 1888.	472
Casino .....	819		510	{ 14 July, 1888.	
Chinderah .....	170		570	{ 12 May, 1879.	166
Coldstream .....	570		3,040	{ 17 November, 1879.	
Coraki .....	510		540	{ 30 June, 1879.	104
Conargo .....	2,000		3,500	{ 12 September, 1881 .....	
Do .....	Extn. 500		3,970	{ 9 February, 1889 .....	
Do .....		540	860	{ 17 July, 1886.	370
Cargellico .....	3,500		200	{ 21 October, 1876.	
Do .....	Extn. 470		200	{ 12 August, 1878 .....	150
Carrathool West .....	860		1,280	{ 6 July, 1881.	
Camberwell .....	200		1,650	{ 29 January, 1887 .....	540
Clarencetown .....	1,280		1,500	{ 12 March, 1883.	
Coorumbung .....	1,650		2,100	{ 10 October, 1873 .....	286
Collarinabri .....	1,500		2,560	{ 25 Nov. '85, 26 Nov. '87..	
Canowindra .....	2,100		1,380		
Carcoar .....	2,560				
Cargo .....	1,380				

Towns.	Commons.		Total Area.	When dedicated or Reserved.	Population.
	Temporary.	Permanent.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Cowra .....	1,680		1,680	10 July, '82, 16 July, '83.	628
Cudal .....	960			{ 18 September, 1882 .....	235
Do .....		170	1,130	{ 5 May, 1884 .....	
Cow Flat and Pyramul .....	1,860		1,860	19 February, 1883.	
Carroll .....	1,031		1,031	4 March, 1873 .....	231
Coolah .....	197		197	31 December, 1889 .....	165
Curlewis .....	620		620	5 November, 1887.	
Currabubula .....	740		720	4 May, 1889.	
Coonabarabran .....	300 & 301			{ 5 May, '71; 28 May, '77	405
Do .....		150	751	{ 27 February, 1871.	
Coolamon .....	1,220		1,220	7 July, 1888.	
Cootamundra .....	1,976			{ 8 December, 1880 .....	938
Do .....		600	2,576	{ 19 February, 1867 .....	
Corowa .....	310			{ 7 February, 1868 .....	495
Do .....		435	745	{ 6 December, 1867 .....	
Campbelltown .....	2,000		2,000	10 March, 1879 .....	688
Castlereagh .....	1,500		1,500	4 October, 1870.	
Delegate .....	680		680	10 May, 1880 .....	144
Dubbo .....	810			{ 31 October, 1881 .....	3,199
Do .....		590	1,400	{ 25 August, 1865.	
Dalton .....	450		450	5 June, 1882 .....	112
Drake .....	2,475		2,475	4 February, 1888.	
Deniliquin .....	9,745			{ 7 February, 1868 .....	2,506
Do .....	Extn. 1,160			{ 21 January, 1884 .....	
Do .....		998	12,903	{ 6 December, 1867 .....	
Do .....		1,000		{ 3 September, 1883 .....	
Deniliquin South .....	5,396			{ 7 February, 1868 .....	99
Do .....	Extn. 160			{ 20 February, 1882 .....	
Do .....		1,026	6,582	{ 24 October, 1882 .....	357
Dalkeith (Cassilis) .....	2,624		2,624	{ 26 August, 1870 .....	
Denman .....	880			{ 16 December, 1867 .....	436
Do .....		640	1,520	{ 6 December, 1867 .....	
Dungog .....	1,720		1,720	6 March, 1874 .....	
Dungowan .....	7,600		7,600	10 June, 1878.	
Doughboy Hollow .....	350		350	23 March, 1889 .....	140
Enngonia .....	2,400		2,400	1 Oct., 23 Nov., 1883.	
Euston .....	8,000		8,000	4 April, 1881 .....	117
Forbes .....	3,200 & 1,738		4,938	1 Dec., 1879; 6 Feb., 1886	2,191
Guyra .....	260		260	31 July, 1886.	
Glen Innes .....	2,930		2,930	9 Dec., 1878; 6 Oct., 1888	1,327
Glen Morrison Gold-field .....	510		510	17 November, 1879.	
Girilambone .....	600		600	28 April, 1884.	
Gundaroo .....	315			{ 19 August, 1870 .....	90
Do .....	2,920		3,225	{ 12 January, 1880 .....	
Gilgandra .....	540		540	8 December, 1888.	
Gooloogong .....	500		500	5 June, 1882 .....	104
Grenfell .....	5,450			{ 26 September, 1881 .....	1,575
Do .....	Extn. 1,740		7,190	{ 6 October, 1888 .....	
Goulburn .....	700			{ 23 April, 1875 .....	5,881
Do .....		780	1,480	{ 4 February, 1876 .....	
Gunning .....	4,133			{ 4 March, 1873 .....	409
Do .....		1,200	5,333	{ 1 May, 1874 .....	
Gundaroo .....	Part 320		320	12 January, 1880 .....	90
Gordon .....	200		200	Not yet notified.	
Grafton .....	1,012			{ 5 February, 1867 .....	3,891
Do .....		1,250	2,262	{ 19 May, 1868 .....	
Gundurimba .....	288		288	1 December, 1888.	
Gunbar .....	1,200		1,200	26 June, 1886.	
Greta .....	163		163	11 August, 1888 .....	570
Goangra .....	485		485	6 October, 1888 .....	25
Glenburn .....	1,080		1,080	15 December, 1888.	
Gulgong .....	15,000		15,000	13 June, 1881 .....	1,212
Gully Swamp .....	920		920	7 April, 1888.	
Gunnedah .....	392 & 390		782	9 December, 1878 .....	1,331
Gerogery .....	473		473	5 April, 1878 .....	227
Germanton .....	1,189		1,189	22 Mar., 1876; 27 Mar., 1882.	462
Grahamstown .....	1,600		1,600	3 Mar., 1884; 6 Mar., 1886.	
Gumly Gumly .....		1,900	1,900	12 Mar., 1869; 15 Aug., 1876.	
Hillston .....	3,285½			{ 13 February, 1882 .....	337
Do .....	Extn. 1,250		4,535½	{ 16 January, 1886 .....	
Hay .....	13,000			{ 16 June, 1868 .....	2,073
Do .....		1,400	14,400	{ 19 May, 1868 .....	
Hargraves .....	13,400			{ 7 June, 1870; 29 June, 1889.	221
Do .....		640	14,040	{ 18 February, 1887.	
Hill End and Tambaroora .....	24,000		24,000	5 April, 1880; 8 Feb., 1870; 14 May, 1887. {	H. E., 1,223 Tra., 337 } 1,500
Hanging Rock .....	13,120		13,120	10 June, 1878.	
Henty .....	170		170	2 June, 1888.	
Howlong .....	980			{ 1 July, 1870; 30 Mar., 1878.	422
Do .....		433	1,413	{ 16 February, 1869 .....	

Towns.	Commons.		Total Area.	When Dedicated or Reserved.	Population.
	Temporary.	Permanent.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Inverell.....	1,280		2,160	{ 16 June, 1868 .....	1,212
Do .....		880		{ 19 May, 1868.	
Ilford .....	660		660	{ 31 Mar., 1871; 7 Nov., 1881.	162
Jennings .....	580		580	{ 26 Mar., 1887.	
Jerry's Plains .....	4,800		5,160	{ 15 January, 1867 .....	295
Do .....		360		{ 25 August, 1865 .....	
Junction Point.....	1,390		1,390	{ 9 August, 1880.	
Jerilderie .....	2,470		2,470	{ 8 August, 1877.....	353
Jindera .....	70		70	{ 29 September, 1877.	
June .....	258		258	{ 12 December, 1885 .....	538
Jugiong .....	5,280		5,280	{ 16 June, 1879 .....	119
Kiandra .....	11,240		12,040	{ 7 February, 1868.....	271
Do .....		800		{ 6 December, 1867 .....	
Koroowatha .....	350		559	{ 15 December, 1888.	
Do .....	209			{ 15 December, 1888.	
Kempsey .....	460		930	{ 23 October, 1866 .....	1,321
Do .....		470		{ 1 June, 1866.	
Kahibah .....	530		530	{ 3 January, 1883.	
Kyuga .....	840		840	{ 4 September, 1882.	
Kime Reef .....	820		820	{ 10 January, 1871.	
Kiama .....	578		578	{ 8 February, 1890.....	1,161
Lawrence .....	600		600	{ 15 August, 1881 .....	232
Lismore.....	461		1,219	{ 7 February, 1868.....	473
Do .....		453		{ 6 December, 1867 .....	
Do .....		Add. 305		{ 19 November, 1870 .....	
Lewis Ponds.....	1,640		1,640	{ 23 March, 1889.	
Lower Turon (Quartz Ridge).....	2,080		2,080	{ 26 November, 1869.	
Lue and Dungaree .....	800		800	{ 3 December, 1887.	
Lyndhurst .....	110		110	{ 1 September, 1885.	
Liverpool .....		344	344	{ Promised H.M.R. 38-26.	1,768
Menindie .....	10,170		11,020	{ 15 Aug., 1871; 26 Aug., 1870; 17 April, 1886.	261
Do .....		850		{ 9 June, 1884; 4 Aug., 1884.	
Milparinka .....	6,580		6,580	{ 12 January, 1880 .....	125
Merrimbula .....	320		320	{ 20 October, 1888.	
Murrumbidgee .....	180		180	{ 18 April, 1883.	
Marsden .....	840		840	{ 20 February, 1886.	
Mulwara .....	227		1,337	{ 20 February, 1886.	
Do .....	432			{ 20 February, 1886.	
Do .....	678			{ 20 February, 1886.	
Murray .....	80		80	{ 2 October, 1886.	
Moorooloolan .....	670		670	{ 31 May, 1872.	
Murringo .....	1,937		4,307	{ 31 March, 1884.	
Do .....	2,370			{ 22 February, 1870.	
M' Mahon's Reef .....	900		900	{ 15 October, 1887.	
Murrumburrah .....	640		5,390	{ 18 February, 1884.....	1,620
Do .....	1,260			{ 13 September, 1880 .....	
Do .....	1,380			{ 29 January, 1887 .....	
Do .....	2,110			{ 7 April, 1888. ....	
Mongarlowe .....	820		820	{ 13 February, 1886.	
Macleay .....	1,270		1,720	{ 18 March, 1870 .....	498
Do .....	Extn. 450			{ 10 March, 1884 .....	
Murwillumbah.....	30		30	{ 11 February, 1888.	
Mossgiel .....	2,688		2,688	{ 19 January, 1880.	
Mathoura .....	850		850	{ 13 January, 1879 .....	143
Moulamein .....	1,350		1,350	{ 24 April, 1879 .....	120
Moama .....	6,400		7,165	{ 12 March, 1867 .....	1,204
Do .....		756		{ 5 October, 1866 .....	
Mourguong .....	1,810		3,400	{ 4 August, 1868.	
Do .....	Extn. 1,590			{ 17 April, 1882.	
Maitland East .....	300		904	{ 24 December, 1861 .....	2,004
Do .....		604		{ 14 July, 1875 .....	
Merriwa .....	2,000		3,020	{ 10 July, 1868 .....	342
Do .....		1,020		{ 19 May, 1868 .....	
Musclebrook.....		900	900	{ 13 April, 1888 .....	1,074
Moree .....		606½	3,362½	{ 19 May, 1868 .....	800
Do .....	600			{ 10 July, 1868 .....	
Do .....	2,156			{ 10 July, 1868 .....	
Molong .....		640	5,720	{ 18 November, 1870 .....	755
Do .....	5,080			{ 10 May, 1870; 29 July, 1885.	
Mount M'Donald.....	4,400		4,400	{ 12 June, 1882.	
Muckewa .....	6,700		6,700	{ 9 September, 1873 .....	
Mudgee.....		640	10,640	{ 6 December, 1867 .....	2,492
Do .....	10,000			{ 7 February, 1868.....	
Moonbi .....	900		900	{ 6 October, 1879.	
Mundooran .....	5,250		5,250	{ 28 June, 1880.	
Murrurundi .....		1,927	1,927	{ 17 June, 1883 .....	344
Manilla .....	400		400	{ 21 April, 1879.	
Mandamah .....	380		380	{ 28 September, 1885.	
Mulwala .....	550		550	{ 25 July, 1881.	
Moruya .....	500		500	{ 27 August, 1887 .....	829
Nymagee .....	18,560		18,560	{ 14 May, 1883.	
Nyngan .....	5,484		5,484	{ 18 December, 1882.	
Nimitybelle .....	9,000		9,000	{ 5 April, 1880 .....	91
Neverbire .....	850		850	{ 25 August, 1884.	
Nyngan .....	2,300		2,300	{ 18 Dec., 1882; 29 June, 1885.	

Towns.	Commons.		Total Area.	When Dedicated or Reserved.	Population.
	Temporary.	Permanent.			
Narromine .....	Acres. 2,170	Acres. ....	Acres. 2,170	21 July, 1884.	
Nymboida .....	250	.....	250		
Nombinnie .....	17,720	.....	1,8120	{ 8 October, 1883. 17 November, 1884. 27 April, 1889.	
Do .....	Exten. 250	.....			
Do .....	do 150	.....			
Newbridge .....	800	.....	800	9 February, 1889.	
Narrabri .....	677	.....	1,397	{ 5 May, 1864..... 6 December, 1867 .....	832
Do .....	.....	720			
Nundle .....	355 & 1,003	.....	1,721	{ 9 Apr., 1869; 25 Mar., 1870.	170
Do .....	.....	363			
North Gundagai .....	3,256	.....	3,896	{ 12 March, 1869 .....	554
Do .....	.....	640			
South Gundagai .....	2,600	.....	3,000	{ 3 November, 1871 .....	233
Do .....	.....	400			
Noorooma .....	200	.....	200	20 March, 1886.	
Oberon .....	740	.....	740	1 Sept., 1878; 2 April, 1887; 5 May, 1888.	102
Ophir .....	.....	640	4,300	{ 6 December 1887. 31 March, 1879.	
Do .....	3,660	.....			
Orange .....	.....	508	1,600	{ 2 October, 1866 .....	2,701
Do .....	1,092	.....			
Puddledock Gold-field .....	80	.....	80	1 March, 1867 .....	
Purnamoota .....	6,808	.....	6,808	8 October, 1887. 28 Aug., 1886; 20 July, 1889.	
Ponto .....	580	.....	580	22 September, 1888.	
Parkes .....	6,440	.....	6,440	7 April, 1888 .....	1,961
Pooncarie .....	2,580	.....	2,580	12 February, 1883.	
Paterson .....	1,280	.....	1,280	10 July, 1878 .....	293
Paramellowa .....	862	.....	862	24 September, 1883 .....	60
Palmer's Oak Creek .....	8,900	.....	8,900	9 July, 1872; 8 May, 1882.	
Peel... ..	1,220	.....	1,220	10 May, 1876 .....	114
Pine Ridge .....	416	.....	416	22 December, 1884.	
Pitt Town .....	.....	8,875	8,875	1 March, 1853 .....	351
Queanbeyan .....	6,300	.....	6,300	3 December, 1887 .....	939
Quirindi .....	98½	.....	98½	11 December, 1886 .....	278
Raymond Terrace .....	1,280	.....	1,280	13 September, 1880 .....	694
Rockley .....	255	.....	277½	{ 19 December, 1871 .....	180
Do .....	.....	22½			
Rylstone .....	6,540	.....	6,670	{ 17 June, 1873 .....	333
Do .....	.....	130			
Rocky Glen .....	267	.....	267	{ 25 January, 1867 .....	600
Do .....	.....	.....			
Richmond and Windsor .....	.....	6,006	6,006	{ 6 May, 1865 .....	1,239 1,990
Do .....	.....	.....			
Silverton .....	9,010	.....	9,010	30 September, 1851 .....	
Solferino .....	2,921	.....	2,921	16 October, 1886.	
Singleton .....	400	.....	2,040	{ 9 December, 1873. 23 October, 1866 .....	1,951
Do .....	.....	1,000			
Do South .....	670	640			
Scone .....	1,197	.....	670	{ 23 May, 1879 .....	600
Do .....	.....	1,494			
Sunny Corner .....	750	.....	750	{ 8 January, 1877 .....	622
Sofala .....	20,000	.....	20,000	{ 24 January, 1867 .....	
Stony or Davy's Creek .....	700	.....	700	{ 2 October, 1866 .....	
Stony Creek (Ironbarks) .....	13,000	.....	13,200	{ 7 August, 1885. 14 February, 1881.....	622
Do .....	.....	200			
Somerton .....	640	.....	640	{ 17 April, 1882. 29 Nov., 1867; 19 Mar., 1867.	
Shellharbour .....	288	.....	288	{ 12 March, 1869. 26 November, 1869.	
St. Alban's .....	.....	2,565	2,565	{ 8 February, 1890 .....	166
Tenterfield .....	9,650	.....	10,550	{ 4 March, 1853. 17 November, 1871 .....	948
Do .....	.....	900			
Tallingan .....	7,425	.....	7,425	{ 18 April 1870. 12 March, 1887.	
Tomingley .....	2,170	.....	2,170	{ 21 July, 1884.	
Taree .....	765	.....	765	{ 11 August, 1888.....	488
Tinonee .....	1,900	.....	1,900	{ 18 April, 1889 .....	266
Toogong .....	1,150	.....	1,150	{ 10 April, 1867.	
Tuena .....	2,100	.....	2,100	{ 13 March, 1877; 20 July, 1889.	213
Tamworth.....	9,077	.....	11,332	{ 31 May, 1880; 14 July, 1888. 2 October and 16 Novem- ber, 1886.	3,612
Do .....	.....	2,255			
Turrawan .....	125	.....	125	{ 31 May, 1870.	
Tumut .....	4,760	.....	4,930	{ 17 November, 1871 .....	787
Do .....	.....	170			
Tumbarumba .....	11,350	.....	11,350	{ 18 November, 1870 .....	690
Temora .....	7,300	.....	7,300	{ 22 December, 1880 .....	3,254
Tocumwal .....	435	.....	435	{ 10 September, 1880 .....	
Uralla .....	6,300	.....	6,300	{ 13 April, 1889. 8 February, 1870; 1 October, 1879.	380
Upper Meroo .....	1,000	.....	1,000	{ 21 May, 1883.	
Upper Turon .....	4,740	.....	4,740	{ 10 May, 1870; 1 Novem- ber, 1880.	

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Urana .....	3,500	.....	3,500	23 September, 1876 .....	398
Vegetable Creek .....	4,300	.....	4,300	26 September, 1881 .....	2,670
Walcha .....	8,670	.....	9,455	{ 17 January, 1868 .....	309
Do .....	.....	785		{ 17 July, 1886 .....	
Wilson's Downfall and Amosfield .....	8,570	.....	8,570	5 January, 1889.	
Wilcannia .....	26,788	.....	27,428	{ 19 July, 1870; 20 June, 1877; 22 March, 1880; 31 December, 1883.	1,424
Do .....	.....	640		{ 18 November, 1870 .....	
Willyama .....	20,560	.....	20,560	4 September, 1886; 11 February, 1888.	
Wyndham .....	7,746	.....	7,746	27 August, 1887 .....	140
Warren .....	10,000	.....	10,000	7 July, 1879 ..	429
Wombat .....	2,870	.....	3,170	{ 25 January, 1876 .....	319
Do .....	300	.....		{ 5 February, 1887 ..	
Wombah .....	315	.....	315	23 April, 1883.	
Wangonilla .....	2,075	.....	2,075	10 December, 1887.	
Woomboota .....	150	.....	150	25 October, 1880.	
Wentworth .....	5,000	.....	5,920	{ 4 August, 1868 ..	689
Do .....	.....	920		{ 14 February, 1873.	
Wingen .....	1,300	.....	1,300	8 February, 1878 .....	103
Wingham .....	520	.....	520	10 May, 1884 ..	223
Wollombi .....	4,500	.....	4,627	{ 5 May, 1871 .....	211
Do .....	.....	127		{ 25 January, 1872.	
Wallgett .....	.....	640	5,885	{ 12 March, 1869 .....	500
Do .....	1,770	.....		{ 17 September, 1869 .....	
Do .....	3,475	.....		{ 10 June, 1878 ..	
Warialda .....	14,575	.....	15,243	{ 10 July, 1888 ..	280
Do .....	668	.....		{ 21 September, 1889 ..	
Wattle Flat .....	6,600	.....	6,600	12 December, 1885.	
Wellington .....	.....	657	7,060	{ 6 December, 1867 .....	1,340
Do .....	6,403	.....		{ 7 February, 1868 .....	
Wiadere .....	360	.....	360	14 May, 1887.	
Windeyer .....	.....	160	7,260	{ 18 February, 1870.	408
Do .....	7,100	.....		{ 22 March, 1880.	
Wyaldra .....	4,000	.....	4,000	4 July, 1880; 7 Sept., '89	172
Wallabadah .....	640	.....	1,789	{ 15 December, 1888 .....	172
Do .....	.....	1,149		{ 15 August, 1876.	
Wee Waa .....	740	.....	1,354	{ 20 April, 1869.	1,804
Do .....	.....	614		{ 12 March, 1869.	
Wooloomin .....	370	.....	505	26 July, 1876	
Do .....	135	.....	516	29 September, 1879.	
Woomargama .....	516	.....	516	9 Dec., '78; 8 Sept., '85.	
Wagga Wagga .....	3,980	.....	5,180	{ 10 January, 1873 .....	3,975
Do .....	.....	1,200		{ 17 Jan., '73, 10 Mar., '81..	
Wanttool (June Rush) .....	660	.....	660	7 November, 1881.	
Waddi .....	825	.....	825	24 September, 1883.	
Whitton .....	2,488	.....	2,488	27 November, 1886.	
Windsor .....	.....	608½	608½	13 April, 1853.	
Wollongong .....	180	.....	264	{ 26 October, 1866 ..	1,635
Do .....	.....	84		{ 22 December, 1865.	
Womberall .....	1,865	.....	1,865	9 February, 1880.	
Wingello .....	62	.....	62	13 August, 1887.	
Wilberforce .....	.....	7,970	7,970	20 October, 1851 .....	356
Young .....	3,500	.....	4,106	{ 15 March, 1867 .....	1,517
Do .....	.....	606		{ 1 June, 1866 .....	
Yass .....	831	.....	1,549	{ 10 April, 1869 .....	1,804
Do .....	.....	176			
Do .....	.....	542			
Yamba .....	800	.....	800	10 January, 1881.	
Yetman .....	.....	600	1,465	{ 2 Oct., 1866, 18 Nov., 1870, and 14 Feb., 1873.	35
Do .....	865	.....		{ 18 December, 1866 .....	
Yeoval .....	360	.....	360	22 May, 1886.	
	982,480½	91,559	1,074,039½		

NOTE —In cases where no population is stated, the town contained less than 100 at the time the census of 1881 was taken.



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

## NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE.

(GRANTING OF PORTIONS 1,645 AND 1,646 TO PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONNECTION AT ADAMSTOWN.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 26 November, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 12th November, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all papers, letters, affidavits, and minutes, connected with the granting of portions 1,645 and 1,646, of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to the Primitive Methodist connection at Adamstown.”

*(Mr. Melville.)*

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## NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE.

No. 1.

The Rev. J. Studds to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

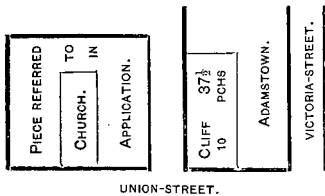
Mudgee, 12 January, 1878.

I have the honor to request that 1½ acres of land on the Newcastle Commonage, and situated near Adamstown and described below, may be set apart as a site for a Primitive Methodist Church and Minister's residence.

I have, &amp;c.,

JAMES STUDDS,

Primitive Methodist Minister.



Reply to be addressed to Duguid &amp; Co., Exchange Corner, Sydney.

Until the Government has decided upon some definite course with regard to the disposal of the lands embraced by the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve it will be impossible to deal with applications of this character. Applicant should probably be so informed.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (*for* the Surveyor-General), B.C., 3/4/78. Informed, 23/1/78. Rev. J. Studds, 23/5/78.

To remain in abeyance pending decision of Government with regard to Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, 21/6/78.

No. 2.

Memo. from The Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Lands.

MR. J. DAVIES, M.P., has asked me to have the matter of the application of the Primitive Methodist Church for a grant of land on the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve considered.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Deputy Surveyor-General, has reported to me that the application cannot be granted until after a decision has been arrived at respecting the final disposal of the land embraced in such reserve, which has been measured for auction. The matter has already engaged the attention of several Ministers, but up to the present time has not been settled.

Mr. Stephen will please let me have the papers having reference to this reserve.

J.H., 28/4/79.

Papers and *précis* herewith.—W.W.S., 30/4/79. I have written a minute for the Survey Department on the petition, to which I wish to receive a reply.—J.H., 1/5/79. Surveyor-General.—W.W.S., 2/5/79.

[Enclosure.]

To the Honorable James Hoskins, Esq., Minister for Lands,—

Adamstown, 20 March, 1879.

Honorable Sir,

We, the inhabitants of Adamstown, near Newcastle, humbly petition and respectfully ask that you will be pleased to grant to the Primitive Methodist denomination an acre of land for church and school purposes. The site asked for is bounded by Union-street, or the Lake Macquarie Road, and the street running between Adamstown proper and the commonage. It is the corner block of the commonage, and opposite the public school ground.

Reasons.

- 1st. The Primitive Methodists have had a church on the commonage for some years, but the ground on which it stands has been granted to the Council of Education, and the public school erected within a yard of the church. The public school has been taught in the church up to the present time.
- 2nd. The Primitive Methodist is the only church at Adamstown, and the Sunday-school, numbering 130 children, and the congregation are put to great inconvenience by this grant being taken from them.
- 3rd. Grants of land from the same commonage have been made not only to the Council of Education but also to the Wesleyans, &c., and at Lambton, and as the Primitive Methodist is the only denomination which has hitherto provided for the religious instruction of the inhabitants of Adamstown, they consider themselves entitled to the same consideration as other denominations.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that you will regard their application with favour, and grant the land asked for.

We have, &amp;c.,

GEORGE JAMES.

JAMES PEEK.

JAMES WRIGHT.

THOMAS RIDLEY.

WATKIN MORGAN.

JACOB CRAWHALL.

[Here follow 207 other signatures.]

Presented by John Davies. The Under Secretary,—This petition should be sent to the Surveyor-General for an early report.—J.H., 27/3/79. Mr. Peyton, 28/3/79. This case has remained in abeyance pending action respecting the disposal of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, which embraces the public school site and the land now applied for, and I have not been advised of the action of the Government respecting the disposal of this reserve; I am not in a position to report on the attached application.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (*for* Surveyor-General), April, 1879.

I notice from the papers that a portion of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve was defined as the town and suburban boundaries of Lambton. I presume that none of the land embraced within those boundaries was alienated. I should like to know what kind of tenure the 1,300 acres called Lambton is held by the persons now occupying the same; also what is the area of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve.—J.H., 1/5/79.

Has any land been alienated by the Crown out of the said reserve, and, if so, for what purpose?—J.H., 1/5/79. The Surveyor-General.—W.W.S., 1/5/79.

No. 3.

The Rev. B. Chapman to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

227, Pitt-street, Sydney, 8 July, 1879.

I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to grant for the use of the Wesleyan Methodist Church as sites for a chapel and minister's residence 1½ acres of land adjoining the north boundary of the Adamstown public school.

The portion desired is just outside the boundary of the Hamilton Municipality.

I have, &amp;c.,

BENJAMIN CHAPMAN.

Wesleyan

Wesleyan Church application, Adamstown, Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, for report of Survey Office.—J.D.D. Mr. Peyton. Mr. Lester, 14/7/79.

Understanding that the disposal of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, which embraces the land herein applied for, will shortly be considered, I am unwilling to hamper the action of the Government by recommending the alienation herein applied for.—ROBT. D. FITZGERALD (for the Surveyor-General), B.C., 12/8/79. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Submitted.—W.W.S., 9/9/79. Let this matter stand over until the disposal of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve is decided by the Cabinet.—J.H., 11/9/79. Rev. B. Chapman, 6/10/79. With pasturage reserve papers.

In view of the recent decision of the Legislative Assembly that no more free grants are to be given for churches, it is recommended that applicant be informed that his request cannot be complied with.—T. LEWIS (for Surveyor-General), B.C., 17/7/80. The Under Secretary for Lands.

The Rev. B. Chapman informed, 31/7/80. Put away.—J.D.D., 9/8/80. No action in reference to this in Mr. District-Surveyor Allworth's report of 4th October, 1887. Mis. 87-13,013. Put away separately.—R.H.D., 22/5/90.

[Enclosure.]

Office Memorandum.

It was evidently thought that Rev. B. Chapman was acting for the Primitive Methodists in this matter, as a letter was sent to that gentleman on the 31st July, 1880, *vide* 79-8,169 Ms., covering the petition from the Primitive Methodists.

A report should probably be obtained from the Survey Office as to the claim of Primitive Methodists to a grant in the locality.  
J.D.D., 28/6/81. F.H.W., 28/6/81.

It has been decided to dedicate the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve for the benefit of the adjoining Municipalities. Care will be taken to exclude all areas required for public purposes, such as schools, churches, court-houses, &c. This application should be dealt with at once, in case it may be deemed advisable to exclude it.—G. LEWIS, 8/7/81. Mr. Peyton.

Mr. G. Lewis,—Under recent decisions of the Legislative Assembly it has been determined to discontinue free grants of land for church purposes, except where promises have been made, and there is no evidence in these papers to show that such has been the case in this instance. Probably the query of the Secretary for Lands, dated 1/5/79, on paper Mis. 79-3,676 herewith, should be replied to.—S.P., 14/7/81.

If there is no evidence should not the case be submitted so as to remove all uncertainty?—G.L., 15/7/81.

The question to be decided would appear to be whether the Primitive Methodists, by the erection of buildings, or effecting other improvements, have a claim for consideration in dealing with the general matter of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve. A report is required from the Survey Office on the point mentioned.—F.H.W., 20/7/81.

As the Primitive Methodists appear to have erected a church on the pasturage reserve some years ago, perhaps in disposing of the pasturage reserve a portion of land to include the church may be reserved.—C.O., 20/7/81. Approved.—J.H., 21/7/81. Mr. G. Lewis, 22/7/81.

#### No. 4.

The Rev. G. James to N. Melville, Esq., M.P.

My dear Melville,—

Newcastle, 20 May, 1881.

The enclosed is a copy of the petition sent to Mr. Hoskins, to which there was attached about 200 names, and to which I never got the Minister's reply. There was an application went in from Mr. Studds some months before the one enclosed. The reason of the paper being dirty is that it was carried round for signing, and then it was rewritten for the Minister.

I hope yourself and Mrs. Melville and family are all well; all here join in kind remembrance.

Yours, &c.,

GEO. JAMES.

[Enclosures.]

To the Honorable James Hoskins, Esq., Minister for Lands,—

Adamstown, March, 1879.

Honorable Sir,

We, the inhabitants of Adamstown, near Newcastle, humbly petition, and ask that you will be pleased to grant to the Primitive Methodist Denomination an acre of land for church and school purposes; the site asked for is bounded by Union-street or the Lake-road opposite the new public school ground, the street running between Adamstown proper and the commonage.

Reasons :—

First.—The Primitive Methodists have had a church on the commonage for some years, but the ground on which it stands has been granted to the Council of Education, and a public school has been erected within a yard of the church. The public school has been taught in the church up to the present time.

Second.—The Primitive Methodist Church is the only one at Adamstown, and the congregation, and Sunday-school numbering 130 children, are put to great inconvenience through this ground being taken.

Third.—Grants of land from the same commonage have been made, not only to the Council of Education but also to the Wesleyans and Church of England Denominations at Lambton; and as the Primitive Methodist is the only denomination that has hitherto provided for the religious instruction of the inhabitants of Adamstown, they consider themselves entitled to the same privilege as other denominations.

Your Petitioners, therefore, venture to hope that you will be pleased to grant the land applied for.

We are, &c.

Presented by Mr. Melville, M.P.—C.O., 23/5/81.

Messrs. Duguid & Co.,—

Sirs,

Yours of the 19th instant came to hand.

Mudgee, 23 February, 1878.

Referring to the land applied for near Adamstown, I may just say that the land we have applied for is not in the township itself, but near to it on the Newcastle Commonage, and in the vicinity of the site recently dedicated or measured for a public school.

You can, perhaps, explain this. I have not yet been able to see Surveyor Anderson about the land at Cooyal Creek, but he has measured an acre and a half at Pipe Clay, so that I imagine that matter will soon be completed.

I am, &c.,

J. STUDDS.

No. 5.

## No. 5.

N. Melville, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir, Parliament House, New South Wales, 21 February, 1883.  
 Will you look into this case, and if it can be favourably considered I shall be pleased.  
 Yours, &c.,  
 NINIAN MELVILLE.

The land herein referred to forms part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve. The papers *re* this matter are with the general reserve papers.—F.H.W., 3/3/83. J.D.D., 3/3/83. Inform.—C.O., 3/3/83. N. Melville, M.P., informed; tracing returned, 6/3/83.

## [Enclosure.]

My dear Melville, Parsonage, Perkin-street, Newcastle, 25 October, 1882.  
 I find that it is about four years since our application for the land at Adamstown for church purposes was first made. The facts briefly put may be thus stated:—  
 1. About six years ago our people built a weatherboard church on the commonage. After occupying about two years, the Government wanted this site for a public school, and our people were desired to remove the church; this they did, to the opposite side of the street, nearly opposite the public school, when they were informed (by whom I cannot say), that they would not be disturbed again.  
 2. A petition was next prepared, and signed by nearly all the inhabitants of the township, and forwarded to the Minister for Lands, asking for a grant of the land on which the church stands for church purposes.  
 The trustees were advised to obtain a tracing plan of the site, which they did (which I enclose), and for which they paid, but it was not asked for.  
 3. Our church is the only church in Adamstown, and is now so much crowded at the ordinary services that a much larger building is an absolute necessity.  
 Our people are prepared to build immediately, but of course want a guarantee that they will not be disturbed.  
 I may add that our people feel that they have a moral claim on the land, and if affidavit to the correctness of above facts is needed, any number of persons can be obtained.  
 I may further add, that if our people were prepared to purchase land, there is none but commonage in the immediate neighbourhood.  
 An early reply will be deemed a favour, as we are anxious to begin to build.

N. Melville, Esq., M.L.A.

Yours, &c.,  
 E. COOK PRITCHARD.

## No. 6.

The Rev. E. C. Pritchard to J. Fletcher, Esq., M.P.

My dear Sir, Perkins-street, Newcastle, 5 March, 1883.  
 I have just seen Mr. Hall, and he tells me he had named to you our difficulty at Adamstown *re* land for church. The fact is, I had intended trying to see you on the question, but did not know you were at home.  
 Mr. Melville has all particulars in writing, and if you would kindly assist in trying to get us a grant, I and all our society would be greatly obliged to you.  
 This is our position: We are the only religious body in Adamstown. We have a weatherboard church now standing on the commonage opposite the public school. This will not accommodate our congregation. We want to build a brick or stone church, to seat 400 persons, but we are in a fix *re* land.  
 Long before the resolution of the House was passed to make no more grants of land for churches our application was in for the site on which our church stands.  
 A petition, signed by 190 persons, then the whole of the inhabitants almost without exception, accompanied the application; also a plan of ground, made by surveyor. This plan Mr. Melville holds at present.  
 The application is for 2 acres. Now I should be satisfied with half an acre. I feel that as the matter stands we have a moral claim to the ground. We have had a church at Adamstown now for about four years, and our people were led to believe that they would have the grant of land, and from time to time the matter has been postponed until we are now shut out from purchasing a suitable site.  
 We want to build at once. Our congregation cannot get into the church.  
 If you could help us in this matter I should esteem it a great favour, and especially if it could be settled soon.  
 Excuse this hastily-written note, as I am anxious to get it to you to-night.  
 I have, &c.,  
 E. COOK PRITCHARD.  
 Mr. Fletcher, M.P., may, it is submitted, be informed in the same terms as Mr. Mitchell, M.P. (*vide* 83-3,138 Ms. herewith).—J.D.D. Yes.—F.H.W., 21/3/83. J. Fletcher, M.P., informed, 22/3/83.

## No. 7.

The Under Secretary for Lands to N. Melville, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 March, 1883.  
 In reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo, forwarding a communication from the Rev. E. C. Pritchard, requesting the appropriation of certain land for Primitive Methodist Church purposes at Adamstown, I have the honor to inform you that as the land applied for forms part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, the application cannot be dealt with until the general question of dealing with the whole of that reserve has been disposed of.  
 I return herewith the tracing forwarded with the application referred to.

I have, &c.,  
 CHARLES OLIVER,  
 Under Secretary.

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No. 8.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. Fletcher, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22 March, 1883.

In reference to the letter presented by you from the Reverend E. C. Pritchard, requesting the appropriation of certain land for Primitive Methodist Church purposes at Adamstown, I have the honor to inform you that, as the land applied for forms part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, the application cannot be dealt with until the general question of dealing with the whole of that reserve has been disposed of.

I have, &amp;c.,

CHARLES OLIVER,  
Under Secretary.

No. 9.

Office Memorandum.

PRIMITIVE Methodist Church site on Newcastle Common:—Let me have any documents in office on this matter.

T.G.

Mr. De Low.—S.F., 9/9/87. Rev. Mr. James, Marrickville, and J. Fletcher, M.P.

The site applied for at Adamstown is probably the one referred to. It was applied for by petition of 20th May, 1881, Mis. 81-9,317. The papers have been connected with those relating to the Newcastle Commonage, and are at present in Maitland District Survey Office. In their absence it cannot be stated what action has been taken in the case, but, according to the registers, no dedication has yet been made.—R.H.D., 10/9/89.

Please see above in response to Minister's memo.—R.H.D., 19/9/89.

Inform the Reverend Mr. James that, pending the settlement of the entire question of the disposal of the reserve, no further steps can be taken in the particular case in which his church is interested, but remind him, as it is against the determined public policy of the country to make grants of land or money in aid of public worship, it will be necessary for his church authorities to purchase the site when it is available for sale.—T.G., 30/1/88.

Rev. Mr. James, 30/1/88.

No. 10.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Rev. G. James.

Reverend Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 January, 1888.

With reference to your personal inquiry respecting a site for Primitive Methodist Church on Newcastle Common, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Garrett to inform you that, pending the settlement of the entire question of the disposal of the reserve, no further steps can be taken in the particular case in which your church is interested.

I have to add that, as it is against the determined public policy of the country to make grants of land or money in aid of public worship, it will be necessary for your church authorities to purchase the site when it is available for sale.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. H. WILSON  
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 11.

The Rev. J. Penman to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Primitive Methodist Parsonage, Burwood, Newcastle, 19 June, 1889.

I again wish to bring under your notice the piece of land for a church and parsonage at Adamstown claimed by the Primitive Methodists of the Newcastle districts.

The history of the piece of ground is as follows:—

Several years ago the then Minister for Lands promised the society a block of land at Adamstown; in view of that promise the congregation erected a substantial church and fenced in the land. Relying on the promise, the congregational trustees took no further action in the matter, believing in good time the deeds of the land would be forthcoming.

When application was at last made for the deeds it was stated there was some difficulty as the law had been altered.

The deputation, however, pointed out that a clear and specific promise had been made, and that, in virtue of that promise, the people had erected a church, and that whatever alteration had taken place in the law or custom it should certainly not be made retrospective. I may add that several gentlemen known to yourself, namely, Richard Hall, Esq., Newcastle, Wm. Davis, late Miners' Association Chairman, A. Cameron, Esq., late Chairman of Committees, James Fletcher, Esq., M.P., and N. Melville, Esq., M.P., are prepared (as needs be) to make a sworn declaration that a promise was made to give the block of land in question.

The society is now become a large and important one, and it is necessary to afford more accommodation for our Ministers; with that view we are anxious to have the ground conveyed legally.

The matter has several times been before you, and you have several times promised to consider the whole matter.

Will you, therefore, be good enough to give this matter your favourable attention as early as possible and give effect to the promise long made.

I have, &amp;c.,

JOHN PENMAN.

No. 12.

## No. 12.

## Mr. R. Hall to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Newcastle, New South Wales, 24 September, 1889.

I now have pleasure in submitting what information I can regarding land on which Primitive Methodist churches are erected upon at New Lambton and Adamstown. When the piece was selected at the former place the general impression was that it came under the control of the Newcastle Borough Council, as being on the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve. Before commencing the building I waited upon the late Mr. James Hannell, who was then mayor of Newcastle, also a member of Parliament, and he strongly advised us to take up the land, as any trustees that may afterward be appointed would be lenient to church people. At this time there were from 100 to 150 children running almost wild in this neighbourhood, and after erecting the building we opened a day and sabbath school, which was a great boon to the inhabitants.

At Adamstown a similar state of things existed, and we erected a building, and opened a day and sabbath school, and afterward let the building to the Department of Education for a public school. After a time they made choice of this same piece of land to erect their present public school buildings, and requested us to remove our building to a piece of land on the opposite side of the street, which we at once consented to do, and then erected a larger church, capable of holding 500 or 600 persons, and as we were anxious to get a title for the land a petition was signed by 259 inhabitants of Adamstown of all denominations, asking the Government to grant us the site. The then Minister for Lands, Mr. Hoskins, had no objection to do so, but thought he was powerless in the matter, on account of the land being on the pasturage reserve. It was then pointed out to him that similar grants had been made (on reserve land) to the Church of England people at Waratah, and also the Wesleyans at Lambton, at both of which places we had churches on freehold land. Mr. Hoskins stated if this were correct he would accede to our wishes, and the matter was left in the hands of Mr. Hungerford to complete, but he did not take any further trouble about it, although he promised to do so. We have another church (recently built) on reserve land at the Broadmeadow, but we are quite willing to pay for this at a fair valuation. These statements are substantially correct so far as my memory serves me. I believe several deputations from our Ministers and officials have taken place about the land, but I am not thoroughly acquainted with results.

I hope, sir, that you will be able to grant our request and convey the land as quickly as possible.

I have, &amp;c.,

RICHARD HALL.

## No. 13.

## The Rev. J. Penman to The Secretary for Lands.

Primitive Methodist Parsonage, Burwood, Newcastle, 29 April, 1890.

Dear Mr. Brunker,

Mr. R. Hall, of Newcastle, wishes me to write and call your attention to the fact that the deputation coming from Adamstown to interview you *re* a piece of land for council chambers, &c., are actually coming to ask for our land.

This land was promised to us by one of your predecessors. We have fenced it in, and intend erecting on it a minister's residence.

There are several other available allotments well suited to the purpose for which they require the land. I shall not attempt to describe the baseness of the boast these men are making about taking it from the Primitives, &c.

I cannot imagine religious bigotry going further. I trust the attempt may be frustrated, and our rights preserved.

I am, &amp;c.,

JOHN PENMAN.

## No. 14.

## The Secretary, General Post Office, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

General Post Office, Sydney, 1 May, 1890.

Mr. Ninian Melville, M.P., having represented that it is desirable for the Government to secure as a site for a post and telegraph office at Adamstown "a piece of commonage, which is about to be sold in allotments," the Postal Inspector who has reported on the matter, states that there is a large and increasing business being done at the place in question, and he is satisfied before long it will be necessary to build an official office, and he recommends that, as the Government now holds all the land in Adamstown, a portion be secured as a site.

The Postmaster-General has approved of this, and I am directed therefore to request that you will be so good as to move the Minister for Lands to cause to be reserved for the purpose indicated a corner block of land having 40 feet frontage to Union-street, and 160 feet to Merewether-road.

I have, &amp;c.,

S. H. LAMBTON.

## No. 15.

## J. H. Creer, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

[Extract from Letter.]

2 May, 1890.

THE Mayor and Alderman Edden, of Adamstown Borough Council, wish to interview you on Thursday next, 8th May, with reference to site on commonage for post and telegraph offices, and site for school of arts.

They will be in Sydney on that day interviewing other Ministers, and I sincerely hope you will be recovered from your present illness and again in your Department, and consent to receive above deputation.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH H. CREER.

Submitted.—W.H., 3/5/90. Mr. Carruthers will receive the deputation on Thursday, the 8th instant, at 11:30 a.m. Inform at once.—W.H., 6/5/90. Mr. Creer, M.P., informed, 6/5/90.

No. 16.

## No. 16.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. Creer, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 May, 1890.

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable J. H. Carruthers, Esq., M.P., will, in the absence of Mr. Secretary Brunker, receive the deputation from Adamstown in regard to a site on the commonage for a post and telegraph office, also a site for a school of arts, on Thursday next, the 8th instant, at 11:30 a.m. at this Department.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(per R.H.D.)

## No. 17.

## Office Memorandum.

8 May, 1890.

DEPUTATION consisting of Mr. Creer, M.P., the Mayor, and Alderman Eddin, of Adamstown, *re* sites on the commonage, for post and telegraph offices, school of arts, etc.

The deputation said that they had come to ask that a portion of land might be granted from the commonage for post and telegraph purposes. They had just come from the Postmaster-General, who approved of substantial buildings being erected on a portion of the site now asked for, which had a frontage of 123 links to the Government road to Lake Macquarie, and 298 links to the Government road to the Railway Station, and west to the public school site. See Ms., 90-6,736.

Mr. Carruthers (who received the deputation in the absence of Mr. Brunker through illness) explained that the difficulty appeared to be that the Lands Department thought that this land had been promised to the Primitive Methodists. Portion 1,645 of 1 rood 20½ perches.

The deputation stated that the Primitive Methodist chapel stood a long way back, and that granting the land now asked for would not be to the detriment of the Church—that body first built a chapel on the present public school site, but the land being required for public school purposes, they had moved to another place across the road. They were not told to take up this particular land, and the minister of the church, at the time they were fencing in the chapel ground, had said they might as well enclose 3 acres as 1. This block that they were applying for was in the centre of the town, and was quite big enough for the three (post and telegraph office, school of arts, and council chambers). The church is in 1,646 of 1 rood 19½ perches with frontage of 125 links.

Mr. Carruthers replied that he could not give them a definite promise in the absence of Mr. Brunker, but he would lay the whole matter before him as early as possible; with regard to the school of arts they hoped to soon pass a Local Government Bill, which would place these institutions in a very different position to what they were at present, as they would then be municipal institutions, and doubtless care would be taken that a suitable site was provided for the school of arts.

WALTER D. BINGLE.

The deputation asked that Mr. Carruthers would be sure, and inform the Minister that they desired part of the area for a site for council chambers. There is no trace of any promise to the Primitive Methodists on the papers. I am much inclined to think that they should be restricted to the one allotment. Would the Minister kindly send for me if he thinks it necessary.—W.H., 23/5/90.

## No. 18.

## Office Memorandum.

Newcastle Pasturage—Primitive Methodist Church, Adamstown.

Lands, 15 May, 1890.

1. By plan of subdivision the church would seem to be on portions 1,646, and 1 rood 19½ perches.
2. Will the District Surveyor at Maitland be good enough to say what portions and area the church authorities have fenced in?
3. Also whether Merewether-road is the road to the south of the public school site, portion 268, leading to the Adamstown railway station.
4. Also as to the position of the Lake Macquarie Road, as referred to in Mis. 90-7,149. An early reply is desired.

R.H.D.

(For the Under Secretary.)

1. Yes.

2. Portions tinted red on lithograph, containing an area of 2 roods 39¼ perches.

3. Yes; tinted purple on lithograph.

4. Tinted brown on lithograph.

W.A., 16/5/90.

## No. 19.

## Office Memorandum.

Newcastle Pasturage—Primitive Methodist Chapel Site, Adamstown.

19 May, 1890.

THIS case has been for some time before the Department.

Some short time ago several Aldermen of Adamstown, including Mr. Firth (Mayor), accompanied by Mr. Melville, M.L.A., called on the Minister for Lands with respect to a part of the land now fenced in by Primitive Methodists being set apart for public requirements, such as council chambers, post and telegraph office, and school of arts.

On the 8th instant a deputation from the same Council waited on Mr. Carruthers (acting for the Minister for Lands) on the same subject. (See Mis. 90-7,149.)

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The Primitive Methodists have fenced in allotments 1,646 and 1,645, of a total of 2 roods 39 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches. (See litho. enclosed.)

The Borough Council of Adamstown apply that the corner block, 1,645, of 1 rood 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches, be retained for public purposes.

The Postmaster-General has also applied for a part of 1,645. (See Mis. 90-6,736.)

The Primitive Methodist Church authorities have fenced in, and are now occupying, both portions 1,646 and 1,645, and they protest against the action of the Borough Council. They base their claim to the land on an alleged promise by Mr. Hoskins, when Minister for Lands, in 1879. They previously occupied a site opposite portion 268, on which the public school stands, and assert they removed to the present site, and vacated the old, on the distinct understanding that they were to get an equal area, about 2 acres. There is nothing on record of any such promise by Mr. Hoskins, nor yet of any such understanding, so far as the papers show. It is clear the church authorities were trespassers, and they do not deny it.

There is really no promise of grant to them in express words. The only memo. that by inference can be construed in favour of the granting any land at all is the memo. by Mr. Oliver, 20/7/81:—

“As the Primitive Methodists appear to have erected their church on the pasturage reserve some years ago, perhaps, in disposing of the reserve, a portion of the land to include church may be reserved.”

That minute was approved by the Minister, Mr. Hoskins, on 21/7/81. Nothing was said about granting the land to the church, nor was it set out what land, and how much.

When surveying the common, Mr. Surveyor Hawkins inquired into their claim, and in his report of 13th August, 1887, Mis. 87-13,016, he states the church authorities were unable to produce any documentary evidence in support of the alleged promise of Mr. Hoskins. Extract herewith.

Mr. District-Surveyor Allworth, in his report of 4th October, 1887, on the pasturage reserve, recommends the church be confined to allotment 1,646, of 1 rood 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches. (See paragraph 5, last sentence on page 62 of Select Committee Report to Legislative Assembly, ordered to be printed on 5th June, 1889.)

The question for determination now is:—

1. Was a promise, either expressed or implied, given to grant or to dedicate any land for the Primitive Methodist Church?
2. If so, when was such made?
3. If made “in tune,” is it to be confined to one portion, 1,646, on which the church stands, or to be expanded to include both lots, 1,646 and 1,645?

The phrase “in tune,” used in the preceding sub-paragraph, is inserted, because, by the Newcastle Reserve Act 53 Vic. No. 1, section 1, last part thereof, every promise made to give land for church purposes must have been made prior to 11th May, 1880, and Mr. Oliver’s (Under Secretary then) memo. is dated 20th July, 1881, and Mr. Hoskins’ approval the day after. Mr. Hoskins was Minister for Lands from December, 1878, to December, 1881.

R. H. DE LOW.

F.H.W., 21/5/90. Submitted.—W.H., 22/5/90.

A deputation, consisting of the Members for Northumberland and the Rev. J. Penman, informed me that the Primitive Methodist Church was erected on a portion of the pasturage reserve, which, at the request of the Department, was given in exchange for another portion required for a public school, and further, that the expense of removing the church to the site on which it stands at present was borne by the Department. Ask the Members to confirm this statement by handing in declarations as to the facts.—J.N.B., 30/5/90.

Messrs. Melville, Walker, and Creer, M’s.P., asked, 4/6/90.

[Enclosure.]

Extract from Lands, 87-13,016.

Local Land Board, Maitland, 87-5,153.

29 August, 1887.

Extract from Surveyor F. W. Hawkins to the District Surveyor, transmitting plans of portions of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, Waratab, No. 87-20. 13 August, 1887.

THE Primitive Methodist Chapel, opposite the Adamstown Public School (numbered 344 on plan), has been erected in lieu of an old chapel which was originally on the site now occupied by the public school. The clergyman and trustees of the church assert that they had a promise of a grant of land for church and parsonage when the commonage question was settled from Mr. Hoskins, when Minister for Lands, but they could produce no documentary evidence of it. The cost of erection, fittings, and fence was £700.

No. 20.

The Under Secretary for Lands to N. Melville, T. Walker, and J. Creer, Esq’s., M’s.P.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 June, 1890.

Referring to the representations made by you in company with the Reverend J. Penman to the Secretary for Lands, respecting the Primitive Methodist Chapel site on the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve at Adamstown, to the effect that a chapel was erected on portion of the pasturage reserve which, at the request of the Department was given in exchange for another portion required for a public school, and further that the expense of removing the chapel to the site on which it stands at present was borne by the Department,—I am directed to ask that you will be good enough to confirm such statements by handing in statutory declarations as to the facts.

Such declarations should also set forth by whom the promise of the land was made, to whom, and when; also what department paid for the removal of the building, and the date it was removed.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON

Under Secretary,

(Per R.H.D.)

No. 21.



## No. 21.

## Mr. J. Gray to The Secretary for Lands.

[Presented by the Rev. Geo. James and Penman.—R.H.D., 26/6/90.]

Dear Sir,

Crown-street, Adamstown, 13 June, 1890.

I, James Gray, carpenter and undertaker, of Crown-street, Adamstown, do hereby certify that I was a member and official of the Primitive Methodist Church, Adamstown, during the year 1877, and that during that time the above church was occupied during the week as a day-school under the Department of Education.

About this time there was an application by the people of Adamstown to the Government for the erection of suitable buildings as a public school, which application was granted, and the site chosen was that on which the Primitive Methodist Church then stood, which compelled us to remove the church on to the corner on the opposite side of the road—allotment marked on Pastures Reserve Plan 1,645.

A deputation was then appointed to proceed to Sydney to interview the then Minister for Lands, and apply for a piece of land for church purposes. The Minister's reply to the deputation was, that he could not then grant our application, the land applied for being a portion of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, but that we had to go on and fence in as much as was then usually given for church purposes, and when the whole question of the pasturage land was dealt with we should have ours properly conveyed to us. With this understanding and promise from the Minister we at once commenced to stump and clear, and ultimately fenced in with a good substantial paling fence that block of land which now comprises two allotments 1,645 and 1,646.

I also certify that on the church which stood on lot 1,645, and which we had previously brought from the opposite side of the road, becoming too small for the increasing congregation, we decided to build a new and larger church on what is now lot 1,646, with a view to erecting a Minister's residence on lot 1,645.

The present buildings on the land are as follows:—The church, a stable for the minister's horse, a buggy-shed, two waterclosets, one on lot 1,645, the other on lot 1,646, the one for the male Sunday-school scholars, the other for the females. The above information I give on my own certain knowledge of the facts herein expressed. And declare the same to be substantially true.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe }  
my name in the presence of,— }

JAMES GRAY.

THOMAS HETHERINGTON, a Justice of the Peace for New South Wales.

I declare the above signature to be that of James Gray, signed in my presence.—Witness, THOMAS HETHERINGTON, J.P., 14/6/90.

Presented by Reverends George James and Penman.—R.H.D., 26/6/90.

Adamstown.—See the Minister's minute of 30th May, 1890, 8,065. Ask the Department of Public Instruction to favour with any information—as to its disposal—as to site on which the public school now stands—the removal of the Primitive Methodist Church to allotment opposite, and as to paying cost of such removal.—R.H.D. (*for* Under Secretary), 5/7/90.

Corr. received, 5/7/90. Under Secretary, Instruction, asked, 14/7/90. Any reply to letter, 14th July last.—R.H.D., 7/8/90. Mr. Ferris.—Remind please.—J.O'D., 14/8/90. Mr. Chaplin (Urgent)—Remind Department of Public Instruction.—R.H.D. (*for* the Under Secretary), 3/9/90. Received, 1/9/90. Reminded (P), 4/9/90.

## No. 22.

## Declaration by J. Fletcher, Esq., M.P.

[Presented by the Reverends James and Penman.—R.H.D., 26/6/90.]

I, JAMES FLETCHER, of Sydney, New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I, in company with a deputation, waited upon the then Minister for Lands during the year 1877, and represented to him that the land upon which the Primitive Methodist Church then stood being required for the now Adamstown public school, it would be necessary to have granted another site. The Honorable the Minister replied that he could not then make a grant till the commonage question was settled; but they the Primitive Methodist connection were to take and fence in the usual quantity that churches received, and upon the commonage question being settled they would get the title. On that understanding the Primitive Methodist connection took possession of the land (now known as allotments 1,645 and 1,646 on commonage plan) cleared, fenced, and stumped the same: And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Made and signed before me, at Sydney, }  
this 25th day of June, 1890,— }

JAMES FLETCHER.

JOSEPH CREER, J.P.

## No. 23.

## Declaration by N. Melville, Esq., M.P.

[Presented by the Reverends James and Penman.—R.H.D., 26/6/90.]

I, NINIAN MELVILLE, of Dover-street, Summer Hill, near Sydney, do solemnly and sincerely declare that during the year 1880, I, in company with J. Fletcher, M.P., and others, interviewed the then Minister for Lands, requesting land upon which the Primitive Methodist Church at Adamstown should be granted to the connection, upon the grounds that the church had been removed at the expense absolutely of the members of the congregation, from the land on the other side of the road, so that a public school

could be erected thereon. The Minister promised to give the land upon the settlement of the commonage question, as also the Honorable J. S. Farnell on a subsequent occasion. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Made and signed before me, at Sydney, }  
this 25th day of June, 1890,— }

NINIAN MELVILLE.

JOSEPH CREER, J.P.

No. 24.

Declaration by the Rev. G. James.

[Presented by the Rev. George James and Penman.—R.H.D., 26/6/90.]

I, GEORGE JAMES, Primitive Methodist Minister, now of Dulwich Hill, Marrickville, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I was Minister of the Primitive Methodist Denomination in the Newcastle District from the year 1877 until 1881. Some time previous to my taking charge our people at Adamstown built a church on that piece of land now occupied by the public school. To accommodate the Department of Education, our people gave up the site, and removed to the opposite side of the road. About that time a deputation was sent to interview the then Minister for Lands with a view to obtaining the present site as a grant for church purposes. The answer given by the Minister to the deputation was that he could not then comply with their request, but to go on and fence in the amount usually given for church purposes, and when the commonage question was dealt with, the Primitive Methodists should receive the title to their land. On the basis of this promise we stumped the land, fenced it in with a good substantial paling fencing, also built a new and larger church than the one previously occupied. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits."

Made and signed before me, at Sydney, this }  
26th day of June, 1890,— }

GEORGE JAMES.

JOHN CALLAGHAN, J.P.

No. 25.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Public Instruction.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 14 July, 1890.

I have the honor to inform you that it has been represented to this Department that the present public school site at Adamstown, near Newcastle, was formerly occupied by the Primitive Methodists and a chapel erected thereon, but the land being desired for public school purposes, that body removed to a block of land opposite under an alleged promise of the land, and I have to ask that you will be good enough to furnish this Department with any information at your disposal as to the site on which the public school now stands, the removal of the Primitive Methodist Church to the allotment opposite, and as to paying cost of such removal, and whether any officer of your Department made any promise.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,  
Under Secretary  
(Per R.H.D.)

No. 26.

The Secretary, General Post Office, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

General Post Office, Sydney, 26 August, 1890.

Referring to my letter of the 1st May last, requesting that a portion of land at the corner of Union-street and Merewether road, Adamstown, might be set apart as a site for a post and telegraph office, I am now directed to ask that you will kindly favour me with a reply as to how the matter stands.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON.

Any reply from Instruction Department? Not yet.—E.G.

No. 27.

The Secretary, General Post Office, to N. Melville, J. Creer, and T. Walker,  
Esq's., M's.P.

Gentlemen,

General Post Office, Sydney, 2 September, 1890.

With reference to previous correspondence, in which it was stated that the Lands Department had been asked to set apart land at the corner of Union-street and Merewether-road, Adamstown, as a site for a post and telegraph office, I am now directed to inform you that the Works Department has been requested to place on the Estimates for next year. £1,000 to provide for the erection of a new building.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON,  
Secretary.

No. 28.

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No. 28.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Public Instruction.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 4 September, 1890.

I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 14th July, asking to be favoured with any information at your disposal as to site on which the public school now stands, the removal of the Primitive Methodist church to allotment opposite, and as to paying cost of such removal, and I am to request you to be good enough to furnish a reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. HOUSTON,  
Under Secretary  
(Per R.H.D.)

No. 29.

The Under Secretary for Public Instruction to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Public Instruction, Sydney, 29 September, 1890.

With reference to your letter, dated 14th July last, requesting information respecting the site of the public school at Adamstown, I am directed to acquaint you that it seems that the land on which the school now stands was applied for by the Council of Education, at the instance of a largely-signed petition from the residents, in May, 1877, and the grant was approved in December of that year, viz., 2 acres, part of Newcastle Pasturage Reserve. It appears that the Primitive Methodist church stood on the land when granted, and was also used as a school. This building was removed by the proprietors themselves without any notice whatever to the Local Board, in March, 1879.

2. From a perusal of the correspondence it appears that no promise whatever was made by the Council of Education to pay the cost of such removal.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. GIBSON  
(For Under Secretary).

Attach previous papers.—J.O'D., 9/10/90. Mr. Hancock.—Ms. 90-13,765 stands noted to Charting Branch, 27/9/90. Now herewith.—E.H., 10/10/90. Mr. O'Dwyer.

Newcastle Pasturage.—Special attention is invited to my memo. of 19th May last, Ms. 90-8,065, and to the Minister's of 30/5/90 thereon. The statutory declarations (three) now furnished do not say the buildings were removed at the expense of the Government; and this letter supports the view that they were removed at the cost of the church authorities. As regards the alleged promise, Mr. Fletcher says in his declaration it was in 1877; Mr. Melville says in 1880; Mr. James is silent as to the year. As regards the area, Messrs. Fletcher and Melville speak of the usual quantity for church purposes. The two allotments, 1,645 and 1,646 (2 roods 39 $\frac{1}{4}$  perches), do not exceed the usual quantity then allowed. It will be seen the Postal Department has asked for 1,645. It is now submitted whether any land is to be granted to the church; and if so, what land.—R.H.D., 16/10/90.

Special.—F.H.W., 18/10/90.

Submitted. The religious body referred to appear to me to be entitled to consideration; there is, I think, very little doubt that a promise was given many years ago; the questions are whether the grant shall be made, and what area shall be granted.—W.H., 20/10/90.

The land may be granted in terms of promise which appears to have been made previous to 1880.—J.N.B., 23/10/90. Inform the District Surveyor. The Rev. Mr. Penman, the Secretary to the General Post Office, and the Adamstown Municipal Council in reply to 7,149.—R.H.D., 24/10/90. Both portions for the church.—R.H.D. Above parties informed, 30/10/90.

No. 30.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The District Surveyor, East Maitland.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 October, 1890.

Referring to the matter of the conflicting applications of the Primitive Methodist Church authorities, the Adamstown Municipal Council, and the Postmaster-General's Department for portions 1,645 and 1,646 of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has decided that both these portions be granted to the Primitive Methodists, in accordance with a promise apparently made prior to 1880.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. HOUSTON,  
Under Secretary  
(Per R.H.D.)

No. 31.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Rev. J. Penman.

Reverend Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 October, 1890.

With reference to your representations in the matter of the Primitive Methodist Church site at Adamstown, on the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has approved of portions 1,645 and 1,646 on that reserve being granted to the Primitive Methodists for the purpose stated.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. HOUSTON,  
Under Secretary  
(Per R.H.D.)

No. 32.

## No. 32.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Secretary, General Post Office.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 October, 1890.

Referring to your letter of the 1st May last, asking that certain lands at Adamstown, on the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve might be set apart for a site for a post and telegraph office, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has decided to grant portions 1,645 and 1,646, which embraces the site applied for by you, to the Primitive Methodist Church authorities, in fulfilment of a promise made to them some years ago.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,  
Under Secretary  
(*Per* R.H.D.)

## No. 33.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Council Clerk, Adamstown.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 October, 1890.

With reference to the representations of your Council in regard to sites for post and telegraph offices and council chambers at Adamstown, in the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has approved of portions 1,645 and 1,646 on that reserve, and embracing the sites above-mentioned, being granted to the Primitive Methodist Church authorities in fulfilment of a promise made some years ago.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,  
Under Secretary  
(*Per* R.H.D.)

[One plan.]

# PLAN

Shewing subdivision of portion of Newcastle Pasturage Reserve into 636 portions

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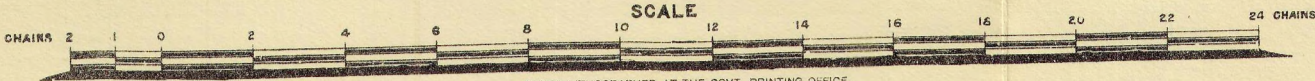
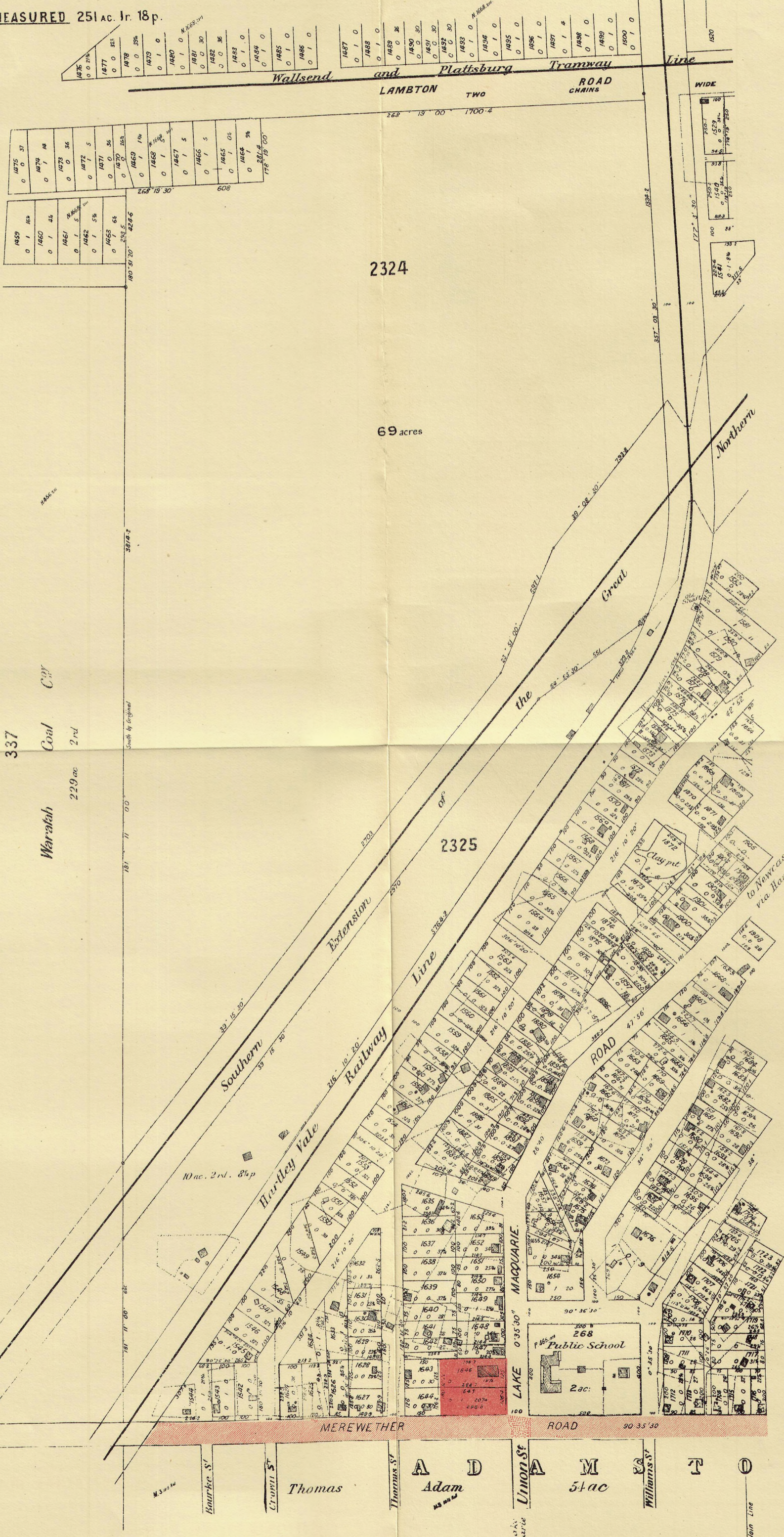


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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## RECREATION RESERVE, PARISH OF WILLOUGHBY.

(CORRESPONDENCE.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 17 December, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 7th November, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all documents connected with the original dedication of 45 acres 3 roods and 28 perches of land, in the parish of Willoughby, for public recreation, and the recent cancellation of the said dedication.”

*(Mr. Burns.)*

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## RECREATION RESERVE, PARISH OF WILLOUGHBY.

No. 1.

Mr. Surveyor Chapman to The Surveyor-General.

Sir,

St. Leonards, 19 November, 1884.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan and field notes showing the survey of the temporary reserve for recreation in the municipality of North Willoughby, parish of Willoughby, and county of Cumberland, and measured by me in accordance with the Reserves Branch Memorandum of Instructions, No. 432, of the 15th October, 1883.

1. Elizabeth-street passes through this reserve, dividing it into two parts, as shown on plan, by the areas 19 acres 3 roods 7 perches and 26 acres 0 roods 31 perches, exclusive of the reserved site for municipal buildings, measuring 1 acre 3 roods 34 perches, around which the Municipal Council has recently erected a substantial fence. The eastern and southern corner posts of this fence have, I believe, been placed in the positions of the original pegs.

2. The eastern corner of the temporary reserve for recreation was fixed by me from Mr. Surveyor Deering's peg; this corner does not agree with the intersection of the north-east side of Herbert-street and the south-east side of that reserve. (*Vide* diagram B on plan.)

3. All the corners, except where otherwise specified, are marked by stone posts, supplied by the Municipal Council, being about 2 feet 6 inches long, and dressed 9 inches square at top, with drilled hole, tarred disc, &c., and sunk about 2 feet into the ground.

I have, &amp;c.,

E. C. S. CHAPMAN.

Reserves Branch, instructions No. 432, plan and field notes herewith, C 70.2063. Metropolitan District Office, 22/11/84. Entered.—F.B.W.W, District Surveyor, 24/11/84. Field Book (No. 760) in General Survey Branch.—J.M.S., 25/11/84. Secretary and Cashier, Surveyor-General's Office, 27/11. General Survey Branch in first instance.—C.J.S., 12/12/84. Mr. Hay.

[Enclosure.]

Subject.	Reply.
<p>Reserve Branch. Surveyor-General's Office, Sydney, 15 October, 1883. Memorandum of Instructions. Mr. District-Surveyor Woolrych is requested at his early convenience to measure the boundaries of the temporary reserve for recreation adjoining the north-east boundaries of D. Curry's 25 acres, and portion marked G. Tilley's 25 acres, being about 48 acres, exclusive of North Willoughby Municipal Council's 2 acres for buildings, parish of North Willoughby, county of Cumberland. G. LEWIS (For Surveyor-General). Reserve Branch, Surveyor-General's Office, Instructions No. 432. Mr. District-Surveyor Woolrych.</p>	<p>Metropolitan District Office. -- Received, 23/10/83. Transferred to Mr. Surveyor T. G. Wilson.—D. M. MARR- LAND, Acting District Surveyor, 23/10/83. T. G. Wilson, 18/6/84. Returned with my letter No. 84.16 of this date. —E. C. S. CHAPMAN, 19/11/84.</p>

No. 2.

## Office Memorandum.

In his survey of the recreation reserve at North Willoughby, Mr. Surveyor Chapman, shows a considerable discrepancy between Mr. Surveyor Armstrong's survey of the site for municipal buildings surveyed by him in 1867, and dedicated 12th March, 1869, and the site as now fenced.

Mr. Chapman has adhered to the existing fences as the boundaries in his survey, the area of the site within which is 1 acre 3 roods 34 perches as against 2 acres dedicated.

Tracings are enclosed showing both surveys.

Submitted for the consideration of the Surveyor-General whether Mr. Surveyor Chapman's survey be accepted.

The Surveyor-General.

May be accepted.—R.D.F.G., 17/9/85.

See Appendix A.

No. 3.

## The Surveyor-General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

THE temporary reserve for recreation at North Willoughby, having now been measured and marked on the ground it is submitted that it be dedicated for public recreation under the 104th clause of the Crown Lands Act, 1884. The land is within the Municipal District of North Willoughby.

G. LEWIS

(For the Surveyor General),

3rd November, 1885.

Submitted.—

Submitted.—R.H.D., 16/11/85. F.H.W., C.O., 26/11/85. Approved.—J.P.A., 27/11/85.  
Mr. G. Lewis.—J.O'D. (*pro* R. H. DE Low), 3/12/85.

Descriptions are enclosed for the dedication of an area of 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches for public recreation and for the cancellation of the temporary reserve for public recreation at North Willoughby in accordance with ministerial decision.—G. LEWIS (for the Surveyor-General), 31/12/85. See Appendix B

For dedication list.—J.O.D., 11/1/86. For Executive Council Minute *re* revocation.—J.O.D., 10/3/86. Executive Council Minute. Miscellaneous 86-6029. Gazetted, 10/4/86. Erased from parish map plan, noted, Land Agent informed.—H.H.S. Examined.—J.F., 20/4/86. For any necessary action *re* dedication.—G. LEWIS, 22/4/86.

Mr. De Low,—The Temporary Reserve for Public Recreation, &c., at North Willoughby, notified under general notice of 24th December, 1861. County of Cumberland, parish of Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches. The temporary reserve for public recreation, &c., shown on the map of the parish of Willoughby in the Surveyor-General's Office.

The above is within the Metropolitan Land Board District. Miscellaneous 85-22,176.

[Enclosure.]

County of Cumberland, parish of Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches: Commencing at the eastern corner of J. Roberts' 25-acre grant; and bounded thence on the north-west by the south-east boundary of that grant, bearing south 49 degrees 19 minutes 27 seconds west (magnetic) 16 chains 1'30 links to its southern corner; thence on the south-west by part of the north-east boundary of G. Tilley's 25-acre grant bearing south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 12 chains 36'19 links; thence on the south-east by a line bearing north 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 00'29 link; thence on the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 35 minutes 25 seconds west (magnetic) 12 chains 36'83 links, to the point of commencement. Again, commencing at the western corner of the site for municipal buildings dedicated 12th March, 1869; and bounded thence on part of the north-west by a line bearing south 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds west (magnetic) 9 chains 99'92 links; thence on the south-west by part of the north-eastern side of Elizabeth-street, being lines bearing respectively south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 2 chains 67'92 links, and south 40 degrees 38 minutes 38 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 3'45 links to the western corner of J. Tyler's 25-acre grant; thence on south-east by part of the north-west boundary of that grant bearing north 49 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds east (magnetic) 15 chains 9'41 links; thence on part of the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 56 minutes 7 seconds west (magnetic) 14 chains 73'27 links to the eastern corner of the site for municipal buildings aforesaid; thence on the remainder of the north-west and north-east, being lines bearing respectively south 50 degrees 31 minutes 14 seconds west (magnetic) 4 chains 98'29 links, and north 41 degrees 9 minutes 49 seconds west (magnetic) 3 chains 88'89 links, to the point of commencement. Shown on plan catalogued C. 70-2,063. Surveyor-General's Office.

No. 4.

Gazette Notice.

REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY RESERVES.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 10 April, 1886.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to revoke, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, the temporary reservation from sale of the portions of land hereinafter described,—the revocation to take effect at the expiration of sixty clear days from this date.

HENRY COPELAND.

The temporary reserve for public recreation, &c., at North Willoughby, notified under general notice of 24th December, 1861. County of Cumberland, parish of Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches. The temporary reserve for public recreation, &c., shown on the map of the parish of Willoughby, in the Surveyor-General's Office.

The above is within the Metropolitan Land Board District.

[Ms. 85-22,176.]

No. 5.

Office Memorandum.

Locality, North Willoughby; County, Cumberland; Plan, C. 70-2,063, 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches; Purpose of Dedication, Public Recreation; List, No. 5, of 1886.

Executive Council approval, 86-4,953. Dedication notified in *Gazette*, 26th March, 1886.

The dedication having been carried out, the papers may now be forwarded to the Mines Department. The Under Secretary for Mines.—G.W.G. (for the Under Secretary). Department of Lands.—B.C., 5/5/86.

No. 6.

Extract from *Sydney Morning Herald*, 26 March, 1888.

LAW REPORT.

Supreme Court, Saturday, March 24, 1888—In Banco, before their Honors the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Forster.

In *re* F. E. Rogers and Thomas Broughton and the Real Property Act.

Mr. C. J. Manning, instructed by Mr. J. H. Clayton, appeared for the applicants; and Mr. Pring, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, on behalf of the Registrar-General.

Mr. Manning explained that the applicants desired to bring certain land under the Real Property Act, but the Registrar-General, on behalf of the Minister for Lands had lodged a *caveat*. The question whether there were any facts to go to a jury would have to be settled. If there were not then the Court



Court would be in a position to decide the matter. Francis Edward Rogers and Thomas Broughton claim to be the absolute owners in fee simple of 25 acres 2 roods 23½ perches, situated in the parish of Willoughby. The land was originally granted, as far back as November, 1794, to one George Tilley by His Excellency Francis Grose, then Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony, and was described in the grant as Tilley's Farm, situated in Lane Cove. The grant has been lost, but an alleged entry copy has been found in the office of the Registrar-General. The land, which was always known as Tilley's farm, subsequently became vested in one William Gore who was in possession thereof, in connection with other adjacent lands, prior to the year 1815, and it has remained in the continuous and undisturbed possession of William Gore and those claiming through him up to the present time, representing a period of upwards of sixty years, and has now become vested in the applicants. When the applicants sought to bring the land under the provisions of the Real Property Act, the title was duly passed by the examiners; but on the 19th August last the Registrar-General lodged a caveat on behalf of the Minister for Lands, alleging that the land had never passed from the Crown, or that it had reverted to the Crown. According to the caveator's statement it appears that after the execution of the grant to George Tilley, it was, by and with the consent of the grantee, cancelled, and in consideration of such consent and cancellation, and by way of exchange, a grant was issued to George Tilley, dated 10th May, 1798, of 25 acres of land, situated near Windsor. At the time of the cancellation it was a well-recognised custom, as between the Crown and the grantees, that land originally granted by the Crown should be deemed to revert in the Crown on the delivery up of the grant by the grantee on cancellation and the acceptance by him of a grant of other lands by way of exchange, and this custom was acted upon in the case of George Tilley and others. The Registrar-General also affirms that neither the applicants, nor any person through whom they claim, have been in undisturbed possession of the land, but the Crown has always disputed and never recognised the right of any private individual to the land. The only record which had apparently been made of the exchange of land was the entry appearing at the foot of the copy of Tilley's original grant, "cancelled," and a new grant given at the Hawkesbury.

The applicants now contended that in the absence of any evidence of a cancellation by the proper authority, and of any surrender and other authorised and regular mode of revocation, the land could not be held to have reverted to the Crown, but must be taken to have passed from the Crown to George Tilley by the issue of the grant, and that the Crown could not now claim any estate or interest therein, especially as applicants could prove a possessory title of upwards of sixty years.

After hearing argument the Chief Justice said the matter for the Court to determine was whether there were any issues raised for the determination of a jury on the cases filed. If there were no issues to be raised, it was then for the Court to make such order as they might think fit. There were two titles in point of fact upon which the applicants were entitled to rely. The first was the original grant which had been issued; and it was admitted by counsel for the Crown that the grant did issue, but the learned counsel contended that the relation of the grantee was really that of a tenant of the Crown, and that he could at any time, by word of mouth, have conveyed back his interest to the Crown, he (the Chief Justice) was not aware that any such proposition as that had ever before been stated, nor could he call to mind anything of this sort appearing in any book on real property that he had ever read relating to grants from the Crown; and the counsel for the Crown admitted he was not able to find any precedent in any text books upon the subject, or any authority that such a proposition could be maintained; in other words, that once the Crown grant was issued from the Crown to a subject, the subject could revest the land in the Crown again by simply declining to take the grant, or having taken it for several years, to revest it in the Crown by simply saying, "I do not desire to hold this any longer." He did not think that such a proposition could be maintained, or that any authority could be found in support of it. That being so, it seemed to him to be an end of the case. The grant was in existence until it was surrendered by deed to the Crown, but nothing of that sort appeared here. There was another point which seemed to him fatal to the claim of the Registrar-General. It was admitted that the applicants, or those through whom they claimed, had been in possession since prior to 1815. As against that the Registrar-General said that the possession of the land had been disputed, but there was only one way in which to dispute a person's right of possession to land, and that was by taking some steps to terminate his possession. Nothing of that sort had been done here, and for some officer connected with the Lands Department merely to be constantly saying to himself or other officers, "We dispute the possession of certain persons to such and such land," could have no effect. Under these circumstances he thought the case raised no issues to try before a jury, and raised no point of law which the Crown could determine in the Registrar-General's favour, but that, on the other hand, the applicants had made out a sufficient case to entitle them to bring the land under the Real Property Act.

Mr. Justice Owen and Mr. Justice Forster concurred.

The decision was, therefore, that there were no issues for a jury, and the Registrar-General was ordered to take his caveat off the file.

## No. 7.

### The Cumberland Ranger to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Petersham, 10 August, 1888.

I have the honor to report that I laid information against one Malcolm Turner, for illegal timber cutting on certain Crown land in the parish of Willoughby, county of Cumberland.

The case came on for hearing on 3rd July, before Mr. Marsh, Stipendiary Magistrate, at St. Leonards Police Court, and the solicitors for the defendant asked for a postponement, on the grounds that the case involved a question of title. To this I consented, and the matter was postponed until 10th idem, when evidence was taken on both sides. A number of witnesses were called on behalf of the defendant to prove that the land upon which the timber was cut was part of Tilley's 25-acre grant, and owned by Mr. Thos. Broughton, who, they asserted, could produce a certificate of title, but that as Mr. Broughton was absent in the country Messrs. Way and Way, solicitors for the defendant, asked for a further postponement for a fortnight, to allow of his (Mr. Broughton's) appearance.

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In reply to which Mr. Marsh said that a clear case had been made out for the prosecution, and that he had no hesitation in fining the defendant. However, he would consent to allow the matter to stand over for a fortnight, to allow of production of the certificate of title.

The case came before the Bench again on the 24th, when neither the defendant nor his solicitors put in an appearance.

Mr. Broughton was present in the Court, and Mr. Marsh, S.M., said that he would hear what he had to say. Mr. Broughton said that he knew nothing whatever about the land which the timber was cut upon, that he only claimed Tilley's 25-acre grant. A verdict was therefore given against the defendant, who was ordered to pay a fine of 40s., with £3 10s. costs.

Warrant to issue.

I beg respectfully to suggest the advisability of sub-dividing and selling a portion of Crown land that is temporarily reserved from sale in the parish of Willoughby, county of Cumberland. I forward herewith a rough sketch\* of the land referred to, edged pink and marked A and B, which contains about 45 acres, and it will be observed that it is intersected and partly bounded by Government roads, and that the site for Municipal Council Chambers of North Willoughby is situated alongside of, and was formerly a part of it. My reasons for making these recommendations are:—

- 1st. Owing to claims set up by the proprietors of lands in the neighbourhood, continual trespasses are being made on the ground, involving the Crown in frequently recurring and vexatious Court cases.
- 2nd. Owing to its proximity to the railway now in course of construction, North Shore to Pearson's Corner, and general advantages, the ground would bring a high price, especially as it can be conveniently subdivided so as to form an extension of the private township already laid out on adjoining portions. And
- 3rd. As the district is well supplied with reserves, without it there being three others containing respectively, 48 acres, 13 acres, and 79 acres, close adjacent.

I have, &c.,

JAS. M'KEOWN,

Cumberland Ranger.

Sketch herewith. Occupation Branch. Please note, then to Mr. Piper.—J.O'D. (*pro* R. H. DE Low), 16/8/88. Noted.—H.A., 17/8/88. Forest Branch. To note and return to Miscellaneous Branch.—H.A. (for E.L.), 17/8/88. Seen.—W.F.P.

#### No. 8.

The Metropolitan and Coast District Surveyor to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Reserve for public recreation 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches.—North Willoughby, No. 2375.

3 September, 1888.

REFERRING to the proposal of the Cumberland Crown Lands Ranger to subdivide and sell the above land, it may be stated that the area is already dedicated for public recreation, and was notified in the *Gazette* of 26th March, 1886, (Misc. 85-22,176.)

If the Cumberland Ranger had sought information at this office he would have been supplied with it, and the prosecution referred to on 3rd July last, would have been disposed of without postponement.

JOHN W. DEERING,

Metropolitan and Coast District Surveyor.

Submitted.—As to whether the proposal to subdivide, and submit the land to auction is to be entertained. If such a course be not pursued, it is further submitted that Mr. Ives, M.P., be asked to recommend trustees for its control.

The District Surveyor may be requested to report as to the need of this land being retained as a recreation reserve.—R.H.D., 6/9/88. Submitted.—F.H.W. S.F. Yes.—C.O., 8/9/88. Mr. District Surveyor Deering.

There is no necessity whatever for this reserve, extension reserves for public recreation, dedicated, exist in the immediate locality. This reserve, containing about 35 acres (exclusive of future roads of design) had much better be subdivided. It is worth not less than £200 per acre. I put the minimum price.—JOHN W. DEERING, B.C., 4/10/88. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Submitted the dedication be revoked under Section 105 of Lands Act of 1884, with a view to auction.—R.H.D. F.H.W. C.O., 9/10/88. Approved.—J.N.B., 16/10/88. For Executive Council Minute.—J.O'D., 18/10/88.

#### No. 9.

Minute Paper for The Executive Council.

*Subject*:—Proposed Revocation of Dedication.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 5 November, 1888.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, that in accordance with the provisions of the 105 Section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, a notice be published in the *Government Gazette* proposing to revoke the dedication of the land at North Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, dedicated on the 26th March, 1886, for public recreation herein described, with a view to the sale of the land in question by auction.

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.

The Executive Council advise that authority be granted for the publication of the proposed revocation of the dedication of the land referred to to the purposes specified.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Minute 88-53, 6/11/88. Approved.—CARRINGTON, 6/11/88. Confirmed, 13/11/88. *Gazetted*, 7/12/88. Laid before Parliament, 12/12/88.

## [Enclosure.]

## Description.

County of Cumberland, parish of Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches: Commencing at the eastern corner of J. Roberts' 25-acre grant; and bounded thence on the north-west by the south-east boundary of that grant bearing south 49 degrees 19 minutes 27 seconds west (magnetic) 16 chains 1'30 links to its southern corner; thence on the south-west by part of the north-east boundary of G. Tilley's 25-acre grant bearing south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 12 chains 36'19 links; thence on the south-east by a line bearing north 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 00'29 link; thence on the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 35 minutes 25 seconds west (magnetic) 12 chains 36'83 links, to the point of commencement. Again, commencing at the western corner of the site for municipal buildings, dedicated 12th March, 1869; and bounded thence on part of the north-west by a line bearing south 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds west (magnetic) 9 chains 99'92 links; thence on the south-west by part of the north-eastern side of Elizabeth-street, being lines bearing respectively south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 2 chains 67'92 links, and south 40 degrees 38 minutes 38 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 3'45 links to the western corner of J. Tyler's 25-acre grant; thence on the south-east by part of the north-west boundary of that grant bearing north 49 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds east (magnetic) 15 chains 9'41 links; thence on part of the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 56 minutes 7 seconds west (magnetic) 14 chains 73'27 links to the eastern corner of the site for municipal buildings aforesaid; thence on the remainder of the north-west and north-east, being lines bearing respectively south 50 degrees 31 minutes 14 seconds west (magnetic) 4 chains 98'29 links, and north 41 degrees 9 minutes 49 seconds west (magnetic) 3 chains 88'89 links, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued C. 70-2,063.

See Appendix E.  
[7,856.]

## No. 10.

## Gazette Notice.

## Proposed Resumption of Recreation Reserve at North Willoughby.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 7 December, 1888.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it is proposed to revoke the dedication of the land at North Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, dedicated on the 26th March, 1886, for public recreation, and hereunder described, with a view to the sale by auction of the land in question.

[Ms. 88-14,588]

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

## Description.

County of Cumberland, parish of Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches: Commencing at the eastern corner of J. Roberts' 25-acre grant; and bounded thence on the north-west by the south-east boundary of that grant bearing south 49 degrees 19 minutes 27 seconds west (magnetic) 16 chains 1'30 link to its southern corner; thence on the south-west by part of the north-east boundary of G. Tilley's 25-acre grant bearing south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 12 chains 36'19 links; thence on the south-east by a line bearing north 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 00'29 link; thence on the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 35 minutes 25 seconds west (magnetic) 12 chains 36'83 links, to the point of commencement. Again, commencing at the western corner of the site for municipal buildings, dedicated 12th March, 1869; and bounded thence on part of the north-west by a line bearing south 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds west (magnetic) 9 chains 99'92 links; thence on the south-west by part of the north-eastern side of Elizabeth-street, being lines bearing respectively south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 2 chains 67'92 links, and south 40 degrees 38 minutes 38 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 3'45 links to the western corner of J. Tyler's 25-acre grant; thence on the south-east by part of the north-west boundary of that grant bearing north 49 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds east (magnetic) 15 chains 9'41 links; thence on part of the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 56 minutes 7 seconds west (magnetic) 14 chains 73'27 links to the eastern corner of the site for municipal buildings aforesaid; thence on the remainder of the north-west and north-east, being lines bearing respectively south 50 degrees 31 minutes 14 seconds west (magnetic) 4 chains 98'29 links, and north 41 degrees 9 minutes 49 seconds west (magnetic) 3 chains 88'89 links, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued C. 70-2,063.

## No. 11.

## G. J. Sly, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

32A, York-street, Sydney, 15 December, 1888.

I have been instructed by Messrs. Herbert Chappell and Charles Jackson Campbell, of Sydney, to inform you that they claim as their property the land at North Willoughby, having an area of 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches or thereabouts, which is described on the other side hereof, and with regard to which a notification appeared in the *Government Gazette*, dated 7th December, 1888, that, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it was proposed to revoke the dedication of the said land (dedicated on the 26th March, 1886, for public recreation), with a view to the sale by auction of the said land.

I have, &c.,

G. J. SLY

(Per H.D.R.)

As this communication sets forth no particulars of the alleged claim, there appears to be no reason to interfere with the departmental action (towards auction sale) now being taken. Submitted.—  
J. W. DEERING, B.C., 21/1/89. The Under Secretary for Lands.

## [Enclosure.]

County of Cumberland, parish of Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches: Commencing at the eastern corner of J. Roberts' 25-acre grant; and bounded thence on the north-west by the south-east boundary of that grant bearing south 49 degrees 19 minutes 27 seconds west (magnetic) 16 chains 1'30 link to its southern corner; thence on the south-west by part of the north-east boundary of G. Tilley's 25-acre grant, bearing south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 12 chains 36'19 links; thence on the south-east by a line bearing north 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 00'29 link; thence on the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 35 minutes 25 seconds west (magnetic) 12 chains 36'83 links, to the point of commencement. Again commencing at the western corner of the site for municipal

municipal buildings, dedicated 12th March, 1869; and bounded thence on part of the north-west by a line bearing south 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds west (magnetic) 9 chains 99.92 links; thence on the south-west by part of the north-eastern side of Elizabeth-street, being lines bearing respectively south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 2 chains 67.92 links, and south 40 degrees 38 minutes 38 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 3.45 links to the western corner of J. Tyler's 25-acre grant; thence on the south-east by part of the north-west boundary of that grant bearing north 49 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds east (magnetic) 15 chains 9.41 links; thence on part of the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 56 minutes 7 seconds west (magnetic) 14 chains 73.27 links to the eastern corner of the site for municipal buildings aforesaid; thence on the remainder of the north-west and north-east, being lines bearing respectively south 50 degrees 31 minutes 14 seconds west (magnetic) 4 chains 98.29 links, and north 41 degrees 9 minutes 49 seconds west (magnetic) 3 chains 88.89 links, to the point of commencement. Shown on plan catalogued C 70-2,063, Surveyor-General's Office.

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No. 12.

F. B. Treatt, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Berry-street, St. Leonards, 17 December, 1888.

I respectfully desire to state for the departmental information of the Honorable the Minister for Lands that for many years I have been (until the last few months) a resident in the settled part of North Willoughby, and it has come to my knowledge that, consequent on the advertisement of 7th instant in the *Gazette*, proposing to sell a large reserve in the Municipality of North Willoughby, the North Willoughby Council at its next meeting will be asked to pass a motion inviting the Minister for Lands to give back to the municipality a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the 40-acre reserve in the shape of a 10 or 12-acre block in that part of Willoughby near to Chatswood Railway Station, which will soon be a densely populated district.

As the proposed resolution to be submitted to the North Willoughby Council commended itself to my judgment as a fair and reasonable one, one framed in the interests of the future—just and farseeing, I have thought I should be acting the part of a proper minded citizen in informing the Minister of the embryonic proposal without loss of time and mainly for two chief reasons:—

1. There is one special block of land lately purchased by speculators (Friedman and Muston) most admirably situated for the purpose of a park and recreation reserve. It is 10 or 12 acres, with good soil, low lying, a creek running through it, and, in my judgment, the future home of typhoid, if cut up in miserable allotments. It is conveniently situated to the Chatswood Railway Station, and there is no other reserve near.

I believe the price Messrs. Friedman and Muston gave for the land was £300 per acre cash two months ago.

2. My only justification for addressing the Minister on such slender grounds is based by me on my personal knowledge of all that is going on, of the reasonableness of the proposals not yet made public, and of the absolute certainty of exorbitant prices being asked for the said block, if it be known that the Government is even to be asked to purchase. And this would be a pity in the interests of the Chatswood District.

My submission is this, that the Minister might see fit swiftly and secretly to get the said block of land and any others in that district under immediate offer. After next council meeting will be too late.

I would willingly act as the agent without fee or commission, if the Minister thought favourably of it, and has not ready a skilled expert who could get the necessary offer on best terms.

I have, &c.,

FRANK B. TREATT.

P.S.—Values will jump immediately the terminus of the line to Milson's Point is practically decided.

Received.—J.W.D., 15/1/89.

Mr. Treatt urges that certain low-lying land near Chatswood should be purchased by Government, because if subdivided and built upon it will become "the future home of typhoid."

It appears to me that if such a reason were justification for the expenditure the Government will require a vast sum to meet other similar cases. On sanitary ground Mr. Treatt may be right; but on pecuniary grounds I think that such a proposal should not be entertained.

Submitted, that Mr. Treatt might be informed that the Government is not prepared to accede to his proposal.—J. W. DEERING. B.C., 21/1/89. The Under Secretary for Lands.

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No. 13.

The Council Clerk, North Willoughby, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Borough of North Willoughby, 18 December, 1888.

I have the honor, by direction of this Council, to request that the Government dedicate three acres of land, adjoining the site dedicated for municipal buildings, as a site for markets and other municipal or public purposes, out of the 4.45 acres of land resumed by the Government by *Gazette* notice of the 7th instant.

I have, &c.,

JAMES ANDERSON,  
Council Clerk.

In this case, the proposed resumption was laid before Parliament on the 12th ultimo, and no further action as regards carrying out the proposal to resume and sell can be taken until the 12th instant.

Submitted, as to whether a report should be obtained from the District Surveyor on this application, as well as on 88-16,238 and 16,237, to which special attention is invited.—R.H.D. F.H.W., 7/1/89.

The District Surveyor should report on both letters.—S.F., 10/1/89. Approved.—J.N.B., 11/1/89. Mr. District-Surveyor Deering.—R.H.D. (for the Under Secretary), 15/1/89. Mr. District Surveyor Deering, for report, January, 1889. Report No. 214, of this date.—J. W. DEERING, 21/1/89.

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No. 14.

## No. 14.

The Metropolitan and Coast District Surveyor to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Department of Lands, Sydney.

Minute Paper.

*Subject* :—Borough Council of North Willoughby, asking that 3 acres, as site for markets, &c., may be dedicated out of 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, lately resumed by Government, parish of Willoughby, county of Cumberland.

No. 214, 21 January, 1889.

1. The dedication of the reserve for public recreation, containing 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, as above, having been revoked, the area is going on for subdivision, and sale at public auction.

2. The Borough Council now asks that 3 acres, adjoining the 2 acres dedicated as a site for Council Chambers, 12th March, 1869, may be dedicated out of the intended sub-division, as a site for "Markets, and other Municipal or Public Purposes."

3. Under the circumstances, the application appears reasonable, and it is recommended for approval, with the proviso that the 3 acres be not at present dedicated, but be reserved for the purposes named.

4. Upon each of the papers herewith, Mis. 88-16,237 and 16,238, will be found a report as requested.

JOHN W. DEERING,  
Metropolitan and Coast District Surveyor.

The District Surveyor's reports hereon and on 88-16,237 and 16,238 are submitted for special consideration. The decision to resume the reserve and offer the land at auction was given on 88-10,848. Such resumption has not yet been carried out. No resolution against it has been passed by Parliament special. See also submission on 16,237 and 16,238.—R.H.D., 31/1/89. F.H.W.

There is apparently no objection to the application of the Borough Council of North Willoughby being approved in the event of completion of this resumption. It is observed, however, that the reserve is claimed by Messrs. Chappell and Campbell as their property, but as pointed out by the District Surveyor, no particulars are given of the alleged claim. It would, perhaps, be desirable to defer (for, say, one month) the proclamation required under the 105th section to give effect to the resumption, and in the mean time inform the persons referred to, through their attorney, that their letter contains no evidence of the basis of their alleged claim, but that the departmental action will be stayed for the period mentioned to enable them to place before the Department such particulars as will enable their claim to the land to be investigated.—W.H., 5/2/89.

Submitted.—S.F. Approved.—W.J.L., 9/2/89. Mr. O'Dwyer.

## No. 15.

J. F. Burns, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

75, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 9 February, 1889.

In compliance with the request of local residents, I have the honor to submit for your consideration that it is undesirable in the public interests that the recreation reserve at North Willoughby, containing about 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, be revoked. I have ascertained that there is a strong feeling on the part of the local residents against the cancellation of the dedication, and I trust that before you proceed further in the business you will cause inquiry to be made in reference to the requirements of the neighbourhood for health and recreation.

I have, &c.,  
J. F. BURNS.

Submitted in connection with the decisions on 88-10,848, and 89-1,160 (next paper).—R.H.D., 4/3/89. Special.—F.H.W., S.F. Take action as directed by Mr. Secretary Lyne and then refer to District Surveyor.—J.N.B., 25/3/89. Inform Mr. Burns in terms of approval of 9/2/89 on 1,161. Though the month has passed since Memo. of 5/2/89 was written the time one month may start again.—R.H.D., 26/3/89. Correspondence Branch. J. F. Burns, M.P., and G. J. Sly, informed.—30/3/89. Mr. District-Surveyor Deering.

## No. 16.

The Under Secretary for Lands to G. J. Sly, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 March, 1889.

Referring to your letter of the 15th December last intimating that Messrs. Herbert Chappell and Charles Jackson Campbell, of Sydney, claim as their property the land at North Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, dedicated on the 26th March, 1886, for Public Recreation, now proposed to be resumed, I have the honor to inform you that your letter contains no evidence of the basis of the alleged claim, but that the Secretary for Lands has approved of the proclamation of resumption being deferred for one month to enable Messrs. Chappell and Campbell to place before the Department such particulars as will justify their claim to the land being investigated.

I have, &c.,  
W. H. CAPPER  
(For the Under Secretary).

No. 17.

## No. 17.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. F. Burns, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 March, 1889.

Referring to your letter of the 9th ultimo, respecting the proposed reservation of the dedication of the land at North Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, dedicated on the 26th March, 1886, for public recreation, with a view to the sale of the land in question by auction, I have the honor to inform you that the reserve is claimed by Messrs. Herbert Chappell and Charles Jackson Campbell of Sydney, and that it has been decided to defer for one month the proclamation required under the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, to give effect to the resumption, to enable Messrs. Chappell and Campbell to place before the Department such particulars as will justify their claim to the land being investigated.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. H. CAPPER

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 18.

Messrs. Sly and Hamilton to The Under Secretary for Lands.

*Re North Shore Land.*

Australian Joint Stock Bank's new premises, George-street,

near King-street, Sydney, 29 April, 1889.

Dear sir,

We are duly in receipt of yours of the 30th ultimo, Misc. 89-1876. We have now to draw your attention to the following facts:—

- (1.) The block of land now in question, comprising an area of 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches and described in *Government Gazette* notice, dated 7th December, 1888, was originally composed of two Crown grants.
- (2.) This fact was soon afterwards overlooked, and the land being vacant, land lying between other grants then in the possession of the Gore family, was, before the year 1820, taken possession of by that family.
- (3.) About the same time, and for some years afterwards, a very voluminous correspondence took place between the Gore family and the then Government, with reference to a proposal that the grants then in possession of the family should be surrendered (which was actually done) with a view to the issue to Mrs. Gore and her children of a consolidated grant, comprising the lands to which the documentary title was clear, and the intervening blocks as well, which were at that time supposed to be Government.
- (4.) In the course of this correspondence a virtual promise was made that a grant should issue for the whole of the land thus applied for.
- (5.) Since that date the said land has been continually in the possession, firstly of the Gore family, secondly of Mr. John Boyle, and now of our clients Messrs. Chappell and Campbell, who have purchased the interests of the Gore family and of Mr. Boyle in this land.

You will observe, therefore, that our clients base their title on continuous possession of over sixty years, and that the Government are barred from making any claim to this land for two reasons:—

- (1.) That the land is not Crown land, having been the subject of two Crown grants, and,
- (2.) That this land is the subject matter of a Government promise to our client's predecessors in title.

If you wish for any further information on the subject, we shall be happy to send a complete abstract of our clients' title to the Crown Solicitor.

Yours, &amp;c.,

SLY AND HAMILTON

(Pro H.S.R.)

Please attach former papers.—R.H.D. (for the Under Secretary), 6/5/89. Mr. Deering,—  
Herewith.—J.W.D., 8 May, 1889.

Ask for the name of the two Crown grantees referred to in paragraph one, and for date of the Crown grant; ask also for a copy of the letter upon which is based the statement in paragraph four, as to a virtual promise being made to include the 45 acres in a consolidated grant with other lands.—R.H.D., (for the Under Secretary), 11/5/89.

Correspondence Branch,—Sly and Hamilton asked.—H.L.T., 18/5/89. End of June, remind please.—E.J.B. (*pro* R.H.D.), 20/7/89. Reminded.—H.L.T., 23/7/89. End of August, 1889.—E.J.B., 24/7/89. Remind again please.—E.J.B. (*pro* R.H.D.), 11/9/89. Reminded.—H.L.T., 17/9/89. End of November, 1889. Remind and request early reply please.—E.J.B. (*pro* R.H.D.), 3/12/89. Correspondence Branch,—Sly and Hamilton reminded.—H.L.T., 5/12/89. Remind again please.—E.J.B., (*pro* R.H.D.). Correspondence Branch,—Reminded.—3/2/90.

## No. 19.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Sly and Hamilton.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 18 May, 1889.

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, respecting an area of 45 acres 3 roods and 38 perches in the parish of Willoughby, county Cumberland, lately resumed by the Government, and now claimed by Messrs. Chappell and Campbell. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to state the names of the two grantees of the two portions referred to in the first paragraph of your letter and furnish a copy of such of the correspondence referred to by you as contains a promise that a grant should issue for a consolidated area.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 20.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Sly and Hamilton.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 July, 1889.

I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 18th May last asking you to state the names of the two Crown grantees of land at North Shore referred to in your letter of 29th April last (paragraph 1), and the dates of the grants, and I am to request you to be good enough to furnish a reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 21.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Sly and Hamilton.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 September, 1889.

I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 23rd July last, asking you to state the names of the two Crown grantees of land at North Shore referred to in your letter of 29th April last (paragraph 1) and the dates of the grants, and I am to request you to be good enough to furnish a reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. CURRY

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 22.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Sly and Hamilton.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 5 December, 1889.

I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 17th September last and previous correspondence, asking for names of the two Crown grantees referred to in paragraph 1 of your letter of the 29th April last, and for date of the Crown grants, also for copy of the letter upon which is based the statement in paragraph 4 as to verbal promise being made to include the 46 acres in a consolidated grant with other lands.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. H. CAPPER

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 23.

## The Under Secretary for Lands to Messrs. Sly and Hamilton.

Gentlemen,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 3 February, 1890.

I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 5th December last and previous correspondence, asking for the names of the two Crown grantees referred to in paragraph 1 of your letter of the 29th April last, and for date of the Crown grants, also for a copy of the letter upon which is based the statement in paragraph 4 as to a virtual promise being made to include the 45 acres in a consolidated grant with other lands.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. H. CAPPER

(For the Under Secretary).

## No. 24.

Extract from *Sydney Morning Herald*, Thursday, 27 February, 1890.

## Chappell and another v. Broughton and another.

MR. WANT, Q.C., Mr. Lingen, and Mr. Wise, instructed by Messrs. Way and Way, appeared for the appellants (defendants), and Mr. Salomons, Q.C., and Mr. Walker, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Hamilton, for the plaintiffs (respondents) to show cause. This was an appeal against the order of the Chief Judge in Equity, dated 18th October last, continuing the injunction against the defendants until the hearing of the suit. The plaintiffs, Herbert Chappell and Charles Jackson Campbell, had filed a claim against Thomas Broughton, praying for a declaration that they are entitled to certain lands at North Shore, forming portion of the Gore Hill Estate, and they claimed a title, firstly by deed, and secondly by possession. The title by deed depends upon the transaction set out in one paragraph of plaintiffs' statement of claim, by which D'Arcy Wentworth exchanged the land in question for a grant of 1,500 acres in the Illawarra district. It appeared that D'Arcy Wentworth was the mortgagee of the land in dispute, which at the time was the property of Mrs. Gore, and, having foreclosed, he became the absolute owner. Then as Mrs. Gore and her family had been promised a grant of 1,500 acres of land at Illawarra, and wished to retain the land of which Mr. Wentworth had become the owner, had agreed with him to exchange one property for the other. When this agreement was made the grant had not issued to the Gore's, and it was arranged that it should go direct to Mr. Wentworth. Accordingly, the grant did issue to him, but he took no steps to convey the land at North Shore to the Gore's. One reason alleged by the plaintiffs for going to Equity instead of a Court of law was that their caveat had lapsed, and their next contention was that the usual notices not being issued within the proper time the Court should restrain the Registrar-General from granting a certificate for which defendant had applied. His Honor held that under the Act notice must be given to all persons who have an interest in the land applied for, and all persons who held land contiguous thereto, and who would therefore wish to see that the boundaries were correctly settled, and as these notices were not given in time to allow the persons interested to file caveats, if they desired

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to do so, the initiatory steps required by the Act had not been taken, and if he were at that stage to refuse an injunction, he would enable the defendant to obtain an indefeasible title to the land, although the plaintiff had never had an opportunity of challenging his title. His Honor also said that although Wentworth executed no conveyance to the Gore's, still when he entered upon the 1,500 acres at Illawarra he did so on the faith of his agreement with the Gore's, and must therefore be taken to have been a trustee for them of the lands in dispute, and that the plaintiffs, who claimed through the Gore's, had a title; that was assuming that the facts were as set out in the statement of claim. Dealing with the question as purely one of pleading, his Honor was of opinion that the plaintiffs title was sufficiently set out, both by deed and by possession, and he, therefore, granted the injunction so as to keep the property *in statu quo* until the hearing. His Honor added that if he refused the injunction the effect would be that the certificate would issue to the defendant, and the question in dispute between the parties could never be decided, as the plaintiffs would be shut out for ever.

Defendant now appealed against this decision on the following grounds:—1. That Anne Gore and her children, being volunteers, claiming under an imperfectly executed and vague trust, had no estate in the land at North Shore. 2. That his Honor was wrong in holding that the grant of 1,500 acres by the Crown to D'Arcy Wentworth caused the alleged trust to cease to be executory. 3. That there was not sufficient allegation of proof of a possessory title under John Boyle. 4. That George Want was estoppel from setting up any beneficial title to this land, and his title barred by lapse of time. 5. That the omission by the Registrar-General to send a special notice to Thomas Robertson before the time advertised for caveats had expired gave no equity to the plaintiffs or their predecessors in title. 6. That his Honor was in error in assuming that the sending of such notice was a condition precedent to the applicant's right to a certificate. 7. That the said Thomas Robertson did not caveat within the time limited in the special notice sent to him, and that the plaintiffs were never caveators as to Nos. 3,801 and 7,019. 8. That the plaintiffs having purchased for trifling sums, after the time the caveats had expired, whether by advertisements or notice, and with notice thereof, have no claim to the assistance of a Court of Equity. 9. That even if the mortgage to Ambrose Foss had been wilfully omitted, the injunction ought not to have been granted, and at all events not against more than one fourth of the land. 10. That it was clear such omission did not deceive the examiners. 11. That such omission was not wilful. 12. That the injunction should not have been against the whole fee. 13. That the plaintiffs having purchased a pretended title under 32 Henry VIII c. 9 have no right to the land. 14. That the plaintiffs show no title to the alleged share of Charlotte France.

The argument on behalf of appellants was opened, but had not concluded when the Court adjourned.

#### No. 25.

Messrs. Sly and Hamilton to The Under Secretary for Lands.

*Re* North Shore land.

Australian Joint Stock Banks (new premises), George-street,  
near King-street, Sydney, 1 March, 1890.

Dear sir,

We have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 3rd ultimo and previous correspondence.

We delayed answering your letter, in the hope of being able to give you information at once definite and final.

As, however, we have not yet obtained such particulars as we desire, we are now writing to inform you that we hope very shortly to lay before you—

1. The names of the grantees.
2. The dates of the grants.
3. A copy of the correspondence referred to.

We have, &c.,  
SLY AND HAMILTON  
(*Per* H.D.R.)

Cannot trace anything further. Will Alienation Branch please try.—E.H., 14/7/90. Mr. Bronsden,—Nothing to date respecting this matter in Alienation Branch.—R.L. (*pro* E.A.B.), 11/7/90.

Mr. O'Dwyer,—The reference directed by the Minister's minute of 25/3/89, does not appear to have yet been made. Papers are now referred to Metropolitan District Surveyor accordingly.—J.O.D. (for the Under Secretary), 31/7/90.

The Metropolitan District Surveyor,—Required the original plans of the two portions which are the subject of these papers, also any evidence obtainable in this office as to the alleged grants covering the land. Was this land ever a part of the Gore Hill Estate, mentioned in the case *Chappell v. Broughton*? For early report.—E.T., 7/8/90. Miscellaneous Charting Branch. Mr. M'Lean.

#### No. 26.

Extract from *Sydney Morning Herald*, 6th March, 1890.

Supreme Court, Wednesday, 5th March.

In Banco (before their Honors the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Stephen, and Mr. Justice Foster)—  
*Chappell v. Broughton* (part heard.)

THE arguments on the appeal by the defendant against an order of the Chief Judge granting an injunction to restrain the defendant from proceeding to bring certain lands at North Shore under the provisions of the Real Property Act until the hearing of the suit were resumed and concluded, and the Court delivered judgment.

The Chief Justice said that the Real Property Act, popularly known as "Torrens Act," was intended to be, and is a most beneficial Act, if properly worked; but if the provisions of the Act were abused as they had been in this case, and that by a public department, it became a weapon of great oppression, under which great hardship might be inflicted upon persons who had a right to seek protection under



under its provisions. He thought the history of this case, as disclosed on the proceedings before the Court, reflected the utmost disgrace upon a public department of this Colony, and showed how a man in Mr. Broughton's position might be baffled and oppressed in the endeavour to assert his rights. That, however, was not the question the Court had now to determine. He could not abstain from saying that he thought it was to be regretted that this order of his Honor granting an injunction was not at once submitted to in place of appealing against it in this Court. No doubt seeing that Mr. Broughton has been endeavouring for ten years to bring this land under the Act, it may appear hard to him to be thus baffled at the eleventh hour, and that the opportunity of thus baffling him should have been afforded by the gross neglect in consequence of this Department. He was, however, of opinion that this appeal must be dismissed, but he declined to express an opinion upon any of the points which have been argued here. These points might or might not become necessary to a decision in the case, and it might be he could see pretty clearly that the case made by the bill would not ultimately be sustained; but that was not sufficient in his opinion to enable him to say that this injunction ought not to remain. The case of the Great Western Railway Company v. Birmingham and Oxford Junction Company, 2 Phillips 602, appeared to him to lay down the law clearly with respect to injunctions where matters of law, and not merely matters of fact were to say the least doubtful, as they were in this case. (His Honor here quoted from the decision of the Lord Chancellor at page 602 of the case mentioned.) In the present case, if the Court were to set aside the injunction granted by His Honor the Chief Judge in Equity, the result would be that Broughton would get his certificate of title, which might or might not be set aside afterwards for error. He thought, therefore, without expressing or shadowing forth the initiation of his opinion as to the points submitted, that the appeal must be dismissed with costs.

Mr. Justice Stephen and Mr. Justice Foster concurred.  
Order accordingly.

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No. 27.

Office Memorandum.

12 August, 1890.

ALL the original plans of adjacent land are herewith, except that for 150 acres, of William Gore's, which plan does not appear to exist, though H 109 old roll shows an outline of this portion.

On all the plans available the land embraced within the temporary reserve for recreation has always been shown as Crown or vacant land, and consequently there is no evidence of this land having been granted to any one.

Full descriptions from the Land Titles Registers of the surrounding blocks of land are attached, but they chiefly show that the land they refer to could only be identified by occupation.

William Gore's 150 acres, known as "Artarmon," is described the best, and cannot include any part of the recreation reserve.

The papers of the Gore Hill Estate, Aln. 90-3,993, Court of Claims case, have tracings therewith that show the land now under consideration as vacant.

G. J. SKINNER.

The Chief Surveyor.

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Copied from Registers in Land Titles Office.  
William Gore's 150 acres.

(Volume 3, Folio 5.)

Hunter's Hill 150 acres unto William Gore, Esquire, his heirs and assigns to have and to hold for ever, 150 acres of land lying and situated in the District of Hunter's Hill, bounded on the south side by an east line of 36 chains, commencing at Roberts' east corner, on the east by a north line of 36 chains, on the north by a west line of 52 chains to the line marked for Nichols, and on the west side by Nichols and Roberts' Farm, a road of 1 chain wide reserved on the west side to be known by the name of Artarmon Farm.—Quit-rent 3/-. In testimony this 23/4/10.

L. MACQUARIE.

John Roberts, 25 acres (volume 1, folio 136); date of grant 19th November, 1794; 25 acres of land, to be known as Roberts' Farm laying and situated in Lane Cove, in the District of Hunter's Hill.

George Whitfield, 25 acres (volume 1, folio 137); granted 19th November, 1794, to George Whitfield, &c., for ever, 25 acres of land to be known by the name of Whitfield's Farm laying and situate in Lane Cove, in the District of Hunter's Hill.

George Tilley's, 25 acres cancelled\*, granted 19th November, 1794 (volume 1, folio 136); 25 acres of land to be known by the name of Tilley's Farm laying and situate in Lane Cove in the District of Hunter's Hill. \*Cancelled and a new grant given at the Hawkesbury.

Daniel Currey, 25 acres (volume 1, folio 136); 25 acres of land to be known as Currey's Farm laying and situate in Lane Cove in the District of Hunter's Hill. Granted 19th November, 1794.

Charles Robinson, 25 acres (volume 1, folio 135); 25 acres of land to be known as Robinson's Farm laying and situate in Lane Cove in the District of Hunter's Hill. Date of grant 19th November, 1794.

John Taylor, 25 acres (volume 1, folio 137); 25 acres of land to be known by the name of Taylor's Farm laying and situate in Lane Cove in the District of Hunter's Hill. Granted 19th November, 1794.

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No. 28.

Office Memorandum.

13 August, 1890.

It was observed that the undermentioned grants were made out and cancelled for land at Lane Cove in the District of Hunter's Hill.

Robert King, 30 acres, dated 30th December, 1794; cancelled.

Humphrey Evans, 25 acres, dated 3rd December, 1794; cancelled; see submission on 90-5,019 Aln.

Henry Lamb, 25 acres; cancelled; demised to the Crown; Evans' and Lamb's are on parish map.

Thomas Bruin, 25 acres, of 3rd December, 1794; cancelled.

John

John Holdsworth, 25 acres, of 3rd December, 1794; cancelled; demised to the Crown.  
 F. Wilkinson's Farm, 25 acres, 3rd December, 1794; cancelled.  
 William Smith, 25 acres, 3rd December, 1794; cancelled.  
 James Brumby, 25 acres, 3rd December, 1794; cancelled.  
 George Tilley, 25 acres, 19th November, 1794; cancelled, and a new grant given at the Hawkesbury, but in connection with Tilley case it appears by decision of the Supreme Court, that the Crown cannot claim Tilley's 25 acres vide report of *Sydney Morning Herald*, 26th March, 1888, as noted on plan H 109, old roll (volume 1, folio 135).

G. J. SKINNER.

The Chief Surveyor.

These blocks that are shown as finally cancelled do not appear to be located on map, but all the other farms I noticed in searching are shown somewhere on the map. Of the field-books, I examined only Meehan's book, D 10 refers to land adjacent to the recreation reserve, and this shows survey of Wm. Gore's 150 acres, but no other block in this locality.—G.J.S., 13/8/90. The Chief Surveyor.

Inasmuch as Tilley's cancelled grant has been identified and is held not to be Crown land, I think it is requisite to ascertain whether the other cancelled grants may also be capable of being located, and whether it may be possible to show that any of them might be applied to the area now under investigation. I presume there are copies of the cancelled grants.—E.T., 15 August, 1890.

Copies made of the cancelled grants now herewith.—G.J.S., 19/8/90.

Case of Tilley, Lamb, and Evans, 88-4,954; Aln. 89-2,596, 90-5,019. Submitted, 1/7/90.

## No. 29.

### Office Memorandum.

#### Land in Lane Cove District.

COPIES of the cancelled grants herewith, and are all described alike, except that the farm bears the name of the grantee.

The grants have all been cancelled according to register by crossing over the indenture in black lines thus "X," and writing the word *cancelled* at the bottom of the description.

The grants of Humphrey Evans and Henry Lamb, each 25 acres, although recorded as cancelled in Registrar-General's Office, still are located on parish map of Willoughby, and in positions that do not affect the land shown as the recreation reserve.

There are six other grants, viz.: Robert King's, Thomas Bruin's, John Holdsworth's, F. Wilkinson's, Wm. Smith's, and James Brumley's, that appear to be forfeited to the Crown, and not located on map, and no attempt apparently has been made to revive them, without the present claim by the clients of Messrs. Sly and Hamilton refers to some of them, but no evidence has been found in the records of the Department to fix any of the cancelled grants on the land shown on map as the recreation reserves.

A list is hereon of the existing grants at Lane Cove, and now located in Parish Willoughby, County Cumberland, as taken from the Index Register in Land Titles Office, between the years 1792 and 1826, and which grants have been identified on map.  
 19 August, 1890.

G. J. SKINNER.

#### GRANTS located on Map and in existence, *vide* Register.

Thomas Baker, 25 acres.	Samuel Reddish, 25 acres.
Daniel Carr, 25 acres.	John Roberts, 25 acres.
Daniel Curry, 25 acres.	Charles Robertson, 25 acres.
John Darks, 25 acres, written John Deck on map.	John Sawyer, 25 acres.
Peter Dargin, 25 acres.	John Taylor, 25 acres, Tyler on map.
John Flemming, 25 acres.	George Tilley, 25 acres, being reinstated.
Gilbert Goodlet, 25 acres.	Robert Turner, 25 acres.
George Loder, 25 acres.	William Walker, 25 acres.
Benjamin Johns, 25 acres.	Henry Hacking, 30 acres.
William Hall, 25 acres.	Obadiah Skin, 30 acres.
	Thomas Whittle, 30 acres.

#### [Enclosure.]

William Wright.—30 acres. Exchanged by William Wright with Obadiah Skin for William Baker's farm, then sold on the 3rd of August, 1797, to John Holdsworth for £3, who sells it the 26th day of May, 1804, to Thomas Randal; he parts with it on the 17th October, 1805, to Edward Quinn, and it has now been surrendered by Wm. Sherwin in consideration of an 800-acre favour promised him in the Parramatta district, and not yet registered. Torn up by me this 15th September, 1821.  
 F. GOULBURN.

This transaction would appear to be cancelled, *vide* this statement by Mr. Goulburn. At any rate, from a sketch with papers, alienation 90-5,019, this land is not identical with any part of the recreation reserve.—G.J.S., 19/8/90.

Copied from Register No. 1, folio 135 to folio 141, Land Titles Office.

Henry Lamb.—In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as aforesaid I do, by these presents, give and grant unto Henry Lamb, his heirs and assigns, to have and to hold for ever: 25 acres of land, to be known by the name of Lamb's Farm, laying and situate in Lane Cove, in the district of Hunter's Hill, the said 25 acres of land to be had and held by him, the said Henry Lamb, his heirs and assigns, free from all fees, taxes, quit-rents, and other acknowledgments, for the space of five years from the date of these presents. Provided that the said Henry Lamb, his heirs or assigns, shall reside within the same, and proceed to the improvement and cultivation thereof; such timber as may be growing, or to grow hereafter upon the said land, which may be deemed fit for naval purposes, to be reserved for the use of the Crown, and paying an annual quit-rent of 1/- after the expiration of the term of five years before mentioned. In testimony. Date, 19 November, 1794. Cancelled.

James Brumby.—In pursuance of the power, &c., give and grant, &c., 25 acres of land, to be known by the name of Brumby Farm, laying and situated in Lane Cove, in the District of Hunter's Hill. Dated, 3rd December, 1794. Cancelled.

Thomas Bruin.—In pursuance, &c., give and grant, &c., 25 acres of land, to be known by the name of Bruin Farm, laying and situated in Lane Cove, Hunter's Hill District. Date, 3rd December, 1794. Cancelled.

John

John Holdsworth.—In pursuance of, &c., give and grant, 25 acres of land, to be known as Holdsworth's Farm, laying and situated at Lane Cove, &c. Date, 3rd December, 1794. Cancelled. *This grant being found in the Secretary's Office, August, 1804; and not before cancelled in the Register with a note thereon. Demised to the Crown.*—D. D. MANN, Clerk.

Francis Wilkinson.—3rd December, 1794. In pursuance, &c., give and grant, &c., 25 acres of land, to be known as Wilkinson's Farm, laying and situated in Lane Cove, &c. Cancelled.

William Smith.—3rd December, 1794. In pursuance, &c., give and grant, &c., 25 acres of land, to be known as Smith's Farm, laying and situated in Lane Cove, in the District of Hunter's Hill. Cancelled.

Robert King.—Thirty acres, known as King's Farm, laying and situated in Lane Cove, in the District of Hunter's Hill. Date, 3rd December, 1794. Cancelled.

Humphrey Evans (volume 1 folio. 141).—In pursuance of, &c., give and grant, &c., 25 acres, to be known by the name of Evan's Farm, laying and situated in Lane Cove, in the Hunter's Hill district. Date, 3rd December, 1794. Cancelled; this grant being found in the Secretary's Office with a note thereon. Demised to the Crown, August 15, 1804.—D. D. MANN, Clerk.

## No. 30.

### The Chief Surveyor to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Misc. 90-3,645. Proposed sale of certain land at North Willoughby which was reserved for recreation.

Under provisions of the Crown Lands Act a reserve at North Willoughby, containing 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, has been duly resumed with a view to sale by auction. Further action was delayed through representations by Messrs. Sly and Hamilton (on behalf of Chappell and Campbell) to the effect that the land in question was covered by two Crown grants of which they were in legal possession: particulars of the claim were invited 18th May, 1889, and after many reminders it is admitted by their letter of 1st March, 1890, that no evidence in support of such claim has been obtained, but that they hope to get it.

I have caused a thorough search and inspection of all plans and records in this office, and no evidence can be found showing that this land was ever granted; on the contrary, it appears upon all maps and plans as vacant Crown land.

It would appear that Chappell and Campbell pretend to have acquired some right or title in the Gore Estate (adjoining this land) which is the basis of this claim; and it is a reasonable inference that it is intended to endeavour to apply one of the many grants issued in this locality (and formerly embraced in that estate) to cover this land.

A part, viz., 2 acres of this land was dedicated 12th March, 1869, as site for Municipal Council Chambers; and excepting such part the land is not occupied and not enclosed.

There is access by a road cleared and formed, which leads to a level crossing of the St. Leonard's and Hornsby railway fronting the land.

The site is elevated about 350 feet above sea level, and on account of its position on a suburban railway it is eligible for suburban residences, and will sell at about £150 per acre.

Local opposition to sale of this land is now raised on the allegation that it is wanted for recreative purposes. In rejoinder to such alleged need, it is merely necessary to direct attention to the large area reserved for recreation on both sides of the railway in this locality, which is ample for all possible requirements even if ever this place should become populous and without imputation of illiberal motives. I may point out that there is much land for sale in this locality at high prices, and it is not to the interest of those concerned in such business to have a lot of Crown land put up for auction on easy terms.

An application is also preferred for 3 acres additional for Municipal purposes, viz., market. I do not think there should be further appropriation out of this area, but I may point out that a very suitable site may be secured alongside of the level crossing of the railway opposite the Municipal Chambers site, and the requisite alteration in dedication may be obtained at instance of the Council.

In conclusion I would state that all possible inquiry has been made in order to ascertain whether there are any outstanding claims over this land; that no better means of inquiry are available to the parties who pretend to a claim over this land, and as there is no evidence to show that Crown grants ever were issued, I submit that subdivision for auction sale proceed.

E. TWYNAM.

20th August, 1890.

This land has not yet been resumed, the action having been stayed by decision 9/2/89, to enable Messrs. Chappell and Campbell to bring forward evidence of the title they pretend to possess. More than a reasonable period has been allowed for the production of such evidence, but none has been adduced, nor any reason shown to justify the Department in giving any further consideration to such claims as Messrs. Chappell and Campbell appear anxious to controvert (*vide* their letter 90-3,645 Misc.)

This report by the Chief Surveyor shows that complete and careful inquiry has been made to ascertain the possibility of any outstanding claims being in existence, but nothing can be discovered to show that the land is other than dedicated Crown lands. It is, therefore, submitted, in accordance with this report, that the land be resumed, and sub-division for auction sale proceeded with, as it is evident that the requirements of the locality for recreation-grounds are more than provided for by the many other areas still available. Attention is, however, invited to the application by Mr. J. F. Burns, M.P., for retention of the land for recreation (89-1876). With regard to an application by the Borough Council of North Willoughby for 3 acres of the land for a market reserve, the Chief Surveyor reports that further dedication of any part of the land would not be advisable, but states that a suitable area opposite the site for Municipal Chambers could be provided if the Council desire the same. Submitted the Council be informed accordingly.—R.H.D., 3/9/90.

Special.—F.H.W., 5/9/90. Action may probably be taken in accordance with above.—W.H., 5/9/90. Approved.—J.N.B., 8/9/90. Correspondence to inform Council as to market.—J.O'D., 9/9/90. Received.—10/9/90. The Council Clerk, North Willoughby, 11/9/90. Ex. Co. Minute.

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## No. 31.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Council Clerk, North Willoughby.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 September, 1890.

Referring to your letter of 18th December, 1888, requesting that 3 acres of land may be dedicated as a site for markets and other Municipal or public purposes out of the 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches dedicated on the 26th March, 1886, for public recreation, I have the honor to inform you that further dedication of any part of this land would not be advisable, but that a suitable area opposite the site for Municipal Chambers could be provided if your Council desire the same.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary (*per* R.H.D.)

## No. 32.

Executive Council Minute.

*Subject* :—Revocation of Dedication.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 September, 1890.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, that the dedication of the land at North Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, dedicated on the 26th March, 1886, for public recreation and herein described, be now revoked, under the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, as proposed in the *Government Gazette* of 7th December, 1888, the necessary preliminary action prescribed by that section having been taken.

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

The Executive Council advise that the dedication of the land referred to the purpose specified be revoked in terms of said Act.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Minute 90-39, 16/9/90. Approved.—CARRINGTON, 16/9/90. Confirmed, 23/9/90. Gazetted, 11/10/90. Steps to District Surveyor and Deeds Branch, 16/10/90.

[Enclosure.]

Description.

Country of Cumberland, parish of Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches: Commencing at the eastern corner of J. Roberts' 25 acres grant; and bounded thence on the north-west by the south-east boundary of that grant bearing south 49 degrees 19 minutes 27 seconds west (magnetic) 16 chains 1'30 link to its southern corner; thence on the south-west by part of the north-east boundary of G. Tilley's 25 acres grant bearing south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 12 chains 36'19 links; thence on the south-east by a line bearing north 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 00'29 link; thence on the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 35 minutes 25 seconds west (magnetic) 12 chains 36'83 links, to the point of commencement. Again commencing at the western corner of the site for Municipal buildings, dedicated 12th March, 1869; and bounded thence on part of the north-west by a line bearing south 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds west (magnetic) 9 chains 99'92 links; thence on the south-west by part of the north-eastern side of Elizabeth-street, being lines bearing respectively south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (Magnetic) 20 chains 67'92 links, and south 40 degrees 38 minutes 38 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 3'45 links to the western corner of J. Tyler's 25 acres grant; thence on the south-east by part of the north-west boundary of that grant bearing north 49 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds, east (magnetic) 15 chains 9'41 links; thence on part of the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 56 minutes 7 seconds, west (magnetic) 14 chains 73'27 links to the eastern corner of the site for Municipal buildings aforesaid; thence on the remainder of the north-west and north-east, being lines bearing respectively south 50 degrees 31 minutes 14 seconds, west (magnetic) 4 chains 98'29 links, and north 41 degrees 9 minutes 49 seconds, west (magnetic) 3 chains 88'89 links, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued C. 70-2,063.

## No. 33.

The Council Clerk, North Willoughby, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Borough of Willoughby, 4 October, 1890.

With reference to your letter in answer to this Council's application for 3 acres of land to be dedicated for Municipal markets, &c., and offering the Council 3 acres of the land opposite the 2 acres for Municipal buildings, &c., in lieu of the land asked for, I have the honor, by direction of the Council, to state that the Council accept the 3 acres of land offered, and to request that the land be marked out, dedicated for the purposes named, that a deed for the same be issued to the Council, and that they be appointed trustees of the same.

I have, &amp;c.,

JAMES ANDERSON,

Council Clerk.

Papers being otherwise dealt with. Should be kept separate, if possible. Make extract from District Surveyor's report *re* markets. Extract made herewith. Now to the Chief Surveyor for survey of market site as contemplated, J.O'D.—R.H.D. (*pro* Under Secretary), 28/10/90. The Chief Surveyor. Council Clerk informed, 31/10/90.

[Enclosure.]

EXTRACT of Miscellaneous 90-12,467.

An application is also preferred for 3 acres additional for Municipal purposes, viz., market. I do not think there should be further appropriation out of this area, but I may point out that a very suitable site may be secured alongside of the level crossing of the railway opposite the Municipal Chambers site, and the requisite alteration in dedication may be obtained at instance of the Council.—E. TWYNAM, 20 August, 1890.

With regard to an application by the Borough Council of North Willoughby for 3 acres of the land for a market reserve, the Chief Surveyor reports that further dedication of any part of the land would not be advisable, but states that a suitable area opposite the site for Municipal Chambers could be provided if the Council desire the same. Submitted. The Council be informed accordingly.—R.H.D., 3/9/90.

Action may probably be taken in accordance with above.—W.H., 5/9/90. Approved.—J.N.B., 8/9/90. The Council Clerk, North Willoughby, informed, 11 September, 1890.

No. 34.

## No. 34.

## Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor.

New South Wales, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON  
to wit. } CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight  
(L.S.) } Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,  
CARRINGTON, } Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its  
Governor. } Dependencies.

WHEREAS under the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, power is given for the revocation of any dedication, wholly or in part: Now, therefore, I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, Governor of the Colony of New South Wales aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council, declare that all preliminary action in connection with the proposed revocation of the dedication of the land at North Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, dedicated on the 26th March, 1886, for public recreation, and hereunder described, has been taken, and hereby proclaim that the land in question is resumed.  
[Ms. 90-14,110]

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and in the fifty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JAMES N. BRUNKER.

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## Description.

County of Cumberland, parish of Willoughby, area 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches: Commencing at the eastern corner of J. Roberts' 25 acres grant; and bounded thence on the north-west by the south-east boundary of that grant bearing south 49 degrees 19 minutes 27 seconds west (magnetic) 16 chains 1'30 link to its southern corner; thence on the south-west by part of the north-east boundary of G. Tilley's 25 acres grant bearing south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 12 chains 36'19 links; thence on the south-east by a line bearing north 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 00'29 link; thence on the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 35 minutes 25 seconds west (magnetic) 12 chains 36'83 links, to the point of commencement. Again, commencing at the western corner of the site for Municipal buildings, dedicated 12th March, 1869; and bounded thence on part of the north-west by a line bearing south 49 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds west (magnetic) 9 chains 99'92 links; thence on the south-west by part of the north-eastern side of Elizabeth-street, being lines bearing respectively south 40 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds east (magnetic) 2 chains 67'92 links, and south 40 degrees 38 minutes 38 seconds east (magnetic) 16 chains 3'45 links to the western corner of J. Tyler's 25 acres grant; thence on the south-east by part of the north-west boundary of that grant bearing north 49 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds east (magnetic) 15 chains 9'41 links; thence on part of the north-east by a line bearing north 40 degrees 56 minutes 7 seconds west (magnetic) 14 chains 73'27 links to the eastern corner of the site for Municipal buildings aforesaid; thence on the remainder of the north-west and north-east, being lines bearing respectively south 50 degrees 31 minutes 14 seconds west (magnetic) 4 chains 98'29 links, and north 41 degrees 9 minutes 49 seconds west (magnetic) 3 chains 88'89 links, to the point of commencement,—shown on plan catalogued C. 70-2,063.

## No. 35.

## Office Memorandum.

RESUMPTION under section 105, Crown Lands Act 1884. Papers, Mis. 90-14,110; locality, North Willoughby; land dedicated for public recreation, 26/3/86; reason of resumption, with a view to sale by auction; date of resumption, 11/9/90; area resumed, 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches; entered in Dedication Register. J.G.S., 16/10/90.

Referred to the Chief Surveyor for subdivision in accordance with approval.—R.H.D. (for the Under Secretary), 23/10/90. The Metropolitan Survey Office, 24/9/90. Received Survey-General's Office, Sydney, 28/10/90. Mr. Selkirk to note. Then to me for issue of instructions for survey.—T.E., 3/11/90.

## No. 36.

## Questions and Answers.

Legislative Assembly, Wednesday, 22 October, 1890.

(1.) CANCELLATION OF LAND FROM DEDICATION, PARISH OF WILLOUGHBY:—MR. LYNE asked THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What is the purpose for which 45 acres 3 roods 38 perches, parish Willoughby, is being cancelled from dedication, under notice of date 10th October, papers miscellaneous 90-14, 110.

MR. BRUNKER answered,—This land was originally dedicated for public recreation, and not being required for that purpose (several other areas in the neighbourhood being also dedicated) was resumed under the 105th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, with a view to its being submitted to auction sale, after subdivision, and otherwise dealt with.

## No. 37.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Council Clerk, North Willoughby.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 October, 1890.

Land for market  
site at North  
Willoughby.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that your letter of the 4th instant, on the subject mentioned hereunder, has been referred to the Chief Surveyor, for survey of market site, as contemplated.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary (Per R.H.D.)

[Five Plans.]

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APPENDIX B.

M.L.S. 85-22176

TRACING

Enclosure to N<sup>o</sup> 3.

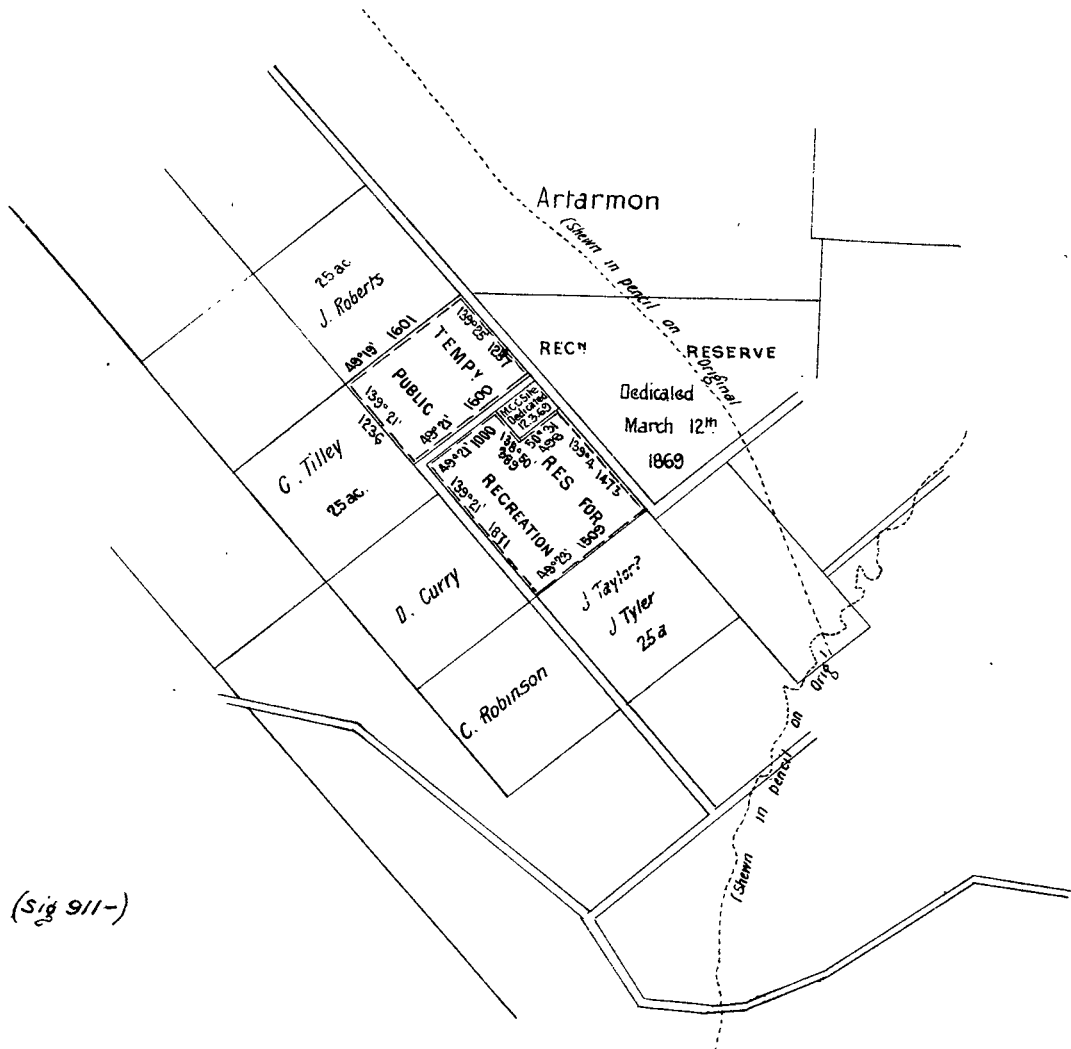
showing Temp<sup>y</sup> Res proposed to be dedicated for Public Recreation, Municipality of NORTH WILLOUGHBY

Parish of Willoughby..... County of Cumberland

Prepared by J. Saunders... Ex d of 27.11.90  
Date 27.11.90

Scale 20 Chains to an inch.

NOTE :— Writing shewn thus  $AS^{\circ}21$  is shewn in red on Orig<sup>l</sup> Plan  
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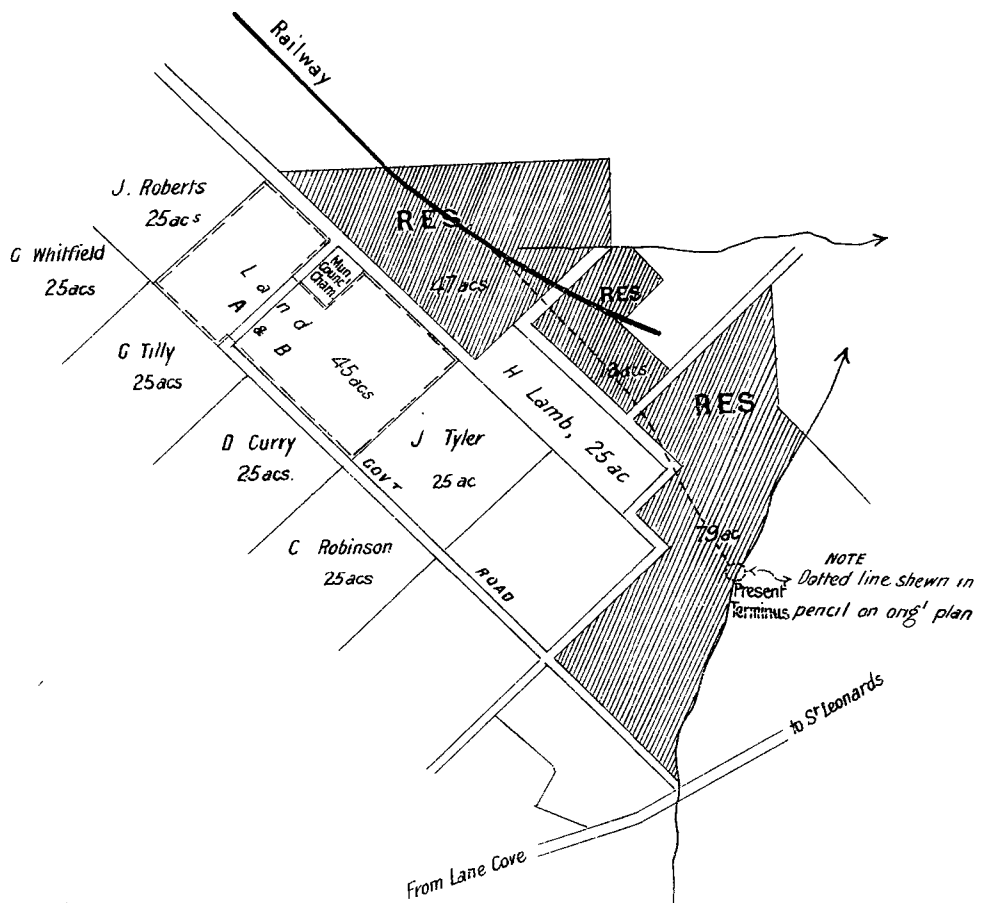
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APPENDIX C.

Enclosure to N<sup>o</sup> 7.



Sketch to accompany my report to the Under Secretary for Lands 10<sup>th</sup> July 1888

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— Note —

Reserves are Shown by Green Hatching on Original Plan.

Land shewn thus ===== is edged Pink on O. Plan

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# Tracing of Plan

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PARISH OF WILLOUGHBY

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

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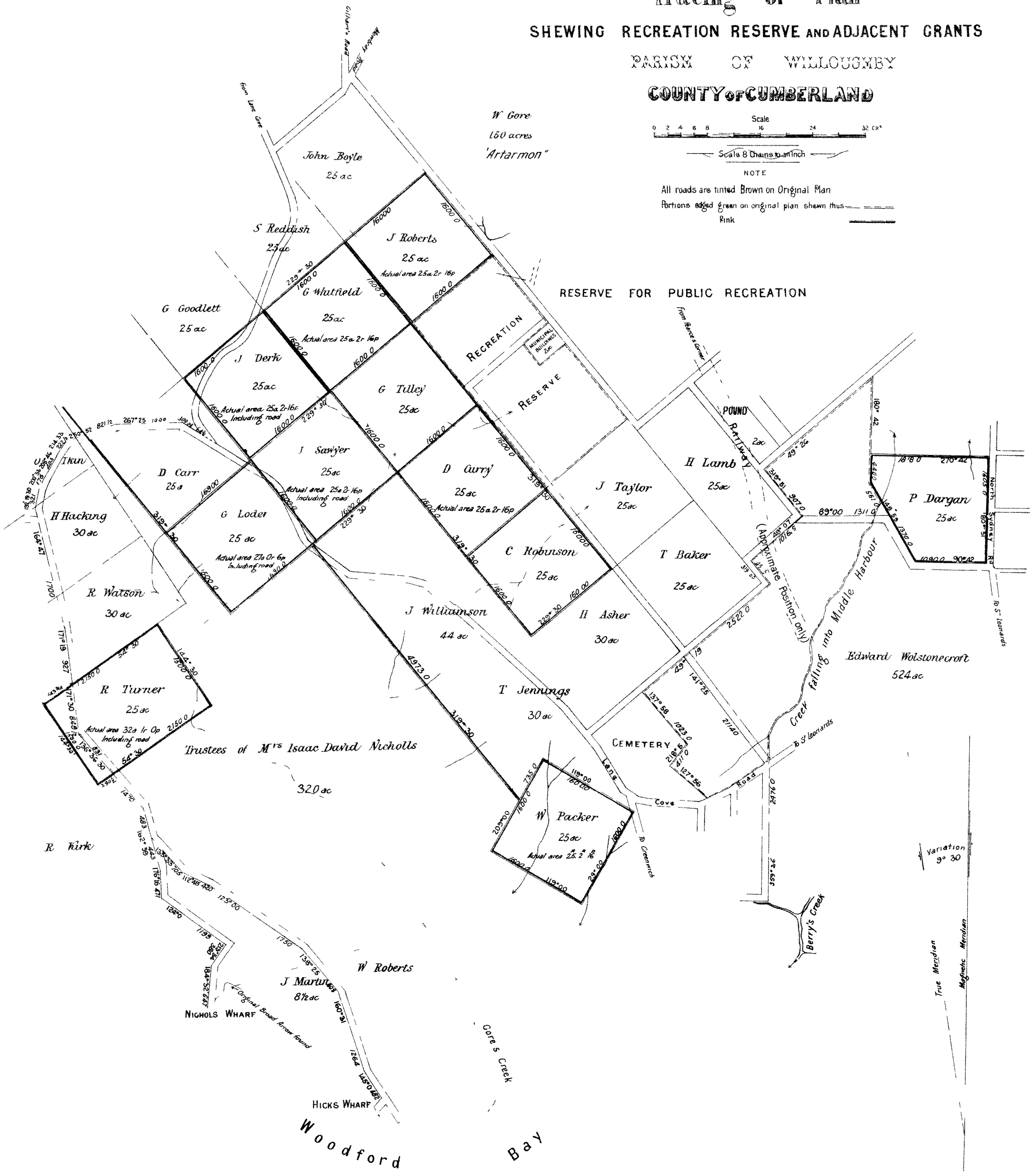


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All roads are tinted Brown on Original Plan

Portions edged Green on original plan shown thus

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True Meridian  
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(Signed) D. M. Martland

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APPENDIX E.

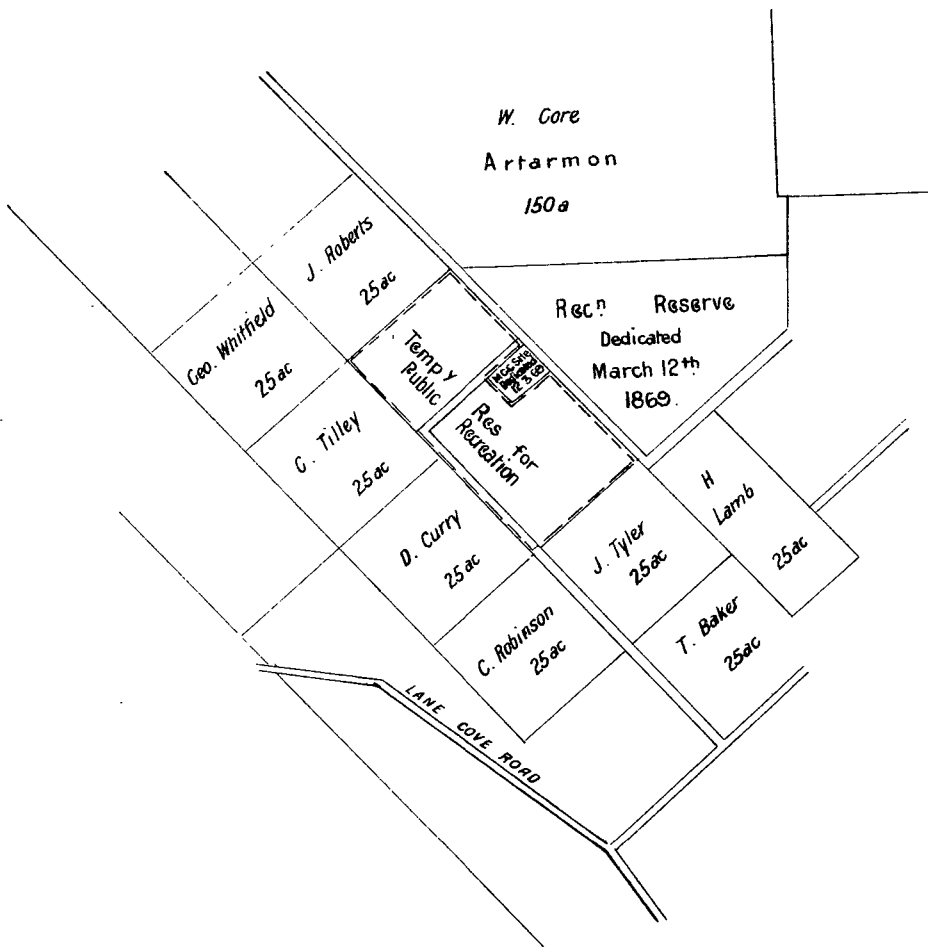
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Tracing showing by Broken Line thus \_\_\_\_\_ The Temporary Res at North Willoughby  
For Public Recreation cancelled 10<sup>th</sup> April 1885  
Parish of Willoughby ..... County of Cumberland

Prepared by  
J. Saunders  
Date 27 11 90

Scale 20 Chains to an inch.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## LANDS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES ACQUISITION ACT.

(RESUMPTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC PARK AT CLARENCE TOWN.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 44 Vic. No. 16, sec. 6.

NOTIFICATION OF RESUMPTION OF LAND UNDER  
44 VICTORIA No. 16.NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency The Right Honourable  
to wit. } CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON,(L.S.) a Member of Her Majesty's Most  
Honourable Privy Council, Knight  
By Deputation from Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished  
the Governor: Order of Saint Michael and Saint  
ALFRED STEPHEN, George, Governor and Commander-in-  
Lieutenant-Governor. Chief of the Colony of New South  
Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS I, the Governor aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony, have duly sanctioned the extension of the Public Park at Clarence Town, in the said Colony, and for the acquisition thereof public funds are lawfully available: Now, I, the Governor of the said Colony, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony, in pursuance of the powers in this behalf given to or vested in me by the "Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act," do, by this notification published in the Gazette, and in a newspaper, that is to say, in the "Maitland Mercury," circulated in the Police District wherein the said land is situated, declare that the land hereinafter described has been resumed for the public purpose hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, for and in connection with the extension of the public park at Clarence Town, to the intent that upon the publication of this notification in the Gazette the legal estate in the said lands shall forthwith be vested in the Minister for Public Works and his successors on behalf of Her Majesty, for the purpose of the said last-mentioned Act, for an estate of inheritance in fee simple in possession, freed and discharged from all trusts, obligations, estates, interest, contracts, charges, rates, rights-of-way, or other easements whatsoever; and to the intent further that the legal estate therein, together with all powers incident thereto or conferred by the said Act, shall be

vested in the said Minister as a trustee with the powers stated in the said last-mentioned Act: And I declare that the following is the description of the land hereinbefore referred to, that is to say:—

All that piece or parcel of land situate in the town of Clarence Town, parish of Uffington, county of Durham, and Colony of New South Wales: Commencing at the north-east corner of allotment 17, section 6, Felix Wilson's 2 roods, being also the most southerly corner of an area of 3 acres, proclaimed 5th July, 1887, for public park at that town; bounded thence on the south-west by the north-eastern boundary of that allotment and that of allotment 18 adjoining, being in all a line bearing south 22 degrees east 2 chains to the north-eastern corner of allotment 19, same section, Matthew Charlten's 2 roods; thence on the south-east by the north-western boundaries of allotments 2 and 1, section 6, being a line bearing north 68 degrees east 5 chains to the western side of Durham-street; thence by that side of that street bearing north 22 degrees west 2 chains to the south-eastern corner of an area of 3 acres appropriated for public park above mentioned; and thence by the south-eastern boundary of that appropriation, being a line bearing south 68 degrees west 5 chains, to the point of commencement; being allotments 3 and 4 of section 6, town of Clarence Town,—as shown on plan catalogued C. 10-789.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Great Seal of the Colony to be hereto affixed, at Government House, Sydney, this fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and in the fifty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

BRUCE SMITH.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

**LANDS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES ACQUISITION ACT.**  
(RESUMPTION AT BALMAIN, FOR PUBLIC RECREATION.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 44 Vic. No. 16, sec. 6.

NOTIFICATION OF RESUMPTION OF LAND UNDER  
44 VICTORIA No. 16.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency The Right Honourable  
to wit. } CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON,  
a Member of Her Majesty's Most  
Honourable Privy Council, Knight  
(L.S.) Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished  
CARRINGTON, Order of Saint Michael and Saint  
Governor. George, Governor and Commander-in-  
Chief of the Colony of New South  
Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS I, the Governor aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony, have duly sanctioned the establishment of a Recreation Ground at Balmain, in the said Colony, and for the acquisition thereof public funds are lawfully available: Now, I, the Governor of the said Colony, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony, in pursuance of the powers in this behalf given to or vested in me by the "Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act," do, by this notification published in the Gazette, and in a newspaper, that is to say, in the "Balmain Observer," circulated in the Police District wherein the said land is situated, declare that the land hereinafter described has been resumed for the public purpose hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, for and in connection with the establishment of a Recreation Ground, to the intent that upon the publication of this notification in the Gazette, the legal estate in the said lands shall forthwith be vested in the Minister for Public Works and his successors on behalf of Her Majesty, for the purpose of the said last-mentioned Act, for an estate of inheritance in fee-simple in possession, freed and discharged from all trusts, obligations, estates, interest, contracts, charges, rates, rights-of-way, or other

easements whatsoever, and to the intent further that the legal estate therein, together with all powers incident thereto or conferred by the said Act, shall be vested in the said Minister as a trustee with the powers stated in the said last-mentioned Act: And I declare that the following is the description of the land hereinbefore referred to, that is to say:—

All that piece or parcel of land situate at Balmain, in the parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, and Colony of New South Wales, being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, volume 897, folio 48: Commencing at the junction of the southern boundary of Burt-street with the eastern boundary of Denison-street; and bounded thence by that boundary of Denison-street bearing southerly 84 feet 8 inches, and south-easterly 70 feet 10 inches, 78 feet, 19 feet 4 inches, 16 feet, 332 feet 10 inches, and 87 feet; thence by the north-western boundary of Abattoir Road bearing northerly 126 feet 10 inches, and north-easterly 107 feet 5 inches, and 310 feet 9 inches; thence by a line bearing northerly 70 feet 8 inches; thence by the southern boundary of a lane bearing westerly about 195 feet; thence by a line bearing northerly 120 feet; thence by the aforesaid southern boundary of Burt-street bearing westerly 673 feet, to the point of commencement, containing 4 acres 3 roods and 17 perches, more or less, and said to be in the possession of the Burwood Land, Building, and Investment Company (Limited).

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Great Seal of the Colony to be hereto affixed, at Government House, Sydney, this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the fifty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

BRUCE SMITH.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## PUBLIC WORKS ACT OF 1888.

(RESUMPTION OF LAND IN THE VICINITY OF LONG COVE, PARISH OF PETERSHAM.)

Presented to Parliament pursuant to Act 51 Vic. No. 37.

## NOTIFICATION OF RESUMPTION OF LAND UNDER THE "PUBLIC WORKS ACT OF 1888."

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The  
to wit. } Right Honourable CHARLES ROBERT,  
BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her  
Majesty's Most Honourable Privy  
Council, Knight Grand Cross of the  
(L.S.) Most Distinguished Order of Saint  
CARRINGTON, } Michael and Saint George, Governor and  
Governor. } Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of  
New South Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the public work herein-after mentioned shall be constructed, that is to say, the reclamation of certain low-lying mud flats in the vicinity of Long Cove, and confining the waters thereof within defined limits, the estimated cost of which will not exceed twenty thousand pounds: And that the said public work shall be carried out under the provisions of the "Public Works Act of 1888": Now, therefore, I, the Governor aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony, and under and by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me by the said Act, hereby direct that the said public work shall be carried out under the provisions of the said Act, and that the carrying out of the same shall devolve upon the Minister for Public Works of the said Colony, who shall in that behalf be deemed the Constructing Authority; and I hereby further direct that the land described in the Schedule hereto, being in my opinion required for the purpose of the aforesaid public work, shall be acquired for the said purpose under the provisions of the said Act:—

1st. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also part of section No. 4 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate; Commencing at the northern side of Marion-street, at a point distant westerly 8 chains 60 links from the intersection of the said northern side of Marion-street with the western side of Foster-street; and bounded thence on the east by other part of the said section No. 4 bearing north-westerly about 5 chains 44 links to the south-western corner of allotment No. 16 of the same section; thence on the north by allotment No. 17 westerly to high water-mark; thence on the west by high water-mark bearing southerly to the northern side of Marion-street aforesaid; thence on the south by that street bearing easterly to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 2 roods 1½ perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of G. Jackson.

2nd. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 17, section No. 4 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing at a point on the southern boundary of Walter-street, being the north-west corner of allotment No. 16; and bounded thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment bearing southerly to the south-west corner of the aforesaid allotment No. 16; thence on the south by a line at right angles to the western boundary of allotment No. 16 aforesaid to a point distant westerly 1 chain, the said point being the south-west corner of the said allotment No. 17; thence on the west by a line bearing northerly to the southern boundary of the aforesaid Walter-street; and thence on the north by part of that boundary easterly to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 24 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of Joseph L. Tilbury.

3rd. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 8, section No. 3 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing at the intersection of the northern boundary of Walter-street with the eastern boundary of Long Cove Parade; and bounded thence on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that parade bearing northerly to the south-western corner of allotment No. 9; thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment easterly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 7; thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment southerly to the northern boundary of Walter-street aforesaid; thence on the south by that street westerly to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 13 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of Charles Crees.

4th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 9, section No. 3 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing on the eastern boundary of Long Cove Parade, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 8; and bounded thence on the west by part of that parade northerly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 10; thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment easterly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 6; thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment southerly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 7; and thence on the south by

the northern boundary of allotment No. 8 aforesaid westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 13 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of I. C. Price.

5th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 10, section No. 3 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing on the eastern boundary of Long Cove Parade, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 9; and bounded thence on the west by part of that Parade northerly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 11; thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment easterly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 5; thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment southerly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 6; and thence on the south by the northern boundary of allotment No. 9 aforesaid westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 13 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of I. C. Price.

6th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 11, section No. 3 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing on the eastern boundary of Long Cove Parade, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 10; and bounded thence on the west by part of the eastern boundary of the said Long Cove Parade northerly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 12; thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment bearing easterly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 4, section No. 3 aforesaid; thence on the east by the western boundary of allotment No. 4 bearing southerly to the south-west corner of that allotment; and thence on the south by the northern boundary of allotment No. 10 aforesaid westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 13 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of Isaac Cantor Price.

7th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; also allotment No. 12, section No. 3 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing on the south-eastern boundary of Long Cove Parade, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 11; and bounded thence on the north-west by part of the south-eastern boundary of the said Long Cove Parade north-easterly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 1; thence on the north by part of the southern boundary of that allotment easterly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 4; and thence on the south by the northern boundary of allotment No. 11 westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 16 $\frac{3}{4}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of F. A. Banks.

8th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; also allotment No. 1, section No. 3 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing on the south-eastern boundary of Long Cove Parade, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 12; and bounded thence on the north-west by part of the south-eastern boundary of the said Long Cove Parade bearing north-easterly to the intersection of Loftus-street with the aforesaid Long Cove Parade; thence on the east by part of the western boundary of the said Loftus-street southerly to the north-east corner of allotment No. 2, section No. 3; and thence on the south by the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotment No. 12 westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts. Owners and occupiers not yet ascertained.

9th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; also allotment No. 2, section No. 3 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing at the north-east corner of allotment No. 12; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of allotment No. 1 bearing easterly to the western boundary of Loftus-street; thence on the east by that street southerly, to the north-east corner of allotment No. 3; thence on the south by that allotment westerly to the eastern boundary of allotment No. 12; thence on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that allotment northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 13 perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

10th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; also allotment No. 3, section No. 3 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing at the south-west corner of allotment No. 2; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment bearing easterly to the western boundary of Loftus-street; thence on the east by that street southerly to the north-eastern corner of allotment No. 4; thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment westerly to

the south-east corner of allotment No. 12; thence on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that allotment northerly to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 13 perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

11th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also part of allotment No. 4, section No. 3 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing at the north-west corner of allotment No. 5; and bounded thence on the west by the eastern boundary of allotment No. 11 bearing northerly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 3; thence on the north by part of the southern boundary of that allotment easterly about 50 links; thence on the south-east by other part of said allotment No. 4 south-westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not at present ascertained.

12th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 22, section No. 2 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing on the eastern boundary of Loftus-street, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 21; and bounded thence on the west by part of that street northerly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 23; thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment easterly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 5; thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment southerly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 6; and thence on the south by the northern boundary of allotment No. 21 aforesaid westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

13th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 23, section No. 2 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing on the south-eastern boundary of Long Cove Parade, at the north-western corner of allotment No. 22; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment bearing easterly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 4; thence on the east by the western boundary of allotment No. 4 aforesaid northerly to the southern boundary of allotment No. 3; thence on the north by part of the southern boundary of allotment No. 3 aforesaid westerly to Long Cove Parade; and thence on the north-west by part of that Parade south-westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 12 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of Johanna Young.

14th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 3, section No. 2 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing on the south-east boundary of Long Cove Parade, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 23; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotment No. 4 bearing easterly to the western boundary of Daniel-street; thence on the east by part of the western boundary of the aforesaid street northerly to the south-east corner of allotment No. 2; thence on the north by the southern boundary of allotment No. 2 aforesaid westerly to the south-eastern boundary of Long Cove Parade aforesaid; and thence on the north-west by part of that Parade south-westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of William Julius.

15th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 2, section No. 2 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing at the north-west corner of allotment No. 3; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment easterly to the western boundary of Daniel-street; thence on the east by part of the western boundary of the aforesaid street northerly to the south-east corner of allotment No. 1; thence on the north by the southern boundary of the aforesaid allotment, No. 1 westerly to the south-eastern boundary of Long Cove Parade; and thence on the north-west by part of that Parade south-westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 16 $\frac{1}{4}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of William Julius.

16th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 1, section No. 2 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing at the north-west corner of allotment No. 2; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment bearing easterly to the western boundary of Daniel-street; thence on the east by part of the western boundary of that street northerly to its intersection with the south-eastern boundary of Long Cove Parade; and thence on the north-west by part of that Parade south-westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 17 $\frac{3}{4}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of William Julius.



17th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 4, section No. 2 of a subdivision called the Marion Estate: Commencing on the western boundary of Daniel-street, at the south-east corner of allotment No. 3; and bounded thence on the north by part of the southern boundary of that allotment westerly to the north-east corner of allotment No. 23; thence on the west by the eastern boundary of that allotment southerly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 5; thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment, easterly to the western boundary of Daniel-street aforesaid; and thence on the east by part of that street northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

18th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also part of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on the northern boundary of Allen-street, at its intersection with the eastern boundary of Foster-street produced northerly; and bounded thence on the south by part of the said Allen-street westerly to high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark northerly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 15; thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment easterly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 14; and thence on the south-east by other part of the said Piper Estate southerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 3 roods 20 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of H. J. Lyons.

19th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 15 of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on high water-mark at the south-west corner of allotment No. 16; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment and the southern boundary of a lane easterly to the western boundary of allotment No. 14; thence on the east by part of that boundary southerly to the south-west corner of the said allotment No. 14; thence on the south by a line bearing westerly to high water-mark; and thence on the west by high water-mark northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 27 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of John Lyall.

20th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 16 of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on high water-mark, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 15; and bounded thence on the south by part of the northern boundary of that allotment easterly to the western boundary of a lane; thence on the east by part of that lane northerly to the south-east corner of allotment No. 17; thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment westerly to high water-mark; and thence on the west by high water-mark southerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of John Lyall.

21st. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 17 of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on high water-mark, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 16; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment easterly to the western boundary of Lyall-street; thence on the east by the western boundary of Lyall-street aforesaid northerly to the southern boundary of allotment No. 18; thence on the north by part of the southern boundary of the said allotment No. 18 westerly to high water-mark; and thence on the west by high water-mark southerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 19 perches or thereabouts, exclusive of lane, and said to be in the possession and occupation of John Lyall.

22nd. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 18 of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on high water-mark, at the south-west corner of allotment No. 19; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment easterly to the western boundary of a lane; thence on the east by part of that lane southerly to the northern boundary of Lyall-street; thence on the south by part of that street and a lane westerly to high water-mark; and thence on the west by high water-mark northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 19 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of John Lyall.

23rd. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 19 of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on high water-mark, at the south-west corner of allotment No. 46; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment easterly to the western boundary of a lane; thence on the east by part of that lane southerly to the north-

east corner of allotment No. 18; thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment westerly to high water-mark; and thence on the west by high water-mark northerly to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 18 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of John Lyall.

24th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 46 of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on high water-mark, at the south-west corner of allotment No. 47; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment easterly to the western boundary of a lane; thence on the east by part of that lane southerly to the north-east corner of allotment No. 19; thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment westerly to high water-mark; and thence on the west by high water-mark northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 16 $\frac{3}{4}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of John Lyall.

25th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 47 of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on high water-mark, at the south-west corner of allotment No. 48; and bounded thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment easterly to the western boundary of a lane; thence on the east by part of that lane southerly to the north-east corner of allotment No. 46; thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment westerly to high water-mark; and thence on the west by high water-mark northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of John Lyall.

26th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 48 of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on high water-mark, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 47; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment easterly to a lane; thence on the east by the western boundary of Athol-street northerly to the northern boundary of the said street; thence on the north by the southern boundary of allotment No. 49 westerly to high water-mark; and thence on the west by high water-mark southerly to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts, exclusive of lane, and said to be in the possession and occupation of John Lyall.

27th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also part of allotment No. 49 of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on the northern side of Athol-street one chain wide at the western extremity of the said street; and bounded thence on the south-east by other part of the said allotment bearing north-easterly to a fenced line, being the northern boundary of the said lot No. 49, at a point distant westerly 6 chains 96 links from the intersection of the said fenced line with the western side of Flood-street; thence on the north by the said fenced line bearing westerly to its intersection with high water-mark; thence on the west by high water-mark bearing south-westerly to the northern side of Athol-street produced; thence on the south by the said production of Athol-street bearing easterly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 29 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of John Lyall.

28th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also part of a subdivision called the Piper Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Water-street, at a point distant westerly about 270 links from its intersection with the western boundary of Flood-street; and bounded thence on the south-east by other part of the said Piper Estate south-westerly about 5 chains 63 links to a fenced line at a point distant westerly 6 chains 96 links from the intersection of the said fenced line with the western side of Flood-street, measured along the fenced line; thence on the south by the continuation of that fenced line westerly to its intersection with high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark bearing north-easterly to the southern side of the said Water-street; thence on the north by the southern side of Water-street aforesaid bearing easterly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 1 rood 38 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of J. F. Whiting.

29th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 270 acres to Hugh Piper; and also allotment No. 31, section No. 13 of a subdivision called the Helsarnel Estate: Commencing at the intersection of high water-mark with the northern boundary of Water-street, being the south-west corner of the said allotment No. 31; and bounded thence on the south by part of that street bearing easterly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 30; thence on the east by the







67th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 41, section No. 9 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the eastern boundary of Charles-street, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 42; and bounded thence on the south by the northern boundary of that allotment easterly to the western boundary of a lane; thence on the east by part of that lane northerly to the south-east corner of allotment No. 40; thence on the north by the southern boundary of that allotment westerly to the eastern boundary of Charles-street aforesaid; and thence on the west by part of that street southerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 7 $\frac{1}{4}$  perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

68th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 57, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing at a point on the western boundary of Charles-street, about 1 chain 70 links from its intersection with the southern boundary of Recreation-street; and bounded thence on the east by part of Charles-street southerly to high water-mark; thence on the south-west by high water-mark north-westerly to the eastern boundary of allotment No. 58; thence on the west by part of that boundary northerly to a point about 1 chain 52 links southerly from its north-east corner; and thence on the north-east by other part of the said allotment No. 57 south-easterly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 2 perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

69th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 58, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing at a point on the western boundary of allotment No. 57, distant about 1 chain 53 links southerly from its north-west corner; and bounded thence on the east by part of that western boundary southerly to high water-mark; thence on the south-west by high water-mark north-westerly to the eastern boundary of allotment No. 59; thence on the west by part of that boundary northerly to a point about 1 chain 35 links southerly from its north-east corner; and thence on the north-east by other part of the said allotment No. 58 south-easterly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  perch or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of The Anglo-Australian Investment Land and Building Co.

70th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 59, section 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing at a point on the western boundary of allotment No. 58, distant about 1 chain 36 links southerly from its north-west corner; and bounded thence on the east by part of that western boundary southerly to high water-mark; thence on the south-west by high water-mark north-westerly to the eastern boundary of allotment No. 60; thence on the west by part of that boundary northerly to a point about 1 chain 18 links southerly from its north-east corner; and thence on the north-east by other part of the said allotment No. 59 south-easterly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  perch or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of The Anglo-Australian Investment Land and Building Co.

71st. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 60, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Recreation-street, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 59; and bounded thence on the north by part of that street westerly to the north-east corner of allotment No. 61; thence on the west by the eastern boundary of that allotment southerly to high water-mark; thence on the south by high water-mark easterly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 59 aforesaid; and thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of The Anglo-Australian Investment Land and Building Co.

72nd. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 61, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Recreation-street, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 60; and bounded thence on the north by part of that street westerly to the north-east corner of allotment No. 62; thence on the west by the eastern boundary of that allotment southerly to high water-mark; thence on the south by high water-mark easterly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 60 aforesaid; and thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of The Anglo-Australian Investment Land and Building Co.

73rd. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 62, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Recreation-street, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 61; and bounded thence on the north by part of that street westerly to high water-mark; thence on the south by high water-mark easterly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 61 aforesaid; and thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of The Anglo-Australian Investment Land and Building Co.

74th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 45, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the northern boundary of Recreation-street, at the south-west corner of allotment No. 46; and bounded thence on the south by part of that street westerly to high water-mark; thence on the south-west by high water-mark northerly to the southern boundary of a lane; thence on the north by part of that lane easterly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 46 aforesaid; and thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment southerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 15 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of O. L. Gaston.

75th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 44, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Wharf-street, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 43; and bounded thence on the north by part of that street westerly to high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark south-westerly to the northern boundary of a lane; thence on the south by part of that lane easterly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 43 aforesaid; and thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of O. L. Gaston.

76th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 43, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Wharf-street, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 42; and bounded thence on the north by part of that street westerly to the north-east corner of allotment No. 44; thence on the west by the eastern boundary of that allotment southerly to the northern boundary of a lane; thence on the south by part of that lane westerly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 42 aforesaid; and thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 7 $\frac{1}{4}$  perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

77th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 19, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the northern boundary of Wharf-street, at the south-west corner of allotment No. 20; and bounded thence on the south by part of that street westerly to high water-mark; thence on the west by high water-mark northerly to the southern boundary of a lane; thence on the north by part of that lane easterly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 20 aforesaid; and thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment southerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 11 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of O. L. Gaston.

78th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 20, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of a lane, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 21; and bounded thence on the north by part of that lane westerly to the north-east corner of allotment No. 19; thence on the west by part of the eastern boundary of that allotment southerly about 80 links; and thence on the south-east by other part of the said allotment No. 20 northerly, to the point of commencement, containing 0 acres 0 roods 2 perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

79th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 18, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Cove-street, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 17; and bounded thence on the north by part of that street westerly to high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark south-westerly

to the northern boundary of a lane; thence on the south by part of that lane easterly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 17 aforesaid; and thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 10 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of O. L. Gaston.

80th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 17, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Cove-street, at the north-west corner of allotment No. 16; and bounded thence on the north by part of that street westerly to the north-east corner of allotment No. 18; thence on the west by the eastern boundary of that allotment southerly to the northern boundary of a lane; thence on the south by part of that lane easterly to the south-west corner of allotment No. 16 aforesaid; and thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 7½ perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

81st. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 16, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Cove-street, at the north-east corner of allotment No. 17; and bounded thence on the north by part of that street easterly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 15; thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment southerly to the northern boundary of a lane; thence on the south by part of that lane westerly to the south-east corner of allotment No. 17 aforesaid; and thence on the west by the eastern boundary of that allotment northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 7¼ perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

82nd. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also allotment No. 15, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Cove-street, at the north-east corner of allotment No. 16; and bounded thence on the north by part of that street easterly to the north-west corner of allotment No. 14; thence on the east by the western boundary of that allotment southerly to the northern boundary of a lane; thence on the south by part of that line westerly to the south-east corner of allotment No. 16 aforesaid; and thence on the west by the eastern boundary of that allotment northerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 7¾ perches or thereabouts. Owner and occupier not yet ascertained.

83rd. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 7, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the northern boundary of Cove-street, at a point distant about 1 chain 60 links westerly from its intersection with the western boundary of Charles-street; and bounded thence on the south by part of Cove-street westerly to high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark north-easterly to the southern boundary of allotment No. 6; thence on the north by that boundary westerly to a point distant about 1 chain 45 links westerly from the south-east corner of allotment No. 6 aforesaid; and thence on the south-east by other part of the said allotment No. 7 south-westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 6¼ perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of M. A. Burton.

84th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 6, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the northern boundary of allotment No. 7, at a point distant about 1 chain 45 links westerly from its north-east corner; and bounded thence on the south by part of that boundary westerly to high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark north-easterly to the southern boundary of allotment No. 5; thence on the north by part of that boundary easterly to a point distant about 1 chain 30 links westerly from the south-east corner of allotment No. 5 aforesaid; and thence on the south-east by other part of the said allotment No. 6 south-westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 6 perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of J. Stutchbury.

85th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 5, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the northern boundary of

allotment No. 6, at a point distant about 1 chain 30 links westerly from its north-east corner; and bounded thence on the south by part of that boundary westerly to high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark north-easterly to the southern boundary of allotment No. 4; thence on the north by part of that boundary easterly to a point distant about 1 chain 15 links westerly from the south-east corner of allotment No. 4 aforesaid; and thence on the south-east by other part of the said allotment No. 5 south-westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 5¼ perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of H. Thomas.

86th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 4, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the northern boundary of allotment No. 5, at a point distant about 1 chain 15 links westerly from its north-east corner; and bounded thence on the south by part of that boundary westerly to high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark north-easterly to the southern boundary of allotment No. 3; thence on the north by part of that boundary easterly to a point distant about 1 chain westerly from the south-east corner of allotment No. 3 aforesaid; and thence on the south-east by other part of the said allotment No. 4 south-westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 5¼ perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of Robert Fulton.

87th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 3, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the northern boundary of allotment No. 4, at a point distant about 1 chain westerly from its north-east corner; and bounded thence on the south by part of that boundary westerly to high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark north-easterly to the southern boundary of allotment No. 2; thence on the north by part of that boundary easterly to a point distant about 85 links westerly from the south-east corner of allotment No. 2 aforesaid; and thence on the south-east by other part of the said allotment No. 3 south-westerly to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 5¼ perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of Robert Fulton.

88th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 2, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the northern boundary of allotment No. 3, at a point distant about 85 links westerly from its north-east corner; and bounded thence on the south by part of that boundary westerly to high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark north-easterly to the southern boundary of allotment No. 1; thence on the north by part of that boundary easterly to a point distant about 70 links westerly from the south-east corner of allotment No. 1 aforesaid; and thence on the south-east by other part of the said allotment No. 2 south-westerly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 5¼ perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of Charles Hudson.

89th. All that piece or parcel of land situated in the parish of Petersham, county Cumberland, at Long Cove, being part of a grant of 30 acres to J. Darbyshire; and also part of allotment No. 1, section No. 10 of a subdivision called the Helsarmel Estate: Commencing on the southern boundary of Augustus-street, at a point distant about 53 links westerly from its intersection with the western boundary of Charles-street; and bounded thence on the north by part of the said Augustus-street westerly to high water-mark; thence on the north-west by high water-mark south-westerly to the southern boundary of allotment No. 2; thence on the south by part of that boundary easterly to a point distant about 70 links westerly from the north-east corner of allotment No. 2 aforesaid; and thence on the south-east by other part of the said allotment No. 1 north-easterly, to the point of commencement; containing 0 acres 0 roods 8½ perches or thereabouts, and said to be in the possession and occupation of Charles Hudson.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the said Colony, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and in the fifty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

BRUCE SMITH.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1890.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION AMENDMENT  
BILL.

(MESSAGE No. 70.)

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*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 5 December, 1890.*

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ALFRED STEPHEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 70.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the "Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act," and to authorize the reconveyance of any lands resumed thereunder to the original proprietors.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 5th December, 1890.*

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## ANNUAL REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE SYDNEY SMITH, ESQ., M.P., MINISTER FOR MINES, &c., &c.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to submit to you the following report upon the working of the Department under your control, and also the progress of Mining and the results obtained during the year 1889.

The following statement conveys some idea of the clerical work of the Department during the past year:—

STATEMENT of the number of Papers Registered, and Letters despatched, by the several Branches of the Department of Mines.

	Papers Registered.		Letters Written.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Mines proper .....	31,983	28,169	19,694	16,305
„ Account Branch .....	10,255	11,190	.....	.....
Stock .....	13,365	15,090	4,019	5,626
Public Watering Places .....	8,881	9,082	3,214	5,300
Diamond Drills.....	4,499	4,037	1,898	1,760
Prospecting Votes .....	1,060	2,565	911	1,871
Geological Branch.....	1,036	1,573	469	3,536
	71,079	71,706	30,205	34,398*

\* Exclusive of printed forms, circulars, and telegrams.

The increase upon 1888 is not large, but it must be borne in mind that the work in that year was exceptionally heavy. I am happy to say that the ready assistance which the heads of Branches have at all times rendered, and the zeal with which they and the gentlemen under them have devoted themselves to the work of the Department, have enabled me to keep abreast of the increased business without materially augmenting the staff. I do not mention it as exceptional, because, I presume, the same thing occurs in other departments of the service much more frequently than the public suppose; but I feel that it is due to the staff to say that it is no uncommon occurrence for gentlemen to work ten or more hours per day.

It affords me especial pleasure to record the fact that the very valuable services of Mr. Gerard E. Herring have been rewarded by promotion from the position of Chief Clerk to that of Assistant Under Secretary. I am also glad to refer to the recognition of Mr. M'Kinney's worth by his promotion to the position of Chief Engineer in the Water Conservation Branch. I cannot refrain from expressing regret that the Department has lost the able assistance of Mr. H. A. Gilliat, who, notwithstanding his well-earned promotion from the position of Chief Inspector of Public Watering Places to Officer-in-Charge, has been induced to accept an important position in another department of the service, where I have no doubt his abilities will cause him to be as highly valued as he was in this, and where I trust his opportunities of rendering valuable service to the public will be greater.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging my indebtedness to the Geological Surveyor and his staff, the Chief Mining Surveyor, the Chief Inspector of Mines, the Examiner of Coal-fields, the Chief Inspector of Stock, the Wardens, &c., for the valuable help they have given me in my efforts to expedite the work of the Department.

With

With regard to the occupation of lands for mining purposes, I have much pleasure in submitting the following facts :—

The number of applications made to lease Crown lands for mining purposes during the year 1889, including applications for special gold leases, was 2,285, being a decrease of 3,697, as compared with the number of such applications made in 1888, which, however, was quite an exceptional year.

Of the 2,285 applications so made, 1,345 were for auriferous land, comprising an area of 11,305 acres, being 3,529 acres less than was applied for in 1888, and 940 were for mineral land, comprising an area of 71,175 acres, being 109,473 acres less than was applied for in 1888.

The number of applications dealt with in 1889 was 4,155, which, compared with the number dealt with in 1888, shows an increase of 12. Having due regard for the exercise of such precautions as appear necessary to prevent the issue of conflicting or defective titles, or the inflicting of injury upon persons claiming or desiring to make a title to land for mining purposes, I have persistently endeavoured to secure the utmost expedition in dealing with applications to lease, and I am much indebted to the Chief Mining Surveyor and to Mr. Primrose for the zeal with which they have seconded my efforts. The adoption of certain proposed changes now under consideration will, I venture to think, tend largely to increase the expedition with which this branch of the departmental work is performed.

Of the 4,155 applications dealt with in 1889, 1,640 were for gold leases, comprising an area of 13,768 acres, and 2,515 were for mineral leases, covering an area of 160,700 acres.

The following table shows the quantity of Crown land applied for to lease during the year 1889 and the minerals to be mined for therein :—

	a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
Gold .. .. .	11,309	0	0	Silver, lead, and limestone .. .. .	1,500	0	0
Antimony .. .. .	1,030	0	0	Silver, lead, and tin .. .. .	220	0	10
Cinnabar .. .. .	80	0	0	Silver, lead, and bismuth .. .. .	40	0	0
Copper .. .. .	441	1	0	Silver, lead, and zinc .. .. .	40	0	0
Antimony, manganese, and silver	120	0	0	Silver, lead, and mica .. .. .	40	0	0
Copper and iron .. .. .	20	0	0	Silver, lead, copper, and platinum .. .. .	80	0	0
Cobalt .. .. .	20	0	0	Silver, lead, and talc .. .. .	20	0	0
Bismuth .. .. .	60	0	0	Silver, lead, and slate .. .. .	40	0	0
Chrome .. .. .	80	0	0	Silver, lead, copper, and antimony .. .. .	60	0	0
Limestone .. .. .	180	0	0	Silver, lead, marble, and limestone .. .. .	400	0	0
Marble .. .. .	40	0	0	Silver, lead, copper, and ironstone .. .. .	40	0	0
Ochre .. .. .	44	0	0	Silver, lead, and ironstone .. .. .	624	2	0
Plumbago .. .. .	40	0	0	Silver, lead, limestone, and flux .. .. .	40	0	0
Diamonds .. .. .	640	0	0	Silver, lead, copper, and calcite .. .. .	40	0	0
Coal .. .. .	6,218	0	0	Silver, lead, and calcite .. .. .	40	0	0
Coal and shale .. .. .	35,226	0	30	Silver, lead, ironstone, and limestone .. .. .	180	0	0
Iron and oxide of iron .. .. .	95	0	0	Silver, lead, copper, and tin .. .. .	280	0	0
Slate .. .. .	40	0	0	Silver, lead, copper, and limestone .. .. .	220	0	0
Silver .. .. .	7,584	1	28	Silver, lead, copper, limestone, and ironstone .. .. .	60	0	0
Silver and lead .. .. .	6,751	3	12	Tin .. .. .	3,763	3	36
Silver and tin .. .. .	260	0	0	Tin and diamonds .. .. .	180	0	0
Silver and arsenic .. .. .	46	3	28				
Silver and copper .. .. .	20	0	0				
Silver, lead, and copper .. .. .	3,832	3	32	Total .. .. .	82,484	0	16

The decrease is chiefly in silver, silver-lead, &c., and the only important increase is in shale.

The following table shows the quantity of Crown land held under application to lease on the 31st December, 1889, and the minerals proposed to be mined :—

	a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
Gold .. .. .	8,376	0	0	Silver and lead .. .. .	5,096	2	29
Antimony .. .. .	740	0	0	Silver, lead, and copper .. .. .	1,033	2	0
Bismuth .. .. .	110	0	0	Silver, lead, and ironstone .. .. .	320	0	0
Coal .. .. .	7,337	0	39	Silver, lead, and limestone .. .. .	924	2	0
Coal and shale .. .. .	16,042	0	0	Silver, lead, and mica .. .. .	40	0	0
Coal, shale, petroleum, and gas .. .. .	537	0	0	Silver, lead, and slate .. .. .	40	0	0
Cinnabar .. .. .	80	0	0	Silver, lead, and talc .. .. .	20	0	0
Chrome .. .. .	80	0	0	Silver, lead, and bismuth .. .. .	40	0	0
Copper .. .. .	639	1	0	Silver, lead, and zinc .. .. .	40	0	0
Diamonds .. .. .	150	0	0	Silver, lead, and tin .. .. .	60	0	0
Iron .. .. .	75	0	0	Silver, lead, copper, and antimony .. .. .	60	0	0
Iron and copper .. .. .	20	0	0	Silver, lead, copper, and platinum .. .. .	80	0	0
Kerosene .. .. .	640	0	0	Silver, lead, marble, and limestone .. .. .	240	0	0
Manganese, &c. .. .. .	120	0	0	Tin .. .. .	1,971	0	32
Limestone .. .. .	180	0	0	Tin and diamonds .. .. .	150	0	0
Ochre .. .. .	260	0	0	Tin and silver .. .. .	300	0	0
Silver .. .. .	7,160	0	0				
Silver and arsenic .. .. .	20	0	0	Total .. .. .	53,942	1	20

The aggregate area of Crown lands held under application to lease on the 31st December, 1889, is less than half the area as held at the end of 1888.

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The following table shows the area of Crown land held under lease, and the minerals to be mined:—

Mineral.	Mining Act, 1874.			Mining Act Further Amendment Act, 1884.			Crown Lands Occupation Act, 1861.			Total.		
	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.
Gold .....	11,502	0	9	1,757	1	27	.....	.....	.....	13,259	1	36
Alum .....	480	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	480	0	0
Aluminate or alumstone .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Antimony .....	574	2	0	90	0	0	.....	.....	.....	664	2	0
Bismuth .....	159	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	0	0
Coal .....	3,265	2	14	39,132	1	0	2,604	0	0	45,001	3	14
Coal and shale .....	1,559	1	18	36,004	2	36	.....	.....	.....	37,564	0	14
Coal, shale, and fire-clay .....	.....	.....	.....	640	0	0	.....	.....	.....	640	0	0
Cobalt .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Cobalt and nickel .....	39	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	0	0
Copper .....	1,374	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,374	2	5
Copper and lead .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Diamonds .....	1,197	1	16	260	0	0	.....	.....	.....	1,457	1	16
Diamonds and tin .....	653	0	30	474	1	5	.....	.....	.....	1,127	1	35
Hematite .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Iron .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Limestone .....	.....	.....	.....	270	0	0	.....	.....	.....	270	0	0
Manganese .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manganese, cobalt, and copper .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Marble .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Mineral salts .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Not specified .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	1	33	.....	.....	.....
Ochre .....	80	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	0	0
Plumbago .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Silver .....	25,507	3	35	594	1	12	.....	.....	.....	26,102	1	7
Silver and antimony .....	158	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	158	2	2
Silver and arsenic .....	215	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	215	0	0
Silver and bismuth .....	197	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	197	0	0
Silver and copper .....	545	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	545	0	0
Silver and lead .....	34,041	2	18	681	0	31	.....	.....	.....	34,722	3	9
Silver and manganese .....	45	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	0	0
Silver and tin .....	1,100	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,100	0	0
Silver, lead, and copper .....	7,411	3	23	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	7,451	3	23
Silver, lead, and tin .....	9,279	3	4	80	0	0	.....	.....	.....	9,359	3	4
Silver, lead, and spar .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Silver, lead, and calc. spar .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Silver, lead, and asbestos .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Silver, lead, and zinc .....	80	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	0	0
Silver, lead, and iron .....	280	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	280	0	0
Silver, lead, and limestone .....	895	3	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	895	3	18
Silver, tin, and copper .....	160	0	0	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	200	0	0
Silver, lead, iron, and limestone .....	160	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160	0	0
Silver, lead, copper, and limestone .....	220	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	220	0	0
Silver, lead, copper, and rubies .....	80	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	0	0
Silver, lead, copper, and tin .....	200	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	0	0
Silver, manganese, cobalt, and copper .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver, lead, copper, ironstone, and limestone .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Slate .....	110	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	0	0
Sulphate of alumina and potash .....	95	3	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	3	17
Sienna pigments .....	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Tin .....	17,365	2	34	3,211	1	12	.....	.....	.....	20,577	0	6
Tin and copper .....	30	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	0	0
	119,623	3	3	83,275	2	3	2,641	1	33	205,540	2	39

The above table shows a very large increase upon the area held under lease at the end of 1888. The increase is chiefly in gold, coal, shale, silver, silver and lead, and tin.

The number of applications for permits or authorities under section 27 or 28 of the Mining Act to mine under reserves received during 1889 was 340, being a decrease of 271 upon the number received during 1888. The number dealt with in 1889 was 390, being an increase of 111 upon the number dealt with in 1888.

The following table shows the area of reserved land comprised in permits or authorities granted during 1889, and the minerals to be mined thereunder:—

	a.	r.	p.
Coal .....	19,392	3	0
Coal and shale .....	31,175	3	12
Tin .....	12	3	29
Silver .....	140	0	0
Silver and lead .....	30	0	0
Copper .....	45	3	22
Bismuth .....	4	1	7
Gold .....	80	1	33
	50,832	0	23

In many cases the permits or authorities had not actually issued prior to 31st December, 1889.

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The aggregate area of reserved lands comprised in permits and authorities granted in 1889 was about 100 acres less than the area so granted in 1888.

The following table shows the areas of reserved lands comprised in authorities granted under sections 27 and 28, which were issued prior to 1889, and the minerals to be mined thereunder:—

	a.	r.	p.
Coal .....	32,061	2	9
Coal and shale ..	649	1	0
Coal, iron, and shale ..	18	2	16
Shale ..	8	2	32
Ironstone .....	79	3	7
Limestone .....	10	0	0
Tin .....	323	0	15
Copper .....	80	0	0
Silver .....	20	0	0
Silver and lead .....	22	1	30
Marble ..	5	0	0
Gold .....	40	2	25
	33,319	0	14

The decrease of areas as above, in comparison with that held in 1888, has been caused by cancellation of authorities, and by issue in some cases of mineral leases in lieu thereof.

Area comprised in permits or authorities (sections 27 or 28) issued, which were in force 31st December, 1889:—

	a.	r.	p.
Coal ..	44,717	0	5
Coal and shale ..	13,982	1	31
Coal, iron, and shale ..	18	2	16
Ironstone ..	79	3	7
Limestone.....	10	0	0
Tin.....	290	0	35
Copper ..	135	3	22
Silver ..	160	0	0
Silver and lead... ..	22	1	30
Bismuth .. ..	4	1	7
Marble ... ..	5	0	0
Gold ... ..	162	3	34
	59,588	2	27

The above area is larger than the area so held at the end of 1888, due to the demand for authorities to search for shale.

The number of applications for permits under section 45 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 to dig and search for gold received during 1889 was 320, being a decrease of 7 as compared with 1888. The number dealt with in 1889 was 273, of which 182 were granted and 91 were refused, against 97 granted and 51 refused in 1888. The number of such permits in force at the end of 1889 was 235, the number in force at the end of 1888 was 135.

The number of applications for permits under section 7 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 received during 1889 was 78, compared with 128 received in 1888. The number finally dealt with in 1889 was 88, of these 58 were granted and 30 were refused, against 32 granted and 41 refused in 1888. Permits issued during 1889, 56. The number in force at the end of 1889 was 91. Several of these permits are lying in the office waiting payment of the stamp duty.

The number of applications made under section 98 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 for permits to search for minerals in conditional leaseholds was 213, of which 154 were dealt with. Number in force at the end of the year, 82.

On the 30th September, the Mining Act of 1889 came into force. Under this Act permits can be granted to search for gold and other minerals within conditional leases, thus the regulations under section 98 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 were superseded. This Act also gives power to grant permits to search for gold and other minerals in lands sold after the above date. And upon the discovery of gold or any other mineral within a conditional lease or within land sold after the above date, the lease or sale may be cancelled. The number of applications received under this Act was 22, but only 2 were finally dealt with during the year.

The foregoing statements comprise all lands occupied for mining purposes, except freehold lands and lands occupied in virtue of miner's rights and mineral licenses. The lands so excepted represent a considerable area.

During the year three returns of gold and mineral leases, namely, on 17th April, 14th September, and 5th December, and the fourth on 24th January, 1890; but, owing to pressure of work, only one return of authorities under sections 27 and 28 was published, the second return will, however, be issued shortly.



## PROSPECTING BOARD.

During the year the Prospecting Board visited the following amongst other places, viz. :—

Alicktown	Deepwater	Nerrigundah
Armidale	Delegate	Nimitybelle
Ballina	Denison Diggins	Nowra
Bega	Drake	Nullamana
Bellbrook	Dungog	Oberon
Bendmeccer	Eden	Peak Hill
Blayney	Emmaville	Red Rock
Boonoo-Boonco	Fernmount	Scone
Boro	Glen Innes	Stroud
Braidwood	Grafton	Stewart's Brook
Bredbo	Hillgrove	Tamworth
Bungendore	Inverell	Tarana
Cannowindra	Kempsey	Tarago
Cargo	King's Plains	Tenterfield
Casino	Lismore	Tichborne
Colinton	Locksley	Tingha
Coolongook	Long Creek	Tumberumba
Copmanhurst	Macleay	•Uralla
Cowra	Michelago	Walcha
Crookwell	Mogo	Wardell
Cudal	Moruya	Wiseman's Creek
Dalmorton	Mount Hope	Yalwal
Deep Creek	Mullion Creek	
Aid granted in ... ..	...	109 cases.
Aid refused ... ..	...	66 "
Applications not yet dealt with	...	320 "
		495

The following extracts are taken from Reports by officers instructed to measure up the work of parties aided from the Prospecting Vote.

James Patterson and party, Scrubby Rush, struck a reef showing splendid stone, and James R. Everett, of the same place, is on a reef showing good gold here and there.

Simon Brown and party, Wood's Flat, are on a very fine reef, 5 feet wide, showing good gold.

Thos. Austin and party, Woodstock, bottomed on wash, 15 inches thick, showing gold.

Richard Bourke and party, Scrubby Rush, are sinking on a reef showing good traces of gold all the way down.

Dennis C. J. Donnelly, Wangoola, is sinking a shaft which shows good traces of copper all the way down.

Immer Andrews, Temora, struck a vein showing good gold, and Bollord and party, 12 miles west of the same place, struck good coarse gold.

R. J. Phillips, sinking on the Day Spring Reef, near Parkes, which shows 4 feet wide at bottom of the shaft, and carries coarse gold freely.

Wm. Kiasils and party, to the north of Tambaroora, have struck a reef showing gold freely.

Macrominus and party, Tambaroora, struck a vein on the Valentine line of reef which shows good gold, and is considered payable.

Cullen and Levy, Tambaroora, are also on gold, but no definite results to hand.

T. C. Sattor, Hill End, obtained very rich gold.

Fraser and Dilliston, Golden Gully, Tambaroora, have struck a reef showing gold freely, and is payable.

Webb and party and Lee and party, Wattle Flat, are obtaining a little gold.

The Big Oakey Gold-Mining Co., Sofala, obtained some very rich prospects of gold.

G. R. Williams, Carney's Reef, Sofala, obtained payable gold.

Oliver Anderson, Nana Creek, was aided to prove a reef which shows well.

Greenaway and party, Dalmorton, have struck payable gold.

George Jenkins, Herbert Park, Armidale, has also struck a good payable reef.

Hunt and party, Bingera, struck good payable wash.

Matthews and party, Tumberumba, were aided to test the deep lead, and struck wash showing traces of gold. Work still in progress.

Maher and party, Eureka Flat, Grenfell, struck payable gold.

Cook and party, Dark Corner, Mitchell, discovered payable gold.

M'Lennon Day and party, are sinking on the Black Range, near Albury, with good prospects.

Burns and Graham, Rowley's Reef, Hill End, cut a vein at 110 feet 2 inches thick, showing very nice gold running probably from 5 to 10 oz. to the ton.

Carrol Rice and party, Doherty's Hill, Rocky River, are obtaining payable gold in 5 feet auriferous drift.

These results of prospecting operations carried on with aid out of the Prospecting Vote, though not perhaps extraordinary are, I venture to think, encouraging, and when compared with the results obtained in other colonies or even with prospecting operations supported by private funds, evidence, care, and judgment on the part of the members of the Prospecting Board. In some cases these finds have led to the employment of a number of men, and it is quite possible that they will in this way amply repay the expenditure of public funds.

The Board is much indebted to Mr. D. McCulloch, of the Drill Branch, who has, in addition to his other work, very ably performed a very considerable amount of clerical work connected with the Prospecting Vote.

## GEOLOGICAL SURVEY BRANCH.

The Geological Surveyor-in-Charge has, besides carrying out the departmental work of this branch at the head office, also examined portions of the New England districts when visiting these as a member of the Prospecting Board in company with the Chief Inspector of Mines.

In addition to the direct mining information acquired by the Board in dealing with the numerous applications for aid out of the Prospecting Vote, Mr. Wilkinson was enabled to make certain geological observations indicative of future mining development; viz., the modes of occurrence of the auriferous and argentiferous sulphide ores in the Drake, Rivertree, and Solferino fields; the source of the gold and platinum in the beach sands on the Richmond coast; the association of the auriferous antimony lodes with granite dykes; and the extension of the Coaldale coal seams beneath Grafton and other parts of the Clarence district. It is anticipated that the present prospecting of these seams by Messrs. See, Fisher, and others will lead to the profitable working of these seams.

Mr. Geological-Surveyor David is still occupied with the examination of the Hunter River Coal-field. He has furnished during the year eight progress reports referring chiefly to the occurrence of the coal formations between Maitland and Port Stephens, some iron ore deposits, and the salt-bearing rocks near Ellalong. This examination has enabled him to trace the Greta coal-measures from the Homeville colliery, near West Maitland, to beyond the half-way house on the Raymond Terrace to Stroud road, a distance of 30 miles, and thence a further distance of about 12 miles to Morna Point on the coast. These reports, with plans, indicate where the productive seams probably occur, and are therefore useful in showing where prospecting for coal and other minerals would be expedient. From the occurrence of fragments of kerosene shale on the beach at Morna Point it is believed that a seam of shale exists in the Greta measures in the vicinity. Four new collieries, viz., the Silkstone, Richmond Vale, East Greta, and Heddon Greta, have recently been started to work the seams discovered by Mr. David at Deep Creek in 1888. The royalty which the Government will annually receive from these will be considerable. On Mr. David's recommendation the bore for coal at Ash Island was continued, and the Rathluba seam was struck at the depth anticipated; and, in consequence of this, other boring operations have been carried on with success between here and Port Stephens. The geological survey will materially aid in proving the extension of the northern coal-field. A cursory examination of the Peak Hill Gold-field, between Parkes and Tomingley, has been made, but a more detailed geological survey is about to be undertaken, as the geological features of the country show the probability not only of permanent gold-bearing reefs, but also of the existence of deep leads.

Mr. Geological-Surveyor Anderson inspected and reported upon the Fiery Creek Gold-field, near Cooma, the discovery of bismuth near Ben Lomond, the Kookabookra Gold-field in the same district, and the Tumberumba deep lead formation, which latter he has mapped out, showing that for a considerable distance under the basalt the lead will probably be found payable. He has also commenced a survey of the southern margin of the artesian water-bearing cretaceous formation of the Upper Darling country, and his map showing the Bourke district has already been published.

Both Mr. David and Mr. Anderson have assisted the Prospecting Board in various parts of the country.

Mr. Stonier, formerly field-assistant, has been appointed acting Geological Surveyor. He has examined and reported on the Mogood Gold-field, near Ulladulla, the tin-bearing deposits at Mandamah, Peak Hill, Forbes, Melrose, Adelong, Belubula, and Rock Flat Creek. He also did duty for the Curator and Mineralogist (Mr. Carne), during the absence of the latter at the Melbourne and New Zealand Exhibitions.

Mr. Carne was deputed to carry out the preparation and arrangement of the collections representing the mineral resources of New South Wales at these Exhibitions, and performed this duty in a very able and satisfactory manner. The mineral exhibits of this Colony were amongst the most prominent features not only of the New South Wales Court, but of the whole Exhibition. Our mineral representation at New Zealand is the most complete that has yet been made, and nearly all the exhibits belong to the Department, having been obtained by officers of the Department or donated by private exhibitors, and it is hoped that a proper building for the Mining and Geological Museum will soon be provided for the permanent display in Sydney of these splendid collections.

During the year the Curator has examined 3,300 mineral samples which have been forwarded to the Department by persons interested in mining desiring information as to their value; when this cannot be determined by inspection alone the samples are submitted to the assayer and analyst for further necessary test.

The library of the Department has been increased by the addition of valuable works upon mining, geology, and paleontology received either by purchase or as exchanges for departmental publications, which have been distributed to various geological surveys, scientific and public institutions at home and abroad.

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During the year the collections of economic minerals were sent as exchanges to Germany, Dresden, Denmark, Hamburg, California, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania; whilst within the Colony educational collections of minerals were prepared for schools of arts and other public institutions.

The Palæontologist, Mr. Robt. Etheridge, jun., has been occupied with important duties connected with the more scientific work of the Geological Survey Branch. Besides determining various fossils specially submitted, he has completed the sorting of the supplementary palæontological collections, but further systematic classification cannot be carried out until more museum accommodation for the specimens has been provided. Under his editorship the memoir of Dr. Feistmantel, on the Palæozoic and Secondary plants has nearly passed through the press, and will be shortly published. The first volume, in three parts, of the Records of the Geological Survey of New South Wales has been completed. It is gratifying that this work, imparting as it does some of the more scientific results of the survey work, has been much appreciated by the public, and will therefore prove of educational value. The first part of the second volume is in course of preparation.

The assayer and analyst, Mr. Mingaye, and his assistants, Messrs. White and Neilson, have been doing good work during the year, no less than 3,222 samples having been assayed or analyzed, including metallic ores, coals, and other minerals, limestones, pottery clays, &c., and samples of water from underground sources in various parts of the Colony.

Important improvements have been effected under the supervision of Mr. Leigh, Superintendent of Caves, at the Jenolan, Wombeyan, Tarrangobilly, and Wellington caves, rendering these interesting places of public resort still more accessible and attractive.

#### MINING SURVEYS.

The mining excitement, which was at its height in 1888, had considerably abated during the year 1889, and, as a consequence, the number of mining surveys during the last twelve months amounted to only about half as many as were made in 1888, although considerably exceeding the number made in 1887.

Fifty-six surveyors were employed under the supervision of the Chief Mining Surveyor. Of these eight were in receipt of salaries, in addition to the fees, while forty-eight were paid by fees only, and were employed as occasion required.

The total number of surveys made during the year 1889 was 2,166, consisting of 1,245 gold-mining leases, 765 mineral leases, 45 mining tenements, and 111 mining permits. It will thus be seen that while the number of gold-lease surveys was about equal to that of the preceding twelve months, only about one-fourth of the number of mineral leases were surveyed. On the 1st January, 1890, there were 459 applications still awaiting survey.

In the Charting Branch 3,671 applications for gold-mining and mineral leases were finally dealt with under the system (introduced in 1888) by which each draftsman was paid extra for all cases in excess of a certain number per month. There were also 298 applications under section 28 of the Mining Act, dealt with during the year. In addition to this twenty-four parish maps were compiled, and 421 copies of mining maps were revised, chartered up to date, and forwarded to the various Wardens, District Surveyors, &c.

RETURN of Compiling Work for 1889.—List of New Maps compiled and published during 1889.

Parish.	County.	Mining District.	Parish.	County.	Mining District.
Dhoon .....	Tancowinna ..	Albert	Dangera { .....	St. Vincent .....	Southern
Enmore .....	" .....	"	Etteema { .....	" .....	"
Sentinel .....	" .....	"	Mt. Gipps (3rd edition)	Yancowinna .....	Albert
Ophara .....	" .....	"	Robe (2nd edition) .....	" .....	"
Nadbuck .....	" .....	"	Soudan (2nd edition) .....	" .....	"
Clinton .....	Bathurst .....	Bathurst	Tara (2nd edition) .....	" .....	"
Dunleary .....	" .....	"	Trena (2nd edition) .....	Georgianna .....	Bathurst
Cobar .....	Robinson .....	Cobar	Wellington Vale (3rd edition)	Gough .....	New England
Moguilamba .....	" .....	"	West Fairfield (2nd edition)	Drake .....	"
Cargo .....	Ashburnham ..	Lachlan	Bullongong { .....	Murray .....	Tumut & Adelong
Antimony .....	Buller .....	New England	Ballallaba { .....		
Metz } .....	Sandon .....	Peel and Uralla			
Cooney } .....					

421 copies of Mining Maps revised, charted to date, and forwarded to Wardens, District Surveyors, &c. Revised catalogue of maps herewith.

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The following is a complete catalogue of all Mining Maps arranged in alphabetical order, in the various mining districts, and giving the parish, county, locality, and date of publication :—

Mining District.	Parish, or part of.	Edition.	Locality.	County.	Published.	
Albert .....	Albert .....	2*	Thackaringa .....	Yancowinna ..	21 Nov., 1887	
	Alma .....	2*	"The Pinnacles" .....	do .....	10 Aug., 1888	
	Alberta .....	2*	Corona .....	Farnell .....	18 Jan., 1887	
	Bomangaldy .....	2*	Silverton .....	Yancowinna ..	30 Dec., 1885	
	Bray .....	2*	do .....	do .....	19 ,, 1885	
	Bolaira .....	3*	Silverton, Round Hill .....	do .....	16 Oct., 1888	
	Bligh .....	2*	Corona .....	Farnell .....	8 April, 1886	
	Badjerrigarn .....	2*	do .....	do .....	27 May, 1886	
	Byjerkerno .....	2*	Poolamacca .....	do .....	9 April, 1888	
	Corona .....	2*	Corona .....	do .....	30 Mar., 1886	
	Dhoon .....	2*	Thackaringa .....	Yancowinna ..	11 Oct., 1889	
	Edgar .....	2*	Silverton .....	do .....	21 Nov., 1887	
	Enmore .....	3*	do .....	do .....	21 Aug., 1889	
	Fowler's Gap ( <i>see</i> Giles) ..	...	...	Farnell .....	...	...
	Giles .....	2*	Fowler's Gap .....	do .....	25 Jan., 1887	
	Lewis .....	2*	Silverton .....	Yancowinna ..	11 Mar., 1885	
	Mount Gipps .....	3*	do .....	do .....	27 Feb., 1889	
	Moorkaie .....	2*	Silverton, Mount Gipps .....	do .....	25 Aug., 1885	
	Naradin .....	2*	do .....	do .....	10 Mar., 1886	
	Purnamoota .....	2*	do .....	do .....	9 Feb., 1886	
	Picton .....	3*	do Broken Hill .....	do .....	1 Oct., 1888	
	Robo .....	2*	do Purnamoota .....	do .....	2 Jan., 1889	
	Stephen .....	4*	do .....	do .....	6 July, 1888	
	Soudan .....	2*	do .....	do .....	12 Aug., 1889	
	Sebas'opol .....	2*	do .....	do .....	17 May, 1888	
	Sen'inel .....	2*	do .....	do .....	12 Sept., 1889	
	Tara .....	2*	do Piesse's Nob .....	do .....	16 April, 1889	
	Umberumberka .....	...	do .....	do .....	24 June, 1885	
	Waukeroo .....	...	do .....	do .....	14 May, 1888	
	Yancowinna .....	...	do .....	do .....	9 April, 1886	
	Bathurst .....	Bolton ( <i>a</i> ) .....	...	Wiseman's Creek .....	Westmoreland.	1 May, 1886
		Baring .....	...	do .....	do .....	10 July, 1886
Castleton .....		...	Sunny Corner .....	Roxburgh .....	25 Aug., 1887	
Coolamigal ( <i>b</i> ) .....		...	do .....	do .....	18 Sept., 1885	
Cullen Bullen ( <i>b</i> ) .....		...	do .....	do .....	18 ,, 1885	
Clinton .....		...	Ophir Gold-field .....	Bathurst .....	4 July, 1889	
Dupleary .....		...	Mount M'Donald .....	do .....	20 ,, 1889	
Eskdale .....		...	Clear Creek .....	Roxburgh .....	17 June, 1888	
Falnash ( <i>b</i> ) .....		...	Sunny Corner .....	do .....	18 Sept., 1885	
Gillindich .....		...	Junction Point .....	Georgiana .....	5 July, 1888	
Jocelyn ( <i>a</i> ) .....		...	Wiseman's Creek .....	Westmoreland.	1 May, 1886	
Langdale ( <i>a</i> ) .....		...	do .....	do .....	1 ,, 1886	
Lennox ( <i>c</i> ) .....		...	Ophir Gold-field .....	Bathurst .....	2 Dec., 1887	
Lewis ( <i>c</i> ) .....		...	do .....	do .....	2 ,, 1887	
Mulgunnia .....		...	Mulgunnia Gold-field .....	Georgiana .....	28 March, 1888	
Oberon .....		...	Oberon Gold-field .....	Westmoreland	29 Sept., 1888	
Tuona .....		2*	Abercrombie Gold-field .....	Georgiana .....	1 Nov., 1887	
Wercester ( <i>i</i> ) .....	...	Ophir Gold-field .....	Bathurst .....	2 Dec., 1887		
Clarence and Richmond	Nullama .....	...	Boyd or Little River Gold-field	Gresham .....	Survey Office Litho. adopted.	
Cobar .....	Cobar .....	...	Bogan Gold-field .....	Robinson .....	18 July, 1889	
Hunter and Macleay ...	Bindera ( <i>d</i> ) .....	3*	Barrington Gold-field .....	Gloucester ...	5 Dec., 1884	
	Craven ( <i>d</i> ) .....	3*	do .....	do .....	5 ,, 1884	
Lachlan .....	Bundawarrah .....	...	Temora Gold-field .....	Bland .....	13 July, 1887	
	Currajong ( <i>e</i> ) .....	2*	Billabong Gold-field .....	Ashburnham ..	7 Feb., 1888	
	Cargo .....	...	Cargo Gold-field .....	do .....	16 Sept., 1889	
	Parkes ( <i>e</i> ) .....	2*	Billabong Gold-field .....	do .....	7 Feb., 1888	
	Young .....	...	Burrangong Gold-field .....	Monteagle .....	1 Mar., 1888	
	Gulgong .....	...	Gulgong Gold-field .....	Phillip .....	24 Feb., 1886	
	Guntawang .....	...	do .....	do .....	21 July, 1886	
Mudgee .....	Hargraves .....	...	Wellington Gold-field .....	Wellington ...	25 Oct., 1887	
	Wyaldra .....	...	Gulgong Gold-field .....	Phillip .....	29 April, 1885	
New England .....	Arvid .....	2*	Vegetable Creek .....	Gough .....	25 Aug., 1884	
	Annandale .....	2*	do .....	Clive .....	11 Nov., 1884	
	Antimony .....	...	Boorook and Lunatic .....	Buller .....	4 July, 1889	
	Bundar ( <i>f</i> ) .....	...	Vegetable Creek .....	Gough .....	1 Oct., 1881	
	Bookookoorara ( <i>g</i> ) .....	2*	Wilson's Downfall .....	Buller .....	31 ,, 1885	
	Bates ( <i>h</i> ) .....	...	do .....	Clive .....	23 April, 1885	
	Blaia ( <i>i</i> ) .....	...	do .....	do .....	20 Oct., 1885	
	Bowman ( <i>i</i> ) .....	...	do .....	do .....	20 ,, 1885	
	Binghi ( <i>k</i> ) .....	...	do .....	do .....	10 Aug., 1885	
	Boorook .....	...	Boorook and Lunatic Gold-field	Buller .....	8 Oct., 1880	
	Boonoo Boonoo .....	...	do .....	do .....	24 Nov., 1887	
	Corry ( <i>g</i> ) .....	2*	Wilson's Downfall .....	do .....	31 Oct., 1885	
	Cullendore .....	2*	do .....	do .....	31 ,, 1885	
	Cranbrook ( <i>i</i> ) .....	...	Emmaville Gold-field .....	Clive .....	20 ,, 1885	
	Callany .....	Sketch Map.	Red Rock .....	Buller .....	25 Aug., 1887	
	Dumaresq ( <i>m</i> ) .....	...	Vegetable Creek .....	Gough .....	4 Feb., 1881	

Mining District	Parish, or part of	Edition	Locality	County	Published	
New England .....	Frazer ( <i>m</i> ) .....		Emmaville Gold field ...	Gough .....	4 Feb, 1881	
	Flagstone .....		do .....	do .....	9 June, 1881	
	Highland Home ..	2*	do .....	do .....	21 Mar, 1884	
	Hamilton ( <i>n</i> ) .....	2 <sup>y</sup>	do .....	do .....	16 Feb., 1884	
	Haystack ( <i>m</i> ) .....		Vegetable Creek .....	do .....	4 ,, 1881	
	Land's End ( <i>o</i> ) ...		Emmaville Gold-field .....	do .....	6 April, 1881	
	Muir ( <i>o</i> ) .....		do .....	do .....	6 ,, 1881	
	Maryland ( <i>g</i> ) .....	2*	Wilson's Downfall ...	Buller ..	31 Oct., 1885	
	Marsh ( <i>g</i> ) .....	2*	do .....	do .....	31 ,, 1885	
	Paradise North ( <i>f</i> ) ..		Emmaville Gold field ...	Gough .....	1 ,, 1881	
	Purvis ( <i>v</i> ) .....		do .....	Clive .....	20 ,, 1885	
	Ruby ( <i>g</i> ) .....	2*	Wilson's Downfall .....	Buller ..	31 ,, 1885	
	Rockvale ( <i>h</i> ) .....		Emmaville Gold-field .....	Clive .....	23 April, 1885	
	Rocklen ( <i>h</i> ) .....		do .....	do .....	23 ,, 1885	
	Strathbogie ...	2*	do .....	Gough ...	30 Sept, 1884	
	Strathbogie North ( <i>n</i> ) .....	2 <sup>y</sup>	do .....	do .....	16 Feb, 1884	
	Scone ..	2*	do .....	do .....	7 ,, 1884	
	Strachan .....		do .....	do ..	6 April, 1880	
	Silent Grove ( <i>k</i> ) ...		do .....	Clive .....	10 Aug., 1885	
	Tent Hill .....	2*	do .....	Gough ..	15 Sept., 1884	
	Undercliff ( <i>g</i> ) ..	2*	Wilson's Downfall .....	Buller ..	31 Oct, 1885	
	Wellington Vale .....	3*	Emmaville Gold field ..	Gough .....	3 Nov, 1883	
	Wellington North ( <i>f</i> ) .....		do .....	do .....	1 Oct, 1881	
	Wylie ( <i>g</i> ) .....	2*	Wilson's Downfall .....	Buller ...	31 ,, 1885	
	West Fairfield .....	2*	do .....	Drake .....	20 June, 1889	
	Peel and Uralla .....	Ash'on .....		Cope's Creek ..	Hardinge .....	18 Aug, 1884
		Banghett ( <i>p</i> ) ...		Bingara Diamond-field ..	Murchison ..	13 June, 1885
		Bingara ( <i>p</i> ) ..		do .....	do ..	13 ,, 1885
		Boyd ( <i>q</i> ) .....		do .....	Gough ..	30 Jan, 1885
		Bloxsome ( <i>q</i> ) ..		do .....	do ..	30 ,, 1885
		Bald Nob ( <i>q</i> ) .....		do .....	do ..	30 ,, 1885
		Clive .....	2*	Cope's Creek ..	do ..	8 Dec., 1883
		Clare ..	2*	do ..	Hardinge ...	4 Mar, 1834
Cope's Creek .....		2*	do ..	do ..	9 April, 1881	
Coventry ...			do ..	Clarke ..	16 Sept, 1886	
Cooney ..			Hillgrove ...	Sandon .....	23 Feb, 1889	
Darby ...		2*	Cope's Creek...	Hardinge ..	31 July, 1884	
Dungowan ..			Peel River Gold field ..	Parry .....	26 May, 1887	
Dmoga ( <i>r</i> ) ..			Bingara Gold field ..	Murchison ..	25 Feb., 1885	
Derra Derra ( <i>p</i> ) ..			Bingara Diamond field ..	do ..	13 June, 1885	
Gouron ( <i>r</i> ) ..			Bingara Gold-field ..	do ..	25 Feb, 1835	
Herbert... ..		2*	Cope's Creek ..	Gough .....	7 Jan, 1884	
Hanning ..			do ..	Inglis ..	21 Dec, 1886	
Hall ( <i>s</i> ) ..			Mitchell River ..	Clarke ...	25 Nov, 1886	
Hall ..			Giant's Den ..	Darling ...	21 Dec, 1886	
Hall ( <i>r</i> ) .....			Bingara Gold field ..	Murchison ..	25 Feb., 1885	
Mayo .....		2*	Cope's Creek ..	Hardinge .....	30 July, 1884	
Mitchell ( <i>q</i> ) ..			do ..	Gough ...	30 Jan, 1885	
Macintyre ( <i>v</i> ) ..			Bingara Gold field ..	Murchison...	25 Feb, 1885	
Metz .....			Hillgrove ...	Sandon ...	23 ,, 1889	
Nundle ..			Peel River Gold-field, Hanging Rock.	Parry .....	26 April, 1887	
Swinton ...		2*	Cope's Creek ..	Hardinge ..	15 May, 1884	
Seyern ( <i>q</i> ) ..			do ..	Gough .....	30 Jan., 1885	
Scott ( <i>q</i> ) ..			do ..	do ..	30 ,, 1885	
Sara ( <i>s</i> ) ..			Mitchell River ..	Gresham ...	25 Nov, 1886	
Scone and Strathbogie ..			(see New England Mining District)	do .....	do .....	
Tienga ..			Cope's Creek ..	Hardinge ...	6 Oct, 1884	
Worra ( <i>s</i> ) ..			Mitchell River ..	Gresham ...	25 Nov, 1886	
Wood's Reef ..		Ironbark and Ti Tree Gold field.	Darling ...	10 July, 1886		
Wellington Vale ...		(see New England Mining District)	do .....	do .....		
Southern ..	Dangera ( <i>t</i> ) ..		Yalwal Gold-field .....	St. Vincent ..	20 Aug, 1889	
	Ettrema ( <i>t</i> ) ..		do ..	do ..	20 ,, 1889	
	Nerrimunga ..		do ..	Argyle ...	5 July, 1883	
Tambaroora and Turon	Carroll ( <i>u</i> ) ..	2*	Hill End and Tambaroora ...	Wellington	18 Oct., 1887	
	Cummings ( <i>u</i> ) ..	2*	do ..	do ..	18 ,, 1887	
	Tambaroora ( <i>u</i> ) ..	2*	do ..	do ..	18 ,, 1887	
Tumut and Adelong ...	Adelong ( <i>v</i> ) ..		Adelong Gold field .....	Wynyard ...	Jan, 1880	
	Bullongong ( <i>w</i> ) ..		Captain's Flat ..	Murray ...	8 Oct, 1886	
	Ballallaba ( <i>w</i> ) ..		do ..	do ..	8 ,, 1886	
	Calafat ( <i>v</i> ) ..		Adelong Gold field .....	Wynyard ..	Jan, 1880	
	El'erslie ( <i>v</i> ) ..		do ..	do ..	,, 1880	
	Euadera ( <i>v</i> ) ...		do ..	do ..	,, 1880	
	Gadara ( <i>v</i> ) ..		do ..	do ..	,, 1880	
Wondalga ( <i>v</i> ) ..		do ..	do ..	,, 1880		

\* Previous editions cancelled. A letter in brackets after a parish name denotes that the parish is included in one map with all other parishes bearing the same letter.

## MISCELLANEOUS MAPS AND COMPILATIONS not yet published.

No	Page.	Parish or part of, &c	Locality	County	Mining District.
30	4	Anderson (in folio)		Gough	Peel and Uralla.
30	4	Astley	Emmaville Gold field	Arrawatta	New England.
33	2	Athol	do	do	do.
42	1	Bootawaa		Gloucester	Hunter and Macleay.
79	4	Barmedman	Barmedman Gold-field	Bland	Lachlan.
53	3	Brunbun	Turon River Gold-field	Roxburgh	Tambaroora and Turon.
68	3	Budawang		St Vincent	Southern.
82	4	Bagawa	Nana Creek Gold field	Fitzroy	Clarence and Richmond.
82	4	Beargaml	Billabong Gold field	Ashburnham	Lachlan.
34	3	Bindogandri	do	do	do
17	3	Cooloongolok		Gloucester	Hunter and Macleay.
79	4	Coba	Emu Creek Gold field	Monteagle	Lachlan.
49	2	Coleridge	Chamber's Creek Gold-field	Bathurst	Tambaroora and Turon
52a	2	Cunglebung Gold-field		Gresham	Clarence and Richmond.
56	1	Cavert		Bathurst	Bathurst.
65	2	Churchill	Solferino Gold-field	Drake	New England.
71	2	Cargo Gold-field		Ashburnham	Lachlan.
72	3	Cooyal (Village of)		Phillip	Mudgee.
84	2	Cobar		Robinson	Cobar.
52	3	Cowan		Gresham	Clarence and Richmond.
40	1	Dunleary	Milburn Creek Gold-field	Bathurst	Bathurst.
50	2	Eskdale	Green Swamp	Roxburgh	do.
81	4	Ermington	Cambigne Gold-field	Gresham	Clarence and Richmond.
30	4	Forbes	Lachlan Gold-field	Ashburnham	Lachlan.
30	4	Gordon	Vegetable Creek	Gough	Peel and Uralla
35	3	Hawthorn	Emmaville Gold-field	Arrawatta	New England
78	4	Irralong		Gloucester	Hunter and Macleay.
73	1	Inverell		Gough	Peel and Uralla.
39	3	Jingellic		Goulburn	Tumut and Adelong.
82	4	Kiawaree	Billabong Gold field	Murray	Southern.
40	1	Kamandria	Green Swamp	Ashburnham	Lachlan
58	3	Melrose		Roxburgh	Bathurst.
42	1	Macquarie River Gold field	Barmedman Gold-field	Wellington	Tambaroora and Turon.
44	2	Mandamah	Muttama Gold-field	Bland	Lachlan.
45	2	Mooney Mooney	Junction Point Gold field	Harden	Tumut and Adelong
53	3	Neglo		Georgiana	Bathurst.
57	1	Mongarlowe		St. Vincent	Southern.
66	2	Mulgunnia	Mulgunnia Gold-field	Georgiana	Bathurst
69	3	May Day Reef	Black Range Gold field	Goulburn	Tumut and Adelong.
70	2	Metz	Gara Falls	Sandon	Peel and Uralla.
72	3	Mitchell's River		Gough	do
76	3	Mopone		Robinson	Cobar
43	2	Moogem	Pheasant Creek	Clive	New England
48	2	Nuggetty Gully	Nowendock Gold field	Hawes	Peel and Uralla
66	2	Nullama	Union and Lone Star Reefs, Quart Pot Creek.	Gresham	Clarence and Richmond.
74	1	Nail Can Reef	Black Range Gold field	Goulburn	Tumut and Adelong.
51	1	Oban		Clarke	Peel and Uralla.
86	4	Perseverance Reefs, &c.	Boyd or Little River Gold-field	Gresham	Clarence and Richmond
41	2	Qurdong, &c		Wellesley	Southern.
32	3	Solitary Creek	Wattle Flat Gold-field	Roxburgh	Bathurst.
36	3	Teleraree	Gloucester Gold-field	Gloucester	Hunter and Macleay.
55	4	Topi		do	do.
80	1	Tomingley Gold-field		Naromme	Mudgee.
35	3	Tunnabidgee		Wellington	Tambaroora and Turon.
39	3	Wangat		Gloucester	Hunter and Macleay.
87	1	Wyanbene		Dampier	Southern.
40	1	Warriatta	Albert Gold-field	Evelyn	Albert
46	2	Yetholme	Green Swamp	Roxburgh	Bathurst.
54	3	Young	Bunangong Gold-field	Monteagle	Lachlan.
		Yalwal Creek Diggings		St. Vincent	Southern.

## INSPECTOR OF MINES.

The Inspector of Mines (Mr. Slee, F.G.S.) reports 15 fatal and 16 non-fatal accidents during 1889,—an increase as compared with 12 fatal and 9 non-fatal in 1888. The percentage of fatal accidents in 1889 was 08, and of non-fatal 085. Of the fatal accidents 2 were caused by fall of earth, 2 by foul air, 7 by falling down shaft, 3 by machinery, and 1 by explosives. Of the non-fatal accidents 9 were caused by drilling out missed shots, 5 by fall of earth, and 2 by falling down shaft.

During the year the mines in the following localities were inspected:—Mittagong, Shoalhaven, Goulburn, Yalwal, Boonoo Boonoo, Drake, Tooloom, Solferino, Glen Innes, Dalmorton, Inverell, Tingha, Emmaville, Hillgrove, Armidale, Uralla, Mombi, Bendemeer, Tamworth, Stewart's Brook, Denison Diggings, Copeland, Dungog, Casino, Lismore, Ballina, Maclean, Grafton, Nana Creek, Bellinger, Nambucca, Upper Macleay, Locksley, Blayney, Orange, Molong, Cudal, Cargo, Parke, Canowindra, Alick's Flat, Peak Hill, Tarana, Oberon, and Wiseman's Creek. In addition to the Inspector of Mines, Mr. Slee ably superintended the working of the diamond drills and water augers, and is one of the most active members of the Prospecting Board. It is most gratifying that Mr. Slee's zeal and ability have been recognized by promoting him to the position of Chief Inspector of Mines. Mr. Slee's report, appended hereto, will be read with interest.

## DIAMOND

## DIAMOND DRILLS AND WATER AUGERS.

Under the supervision of Mr. Sloc, F.G.S., the working of the diamond drills during the year 1889 has been very satisfactory, notwithstanding that the average depths bored in 1889 exceeds that of any previous year.

The aggregate depth of the bores put down in 1889 was 7,853 feet 10 in., being 438 feet 5 in. less than in 1888. The cost per foot of boring was higher in 1889 than in 1888, due to the greater depth of the bores. The destruction of diamonds was also greater by 3d. per foot, due mainly to the very hard country which had to be pierced at Broken Hill and at Woodford, but in spite of these facts the result of the year's operations shows a credit balance, after deducting 5 per cent. for wear and tear of machinery. To have obtained such a result in face of the low rates charged for boring is highly creditable to the Superintendent, and fully justifies the practice of allowing him the utmost freedom in the selection of the men employed on the drills. The staff, under Mr. Sloc in the office, the store, and the field, are most zealous in the performance of their duties, and much of the success in the working of the drills is due to that fact.

The work done by the water augers during the year has not been quite so satisfactory, but this is due to the fact that the augers which were guaranteed to bore to a depth of 300 feet have been made to bore over 1,100 feet, but as the work has progressed the bores have gradually reached greater depths, consequently the aggregate depth bored in 1889 was not so great as in 1888, and the cost per foot has increased to the extent of 5s. 1d. The total depth bored during the year was 1,448 feet 9 inches, being less by 513 feet 3 inches in 1888. During the year four bores were in progress, namely—two on the Wanaaring to Milparinka Road, one at 121 miles, 1,025 feet deep, and one at 106 miles, 1,112 feet 11 inches deep, and one at Tibooburra, 349 feet 6 inches. Here a large supply of good water has been struck, but it is hoped that an artesian supply will be obtained at about 500 feet. The cost per foot for the year was 28s. 2½d., exclusive of office expenses, or 32s. 7½d. including all expenses.

## MINERAL PRODUCTS.

The aggregate value of the mineral products of this Colony to the end of 1889 amounted to £81,599,113. The value of such products for the year 1889 was £4,780,364, being an increase of £90,458 6s. 0d. upon the value in 1888. The principal increases were in the output of gold, coal, and silver-lead. The minor increases were in silver, shale, antimony, bismuth, oxide of iron, zinc, spelter, and lead. The principal decreases are in tin and copper; the minor decreases in iron, manganese, and sundry minerals.

The following table shows the aggregate value of minerals, the produce of New South Wales, for the years 1888 and 1889 respectively compared:—

Minerals.	1888.			1889.			Increase in Value.			Decrease in Value.		
	Quantity.	£	s. d.	Quantity.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Gold .....	87,503·24 oz.	317,099	12 0	119,759·00 oz.	434,070	8 4	116,970	16 4				
Silver .....	375,063·70 „	66,668	0 0	416,895·35 „	72,001	0 0	5,333	0 0				
Coal .....	3,203,443·18 tons	1,455,198	4 1	3,655,632·30 tons	1,632,848	15 6	177,650	11 5				
Shale .....	34,869·00 „	73,612	0 0	40,561·00 „	77,666	15 0	4,054	15 0				
Tin .....	4,809·50 „	582,496	0 0	4,650·25 „	415,171	0 0			167,325	0 0		
Copper .....	3,899·35 „	275,034	0 0	4,182·00 „	206,641	0 0			68,393	0 0		
Iron* .....	3,747·10 „	23,721	6 9	2,136·90 „	18,330	10 0			5,390	16 9		
Antimony .....	190·35 „	2,918	0 0	221·40 „	3,344	0 0	426	0 0				
Bismuth .....	18·07 „	3,911	0 0	42·50 „	11,349	0 0	7,438	0 0				
Sundry Minerals .....	119·30 „	3,438	0 0	95·85 „	719	0 0			2,719	0 0		
Silver-lead Ore .....	29,841·60 „	1,075,737	0 0	81,545·30 „	1,899,197	0 0	823,460	0 0				
Manganese .....	23·00 „	75	0 0						75	0 0		
Oxide of Iron .....				489·05 „	1,329	0 0	1,329	0 0				
Zinc Spelter .....				96·85 „	988	0 0	988	0 0				
Lead (Pig) .....				522·30 „	6,711	0 0	6,711	0 0				
		3,879,908	2 10		4,780,366	8 10	1,144,361	2 9	243,902	16 9		
							Net increase		900,458	6 0		
									1,144,361	2 9		

\* Not manufactured from the ore, but old iron.

The value of the mineral products in 1889 exceeds the decennial average by £1,694,277.

The following Return shows the quantity and value of Gold, Coal, Shale, Copper, Tin, Silver, Silver-lead Ore, Iron, Antimony, Asbestos, and Bismuth, &c., &c., produced in the Colony of New South Wales during the last ten years:—

Year.	Gold.		Coal.		Shale.		Copper and Regulus.		Tin and Tin Ore.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
1880 ...	Oz. 118,600	£ 411,543	Tons. 1,466,180	£ 615,337	Tons. 19,201	£ 44,725	Tons. 5,394	£ 361,059	Tons. 6,159	£ 471,337
1881 ...	149,627	566,513	1,769,597	603,248	27,894	40,748	5,494	355,062	8,200	724,003
1882 ...	140,469	526,521	2,109,282	948,965	48,065	84,114	4,958	324,727	8,670	833,461
1883 ...	123,806	458,509	2,521,457	1,201,942	49,250	90,861	8,957·7	577,201	9,125·5	824,552
1884 ...	107,199	395,292	2,749,109	1,303,077	31,618	72,176	7,305·4	416,179	6,665·9	521,587
1885 ...	103,736	378,665	2,878,863	1,340,213	27,462	67,239	5,746	264,920	5,193	415,626
1886 ...	101,417	366,294	2,830,175	1,303,164	43,563	99,976	4,027	167,665	4,968	467,653
1887 ...	110,288	394,579	2,922,497	1,346,163	40,010	87,761	4,763	199,102	4,961	525,420
1888 ...	87,503	317,100	3,203,443	1,455,198	34,869	73,612	3,899	275,034	4,809	582,496
1889 ...	119,759	434,070	3,655,632	1,632,848	40,561	77,666	4,182	206,641	4,650	415,171
	1,162,404	4,279,086	26,106,235	11,750,155	372,493	739,778	54,726·1	3,149,590	63,401·4	5,781,306

Year.	Silver.		Silver-lead and Silver-lead Ore.		Iron.		Antimony and Ore.		Asbestos.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
1880 ...	oz. dwt. 91,419 0	£ 21,878	t. c. 27 14	£ 890	t. c. 2,322 0	£ 15,335	t. c. 99 19	£ 1,652	t. c. 12 8	£ 323
1881 ...	57,254 0	13,026	52 14	1,625	6,560 0	47,871	539 4	17,346	.....	...
1882 ...	38,618 0	9,024	11 19	360	7,476 0	37,224	1,068 18	16,732	7 10	75
1883 ...	77,065 18	16,488	136 4	2,075	3,434 3	26,908	375 11	5,555	.....	...
1884 ...	93,660 5	19,780	9,167 11	241,940	3,759 2	24,572	433 12	6,458	.....	...
1885 ...	794,174 0	150,187	2,286 0	107,626	4,176 0	25,793	293 0	4,296	6 0	90
1886 ...	1,015,433 10	197,544	4,802 2	294,485	3,685 17	19,068	273 3	3,381	.....	...
1887 ...	177,307 15	32,453	12,530 3	541,952	2,797 8	14,543	168 7	1,641	.....	...
1888 ...	375,064 0	66,668	29,841 12	1,075,737	3,747 0	23,721	190 7	2,918	.....	...
1889 ...	416,895 7	72,901	81,545 6	1,899,197	2,136 18	18,330	221 8	3,344	.....	...
	3,136,891 15	608,054	140,401 5	4,165,897	40,094 8	253,365	3,663 9	63,323	25 18	488

Year.	Bismuth.		Sundry Minerals.		Oxide of Iron.		Zinc Spelter.		Lead (Pig).		Total.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
1880 ...	t. c. ....	£ .....	t. c. 21 0	£ 795	t. c. ....	£ .....	t. c. ....	£ .....	t. c. ....	£ .....	£ 1,977,874
1881 ...	12 10	2,728	15 5	1,020	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,373,190
1882 ...	2 14	162	7 0	979	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,782,344
1883 ...	3 14	650	31 0	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,204,901
1884 ...	14 7½	2,770	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,003,831
1885 ...	14 0	3,700	457 0	7,820	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,775,175
1886 ...	20 18	3,870	69 0	5,327	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,928,427
1887 ...	36 11	6,695	1,431 0	15,624	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,165,938
1888 ...	18 1½	3,911	119 0	3,433	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,879,833
1889 ...	42 10	11,349	95 15	719	489 1	1,329	96 17	988	522 6	6,711	4,780,364
	165 6	35,835	2,015 0	35,882	489 1	1,329	96 17	988	522 6	6,711	30,860,877

## GOLD.

The yield of gold in 1889 was, I am happy to say, larger than it has been in any year since 1883. I trust that in 1888 we reached the lowest point, and are now in a fair way to recover our position amongst the gold-producing countries. That we should do so if our auriferous lands were well prospected, and our gold-mining operations conducted upon the most approved principles and with the aid of the best appliances. As will be seen by the table below, the yield of our gold-fields to the end of 1889 amounts to over 37½ millions sterling; and the opinion is frequently expressed by experts that we have barely tapped our gold deposits. Whether this view be strictly correct I am not prepared to say, but it is clear that the known alluvial deposits are to a large extent exhausted. That there may be very large deposits of alluvium yet untouched is probably true, especially such as are comparatively deep or covered by basalt, or such as can be worked profitably only under methods not yet commonly employed in this Colony. As regards our auriferous lodes, I think there can be little doubt that we have barely commenced to open them, and I look forward to a very considerable increase of gold yield when we have some cheap and effective modes of saving very fine particles of gold, and of extracting gold from pyritous ores.



TABLE showing the Quantity and Value of Gold won in the Colony of New South Wales from 1851 to 1889.

Year.	Quantity in oz.	Value.	Year.	Quantity in oz.	Value.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
1851 ...	144,120	468,336 0 0	1872 ...	425,129	1,643,581 16 11
1852 ...	818,751	2,660,946 0 0	1873 ...	361,784	1,395,175 8 7
1853 ...	548,052	1,781,172 0 0	1874 ...	270,823	1,040,328 13 6
1854 ...	237,910	773,209 0 0	1875 ...	230,882	877,693 18 0
1855 ...	171,367	654,594 0 0	1876 ...	167,411	613,190 7 9
1856 ...	184,600	689,174 0 0	1877 ...	124,110	471,418 4 4
1857 ...	175,949	674,477 0 0	1878 ...	119,665	430,033 2 7
1858 ...	286,798	1,104,174 12 2	1879 ...	109,649	407,218 13 5
1859 ...	329,363	1,259,127 7 10	1880 ...	118,600	441,543 7 7
1860 ...	384,053	1,465,372 19 9	1881 ...	149,627	566,513 0 0
1861 ...	465,685	1,806,171 10 8	1882 ...	140,459	526,521 12 5
1862 ...	640,622	2,467,779 16 1	1883 ...	123,805	458,508 16 0
1863 ...	466,111	1,796,170 4 0	1884 ...	107,198	395,291 12 5
1864 ...	340,267	1,304,926 7 11	1885 ...	103,736	378,665 0 3
1865 ...	320,316	1,231,242 17 7	1886 ...	101,416	366,294 7 7
1866 ...	290,014	1,116,403 14 5	1887 ...	110,288	394,578 16 3
1867 ...	271,886	1,053,578 2 11	1888 ...	87,503	317,099 12 0
1868 ...	255,662	994,665 0 5	1889 ...	119,759	434,070 8 4
1869 ...	251,491	974,148 13 4			
1870 ...	240,858	931,016 8 6		10,092,356	37,614,887 9 5
1871 ...	323,609	1,250,484 15 11			

With a view to encourage inventors of new processes, Mr. Pittman, who is specially qualified for the duty, has been deputed to inspect and report upon two inventions that have been brought under notice of the Department.

The following extracts from the reports of Wardens and Mining Registrars indicate the condition of gold-mining in the several mining districts during the past year:—

In the Bathurst district the reports say:—Rich stone was struck at a depth of 600 feet vertical in the New Bathurst Company at Trunkey, the first crushing from which gave 910 oz. of smelted gold. It is expected that three other mines at Trunkey will be worked shortly. Sluicing was carried on vigorously during the winter at Mountain Run Creek with payable results. Good wages were made by parties of miners at Rocky Bridge, Mountain Run, Copperhannia, Trunkey, The Grove, and other creeks. A small trial crushing from the Monarch reef gave a highly satisfactory return. At Pharoah's Point a few miners have done remarkably well. At Bombah, gold has been obtained in alluvial, also in the Grove Creek, near Mount Gray. At the recently discovered quartz reef opposite Bombah the prospects are very good indeed, from 2 to 3 oz. per ton. A rich deposit of alluvium has been worked during the winter on private land on Tuena Creek, half-a-mile from its junction with the Abercrombie River. Many miners are working on Tuena Creek up to the junction. Gold has been found at Mount Werong. At Dark Corner the Paddy Lackey Company which was aided out of the Prospecting Vote (but for which their mine would now be idle), have sunk their shaft to a depth of 300 feet. They have a reef 3 feet wide, from which they have raised 400 tons of stone which yielded 442 oz. of gold. The St. George Company, depth of shaft 320 feet, width of reef 2 feet, have crushed 200 tons of stone for 100 oz. of gold. At Little Hill, Lane and Party raised 40 tons of stone which yielded 17 oz. 14 dwt. of gold. Several leases are being worked at Cheshire's Creek and Clear Creek with encouraging though not remunerative results. At Mount M'Donald rich stone was found in the Balmoral mine. In the Carcoar division the Prince of Wales and Gold Hill Companies at Burnt Yards have been successful. The conglomerate pebbly wash in the basaltic range, on the bank of the Belubula, contains gold in payable quantities, but the difficulty of constructing suitable shoots to convey the stuff to the river has prevented any marked progress in the sluicing operations, but it is intended to erect proper appliances at once. A prospecting party at Hancock's Paddock (Blayne division), at a depth of 80 feet struck an iron-stone reef 6 feet wide, which assays 1 oz. 15 dwt. per ton. In the Orange division about 100 oz. of gold and silver bullion have been raised during the year by Messrs. Cross and Spear, at Diggers' Creek. Tom's Lewis Ponds Company raised about 1,900 tons of ore, and treated about 679 tons, giving a return of £4,100. In the Tambaroora and Turon districts—a rich reef was found at Nuggetty Creek, near Wattle Flat. Several sluicing claims near Sofala were worked with satisfactory results, some of the men averaging £6 per week. On the Queenslander Reef 1,700 tons of stone raised yielded nearly 425 oz.; the reef is about 50 feet wide. The Big Oakey Co. raised 130 tons stone which yielded 272 oz. From the Caledonian Reef 544 tons of stone yielded nearly 138 oz. of gold. From Solitary Creek Reef 114 tons of stone yielded 44 oz. From the Magenta Reef 63 tons of stone yielded nearly 39 oz. of gold. Middle Creek Reef, 120 tons of quartz raised yielded 159 oz. of gold. At Hawkins' Hill, Hill End, rich stone was found in Suttor's and in Vere's claims.

In the Mudgee district, at Yahoo, on the west bank of the Macquarie River, a deposit of cement has been found under the basalt in the hills; the depth of wash is from 2 to 10 feet, and so far as tested is gold-bearing. A plant has been erected but operations had not commenced. At Peak Hill (Dubbo division), an important discovery of auriferous country was made from which, as far as could be ascertained, about 912 oz. of gold had been obtained to the end of the year, but none of the lodes had been worked. The Centenary Co., Tomingley, raised 533 tons stone, which yielded 237 oz. of gold, and Crowhurst and party raised 264 tons, which yielded 158 oz. of gold. At Myall 630 tons of stone yielded 710 oz. of gold. A shaft has been sunk in the Guntawang Paddock, near Gulgong, but could not bottom on account of the quantity of water, but fine gold was obtained through a bore put down to test the depth of the wash. Pumping machinery is now being erected.

In the Lachlan District several rushes took place during the year in the Parkes and Forbes division. One at Alick's Flat is likely to give employment to a number of miners, for some years. During the year a considerable quantity of gold was obtained. On the North Hill, Forbes, a reef 4 feet wide, said to contain very rich stone, was found on private property. The Pinnacle Reef has been proved to vary from 2 feet to 14 feet in width, and has averaged  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. per ton.

The Bald Hill Co. washed 2,000 loads of dirt for a yield of 650 oz. of gold. On the Victoria Lead the Phoenix Co. recently found a rich run of gold, some of the nuggets weighing over 5 oz. The Britannia Co. crushed 248 tons of stone for 330 oz. of gold. A new vein, 6 inches to 2 feet wide, recently discovered, shows coarse gold. At Parkes, reefs which have been abandoned for years, are being taken up again, and satisfactory returns are being obtained from a number of claims. 134 tons from the Kohinoor Mine yielded 264 oz. of gold. 65 tons of stone from the Possum Gully Reef yielded 110 oz. of gold. A reef has been discovered at the head of the Welcome Lead, from which good prospects have been obtained. About 1 mile east of Alicktown a reef has been opened, showing stone similar to the Peak. The yield of gold in the Parkes division was 3,230 oz. from alluvial, and 5,016 oz. from quartz. From the Blue Jacket Reef (Canowindra) 125 tons of stone gave over 2 oz. of gold per ton. Yield for the year, 2,139 oz. Small parcels of quartz from Sandy Flat, aggregating 457 tons, gave 195 oz. of gold, and 112 tons of quartz from Lawson's Reef (Grenfell) gave  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. per ton. At Delaney's Dyke (Molong) 1,727 tons of stone raised gave 978 oz. 11 dwt. of gold. At Muttama the Excelsior Co. obtained 128 oz. of gold from 154 tons of stone. At Coala the Mount Morgan Co. obtained 75 oz. from 179 tons of stone. At Eurongilly Holland & Co. and Lynch & Co. obtained 105 oz. of gold from 47 tons of stone. At Wantivol Hawthorne and Party crushed 99 tons of stone for 35 oz. At Temora, about 5,600 loads of wash yielded about 690 oz. of gold. At Barmedman 845 $\frac{1}{2}$  tons of stone crushed yielded nearly 450 oz. of gold. At Young the New Burrangong Co. obtained 2,019 oz. of gold. At Wombat Messrs. Barnes have taken £700 of gold from private land.

In the Cobar District, in the Chesney Cobar Mine, the lode varies from 4 to 25 feet wide without walls. 2,436 tons of quartz raised and crushed yielded 796 oz. 12 dwt. The vein in the Mount Billagoe Mine, at a depth of 202 feet, is 10 inches wide, from which 10 tons of stone has been raised. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  tons crushed gave 20 oz. 8 dwt. 9 gr. of gold and 278 oz. 15 dwt. 11 gr. of silver. For want of proper appliances to extract the gold and silver, the ore has to be sent to Sydney, Melbourne, or South Australia. In the Occidental Mine the lode, at a depth of 100 feet, is 13 feet wide. 690 tons of stone crushed gave 718 oz. 3 dwt. 18 gr. of gold.

In the Albert District mining has been retarded by want of water. At Stringer's Hill, Kilgower and party obtained 208 oz. from 109 loads of wash; Crammond and party, 36 oz. from 60 loads; Swain and Conway, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. from 22 loads of wash. During the latter part of the year the miners had recourse to dry-blowing in order to obtain a livelihood. The Mount Browne Prospecting Co. had to suspend work to procure more powerful machinery to cope with the water. This machinery was nearly completed at the end of the year. Payable wash of limited extent was found at Mount Poole. The want of water has been specially felt at Tibooburra, but one man obtained more than 8 oz. in one week by dry blowing. When water is available a fossiker with a tin dish can make from £2 to £5 per week. The Gladstone Reef, 3 to 4 feet wide, is the only quartz reef at work in the Tibooburra division. Assays give good results, but there is no plant for treating the stone in bulk. At Nuggetty there is a very large quantity of cement, which yields from 3 to 15 dwt. to the load. The gold-saving appliances at Wanatta having proved wholly inadequate even in regard to free gold, nearly all work on the reefs has ceased, pending the erection of improved machinery. The Koorningberry Reefs were discovered during the year. A township has been laid out, and there are about 40 miners located there. 30 cwt. of the stone has been sent away for treatment. In the Wilcannia division a good deal of prospecting was carried on. At Cawker's Well, 37 miles from Wilcannia and about 12 from the River Darling, on the Wienterriga Run, several gold-bearing reefs have been found, 5 tons from which, crushed in Melbourne, yielded 1 oz. 2 dwt. of gold per ton. Assays have given as high as 19 oz. per ton from picked stone. At Kandie Peak, about 80 miles from Wilcannia, on the Mount Browne Road, some alluvial gold and also fairly good reefs were found.

In the Tumut and Adelong District :—At Hawksview (Albury), 35 tons of stone yielded 42 oz. of gold, and 44 tons gave 53 oz. On the Nine-mile Reserve, 2 tons gave 3 oz., 10 tons gave 29 oz., and 8 tons gave 31 oz. of gold. At Tumberumba, the most important event of the year was the opening of the deep lead under the basalt by the prospectors. If this lead prove payable a very large field will be opened up. From Adelong, 2,895 oz. of gold was sent by escort. Of this, 1,771 oz. was from alluvium, and 644 oz. from 812 tons of quartz; the bulk of the alluvial gold came from Mr. A. D. Shepard's mine. The Lady Mary Co., Gap Reef (aided from the Prospecting Vote), crushed 155 tons of stone for 124 oz. 4 dwt. 2 gr. The Great Victoria Co. crushed 199 tons for 238 oz. 8½ dwt. Good stone was met with in the Perseverance Co.'s mine, but the vein is thin. The Proprietary and Currajong Co. crushed 101 tons for 195 oz. 3 dwt.; the last parcel treated yielded 3 oz. 5 dwt. per ton. At Kiandra, the gold won did not exceed 400 oz. At Colinton, the stone crushed has yielded from ½ oz. to 5 oz. per ton. At Fiery Creek, the yield from quartz crushed has varied from 18 dwt. to 1½ oz. per ton. At Goodradigbee (Queanbeyan), 50,000 cubic yards of earth sluiced gave 64 oz. of gold. At Mac's Reef, a reef, called New Mac's Reef, 12 feet wide, and carrying gold, has been cut.

In the Southern District :—Some alluvial leads on private land at Jembaicumbene have been worked with satisfactory results. Arrangements are being made to work the Horseshoe Bend, Shoalhaven River, upon an extensive scale. Improved machinery has been erected by the Major's Creek Proprietary Co., and they have nearly completed their chlorination works. They have concentrates from 4,121 tons of stone, stacked ready for the new plant. The Day Dawn Co., Little River, raised and crushed 1,820 tons of stone for 910 oz. of free gold and 45 tons pyrites, which assay 6 oz. per ton. The reef is 3 feet wide. The Nerriga Freehold Co. have proved an alluvial lead under basalt at a depth of 130 feet; for a distance of 250 feet the wash varies in thickness from 5 to 7 feet, and yields 3 dwt. per load. At Araluen only a few of the claims were at work, and only during part of the year, but they raised 2,860 oz. 15 dwt. of gold. Stone pipes have been laid for draining a large area which is about to be worked, and which if payable will give employment to a large number of men. At Bell's Creek 205½ tons of quartz crushed gave 15½ dwt. per ton. At Yalwal the Homeward-bound Co. are erecting improved machinery, capable of treating 350 tons of stone per week. This mine has been worked as a quarry, and is said to have yielded £30,000 worth of gold. The Caledonian mine contains veins and reefs which aggregate 7 feet in width, the first 10 tons from which gave 2 oz. per ton; a further parcel of 77 tons gave 17 dwt. per ton, but another parcel of 50 tons treated at the Homeward-bound mine gave 150 oz. A ton of average stone sent to the Mint is said to have yielded 9 oz. 17½ dwt. and 2 oz. of silver. The Little Gem Co. raised about 800 tons of quartz, from which 600 oz. of gold was won. The Caledonian mine crushed 30 tons of quartz for 68 oz. of gold. The Crown Co. crushed 15 tons for 18½ oz. On North's Creek, Nerrigundah, several parties are getting payable alluvial gold. The Bodalla Co., Wagonga North Heads, crushed 210 tons for 95 oz. A small rush took place during the year to a gully on the east bank of the Wagonga River. From 25 to 30 men were employed to the end of the year. A deposit of auriferous quartz has been discovered at Yowaka, near Pambula, and a parcel of the stone has been sent to the Sydney Mint for treatment.

In the Hunter and Macleay District :—At Stewart's Brook the Ethel May Co. had a trial crushing of 100 tons of stone, which gave nearly 1 oz. of gold per ton. At Denison 211 tons of stone crushed gave 270 oz. of gold. At the Royal Standard mine £7,700 worth of gold was obtained from 1,309 tons of stone. In the Scone division about 3,500 tons of stone was raised, from which about 2,500 tons was crushed, giving gold to the value of £11,200. At the Wonga claim (Lower Wangat) 172 tons gave 130 oz.; width of vein, 12 inches. Good prospects have recently been obtained at Cherry-tree Creek, 6 miles from Dungog, on church and school land. At the Lady Belmore Mine (Copeland) a reef has been cut 8 to 14 inches wide showing gold.

In the Peel and Uralla district gold was discovered in an ironstone lode, from 1 to 3 feet wide, about 4½ miles from Tamworth. From Thompson's Reef (Nundle) 12 tons crushed gave 7 oz. per ton. The output of gold in the Armidale division is set down at 30,550 oz. During the year gold was discovered at Postman's Creek (now Melrose). The Enmore Consolidated Co. are erecting an extensive crushing plant. A trial crushing of 5 tons is said to have yielded 11 oz. 4 dwt. per ton. A trial crushing of 5 tons from Houghton's claim averaged 2 oz. 5 dwt. Stone from several other claims are said to average from 1 to 10 oz. per ton. At Hillgrove the Baker's Creek Co. are working two reefs, one about 1 foot and the other 2 feet. During the year 3,137 tons crushed gave 24,825 oz. of gold. The Eleanora Co. have a lode 8 feet wide, composed of quartz and antimony; the quartz averages 8 dwt. per ton. The ore is put through a furnace which extracts the antimony about 63 per cent. of pure metal, the remainder is then crushed for gold. The Sunlight Co. has a lode 6 feet wide, which gives an average of 2 oz. per ton. There are five other lodes in the mine which have been proved to contain gold. On the adjoining block is a reef about 2 feet wide, assays from which give 11 oz. 8 dwt. per ton. The Baker's Creek North Co.

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have three reefs, one 1 foot wide, one 2 feet wide, and one 2½ feet wide; average yield from the last two reefs, 1 oz. 15 dwt. per ton. The Primrose Co. have a reef 1 foot wide, from which a trial crushing of 15 tons gave 6 oz. per ton; a second crushing of 15 tons gave 7 oz. per ton. The Enterprise Co. has a reef 1 foot wide from which a trial crushing gave 2 oz. per ton. The Cosmopolitan Co. has a lode from 2 to 6 feet wide, consisting of antimony and quartz. The quartz shows a little gold, and the antimony averages about 50 per cent. The Lady Carrington Co. have a lode about 2 feet wide, which gives about 1½ oz. of gold per ton, and three other reefs in which traces of gold have been found; 16 tons of quartz crushed in Sydney gave nearly 2 oz. per ton. The Mount Carrington Co. have small gold-bearing leaders and a lode 3 feet wide, showing 1 foot of solid quartz, which, tested by dolly, gives a return of 1 oz. of gold per ton. The Eleanor North Co. have three reefs showing gold, one 2 feet wide, one 1 foot wide, and one 1½ feet wide, besides three others not yet opened. The Garibaldi Co. has a lode 3 feet wide of quartz and a little antimony, averaging 1 oz. per ton; and another reef, from which a trial crushing of 6 tons gave 5½ oz. and 10 per cent. concentrates, half a ton of which, treated in Sydney, gave 14 oz. of gold. The Lord Hopetoun Co. have a reef which varies from 10 to 24 inches wide, from which a trial of 3 tons gave 5 oz. per ton. The Centennial Co. have a reef 2 feet wide, and one from 15 to 24 inches wide; 3 tons of stone crushed yielded 7 oz. of gold. The Princess Midas Co. have an antimony lode 6 to 8 feet wide, and a quartz reef 18 inches wide, containing a trace of gold. The Golden Gate Co. have two reefs, one 1 foot wide, a trial crushing from which gave 13 dwt. per ton, and one from 2 to 3 feet wide, showing gold. 8,300 tons of stone at Hillgrove yielded 29,300 oz. of gold. In addition to the above there are several mines in which occur quartz veins showing gold and lodes containing antimony. At Uralla Rice and party on payable alluvium, 6 feet of wash averaging 15 dwt. per ton. At Glen Morrison the Temperance Co. reef varies from 20 inches to 2 feet wide; 279 tons stone crushed gave 131 oz. 2 dwt. of gold. Homeward-bound Co. crushed 82 tons for 122 oz. of gold. At Bingera the Adelaide Co. have sunk a shaft 130 feet, striking wash under the basalt, the result was considered satisfactory, and are sinking and timbering a permanent shaft. The Bingera Co. have 60 or 70 tons of stone, showing very fair gold. An alluvial deposit has been found about 5 miles from Bingera, which has given employment to some 100 men, who obtained 1,000 oz. of gold. At Upper Bingera a reef in limestone formation has been opened, several tons of stone sent to Brisbane and Sydney yielding an average of 4 oz. per ton. At Barraba several reefs have been opened, in some cases yielding 3 oz. per ton. One parcel of 22 tons yielded 30 oz. of gold. In the Glen Innes division important discoveries of gold-bearing reefs were made at Kookabookra, Bear Hill, and it is reported that valuable reefs have been discovered at Glen Elgin. The quantity of gold won in the division was 556 oz.

In the New England district, the Great Northern Company are erecting reduction works. The ore is low grade, yielding probably not more than 4 or 5 dwt. of gold per ton. 1,500 tons, put through an old battery, which did not work satisfactorily, gave 270 oz. of gold. An improved method of amalgamation will be adopted by which it is expected nearly all the fine gold will be saved. The plant is expected to treat 360 tons of ore per week. A large amount of work has been done opening up the Mascotte Mine, but no machinery has yet been erected, but the following parcels of ore have been sent away for treatment:—20 tons, yield, 57 oz. silver and 1 oz. 6 dwt. of gold per ton; 4 tons yield 125 oz. silver and 1 oz. 2 dwt. of gold per ton; and 6 tons yield 37 oz. silver and 1 oz. 2 dwt. gold per ton. The Adeline Company is still working a well-defined reef, 5 feet wide. The ore is of a refractory character, containing a considerable percentage of copper. The assay value of the ore is about £3 per ton. Wann's Mine, Saw-pit Gully, contains a lode or dyke about 25 feet wide. The ore to a depth of 15 feet yielded per ton, bullion valued at £2. Below that depth sulphides are met with, but though the ore still shows good assays it cannot be treated by the appliances on the mine. 300 tons of ore from this mine treated at the Adeline Battery gave 325 oz. of free gold and 26 tons of concentrates, valued at £17 per ton. A rich find of gold occurred in River's lease, 7 miles from Fairfield. The first reef discovered was very narrow, and soon ran out. 353 oz. of gold was obtained from it. With aid from the Prospecting Vote the search was prosecuted, and a larger and promising reef was discovered. It is 8 inches wide, containing zinc blend, copper, and free gold is visible in it. 56 tons crushed gave 278 oz. of gold. The reef still looks well, but is situated in an almost inaccessible gully, from which the stone is removed with great difficulty. Prospecting for alluvial leads in the basalt ranges near Tooloom is being carried on. In the Dalmorton division, 150 tons, crushed at the Mann River, gave 62½ oz. of gold; about 100 tons, crushed at Dalmorton, gave 79½ oz. of gold. A trial sample of 8 tons of stone from the Sir Walter Scott Mine at Cangi, treated in Sydney, gave 3 oz. per ton. The discovery of payable alluvial gold at Marengo was reported during the year. Several new reefs were also reported. The Magpie Reef is only 2 or 3 inches wide, but it appears to be payable. 4 tons yielded about 45 oz. of gold. The Isabella Reef, 16 inches wide, in which a little gold can be seen. Other reefs have been opened, but no definite result yet obtained. From the Mountain Maid Prospecting Claim reef, from 2 to 5 feet wide, 64 tons crushed

crushed gave 1 oz. per ton. At Nana Creek the Jubilee Reef, 2 feet 6 inches wide, averaged 1 oz. 2 dwt. per ton. The Lady Bella Mine has two reefs, 15 inches and 2½ feet wide respectively. 83 tons of stone crushed gave over 128 oz. of gold, and 58 tons gave 96½ oz. The reef in the Nana's Daughter Mine is from 3 to 4 feet wide, 21 tons from which averaged 1 oz. 3 dwt. The parcels of stone crushed at the local batteries aggregate 266½ tons for nearly 306 oz. of gold.

The following information has been kindly furnished by R. Hunt, Esq., C.M.G., F.G.S., the Deputy-Master of the Royal Mint.

QUANTITIES of Gold, the produce of New South Wales, received into the Royal Mint, Sydney, during 1888 and 1889 compared.

District.	Division.	1889.	1888.	Increase.	Decrease.
		oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Bathurst.....	Bathurst.....	898·92	677·71	221·21	.....
	Carcoar.....	2,663·94	3,542·40	.....	878·46
	Orange.....	2,442·29	2,233·65	208·64	.....
	Trunkey Creek.....	1,007·85	173·82	834·03	.....
	Tuena.....	599·68	249·00	350·68	.....
	Mount M'Donald.....	167·97	27·43	140·54	.....
Tambaroora and Turon.....	Hill End.....	2,222·57	1,362·19	860·38	.....
	Tambaroora.....	920·02	805·79	114·23	.....
	Sofala.....	644·25	263·86	380·39	.....
	Stony Creek.....	1,830·19	293·34	1,536·85	.....
Mudgee.....	Mudgee.....	3,133·92	3,750·42	.....	616·50
	Gulgong.....	1,163·58	291·93	876·65	.....
	Hargraves.....	304·12	425·23	.....	121·11
	Wellington.....	126·51	50·98	75·53	.....
Lachlan.....	Parkes.....	7,023·74	3,975·08	3,048·66	.....
	Forbes.....	3,520·33	443·85	3,076·48	.....
	Grenfell.....	525·99	127·64	398·35	.....
	Young.....	1,434·82	476·51	958·31	.....
	Temora.....	989·35	2,011·73	.....	1,022·37
Albert.....	Wilcannia.....	2,720·22	1,881·44	838·78	.....
Southern.....	Goulburn.....	205·81	218·72	.....	12·91
	Braidwood.....	2,014·68	1,317·50	727·18	.....
	Araluen.....	104·88	56·41	48·47	.....
	Shoalhaven.....	1,997·80	2,202·61	.....	204·81
	Nerrigundah.....	232·16	537·78	.....	305·62
Tumut and Adelong.....	Adelong.....	2,128·02	1,730·84	397·18	.....
	Tumut.....	68·97	33·28	30·69	.....
	Cootamundra.....	194·09	64·28	129·81	.....
	Tumbarumba.....	1,246·38	1,653·74	.....	407·36
	Gundagai.....	356·99	122·50	234·49	.....
	Cooma.....	286·66	174·19	112·47	.....
	Kiandra.....	351·52	414·28	.....	62·76
	Wagga Wagga.....	.....	6·79	.....	6·79
Peel and Uralla.....	Armidale.....	27,458·33	9,421·27	18,037·06	.....
	Rocky River.....	471·33	363·05	108·28	.....
	Nundle.....	300·96	173·62	127·34	.....
	Tamworth.....	376·90	455·81	.....	78·91
	Bingera.....	1,204·45	1,045·94	158·51	.....
Hunter and Macleay.....	Copeland.....	124·82	261·92	.....	137·10
Clarence and Richmond.....	Grafton.....	559·69	466·21	93·48	.....
New England.....	Tenterfield.....	603·68	1,799·47	.....	1,195·79
Localities.....	Unknown.....	39,822·90	37,302·08	2,520·82	.....
	Total.....	114,486·29	82,891·29	36,645·49	5,050·49

## SUMMARY.

District.	1888.	1889.
	oz.	oz.
Bathurst.....	6,904·01	7,780·65
Tambaroora and Turon.....	2,725·18	5,617·03
Mudgee.....	4,518·56	4,733·13
Lachlan.....	7,034·81	13,494·24
Albert.....	1,881·44	2,720·22
Southern.....	4,333·02	4,585·33
Tumut and Adelong.....	4,204·90	4,632·63
Peel and Uralla.....	11,459·69	29,811·97
Hunter and Macleay.....	261·92	124·82
Clarence and Richmond.....	466·21	559·69
New England.....	1,799·47	603·68
Localities unknown.....	37,302·29	39,822·90
	82,891·29	114,486·29

From the above statement it will be seen that the quantity of gold sent to the Mint in 1889, exceeds the quantity sent there in 1888 by 31,595 oz. The principal increases appear to be from the Tambaroora and Turon, the Lachlan, and the Peel and Uralla Districts.

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The following table is compiled from information kindly furnished by the Collector of Customs.

EXPORT of Gold, 1889

Gold		Quartz Tailings and Pyrites		Total	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
oz 10,966	£ 44,649	{ Quartz, 2,163 packages Pyrites, 8 tons 11 cwt. }	£ 3,074	oz. 11,785	£ 47,723

The quantity of gold sent to the Royal Mint added to the quantity exported equal 126,261·29 oz, but it appears that of the 11,785 oz. exported, 6,512 oz had passed through the Mint and is included in the Mint Return, therefore the total yield of gold for 1889 may be set down at 119,759·29 oz, which, compared with the yield for 1888, shows an increase in quantity of 31,595 oz., and in value of £116,970 16s. 4d.

The output of gold according to the returns furnished by the Mining Registrars' is less than the quantity sent to the Mint by 1,537 oz. This is due to the fact that, as usual, the efforts of the Mining Registrars to obtain complete returns have not been successful.

RETURN of Gold for 1889 from Mint and Mining Registrars compared.

District	Mint	Mining Registrars	Excess	Deficiency
Bathurst	7,781	16,449		8,668
Tambaroora and Turon	5,617	10,414		4,797
Mudgee	4,733	4,275	458	
Lachlan	13,494	17,222		3,728
Albert	2,720	2,151	569	
Southern	4,585	13,086		8,501
Tumut and Adelong	4,633	8,121		3,488
Peel and Uralla	29,812	35,253		5,441
Hunter and Macleay	125	244		119
Clarence and Richmond	559	1,250		691
New England	604	2,950		2,346
Cobar		1,534		1,534
Localities Unknown	39,823		39,823	
	114,486	112,949	40,850 39,313	39,313
			1,537	

The quantity sent to the Mint exceeds the returns by Mining Registrars by

Returns furnished by the Mining Registrars' for 1889 show an increase 39,618 oz, as compared with their returns for 1888.

MINING Registrars' Returns of Gold for 1888 and 1889 compared.

District	1888	1889	Increase	Decrease
	oz	oz	oz.	oz.
Bathurst	11,821	16,449	4,628	.....
Tambaroora and Turon	5,884	10,414	4,530	.....
Mudgee	8,271	4,275		3,996
Lachlan	13,176	17,222	4,046	..
Albert	1,500	2,151	651	...
Southern	9,109	13,086	3,677	.....
Tumut and Adelong	3,345	8,121	4,776	.....
Peel and Uralla	16,400	35,253	18,853	.....
Hunter and Macleay	610	244		366
Clarence and Richmond	837	1,250	413	.....
New England	2,057	2,950	893	.....
Cobar	21	1,534	1,513	..
	73,331	112,949	43,980	4,362
Less decrease	.....	..	4,362	.....
Increase in yield for 1889	.....	..	39,618	.....

The following table shows the results obtained from the treatment in 1889 of certain parcels of alluvium compared with the results obtained in 1888. The return for 1889 is so meagre as to be utterly valueless. It is much to be regretted that the mine owners cannot be induced to furnish complete returns, as they would be most valuable for statistical purposes and could not possibly injure the owners' mines, while they might materially help forward the mining industry

COMPARATIVE Statement of Average Yields from Alluvial Mines for 1888-9.

1888				1889					
District	Quantity	Average per ton		Yield of Gold	District	Quantity	Average per ton		Yield of Gold
	Tons	oz	dwt	gr		Tons	oz	dwt	gr
Bathurst	70	0	6	6 85	Bathurst	200	0	7	0
Lachlan	10,439	0	3	5 63	Lachlan	4,454	0	14	12
Southern	200	0	15	21 60	Southern	1,110	0	11	4
Peel and Uralla	40	0	1	0 00					
	22,574	0	3	11 31		5,764	0	13	14
				1,865 12 1					3,920 0 0

The following table shows the yields obtained from certain parcels of quartz crushed. This is somewhat less meagre than the return of alluvium, but of course it is, as a rule, easier to keep account of the quantity of quartz crushed than of the quantity of alluvium washed, but none of these returns are as complete as they ought to be.

COMPARATIVE Statement of Average Yields from Quartz-mines for 1888-9.

1888.				1889.			
District.	Quantity.	Average per ton.	Yield of Gold.	District.	Quantity.	Average per ton.	Yield of Gold.
	Tons. cwt. qr. lb.	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.		Tons. cwt. qr.	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.
Bathurst	1,655 2 2 16	1 0 3-39	1,667 11 23	Bathurst	4,991 0 0	1 8 0	6,859 0 0
Tambaroora and Turon	4,749 0 0 0	0 5 4-54	1,235 7 1	Tambaroora & Turon	1,345 0 0	1 6 3	1,758 0 0
Lachlan	9,790 10 0 0	0 17 18-55	8,706 11 13	Lachlan	9,069 0 0	1 1 6	9,647 0 0
Southern	1,337 0 0 0	0 8 0-31	555 14 11	Southern	5,780 0 0	0 13 19	3,990 0 0
Tumut and Adelong	1,645 0 0 0	0 10 11-52	863 0 9	Tumut and Adelong	590 0 0	1 6 0	650 0 0
Peel and Uralla	2,130 0 0 0	5 4 20-92	11,431 0 5	Peel and Uralla	10,531 0 0	3 1 15	32,449 0 0
Hunter and Macleay	342 0 0 0	0 15 4-17	259 9 12	Hunter and Macleay	235 0 0	0 17 0	200 0 0
Clarence and Richmond	133 17 0 0	1 3 19-40	159 7 12	Clarence & Richmond	206 0 0	1 2 22	305 0 0
New England	3,633 0 0 0	0 7 16-31	1,395 0 0	New England	2,106 0 0	0 9 15	1,015 0 0
Mudgee	1,252 0 0 0	0 15 10-60	966 13 0	Mudgee	1,736 0 0	0 15 9	1,356 0 0
Cobar	22 10 0 0	2 1 21-33	47 2 12	Cobar	3,136 0 0	0 9 18	1,534 0 0
	26,789 19 2 16	1 0 8-32	27,286 18 7		39,605 0 0	1 0 2	39,743 0 0

The number of miners engaged in gold mining during 1889 was, according to the returns furnished, 10,192, being 1,732 more than in 1888. Of these 9,632 were Europeans, and 560 were Chinese. 4,569 were engaged in alluvial mining, and 5,063 in quartz mining.

Dividing the quantity of gold won by the number of miners the result obtained is that the average earnings of each miner appears to be 11oz. 15dwt. of gold, equal to £42 11s. 9½d. This is an improvement upon the average earnings of 1888. But when the fact that a considerable portion of our gold-miners follow other pursuits during a part of the year is taken into account, it will be seen that this method of arriving at the earnings of the class is only a rough approximation. Moreover it makes no allowance for the expenses incidental to mining.

During the year 3,007 samples were assayed for gold, by direction of this Department.

1,763 yielded nil.

909 yielded under 10 dwt. per ton.

335 yielded as follows:—

Locality.	Description of Mineral.	Per ton.		Per cent.	
		Gold.	Silver.	Lead.	Copper.
		oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.		
Armidale	Ferruginous quartz	3 16 5	0 16 6		
„ (10 miles North)	„	1 15 22	0 18 11		
„	„	1 3 22	0 4 8		
„	Quartz, felspar and mica (decomposing) with a little mispeckel	1 3 22	0 4 8		
„	Ferruginous quartz	3 0 22	0 6 12		
„	„	0 15 5	0 4 8		
„	„	2 1 8	0 4 8		
„ (near)	„ with slate and showing free gold	1 8 17	2 9 15		
„	Quartz	6 17 4	1 19 4		
„	Ferruginous quartz	11 8 16	2 16 4		
„ (Herbert Park, 9 miles from)	„ showing free gold	2 14 10	1 3 22		
„	Quartz	1 3 2	0 8 16		
„	Ferruginous quartz	5 17 10	1 10 14		
„	„	1 1 16	0 8 16		
„ (Garibaldi Reef)	Concentrates (chiefly stibnite)	25 19 8	7 16 6		
„ (17 miles from)	Quartz with a little mispickel	0 10 21	0 13 0		
„	„ containing a small amount of stibnite	0 10 21	3 10 18		
„	„ and talcose schist with pyrites	3 3 2	0 8 16		
Adelong	Pyritous tailings	8 2 0	12 16 0		
Albury (6 miles from)	Quartz veinstone with cavities resulting from decomposition of pyrites.	6 4 0	19 6 0		
„	Soft micaceous felspathic veinstuff with iron pyrites, zinc blende and molybdenite	1 0 0	26 5 0		
„	Quartz with zinc blende, pyrites and a little galena	3 11 20	5 15 1		
Bendoc River	Ferruginous felspathic quartz	1 3 22	0 5 10		
„	quartz	19 6 13	1 9 19		
„	„	1 8 11	0 5 10		
Bingera (15 miles from)	Rubble	1 8 11	0 5 10		
„	A variety of serpentine showing free gold	22 12 2	1 6 3		
„ (Spring Creek)	Concentrated pyrites	10 12 2	1 12 16		
Burrowa	Ferruginous quartz with a little pyrites	1 19 4	0 6 12		
„	Pyritous quartz	3 5 18	0 10 21		
„ (2½ miles from)	White quartz with free gold, a little pyrites and blende	13 6 18	0 10 21		
„ District	Concentrated pyrites	12 11 10	3 15 2		
Bombala (Burrumbucco, near)	Quartz with pyrites and a speck of free gold	9 6 2	1 1 13		

Locality.	Description of Mineral.	Per ton.		Per cent.	
		Gold.	Silver.	Lead.	Copper.
		oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.		
Braidwood (near) .....	Quartz with pyrites .....	1 19 4	0 6 0		
Broken Hill District.	„ and brown iron ore .....	13 19 20	2 6 19		
Blayney .....	Ferruginous quartz .....	1 10 10	0 6 12		
„ (30 miles from)	Quartz .....	1 3 22	2 10 1		
„ .....	Cellular granular quartz with brown iron ore lining the cavities .....	1 1 15	0 3 6		
Bathurst (County of).	Ferruginous quartz in schist .....	2 10 1	0 13 0		
„ District .....	Quartz with a little arseniate of iron .....	1 12 16	0 10 18		
„ and Oberon (between).	Rubbly quartz .....	0 10 0	15 4 0		
Budgee Budgee .....	Ferruginous quartz vein and slate veinstone .....	0 13 0	4 7 2		
Belubula River .....	Porous quartz .....	0 12 7	0 5 10		
Bongolong .....	Concentrated pyrites and zinc blende, some of the pyrites being massive and of considerable size.	9 2 20	0 6 12		
Buccarumbah .....	Quartz .....	2 12 1	0 7 14		
Boonoo Boonoo .....	Ferruginous quartz with a little pyrites .....	1 1 16	0 4 0		
„ .....	Quartz with pyrites and blende .....	2 16 22	27 10 22		
Belongil .....	Ferruginous quartz and brown iron ore .....	2 3 13	7 1 13		
„ .....	„ .....	3 10 18	1 7 4		
Big Badger .....	Quartz and felspathic rock .....	24 10 0	2 14 10		
Broula .....	Ferruginous siliceous rock with galena and carbonate of lead .....	3 6 10	78 11 16	24-32	
Brewangle .....	„ felspathic gossan with carbonate of lead .....	0 19 0	12 11 0		
„ .....	„ gossan with carbonate of lead .....	6 10 15	1 12 16		
Bungowan .....	Quartz with iron pyrites .....	1 0 0	0 12 0		
Cadia .....	Ferruginous conglomerate .....	2 4 15	0 7 14		
„ .....	„ .....	0 13 0	0 5 10		
Clarence district .....	Mispickel in felspathic rock .....	0 11 23	0 5 10		
„ .....	„ .....	0 17 17	0 4 6		
„ .....	„ .....	0 18 11	0 5 10		
Clarence Heads (north of).	Ferruginous partly crystallized quartz .....	2 14 10	0 10 21		
Carcoar district (Belubula River).	„ quartz and decomposed felspathic rock .....	1 3 22	1 10 10		
Coolongolook .....	„ „ showing a little free gold .....	3 16 5	0 13 0		
„ .....	Quartz showing a little free gold .....	2 6 19	0 9 18		
„ .....	Pyritous concentrates .....	3 10 20	0 16 6		
„ .....	Quartz .....	0 16 6	0 2 4		
„ district (Mount Bulbie).	Ferruginous quartz .....	0 17 17	0 8 16		
„ .....	Felspathic gangue with cubical iron pyrites and a little clay shale.	0 10 0	1 4 0		
Coolongolook .....	Quartz with a little pyrites .....	1 3 22	0 7 14		
„ .....	„ and calcite with a little pyrites in felspathic material.	1 13 10	0 5 10		
„ .....	Slightly ferruginous quartz .....	2 12 4	2 2 10		
„ (Golden Bar Reef).	Ferruginous quartz .....	4 7 2	0 5 10		
Copeland (6 miles from).	Slightly ferruginous quartz .....	16 6 16	2 14 10		
Copeland .....	„ brecciated ferruginous quartz .....	1 12 16	trace		
Cobar (Fort Bourke Hill).	Ferruginous quartz .....	0 19 12	0 5 10		
„ (near) .....	„ „ showing free gold .....	13 8 22	1 5 0		
„ .....	Granular red hematite in felspathic gangue .....	1 4 20	0 6 12		
„ .....	„ .....	0 16 6	0 3 6		
„ (near) .....	Quartz with mispickel .....	2 3 13	0 10 21		
„ .....	Ferruginous quartz and slate .....	3 7 12	0 6 12		
„ .....	Quartz, with mispickel .....	2 17 17	1 12 16		
„ (Fort Bourke Hill).	Ironstone and quartz .....	3 18 8	0 3 6		
„ .....	Ferruginous quartz .....	2 3 13	0 8 16		
„ .....	Tailings with a little limonite and waterworn grains of sand .....	0 18 9	0 6 12		
„ (near) .....	Quartz and iron sand .....	0 13 1	0 4 8		
Canobolas .....	Massive pyrites, with a little quartz and felspathic material .....	1 3 22	0 13 0		
Cudgegong (5 miles from).	Quartz, with a little galena and free gold .....	2 11 14	2 3 13		
Canowindra (Blue Jacket).	Quartz showing free gold and a little pyrites .....	7 3 16	trace.		
Canowindra .....	Quartz, with a little pyrites and galena .....	1 0 0	0 10 0		
Canobolas .....	Porous decomposed felspathic rock .....	6 17 4	11 10 20		
Cargo (Dalcoath Reef).	Copper and iron pyrites in quartz .....	1 3 22	1 6 0		
Cowra (Polar Star Reef).	Schist, with small ferruginous quartz veins .....	0 13 0	0 8 16		
„ .....	Ferruginous quartz and quartz with a little pyrites and full of cavities from decomposition of latter.	0 19 12	0 4 0		
Cooma (near) .....	Quartz and felspar porphyry with quartz veins and showing a little free gold.	0 12 13	5 13 0		
„ (20 miles East)	Quartz with iron pyrites .....	0 18 0	2 14 0		
„ (Slade's Reef).	Concentrated pyrites with a little quartz .....	2 3 13	0 10 21		
„ (10 miles East).	Ferruginous quartz with a little brown iron ore .....	0 10 0	0 18 0		
Carcoar District (Belubula River).	Felspathic lodestuff with mispickel .....	0 17 10	0 5 10		
Dalmorton (Mountain Maid).	Quartz with a little mispickel and arseniate of iron and showing free gold.	14 14 0	0 3 6		
Dalmorton (Alice Cornwall Reef).	Bluish grey quartz with a little slate .....	1 6 0	0 6 12		
Dalmorton .....	Quartz and rubble .....	2 7 21	0 6 12		
„ (Florida Reef)	„ .....	25 11 18	1 19 4		
„ .....	Concentrates .....	78 1 10	2 4 15		



Locality.	Description of Mineral.	Per ton.		Per cent.	
		Gold.	Silver.	Lead.	Copper.
Dalmorton District ...	Quartz .....	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.		
" " (3 miles from)	" and a little felspathic material .....	1 9 6	0 5 10		
" " "	Ferruginous quartz .....	0 11 23	0 3 6		
" " "	" " .....	0 19 12	0 8 16		
" " "	Grey quartz .....	0 16 6	0 9 18		
" " "	" vitreous quartz .....	5 0 16	0 6 12		
" " "	Ferruginous quartz .....	2 14 10	0 5 10		
" " "	Pyritous quartz showing free gold .....	38 2 5	3 10 17		
" " "	Quartz showing free gold .....	30 7 14	2 1 7		
" " "	" " .....	36 7 8	1 4 20		
Deep Creek .....	Mispickel in felspathic gangue .....	21 6 20	1 8 7		
" " "	" " .....	10 17 18	1 12 16		
" " "	" " .....	0 13 0	0 4 6		
Dungog (near) .....	Quartz with a little pyrites .....	1 6 0	0 6 12		
Drake .....	Concentrates chiefly pyrites .....	0 10 21	0 4 6		
" (Long Gully)...	Quartz and felspathic gangue with massive zinc blende and a little pyrites.	2 11 4	19 4 8		
" (Kelly's Lode).	Quartz and felspathic lodestuff with copper and iron pyrites	12 8 5	4 4 21		
" " "	Tailings .....	2 1 8	3 0 22		
" " "	" " .....	0 15 5	1 16 11		
" " "	" " .....	3 3 4	3 7 12		
" " "	" " .....	0 10 0	0 6 0		
Delegate .....	Ferruginous quartz and felspathic lodestuff .....	0 10 0	0 6 0		
" " "	" pyritous quartz .....	31 11 14	1 0 18		
" " "	Concentrates .....	1 10 7	0 4 20		
" " "	" " .....	1 7 0	0 6 0		
Dry Flat (6 miles from Turon River).	Ferruginous felspathic rock and brown iron ore with a little green carbonate of copper.	1 5 0	2 13 5		
Danger Creek .....	Vein of quartz, with brown iron ore in slate .....	0 13 0	0 8 16		
Denison Town (10 miles from).	Quartz, with carbonate of lead .....	0 16 4	2 8 23		
Emmore .....	Quartz, with fragments of slate .....	47 5 2	3 7 12		
Emmaville (10 miles from).	Quartz, with sulphide of silver .....	18 14 0	864 14 0		
Frogmore (12 miles west).	Quartz, with massive pyrites .....	1 6 2	0 10 21		
Fairfield .....	Siliceous gossan .....	0 17 9	0 6 12		
" " "	Crushed porous ferruginous quartz .....	4 16 21	1 15 22		
Glen Innes District ...	Porous quartz .....	8 14 5	2 16 5		
" " " "	Ferruginous quartz .....	4 3 16	0 18 4		
Glen " Innes " (Glen Elgin, near).	" " .....	2 0 6	0 11 23		
" " "	" pyritous quartz .....	0 13 0	0 4 10		
" " "	" porous quartz .....	6 4 2	1 3 22		
" " "	Pyritous quartz .....	1 8 6	0 6 12		
" " "	Ferruginous quartz .....	1 7 4	0 7 14		
" " "	" " .....	13 7 20	3 12 22		
" " "	" " .....	3 16 5	0 19 12		
" " "	" " .....	3 0 22	0 18 13		
" " "	" " showing free gold and pyrites .....	0 19 12	0 4 8		
Glen Innes (25 miles from).	Native and sulphide of bismuth .....	24 10 0	39 7 6	Bismuth 80.4 tellurium trace.	
Glen Innes District ...	Ferruginous quartz, with free gold .....	53 15 10	10 15 12		
Grafton (Gordon Brook).	Mispickel in felspathic rock .....	1 1 16	1 3 22		
Grafton .....	Mispickel .....	33 17 13	6 16 3		
Goodrich and Peak Hill (between).	Quartz and felspathic rock, with magnetic iron and stains of green carbonate of copper, and showing free gold.	1 9 9	0 15 22		
" " "	Quartz and felspathic rock, with green carbonate of copper	0 19 12	0 6 12		
Gundaroo .....	Ferruginous quartz rubble .....	4 11 8	trace.		
" " "	" " .....	7 1 13	2 5 16		
Grabben Gullen (Goldfield).	Quartz, with a little galena .....	1 8 7	11 13 0		
" " "	Pyritous sand .....	204 16 8	40 3 12		
Grenfell (8 miles east)	Limonite and quartz, coarse specks of gold showing in the limonite.	6 10 16	0 16 6		
" " "	Quartz, with mispickel .....	3 13 16	0 7 14		
Galley Swamp .....	Massive mispickel .....	1 19 4	3 17 7		
Goulburn (20 miles north).	Ferruginous quartz .....	1 1 18	nil.		
Hillgrove .....	Quartz, with stibnite .....	2 2 10	0 6 12	antimony 52.6	
" (9 miles from) District.	Ferruginous quartz .....	2 3 13	0 13 0		
" " (10 miles north)	Quartz, showing free gold .....	35 1 5	2 16 14		
" " "	Ferruginous quartz .....	3 9 0	1 3 0		
" " "	Quartz and felspathic lodestuff .....	1 8 0	0 17 0		
" " "	Ferruginous granular quartz .....	1 10 0	0 10 0		
" " "	Concentrates, consisting chiefly of stibnite .....	4 19 12	6 5 18		
Havilah .....	Ferruginous cement .....	1 0 0	2 8 0		
Hargraves .....	Pyrites and quartz .....	7 4 19	0 18 9		
Inverell .....	Pyritous quartz, containing free gold .....	15 19 0	3 5 8		
" (9 miles south)	Quartz and felspathic veinstone, with a little mispickel and galena.	0 10 21	2 17 21		
Ironbarks (Madman's Reef).	Quartz, with iron and arsenical pyrites .....	1 18 0	2 16 0		
Kookabookra (Bear Hill).	Ferruginous quartz .....	0 17 9	0 6 12		
" " "	" " .....	3 9 16	0 8 16		
" " "	" " and felspathic rock .....	10 3 14	0 16 6		

Locality.	Description of Mineral.	Per ton.		Per cent.	
		Gold.	Silver.	Lead.	Copper.
Kookabookra (Bear Hill)	Ferruginous quartz and felspathic rock	oz. dwt. gr. 1 12 16	oz. dwt. gr. 0 10 21		
" (Bear Hill)	Slightly ferruginous quartz with a little free gold	0 11 23	0 4 0		
"	Quartz with a little mispickel, and showing a little free gold	17 19 8	0 5 10		
"	Vitreous quartz	1 12 16	0 14 0		
"	Quartz, with a little felspathic rock	0 18 10	0 4 0		
King's Plains (Last Chance Mine).	Quartz, with a little felspathic rock	13 14 8	1 10 10		
Kempsey District	Concentrates	0 16 6	0 3 6		
"	Mispickel, and a little felspar	8 18 13	1 12 16		
"	"	1 0 13	0 5 10		
Kydra	Quartz, with iron pyrites	3 7 12	12 19 2		
Kiandra	Ferruginous quartz	0 13 0	0 7 0		
Lewis Ponds (near)	Porous ferruginous quartz	2 3 13	2 16 14		
"	Porous quartz, with a little pyrites	1 3 22	2 3 13		
Lucknow	Crushed pyritous veinstone	40 3 0	0 7 0		
"	"	1 6 0	0 12 0		
Mandurama	Brown iron ore	7 5 21	2 5 6		
"	Ferruginous quartz and claystone	8 16 17	2 1 18		
"	"	1 5 0	0 7 14		
"	"	0 17 0	0 7 0		
Moruya	Quartz, with a speck of mispickel	1 10 10	0 18 13		
" (40 miles south-east).	Quartz	15 9 1	0 15 1		
Moruya	Quartz, with a little mispickel	2 14 10	5 3 10		
"	Mispickel in quartz	4 1 0	33 12 0		
"	Quartz, with mispickel in slate	0 15 5	4 11 8		
Mount Dromedary (Jenkins' Mine).	Concentrated iron pyrites with quartz grains	50 3 20	10 5 3		
"	Blanketings, consisting of pyrites with large felspar pebbles	8 4 4	4 2 7		
"	Pyritous felspathic rock	7 12 10	5 19 18		
Michelago	Quartz, with a few specks of galena, and showing a little free gold.	8 16 8	5 2 8		
Mann River	Calcined ferruginous quartzose rock, with quartz veins	26 15 7	2 12 5		
"	Quartz, with iron pyrites and galena	7 5 21	6 7 0		
" (near Newton Boyd).	Pyritous quartz	11 2 2	13 18 6		
Molong (near)	Ironstone, with quartz and a little slate (brecciated)	1 12 16	0 10 18		
"	Quartz, with pyrites	0 13 9	0 5 10		
Molong (6 miles from)	Massive garnet rock	12 3 21	4 9 7		
Mudgee District	Brown iron ore, and fragments of quartz cemented by iron ore.	1 7 0	10 18 0		
"	Vitreous quartz	1 8 16	0 14 14		
Mitchell Creek	Ferruginous quartz, with a little copper and iron pyrites, galena, and traces of green carbonate of copper.	1 0 0	1 2 0		
Macleay River	Vitreous quartz, crystallized in places	3 11 20	0 17 10		
Nambucca	Mispickel in felspathic rock	1 1 16	0 4 8		
"	"	0 10 21	0 4 8		
"	"	11 8 16	0 16 6		
"	"	2 0 10	3 13 11		
"	"	0 13 0	0 16 6		
"	"	0 15 5	0 13 0		
Nambucca	" (ferruginous)	0 15 5	2 3 13		
"	"	1 10 10	0 10 8		
"	"	10 17 18	2 3 13		
"	"	15 0 0	5 16 0		
"	Porous quartz and felspathic rock stained with arseniate of iron.	0 11 0	1 1 0		
"	Mispickel in felspathic gangue	0 16 0	0 8 0		
Nowra District	Chalcedonic quartz with a few specks of pyrites	30 9 18	9 0 17		
Numeralla (near)	Pyritous quartz	0 14 14	0 11 23		
" (12 miles from)	Ferruginous quartz	1 1 16	0 8 16		
"	Fine powder	2 0 7	0 6 12		
Nana Creek	Ferruginous quartz	3 7 12	0 13 0		
New England (Oban Tin Mine)	Native bismuth with oxide and carbonate of bismuth	1 3 22	2 7 21	bismuth 75.6	
New England	Quartz and felsitic rock with iron pyrites	0 19 12	73 14 8		
"	Quartz with pyrites	2 3 0	1 5 0		
Orange	Pyrites with a little felspathic material	1 2 0	2 12 0		
"	Ferruginous quartz and felspathic lodestuff	0 10 0	1 4 0		
"	" with a few specks of copper pyrites	1 1 16	0 6 9		
Parkes district	Carbonate of lead with pyrites and a little quartz	8 12 0	1 3 22		
" (New Mount Morgan)	Ferruginous quartz showing free gold	1 0 21	0 6 12		
"	"	5 8 21	1 0 13		
" (Dayspring Reef)	Quartz, with sulphides of antimony, copper, and lead	11 8 16	7 18 22		
"	"	31 9 8	3 1 9		
"	Quartz with stibnite and a little galena	3 6 7	14 9 17		
"	Concentrates	2 8 22	5 7 19		
"	Quartz with a little stibnite and galena	35 3 20	10 10 3		
"	Quartz with copper and iron pyrites and galena	8 8 0	3 12 0		
Peak Hill	Porous and ferruginous quartz	0 14 3	0 4 8		
"	Ferruginous quartz	0 16 6	0 3 6		
"	Porous quartz gossan	14 18 7	0 12 22		
"	Porous quartz and iron ore with a little talcose schist	0 10 18	0 6 12		
"	"	1 12 16	0 8 17		
"	Porous quartz and iron ore showing free gold	0 12 4	trace		
"	Ferruginous quartz carrying free gold	22 4 18	0 12 22		
"	"	27 19 16	0 19 2		
"	Ferruginous quartz	2 3 13	0 4 8		

Locality.	Description of Mineral	Per ton		Per cent	
		Gold	Silver	Lead	Copper
Peak Hill	Ferruginous quartz	oz dwt gr	oz dwt gr		
Pyramul	Slightly ferruginous quartz showing free gold	57 9 20	0 4 6		
Peel district	Ferruginous quartz	4 12 12	0 10 18		
Rockley (5 miles from)	" "	9 5 2	14 11 18		
" "	" "	1 1 16	0 5 10		
" "	" "	1 10 2	0 7 1		
" "	" " with a little pyrites	1 14 20	0 7 14		
" (Blossom Hill)	" "	1 1 16	0 10 21		
" "	" "	1 8 7	0 4 0		
Rye Park (3 miles from)	" silicious gossan	0 17 9	0 4 6		
Rivertree (Cullen's Creek)	Pyrites with a little felspathic material	1 19 4	0 13 0		
" "	" "	0 10 0	22 0 0		
Severn River	Ferruginous quartz	0 17 0	22 11 0		
Shoalhaven	" " and schist	2 6 19	162 7 1		
" "	Pyrites with a little felspathic material and a very little quartz	3 15 2	0 10 21		
" "	Quartz and brown iron ore	12 1 6	1 2 18		
" "	" with mispickel	3 13 15	1 1 18		
Sunny Corner (Jew's Creek).	Ferruginous quartz and felspathic veinstone	1 8 6	18 8 0		
" "	" "	4 18 0	63 7 10		
Sofala District	Slightly ferruginous quartz, showing gold freely	15 10 6	0 16 6		
Sofala and Wattle Flat (between)	Quartz, with a little pyrites	16 1 0	4 17 0		
Scubby Rush	Concentrates	0 10 10	0 3 8		
Sandy Creek	Ferruginous quartz	0 19 12	0 4 0		
Tichborne (near)	Diorite, with a little quartz and cubes of limonite after pyrites, one cube showing a speck of gold	0 19 12	0 6 12		
Tabulam (Pretty Gully)	Quartz, with stibnite	43 1 5	4 13 14		
Tilbuster	Pyrites, quartz, and felspathic rock	2 3 13	0 10 21		
" "	Concentrated pyrites	2 14 10	4 1 16		
Tumut District	Quartz, with a few specks of galena	6 10 16	15 4 21		
" "	Crushed quartz and pyrites	29 7 23	1 6 2		
Tenterfield	Porous quartz and felspathic rock	2 18 10	0 15 5		
" (14 miles north)	Quartz	1 18 2	6 5 4		
" "	Ferruginous quartz, with a little mispickel and a few specks of zinc blende.	5 0 4	1 10 10		
" District	Ferruginous quartz	0 10 21	0 4 0		
Trunkey	Blanketings (quartz and pyrites)	2 11 14	0 7 14		
" "	Tailings ( " " )	1 4 4	0 3 7		
Top Bingera	Serpentinous rock, showing free gold	4 12 13	0 19 12		
" 5 (miles from).	Stibnite, with quartz	3 18 8	1 15 22		
Tamworth (5 miles from).	Ferruginous quartz, showing free gold	8 3 8	0 8 16		
Tomingley (Gospel Oak Mine)	Blanketings (pyrites), containing mercury	6 0 21	8 5 9		
" "	Quartz, with zinc blende, galena, and pyrites	6 12 20	2 12 4		
Tomingley (New Rush)	Quartz, with a little pyrites	5 8 21	0 13 1		
Tuena	Ferruginous quartz	1 3 22	trace.		
" "	" "	1 0 5	0 6 12		
Tumut District (Green's Reef).	Tailings	3 12 9	0 3 3		
Tumbarumba (Storey's Reef, Spencer's Creek)	Ferruginous quartz, with a little mica	1 17 0	1 8 7 trace.		
" "	" quartzite	9 7 6	0 11 23		
Tindary (nr Billygoe)	Quartz, with mispickel	1 7 4	0 11 23		
Ulladulla (20 miles south)	Ferruginous quartz	0 14 14	0 5 10		
Wilcannia (37 miles from).	" "	0 13 0	0 4 10		
" (Kandi Peak Tank, near).	" "	5 2 8	0 6 12		
Wollomombi	" "	1 11 16	0 18 11		
Westmoreland (county of).	Claystone, with mispickel and blende	10 17 18	50 8 6		
Walcha (near)	White quartz, with a little mispickel	0 13 0	0 4 10		
" (Glen Morrison, near).	Ferruginous quartz	9 7 6	1 3 22		
Walcha (20 miles south-east).	Crushed sample, consisting chiefly of arsenical and secondary iron pyrites, with quartz	3 5 8	0 17 9		
" "	Mispickel, with a little quartz	1 7 4	0 10 21		
Wooloomon	Quartz, with a little grey sulphide and green carbonate of copper.	1 6 0	227 5 4		
Wellington	Quartz, with carbonates and sulphide of copper and native copper and silver	0 19 12	94 12 10		
Wattle Flat	Quartz, with iron and copper pyrites	4 19 2	1 9 0		
Wingello	Ferruginous quartz	0 13 0	0 6 12		
Yalwal	Decomposed siliceo-felspathic rock	1 3 22	0 10 21		
" "	Rubble	69 10 10	20 6 3		

COAL.

The output of Coal for 1889 shows as compared with that of 1888 an increase of 452,188 tons, while the increase in 1888 over that of 1887 was only 280,947. The value of the coal raised in 1889 as compared with that of 1888, shows an increase of £177,650, against an increase in 1888 over 1887 of £108,758. The total export of coal in 1889 shows an increase in quantity of 463,830 tons, and in value of £214,799, as compared with 1888. The export of coal to Colonial ports shows an increase in quantity of 270,464 tons, and in value of £113,907, as compared with 1888. The export of coal to Foreign ports shows an increase in quantity of 193,366 tons, and in value of £100,892 upon that of 1888 which was then the largest quantity ever sent in one year to Foreign ports. The average price of coal on the whole output was Ss. 11.20d. per ton; the average price of that sent to Colonial ports was 10s. 4.24d. per ton; the average price of that sent to Foreign ports was 11s. 1.88d. per ton being a decrease on the whole output equal to 1.82d. per ton on that sent to Colonial ports equal to 6.01d. per ton on that sent to Foreign ports, equal to 1.89d. per ton. Notwithstanding the decrease in price the improvement in our Coal trade may I think be regarded as eminently satisfactory.

QUANTITY and Value of Coal raised from the opening of the Coal-seams to 1837, inclusive :—

Year	Quantity.	Average per ton	Value.	Year	Quantity.	Average per ton.	Value.
Prior to		£ s. d.	£			£ s. d.	£
1829	50,000	0 10 0	25,000	1844	23,118	0 10 8 34	12,363
1829	780	0 10 1.23	394	1845	22,324	0 7 10.27	8,769
1830	4,000	0 9 0 00	1,500	1846	38,965	0 7 0.46	13,714
1831	5,000	0 8 0 00	2,000	1847	40,732	0 6 9 01	13,750
1832	7,143	0 7 0 00	2,502	1848	45,447	0 6 3.38	14,275
1833	6,812	0 7 6 73	2,575	1849	48,516	0 6 0 45	14,647
1834	8,490	0 8 10 00	3,750	1850	71,216	0 6 6.77	23,375
1835	12,392	0 8 10 19	5,483	1851	67,610	0 7 6.51	25,546
1836	12,646	0 9 1.06	5,747	1852	67,404	0 10 11.33	36,885
1837	16,083	0 9 8 81	5,828	1853	96,809	0 16 1.51	78,059
1838	17,220	0 9 9 05	8,399	1854	116,642	1 0 5 63	119,380
1839	21,283	0 9 9 73	10,411	1855	137,076	0 12 11.96	89,082
1840	30,256	0 10 10 86	16,498	1856	189,960	0 12 4 06	117,906
1841	34,841	0 12 0 00	20,905	1857	210,434	0 14 0 97	148,158
1842	39,900	0 12 0.00	23,940				
1843	25,862	0 12 6.54	16,222				
					1,468,961	0 11 10 72	869,391

TABLE showing the Quantities and Average Value per ton of Coal exported to Intercolonial and Foreign Ports respectively, the Quantity of Coal consumed in this Colony, and the Average Price per ton of the total output of the Collieries, from 1858 to 1889 inclusive.

Year	Exports to Intercolonial Ports			Exports to Foreign Ports.			Total Exports.			Home consumption.	Total Output and Value			
	Quantity.	Average per ton.	Value.	Quantity.	Average per ton.	Value.	Quantity.	Average per ton.	Value.		Quantity.	Average per ton.	Value.	
	Tons	£ s. d.	£	Tons.	£ s. d.	£	Tons.	£ s. d.	£	Tons	Tons	£ s. d.	£	d
1858	101,488	0 15 1 67	76,824	12,039	1 0 1.85	12,132	113,527	0 15 8 05	88,956	102,870	216,397	0 14 11 84	162,162	0 0
1859	129,556	0 14 6 07	94,312	44,349	0 17 5 27	38,672	173,935	0 15 3 40	132,984	134,278	308,213	0 13 3 14	204,371	0 0
1860	140,183	0 14 10 85	104,471	93,694	0 16 11 10	79,290	238,377	0 15 8 57	188,761	134,985	368,362	0 12 3 36	226,493	0 0
1861	157,278	0 15 2 25	119,433	50,502	0 16 5 37	41,532	207,780	0 15 5 92	160,965	134,287	342,067	0 12 9 52	218,820	0 0
1862	195,427	0 15 0 55	147,019	113,355	0 17 4 34	98,403	308,782	0 15 10 75	245,422	167,740	476,522	0 12 9 73	305,234	0 0
1863	213,909	0 13 8 40	146,532	84,129	0 17 6 10	73,649	298,038	0 14 9 30	220,181	135,851	433,889	0 10 10 66	236,230	0 0
1864	284,039	0 10 3 74	146,199	88,927	0 14 10 90	66,289	372,466	0 11 4 91	212,488	176,546	549,012	0 9 10 10	270,171	0 0
1865	292,661	0 9 11 83	146,129	90,304	0 15 0 79	68,029	382,963	0 11 2 20	214,158	202,564	587,525	0 9 4 43	274,303	0 0
1866	344,194	0 9 2 98	159,175	196,711	0 14 4 53	141,413	540,905	0 11 1 37	300,588	233,333	774,238	0 8 4 44	324,049	0 0
1867	312,102	0 9 4 35	146,111	161,256	0 13 3 47	107,148	473,357	0 10 8 40	253,259	296,655	770,012	0 8 10 79	342,655	0 0
1868	329,052	0 9 5 76	155,975	218,934	0 12 5 29	136,226	548,036	0 10 7 96	292,201	406,195	954,231	0 8 9 08	417,809	0 0
1869	340,466	0 8 9 07	149,059	255,087	0 11 8 31	149,136	595,533	0 10 0 16	298,195	324,221	919,774	0 7 6 32	346,146	0 0
1870	335,564	0 8 6 02	142,656	242,325	0 10 3 57	124,025	578,339	0 9 3 07	267,681	290,175	868,564	0 7 3 54	316,836	0 0
1871	378,891	0 8 6 91	162,470	186,798	0 10 1 22	94,220	565,429	0 9 0 95	256,690	333,355	898,784	0 7 0 47	316,240	0 0
1872	394,052	0 8 8 11	170,947	271,058	0 9 11 46	136,914	609,110	0 9 2 42	307,861	343,316	1,012,426	0 7 9 92	396,198	0 0
1873	425,937	0 12 9 32	272,110	347,142	0 14 7 59	228,979	773,079	0 13 7 32	526,089	419,733	1,192,362	0 11 1 94	665,747	0 0
1874	467,583	0 13 8 30	320,119	405,442	0 15 4 76	312,128	873,025	0 14 5 81	632,247	431,587	1,304,612	0 12 1 37	790,224	0 0
1875	518,853	0 13 7 77	354,074	408,154	0 15 6 64	317,409	927,007	0 14 5 84	671,483	402,722	1,329,727	0 12 3 89	819,429	17 2
1876	542,952	0 13 8 45	372,045	325,865	0 15 6 45	252,166	808,817	0 14 4 70	629,211	451,101	1,319,918	0 12 2 06	803,300	5 6
1877	563,757	0 13 8 64	386,740	351,970	0 14 10 81	282,237	915,727	0 14 2 08	648,977	528,544	1,444,271	0 11 10 74	858,998	8 2
1878	623,323	0 13 8 77	427,954	383,097	0 14 7 69	281,452	1,006,420	0 14 0 93	708,406	569,077	1,575,497	0 11 8 28	920,936	7 4
1879	621,087	0 13 6 75	421,198	376,962	0 14 6 13	273,509	998,049	0 13 11 05	694,707	535,332	1,583,381	0 12 0 12	950,878	13 3
1880	550,672	0 11 2 67	309,004	202,684	0 11 5 70	116,295	753,356	0 11 3 48	429,299	712,824	1,466,180	0 8 6 36	615,336	11 7
1881	607,135	0 7 9 34	255,572	372,709	0 8 8 29	161,958	1,029,844	0 8 1 30	417,530	739,753	1,769,597	0 6 9 55	603,248	5 8
1882	760,226	0 9 9 4	372,334	501,319	0 10 11 50	274,699	1,261,545	0 10 3 09	647,033	847,737	2,109,282	0 8 11 97	943,965	0 0
1883	557,704	0 10 5 75	448,356	656,741	0 11 7 34	381,306	1,512,445	0 10 11 65	829,662	1,009,012	2,521,457	0 9 6 49	1,201,941	12 11
1884	994,087	0 10 3 66	532,938	696,676	0 11 5 14	398,107	1,690,763	0 11 0 15	931,045	1,058,346	2,749,109	0 9 5 71	1,303,076	19 11
1885	911,921	0 10 7 11	525,413	764,432	0 11 6 52	441,220	1,756,356	0 11 0 09	966,663	1,122,507	2,878,863	0 9 3 72	1,340,212	13 7
1886	1,027,770	0 10 7 22	544,824	708,090	0 11 4 31	402,178	1,735,865	0 10 10 93	947,002	1,094,310	2,830,175	0 9 2 53	1,303,164	4 1
1887	1,077,270	0 10 5 59	565,024	713,172	0 11 1 08	395,455	1,790,442	0 10 8 75	960,539	1,132,055	2,922,497	0 9 2 57	1,346,440	2 7
1888	1,039,764	0 10 10 25	594,293	884,108	0 11 3 77	500,179	1,923,872	0 11 0 78	1,064,472	1,279,572	3,203,444	0 9 1 02	1,455,198	4 1
1889	1,310,223	0 10 4 24	678,200	1,077,474	0 11 1 88	601,071	2,387,702	0 10 8 58	1,279,271	1,267,930	3,653,632	0 8 11 20	1,632,848	15 6
	16,976,671	0 11 1 13	9,417,600	11,289,795	0 12 4 67	6,993,426	28,266,466	0 11 7 33	16,411,026	17,068,555	45,335,012	0 9 8 03	21,917,764	6 4

## Coke manufactured in New South Wales during the year 1889:—

	Tons.	Value
Northern District.....	16,626	£26,601 12s.
Southern „ .....	5,945	6,131 0s.
	22,571	£32,732 12s.

The aggregate thickness of coal-seams pierced in 1889 by the Government Diamond Drills, was 172 ft. 4 in., namely:—At Joadja, 1 ft. 6 in.; Lochend, 8 ft. 3 in.; Buttai, 24 ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  in.; Woodford, 13 ft. 11 in.; Fassifern, 22 ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  in.; Kahibah, 34 ft. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  in.; Joadja Creek, 23 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.; Fassifern, 12 ft. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  in.; Ash Island, 8 ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.; Ravensworth, 23 ft. 4 in. In addition to the above 167 ft. 9 in. of coal and bands, and dirty coal was bored through.

The number of Collieries under inspection in 1889 was 67 coal and 1 shale mines in the northern district; 16 coal and 2 shale mines in the Western district, and 16 coal and 1 shale mines in the Southern district—Total 103, as compared with 91 in 1888.

The number of mines under inspection during the year was 104, and the number opened out, or in course of opening during the year was 16, and 8 were abandoned as compared with 30 opening out, and 1 abandoned in 1888.

There has during the year been a good deal of prospecting for deposits of coal and shale.

The following comparative statement shows an increase in the output of the Northern Collieries during 1889 as compared with 1888 of 557,305 tons, value £239,202. Whereas the output of the Western and Southern Collieries show a decrease as compared with that of 1888. The former to the extent of 9,881 tons in quantity, and £13,677 in value, and the latter to the extent of 95,234 tons in quantity, and £47,874 in value. The large decrease in value in the Western and Southern districts is accounted for by the reduced price of coal from those districts.

## COMPARATIVE Statement of Output of Coal in the Northern, Western, and Southern Districts.

	1884.		1885.		1886.	
	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.
Output, Northern District	2,055,342 10 3	£ 1,011,933 13 7	2,113,372 13 0	£ 1,032,904 13 4	2,178,116 0 0	£ 1,084,554 17 1
Increase as compared with previous year.	155,722 14 3	83,907 0 2	53,030 2 1	20,970 19 9	64,743 7 0	51,650 3 9
Decrease do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Output, Western District	273,823 14 0	74,161 9 7	311,762 16 0	76,836 13 3	281,229 0 0	68,615 15 0
Increase as compared with previous year.	41,405 11 0	.....	37,939 2 0	2,675 3 8	.....	.....
Decrease do .....	.....	3,619 8 11	.....	.....	30,533 16 0	8,220 18 3
Output, Southern District	419,942 9 0	216,981 16 9	453,727 15 3	230,471 7 0	370,830 0 0	149,993 12 0
Increase as compared with previous year.	30,523 7 0	20,847 15 9	33,785 6 3	13,489 10 3	.....	.....
Decrease do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82,897 15 3	80,477 15 0

	1887.		1888.		1889.	
	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.
Output, Northern District	2,243,792 0 0	£ 1,096,720 0 7	2,067,042 4 3	£ 1,022,022 8 10	2,624,347 3 0	£ 1,261,224 16 5
Increase as compared with previous year.	65,676 0 0	12,165 3 6	.....	.....	557,304 13 1	239,202 7 7
Decrease do .....	.....	.....	176,749 15 1	74,697 11 9	.....	.....
Output, Western District	302,137 0 0	79,036 0 2	339,594 9 0	95,136 3 0	329,713 3 0	81,459 1 1
Increase as compared with previous year.	20,908 0 0	10,420 5 2	37,457 9 0	16,100 2 10	.....	.....
Decrease do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,881 6 0	13,677 1 11
Output, Southern District	376,563 0 0	170,634 1 10	796,806 10 0	338,039 12 3	701,572 0 0	290,164 18 0
Increase as compared with previous year.	5,738 0 0	20,690 9 10	420,238 10 0	167,355 10 5	.....	.....
Decrease do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95,234 10 0	47,874 14 3

The average price of coal in the several districts was as follows:—

	1888.	s. d.	s. d.	1889.	d.
Northern .....	9 10	66	9 7	34	a decrease of 3 32 per ton.
Western .....	5 7	23	4 11	29	„ 7 94 „
Southern .....	3 5	81	8 3	26	„ 2 55 „

TABLE compiled from Reports furnished by Owners of Collieries, showing the quantity and value of Coal and Shale won during the year 1883, and the number of men employed in the Collieries.

## Northern District.

Company.	Locality	Men Employed.			Quantity.	Value	
		Above ground.	Under ground.	Total.		Tons cwt. qr.	£
COAL.							
Australian Agricultural Co. ....	Newcastle .. ..	156	633	789	279,607 0 0	133,003	16 6
Wallsend .. .. ..	Wallsend .. ..	175	1,019	1,194	447,370 0 0	226,408	0 0
Newcastle Coal Co. ....	Newcastle .. ..	95	500	595	222,960 0 0	103,686	0 0
Lambton .. .. ..	Lambton .. ..	68	437	505	243,256 0 0	120,134	6 0
Co-operative .. .. .	Plattsburgh ..	74	409	483	159,673 0 0	77,184	16 0
Pride of Ferndale .. .	Tighes Hill ..	3	9	12	4,588 0 0	1,376	0 0
Duckenfield .. .. .	Minmi .. .. .	54	225	279	95,974 0 0	46,535	14 0
Brown's .. .. ..	" .. .. .	40	249	289	116,692 0 0	56,458	2 0
Waratah .. .. ..	Charlestown ..	59	152	211	50,860 0 0	24,244	0 0
Goose .. .. ..	Waratah .. ..	2	4	6	3,072 0 0	1,536	0 0
Thornton .. .. .	Lambton .. ..	2	5	7	4,536 0 0	2,405	14 0
Hetton .. .. ..	Carrington, Newcastle.	32	180	212	56,895 0 0	25,307	0 0
Brookstown .. .. .	Wallsend .. ..	4	9	13	2,527 1 0	1,084	15 0
Clay Cross .. .. .	Lambton .. ..	2	14	16	6,612 4 0	1,500	0 0
Wickham and Bullock Island	Wickham .. ..	35	336	371	147,092 0 0	73,546	0 0
Ferndale .. .. .	" .. .. .	18	109	127	40,751 0 0	14,262	17 0
Burwood .. .. .	Burwood, Newcastle	55	324	379	143,301 0 0	78,815	11 0
Hillside .. .. .	" .. .. .	2	4	6	1,926 0 0	915	0 0
Maryville .. .. .	Hexham .. ..	10	40	50	5,305 0 0	2,575	2 6
Stockton .. .. .	Stockton .. ..	76	290	366	201,528 0 0	92,553	10 0
Linwood .. .. .	Wickham .. ..	7	50	57	19,136 0 0	9,412	0 0
West Burwood .. .. .	Merewether ..	6	25	31	16,580 0 0	7,461	0 0
Monkwearmouth .. .	Minmi .. .. .	19	19	38	1,227 15 0	593	0 0
West Wallsend .. .	" .. .. .	20	100	120	9,635 0 0	5,299	5 0
Fern Valley .. .. .	Adamstown ..	3	5	8	304 0 0	76	0 0
Rose Hill .. .. .	Waratah, Newcastle.	4	5	9	160 0 0	70	0 0
East Lambton .. .. .	New Lambton ..	15	...	15	...	...	...
Ebbw Vale (late New Lambton C)	Adamstown ..	32	119	151	44,007 6 0	21,148	12 7
South Wallsend .. .	Cardiff .. ..	16	24	40	4,727 10 0	1,891	0 0
Summer Hill .. .. .	Plattsburgh ..	8	15	23	9,470 15 0	4,027	5 6
Northumberland Co. ....	Fassifern .. ..	14	25	39	3,400 0 0	1,400	0 0
Great Northern .. .	Teralba .. ..	35	270	305	74,753 0 0	29,901	4 0
Teralba .. .. .	" .. .. .	14	29	43	1,708 0 0	653	4 0
Young Wallsend .. .	" .. .. .	25	9	34	350 0 0	122	10 0
Gartree .. .. .	" .. .. .	2	4	6	500 0 0	200	0 0
Durham .. .. .	Charlestown ..	20	4	24	800 0 0	400	0 0
Morrisett Point .. .	Swansea .. ..	...	2	2	736 0 0	331	4 0
Bloomfield .. .. .	Four-mile Creek, East Maitland.	3	8	11	10,000 0 0	2,500	0 0
Sunderland .. .. .	Four-mile Creek, East Maitland.	1	2	3	1,250 0 0	272	10 0
Thornley .. .. .	Four-mile Creek, East Matland.	4	11	15	8,000 0 0	2,000	0 0
Rathluba .. .. .	East Maitland ..	1	2	3	900 0 0	450	0 0
East Greta .. .. .	West Matland ..	2	3	5	1,060 0 0	397	10 0
Maitland .. .. .	" .. .. .	10	21	31	...	...	...
South Greta (Farley) .. .	" .. .. .	11	51	62	12,160 0 0	4,620	0 0
Leconfield .. .. .	Greta .. .. .	10	17	27	3,798 0 0	1,899	0 0
Greta .. .. .	" .. .. .	90	386	476	133,918 0 0	66,959	0 0
New Anvil Creek .. .	" .. .. .	2	5	7	3,662 0 0	1,895	0 0
New Park .. .. .	Singleton .. ..	9	15	24	6,178 0 0	3,125	0 0
Ellesmere .. .. .	" .. .. .	5	25	30	13,861 0 0	6,996	0 0
Rix's Creek .. .. .	" .. .. .	1	2	3	750 0 0	412	10 0
Rosedale .. .. .	" .. .. .	2	2	4	842 0 0	372	15 0
Dulwich .. .. .	" .. .. .	1	2	3	727 0 0	272	0 0
Black Jack .. .. .	Gunnedah .. .	2	6	8	2,156 0 0	1,051	1 0
Gladstone .. .. .	" .. .. .	1	2	3	703 12 0	342	1 4
Springfield .. .. .	" .. .. .	1	5	6	1,861 0 0	912	0 0
Centenary .. .. .	Curlewis .. ..	2	4	6	500 0 0	200	0 0
		1,343	6,216	7,559	2,624,347 3 0	1,261,224	16 5

## Southern District.

Metropolitan .. .. .	Helensburg .. .	49	74	123	14,571 0 0	6,992	0 0
Coal Cliff .. .. .	Clifton .. ..	27	113	140	64,930 0 0	34,465	0 0
North Illawarra .. .	North Bulli .. .	48	310	358	116,576 0 0	53,000	0 0
Bulli .. .. .	Bulli .. .. .	51	206	257	63,299 0 0	20,888	3 0
Bellamba .. .. .	" .. .. .	21	75	96	14,736 0 0	4,403	2 0
South Bulli .. .. .	South Bulli ..	70	200	270	100,000 0 0	50,000	0 0
Corrimal .. .. .	Wollongong ..	6	9	15	8,639 0 0	2,302	0 0
Mount Pleasant .. .	" .. .. .	...	5	5	4,639 0 0	1,355	12 0
" (new) .. .. .	" .. .. .	70	171	241	77,972 0 0	27,840	1 0
Osbourne, Wallsend .. .	" .. .. .	60	200	260	113,652 0 0	32,051	0 0
Mount Kembla .. .. .	" .. .. .	65	235	300	122,558 0 0	45,368	0 0
		467	1,598	2,065	701,572 0 0	290,164	18 0

## Western District.

Company	Locality	Men Employed		Total	Quantity	Value
		Above Ground	Under Ground			
Rawdon	Rylstone	1	3	4	Tons cwt qr 742 0 0	£ s d. 260 0 0
Irondale	Wallerawang		2	2	1,508 0 0	339 6 0
Cullen Bullen	"	35	106	141	29,537 0 0	7,630 0 0
Cooperwull	Lithgow		1	1	450 0 0	120 0 0
Lithgow Valley	"	3	31	34	16,901 19 0	1,845 14 10
Lithgow, Hermitage	"	6	3	9	492 5 0	24 9 0
Eskbank, Old Tunnel	"	1	4	5	4,600 0 0	1,051 13 4
Eskbank	"	5	22	27	13,742 0 0	2,891 10 0
Vale of Clwydd	"	6	49	55	21,597 2 0	5,527 19 7
Zig Zag	"	4	25	29	21,238 4 0	5,420 13 4
Vale	"	13	190	203	132,726 13 0	36,121 3 0
Oakey Park	"	3	7	10	4,734 0 0	1,183 10 0
Main Camp	Hartley Vale	2	8	10	6,092 0 0	1,295 12 0
Katoomba	Katoomba	22	45	67	36,625 0 0	9,156 0 0
Mittagong	Mittagong	3	7	10	3,485 0 0	1,045 10 0
Australian Kerosene Oil	"	8	20	28	10,242 0 0	5,121 0 0
Great Southern	Moss Vale	6	12	18	5,000 0 0	2,425 0 0
		118	535	653	329,713 3 0	81,459 1 1
SHALE						
Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company.	Joadja Creek	8	50	58	28,416 0 0	56,832 0 0
New South Wales Shale & Oil Co	Hartley	12	50	62	11,465 0 0	20,063 15 0
South Greta	West Matland	4	9	13	500 0 0	401 0 0
Northern Shale Company	Doughboy Hollow, Murrurundi.	2	3	5	180 0 0	370 0 0
		26	112	138	40,561 0 0	77,666 15 0

The number of accidents during the year was 41 fatal, and 57 non-fatal.

The geological survey of the Northern Coal-field is being proceeded with, and important results therefrom are anticipated. Already valuable seams of coal have been proved by boring in places indicated by Mr. Geological Surveyor David, and the Greta coal measures have been traced from Matland to Port Stephens, and thence to the coast.

The prospecting operations made during the year to prove the nature of the extension of the Homeville seams of coal in the Greta series, near West Matland, which was first traced out by Mr. David, have revealed valuable seams. At the East Greta Company's property, 2 miles south from Homeville, the upper seam of coal has been proved to be 31 feet thick, with only two bands, and 50 feet below this is the lower seam, about 12 feet thick, with three small bands. At the Heddon Greta Company's land (north end of Garven's 640 acres), 3½ miles south of Homeville, the shaft has penetrated to the floor of the seam, showing it to be 32 feet 6 inches thick, with a few bands, the central portion of the seam containing the remarkable thickness of 17 feet 11 inches of clean coal of excellent quality.

Near the south end of this property, Mr. David measured in the upper seam about 6 feet of coal (the full thickness not yet having been proved), and 60 feet below it, the lower seam, 22 feet 5 inches thick, with only two bands.

Under the sand flats between Stockton and Raymond Terrace, a Melbourne company has proved, at a depth of 327 feet, a seam of coal said to be 6 feet 8 inches thick.

Coal from the seams newly opened at Curlewis, near Gunnedah, is now being supplied for use on the Great Northern Railway line.

Near Coaldale, in the Grafton District, Messrs See and others have opened a seam of coal said to be about 5 feet thick. An analysis of the coal shows it to be of excellent quality for gas and steam purposes. It is believed by the Geological Surveyor-in-charge that payable seams of coal pass under the city of Grafton at a workable depth. A geological examination of the Clarence District has been authorized by the Minister for Mines.

Mr. Wilkinson is also about to make a survey of the coal formations in the Ulladulla, Jervis Bay, and Shoalhaven districts.

Coal has been found between the Kowmung and Boyd Rivers (Oberon Division); the proposed railway from Blacktown to Blayney, *via* Burragorang, will pass right through this formation.

It is reported that a seam of carboniferous shale has been found some 4 miles from Waratta, between Milparinka and Tibooburra.

From the coal-mines at Gunnedah 3,891 tons of coal were raised during the year.

Arrangements are being made for commencing operations at Coaldale near Grafton.

During

During the year the following analyses of coal were made in this Department —

Locality.	Hydroscopic Moisture	Volatile Hydrocarbons	Fixed Carbon	Ash	Sulphur	Coke	Specific Gravity	Remarks
Ash Island (Rathluba Seam)	0 91	30 07	52 33	16 69	0 682	60 02	1 410	Coke, well swollen, fairly bright, hard Ash, light grey, flocculent
" "	0 90	33 19	60 80	5 11	0 660	65 91	1 300	Coke, much swollen up fairly bright, and firm Ash, very light red, flocculent
Berrima (6 miles from)	1 60	25 80	53 94	13 66	1 120	Nil	1 439	
" "	2 21	32 31	56 02	9 46	0 370	65 48	1 260	Coke, well swollen, fairly lustrous, firm Ash, nearly white
Black Jack, County Pottinger	3 44	38 78	53 38	4 40	0 428	57 78	1 282	Coke, well swollen, bright, and firm Ash, white.
Bull Collery (Cone) . . . .	0 53		86 05	12 83	0 900		1 454	Ash, nearly white
Butta Creek	3 08	34 47	54 25	8 20	0 768	62 45	1 330	Coke, fairly swollen up, much cracked, and bright Ash bright pink
Ben Bullen (between Capertee and)	4 05	27 88	42 63	25 44	0 441	68 07	1 472	Coke, firm, fairly bright and swollen
Clifton	0 77	19 13	62 95	17 75	0 348	80 10	1 502	Coke, well swollen, lustrous, and firm
" "	0 83	17 47	70 10	11 60	0 562	81 70	1 402	Coke not much swollen, dull and firm
" "	1 02	16 63	72 05	9 40	0 508	82 35	1 372	Coke, not much swollen, dull, and firm Ash, light grey
" "	0 78	19 52	65 20	14 50	0 535	79 70	1 428	Coke, well swollen, very bright, and fairly firm Ash light grey
Coalville (Clarence District)	0 74	36 46	51 65	11 15	0 933	62 80	1 295	Coke, fairly swollen, firm, and hard Ash, light grey
" "	3 43	20 82	23 05	52 70	0 302		1 739	No true coke
" "	1 82	32 23	43 40	22 55	0 892	65 95	1 826	Coke well swollen, fairly bright, and firm Ash, light grey
Cook (County of)	2 65	34 45	52 35	10 55	0 604	62 90	1 358	Coke, well swollen, lustrous, and firm Ash, light grey
Copranhurst	2 13	25 97	32 65	39 25	1 221	71 90	1 551	Coke, well swollen, bright, and firm Ash, light grey
Cullen Bullen Colliery	3 84	33 31	54 89	7 96	0 821	62 85	1 321	Coke, fairly bright, firm, and swollen Ash, white.
" "	3 53	33 47	55 16	7 84	0 982	63 00	1 320	" " " "
" "	3 21	29 69	48 91	17 89	0 797	66 80	1 429	" " " "
" "	2 53	37 87	54 10	5 50	1 080	59 60	1 314	Coke fairly bright, firm, and swollen Ash, light grey
Cullen Bullen	1 85	41 85	51 93	4 37	0 686	56 30	1 274	Coke well swollen, fairly bright, and firm Ash, white
" "	1 90	32 35	41 85	23 90	0 411	65 75	1 417	Coke, well swollen, lustrous, and firm Ash white
" "	2 09	36 71	49 85	10 75	0 686	60 60	1 321	Coke, fairly swollen, bright, and firm Ash, pink
" "	2 04	37 36	51 05	9 55	0 732	60 60	1 312	Coke fairly swollen bright and firm Ash, white
Curlewis	2 11	23 79	50 00	24 10	0 370		1 575	No coke proved Ash, white
" "	1 44	20 91	67 35	10 30	0 500	77 65	1 450	Coke fairly well swollen, dull, and firm Ash, grey
Fassfern	2 39	33 72	56 29	7 60	0 630	63 59	1 330	Coke well swollen, firm, hard, and bright Ash, yellowish red tinge
" "	2 97	28 43	50 39	18 21	0 437	68 60	1 389	Coke well swollen, firm, and fairly bright Ash, light red colour, flocculent
" "	3 64	28 65	48 81	18 90	0 432	67 71	1 400	" " " "
Geurie Estate	7 68	36 82	45 20	10 30	2 930	Nil	1 370	Ash, reddish, with white specks "
" "	6 24	20 16	51 15	22 45	0 315		1 560	Ash, white
Gunnedah (near)	2 85	33 85	52 00	11 30	1 450	63 30	1 356	Coke, fairly well swollen up, lustrous, and firm Ash white
" "	2 21	41 64	52 05	4 10	0 650	56 15	1 293	Coke, well swollen, firm, and lustrous Ash, white
" "	2 71	40 84	51 95	5 50	0 873	56 45	1 296	" " " "
" "	1 81	32 29	56 50	9 40	0 727	65 90	1 351	Coke, not much swollen, dull, and not very firm Ash, white
" "				31 33				Ash only estimated
" "	2 41	31 84	48 30	17 45	0 796	65 75	1 417	Coke, not much swollen, fairly bright, and firm Ash, light grey
" "	2 29	38 86	47 60	11 25	1 386	58 85	1 327	Coke, well swollen, firm, and lustrous Ash, grey
" "	1 75	35 40	50 70	9 15	0 933	59 85	1 361	" " " "
Hetton Colliery	2 26	35 89	57 50	4 35	0 782	61 85	1 266	Coke, very much swollen, firm, but dull in colour Ash, light red
Jervis Bay	0 77	35 23	56 17	7 83	2 010	64 00	1 280	Coke, well swollen, fairly lustrous, and firm Ash white
Joadja	2 25	24 22	58 05	20 48	0 850	73 33	1 476	Coke, very poor Ash grey
Katoomba	2 80	33 10	57 15	7 45	0 878	64 60	1 326	Coke well swollen, lustrous, and firm Ash, light red
" (2 1/2 miles from)	6 16	23 80	55 96	14 78	0 697	Nil	1 460	No true coke Ash, white
" "	3 24	24 22	49 95	22 59	6 799	72 54	1 536	Coke, fairly well swollen, firm, and bright Ash, dark grey
Macquarie Valley (Head of)	3 82	26 08	59 25	10 85	0 768	Nil	1 410	No true coke Ash, light grey
" "	1 60	21 75	63 98	12 67	0 762	76 65	1 400	Coke, not much swollen up, dull Ash, white
" "	1 72	23 93	65 15	9 20	0 335	74 35	1 390	Coke, fairly well swollen up, bright Ash, white
" "	1 79	23 36	62 70	7 15	0 480	69 85	1 370	Coke, well swollen up bright, and firm Ash, red
Mittagong	2 15	23 55	52 60	21 70	0 727	Nil	1 628	No coke formed Ash, light yellow
Mount Kembla (near)—Coke	0 52		84 60	14 36	0 530		1 503	Ash, grey
Murrurundi (10 miles from)	4 94	39 62	20 19	35 25	Nil			No true coke Ash, buff
North Illawarra Coal mine	0 68	19 72	70 15	9 45	0 370	79 60	1 364	Coke, flocculent, slightly swollen, dull, and firm, Ash, grey
Northumberland (County of, parish of Teralba)	2 96	30 74	52 15	14 15	0 562	66 30	1 240	Coke, slightly swollen, dull, and not very firm Ash, light grey
" "	5 78	25 07	55 50	13 65	0 521	Nil	1 470	No true coke Ash, light grey
Oxford (near)	0 46	17 99	68 90	12 65	Trace	81 55	1 439	Coke, not much swollen Ash, white
" "	1 13	10 62	62 15	26 65	0 411	Nil		No true coke Ash, white
" "	1 00	18 35	68 10	12 35	0 535	80 65	1 432	Coke, not much swollen, dull Ash, light grey
" "	0 95	19 20	69 35	10 50	0 178	79 85		" " " "
Oxford	0 97	7 59	25 00	66 45	0 411	Nil		No true coke Ash grey
Singleton (Ellsmere)	2 32	36 93	52 20	8 35	0 645	60 75	1 290	Coke, fairly well swollen, firm, and lustrous Ash, light red
" (Dulwich)	2 07	36 48	46 85	14 60	0 782	61 45	1 300	Coke, fairly well swollen, bright Ash, reddish
" (New Park Colliery)	2 48	35 92	54 50	7 10	0 864	61 60	1 300	Coke, fairly well swollen, bright, and firm Ash, reddish
South Redhead	2 62	34 41	54 18	8 79	0 395	62 97	1 339	Coke, well swollen, firm, hard Ash, grey
" "	2 62	37 01	44 07	16 30	0 362	60 37	1 429	Coke, fairly swollen, firm, and bright Ash, grey
" "	2 40	35 46	53 15	8 99	0 546	62 14	1 356	Coke, well swollen, bright, and firm Ash, grey
Spicer's Creek	5 65	36 60	45 35	12 40	0 727	Nil	1 330	Ash, white
" "	7 44	27 86	54 10	10 60	0 356		1 422	" " " "
Tomago (Hunter River)	1 89	32 16	51 60	14 35	0 604	65 95	1 357	Coke, well swollen, bright, and firm Ash, dark grey
" "	1 52	30 23	54 85	13 40	0 700	68 25	1 327	Coke, very much swollen, firm, and bright Ash, dark grey
" "	1 42	31 48	47 35	19 75	0 727	67 10	1 434	Coke, well swollen, bright, and firm Ash, light grey
" "	2 17	24 63	35 30	37 90	0 604	73 20	....	Coke, fairly swollen, bright, and firm Ash, dark grey
" "	2 17	30 88	52 00	14 95	0 782	66 95	...	Coke, well swollen, bright, and firm Ash, light grey
Wallangra (Lignite)				58 49				Ash only determined
Wellington	7 44	38 01	42 75	11 80	2 080	Nil	1 364	No true coke Ash grey
Wentworth Falls	2 39	30 73	53 60	13 28	0 926	66 88	1 382	Coke, well swollen, firm, and fairly bright Ash, grey
" "	2 32	31 42	54 01	12 25	0 926	66 20	1 360	" " " "
" "	2 44	27 71	58 72	11 13	1 180	69 85	1 357	" " " "



Locality.	Hydroscopic Moisture.	Volatile Hydrocarbons.	Fixed Carbon.	Ash.	Sulphur.	Coke.	Specific Gravity.	Remarks.
Wentworth Falls.....	2.58	30.04	57.00	9.48	.761	67.38	1.306	Coke, well swollen, fairly firm, and bright. Ash, white.
West Maitland (near).....	1.66	30.09	62.05	6.20	.72	68.25	1.31	
.....	2.21	40.76	50.95	6.08	.26	57.03	1.238	Coke, firm, bright, and fairly well swollen. Ash, grey.
Woodford.....	1.68	36.65	49.76	11.91	Nil.	61.67	1.385	Coke, dense, but not swollen. Ash, pinkish.
.....	1.37	23.68	43.10	31.85	.6	74.95	1.543	Coke, fairly well swollen, bright, and firm. Ash light grey.
.....	1.22	27.78	58.35	12.65	.59	71.	1.318	Coke, well swollen, bright, and firm. Ash, light grey.
.....	1.28	25.82	55.85	17.05	.998	72.9	1.391	Coke, fairly swollen, bright, and firm. Ash, dark grey.
.....	1.21	27.64	55.15	16.00	.837	71.15	1.382	Coke, well swollen, bright, and firm. Ash, dark grey.
Young Wallsend Colliery.....	2.02	35.05	57.00	5.98	.578	62.93	1.32	Coke, much swollen up, firm, and bright. Ash, light red, flocculent.
.....	2.06	36.34	52.90	8.70	.48	61.6	1.33	Coke, fairly swollen, bright and hard. Ash, very bright red.
.....	1.46	35.28	56.65	6.61	.486	63.26	1.240	Coke, fairly swollen, bright, and hard. Ash, bulky, reddish-brown tinge.

## SHALE.

The output of boghead mineral or petroleum oil cannel-coal, commonly called shale, in 1889, being the product of four mines, was larger by 5,692 tons than that of 1888, but there is a decrease in the price. Indeed, the average price has not been so low since 1883, but the average has been reduced by the low price, about 16s. per ton, which the shale from the South Greta Colliery realized.

The following table shows the quantity and value of Kerosene Shale produced during the years 1865 to 1889:—

Year.	Quantity.	Average price per ton.	Total value.	Year.	Quantity.	Average price per ton.	Total value.
	Tons.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		Tons.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1865	570	4 2 5.47	2,350 0 0	1879	32,519	2 1 1.96	66,930 10 0
1866	2,770	2 18 10.43	8,150 0 0	1880	19,201	2 6 7.03	44,724 15 0
1867	4,079	3 14 9.21	15,249 0 0	1881	27,891	1 9 2.59	40,748 0 0
1868	16,952	2 17 7.11	48,816 0 0	1882	48,065	1 15 0.00	84,114 0 0
1869	7,500	2 10 0.00	18,750 0 0	1883	49,250	1 16 10.77	90,861 10 0
1870	8,580	3 4 3.18	27,570 0 0	1884	31,618	2 5 7.86	72,176 0 0
1871	14,700	2 6 3.91	34,050 0 0	1885	27,462	2 8 11.62	67,239 0 0
1872	11,040	2 11 11.91	28,700 0 0	1886	43,563	2 5 10.79	99,976 0 0
1873	17,850	2 16 6.55	50,475 0 0	1887	40,010	2 3 10.43	87,761 0 0
1874	12,100	2 5 1.48	27,300 0 0	1888	34,869	2 2 2.66	73,612 0 0
1875	6,197	2 10 2.22	15,500 0 0	1889	40,561	1 18 3.55	77,666 15 0
1876	15,998	3 0 0.00	47,994 0 0				
1877	18,963	2 9 0.81	46,524 0 0		556,682	2 4 4.20	1,234,448 10 0
1878	24,371	2 6 11.40	57,211 0 0				

Efforts are being made to open up deposits of shale at Capertee. Shale has been found between the Kowmung and Boyd rivers.

*Petroleum Oil, Cannel Coal, or Kerosene Shale.*

The following analyses were made during the year in this Department:—

Locality.	Hydroscopic Moisture.	Volatile Hydrocarbons.	Fixed Carbons	Ash.	Sulphur.	Coke.	Specific Gravity.	Remarks.
Capertee.....	1.02	74.70	14.86	9.42	per cent.	nil.	1.104	No true coke formed.
.....	.76	71.84	17.06	10.84	.988	..	1.130	..
.....	..	..	..	12.37	..	..	..	} Ash estimated only.
.....	..	..	..	12.45	..	..	..	
Dungaree.....	..	..	..	54.41	..	..	..	} Ash, light grey.
.....	.71	57.61	10.85	30.83	.578	nil.	1.26	
Gough Harbour.....	.40	77.38	8.27	13.95	.789	..	1.10	} Ash, light grey.
Hartley (near).....	..	53.55	18.2	28.25	..	..	..	
Jervis Bay.....	.20	44.46	12.37	42.47	..	..	..	} Ash, light grey.
Katoomba.....	.86	46.39	32.05	20.70	.576	52.75	1.251	
.....	1.16	56.79	13.73	28.32	.88	nil.	1.264	No true coke formed. Ash, grey.
.....	.66	67.52	10.68	21.14	1.02	..	1.02	A dull coke formed, fairly hard.
.....	.87	62.84	12.55	23.74	.840	..	1.180	Ash, grey.
Megalong.....	.58	62.29	12.35	24.78	nil.	..	1.214	..
.....	1.52	56.96	14.68	26.84	.83	..	1.323	No true coke formed. Ash, grey.
.....	.65	60.55	12.68	26.12	nil.	..	1.226	..
Mudgee District.....	.35	66.98	12.01	20.66	.43	..	1.195	No true coke formed. Ash, grey.
.....	.89	76.42	16.62	6.07	.854	..	1.06	Ash, bright red; residue firmly coked.
Penrith (near).....	.51	50.29	8.90	40.30	.342	..	1.291	.. white.
Picton.....	1.54	26.89	25.75	45.82	..	..	..	.. grey. No coke.
.....	1.52	22.94	26.79	48.75	..	..	..	..
Port Stephens (Morna Point).....	1.10	49.45	14.22	35.23	..	..	..	.. bulky, slate coloured. No true coke. (Water worn boulder of shale.)
Thirlmere (14 miles from).....	1.75	40.30	9.70	48.25	.686	nil.	1.478	No true coke. Ash, slate colour.
Wentworth Falls.....	.39	65.91	7.6	26.10	.961	..	1.13	Ash, almost white.
Westmoreland (County of).....	.78	50.12	7.04	42.06	.357	..	1.356	No true coke. Ash, grey.

## SILVER.

In the Tuena division, the Cordillera and Peelwood have not been working regularly, consequently the return of silver is not so large as in 1888. The Mount Costigan mine has started again, and is running most successfully. At Wiseman's Creek Baker and party have been raising some silver ore, and are satisfied with their prospects. It is thought a rich silver lode will be found in this locality. Silver has been found at Mount Werong. If the proposed light line of railway from Piper's Flat Station to Sunny Corner were constructed, it is thought that the cost of coal and coke would be so much reduced, that the low-grade ore at the latter place would pay to work. Great improvements have been made during the year in the Sunny Corner mine and works. 204 men have been employed, and silver, gold, and copper to the value of £48,638 won during the year. During the year the Silver King mine has employed 150 men, and has raised and smelted 11,099 tons of ore, producing 1,018 tons of matte valued at £43,247, and lead to the value of £172. The Nevada mine has been started again under the name of the "Phoenix," but has not yet commenced smelting. In the Orange division 370 men are employed on the silver mines, the quantity of silver produced was 99,512 oz. of silver, and 267 tons of ore valued at £20,316.

In the Albert district.—A large extent of very rich ore was found in block 11 of the Proprietary Company's mine at Broken Hill. The quantity of ore raised at the Proprietary Company's mine during the year was 161,500 tons of ore, of which 145,041 tons smelted gave 6,236,006 oz. silver, and 25,170 tons of lead. This mine now employs 2,140 men, and has paid in dividends £1,160,000, and in bonuses £576,000. Several of the mines discovered large quantities of payable ore during the year. The concentrating plant at the Pinnacles has been working very successfully, reducing about 500 tons of ore per week. The Corona blocks, which have been abandoned for some time, are again attracting attention. The exports from the district include 42,253 tons 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lb. of silver ore valued at £291,534, and 31,544 tons 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lb. of argentiferous lead valued at £1,433,679.

At Queanbeyan the Commodore Company have proved a lode showing 13 ft. in width of decomposed ore, which can be easily mined, and furnaces will be erected shortly. The Vanderbilt Company raised 6,704 tons of ore, and smelted 4,704 tons of ore for 62,452 oz. of silver, 740 oz. of gold, 162 tons 9 cwt. lead. The Kohinoor Company raised 4,932 tons of ore, 4,732 tons smelted gave 54,511 oz. silver, 70 tons copper, 660 oz. gold, and 215 tons 3 cwt. of lead.

The Moruya Silver Mining Company have been exporting their ore for treatment. They have 300 tons at grass.

At the Walla Walla silver mine Burrowa, a galena lode 7 to 8 feet wide has been sunk through. Another shaft has been sunk in a lode consisting of carbonate of lead and galena, assays from which give from 30 to 325 oz. of silver, and as high as 78 per cent. of lead.

At Hillgrove there is a large lode 300 feet wide of felspathic rock formation, with ferruginous quartz veins containing silver and a little gold. Assays give from 15 oz. to 7,400 oz. of silver per ton, and from walls of lode 15 dwts. to 7 oz. of silver, and 3 to 17½ dwts. of gold per ton.

A silver lode has been discovered near Elsmore (Inverell), said to be 42 feet wide. Samples of the ore have been sent for assay, but the result is not yet known. In the Glen Innes division, 625 tons of ore yielded 43,750 oz. silver. Other parcels of poorer ore have been raised. The lodes opened at Castle Rag give evidence of permanence and richness. The Castle Rag Proprietary Company have erected extensive plant, and have raised some 4,000 tons of ore, and have sent away 200 tons for treatment. The Castle King Company raised 250 tons of ore. The other companies are engaged in opening up their mines, procuring plant, &c. At Pye's Creek a fair amount of ore has been raised. The New England Company at Nine-mile has done a large amount of work. Assays of ore from this mine have given as high as 700 oz. silver and 60 per cent. of bismuth per ton. Extensive plant has been erected at the White Rock mine (Drake). The mine still looks well, showing numerous seams of rich galena and pyrites. About 25,000 tons is now ready for treatment. The reduction plant will put through about 1,500 tons per week. For the present the ore will be concentrated, bagged, and sent away for treatment. A cut has been put into the face of the hill a distance of 60 feet, exposing numerous veins of very rich ore. Rich and extensive lodes have been discovered during the year at Rivertree (New England). At the Wongabah mine a 30 ton water-jacket furnace is now in operation. The ore consists of gossan, carbonate of lead, and galena. Ironstone and lime are found in the neighbourhood. Several parcels of ore sent away for treatment gave the following results:—3 tons yield 182 oz. silver per ton; 1 ton yield 39 oz. silver; 3 tons 16 cwt. yield 80 oz. silver per ton; 1 ton 2 cwt. yield 146 oz. silver per ton. The lodes are large and well defined.

The following table shows a very satisfactory increase for the year in the output from our silver mines, but the quantity of ore sent away for treatment shows that at many of our mines the means of treating the ore raised are not yet available, and we have much yet to learn before we shall be able to reap the full benefits of the valuable field for the employment of labour and capital presented by our argentiferous deposits

QUANTITY and Value of Silver and Silver and Lead Ore exported

Year	Silver		Silver and Lead Ore				Total Value
	Quantity	Value	Quantity		Value		
			Ore	Metal			
Up to	oz	£ s. d.	Tons cwt qr lb.	Tons cwt	£ s. d.	£	
1881	726,779 14	178,405 0 0	191 13 0 0		5,025 0 0	183,430	
1882	38,618	9,024 0 0	11 19 0 0		360 0 0	9,384	
1883	77,065·18	16,488 0 0	136 4 0 0		2,075 0 0	18,563	
1884	93,660 25	19,780 0 0	9,167 11 1 7		241,940 0 0	251,720	
1885	794,173 80	159,187 0 0	2,095 16 0 0	190 8	107,626 0 0	266,813	
1886	1,015,433 10	197,544 0 0	4,802 2 0 0		294,485 0 0	492,029	
1887	177,307 75	32,458 0 0	12,529 3 2 0		541,952 0 0	574,410	
1888	375,063 70	66,668 0 0	11,739 7 0 0	18,102 5	1,075,737 0 0	1,142,405*	
1889	416,895 35	72,001 0 0	46,965 9 0 0	34,579 17	1,899,197 0 0	1,971,198	
	3,714,996 27	751,555 0 0	87,369 4 3 7	52,872 10	4,168,397 0 0	4,909,952	

Note —In the Annual Report for 1888, 11,739 tons 7 cwt of silver ore valued at £164,620 was omitted from the table

During the year 3,009 assays for silver were made in this Department, 1,481 samples yielded nil, 1,378 samples yielded under 20 oz per ton, and 150 samples yielded as follows —

Locality	Description of Mineral	Per ton		Per cent metallic lead
		Silver	Gold	
Albany (Black Range)	Soft micaceous felspathic veinstuff, with iron pyrites, zinc blende, and molybdenite	oz dwt gr 26 5 0	oz dwt gr 1 0 0	
„ „	Micaceous felspathic and quartz veinstone, with zinc-blende, pyrites, and molybdenite, and a little galena	31 2 20	0 8 16	
„ „	Micaceous felspathic and quartz veinstone, with zinc blende, pyrites, and molybdenite, and a little galena	51 3 13	0 6 12	
Albany District	Galena, carbonate of lead, and felspathic rock	27 8 0	trace	
Armidale (Woolomou bi)	Calcite, with chloride of silver	7,482 18 21	nil	
„ „	Ferruginous quartz	56 14 21	„	
Burrowa (23 miles from)	„ porous quartz, with oxide of lead	27 15 8	trace	
Burrowa and the Lachlan (between).	Gossany ironstone	41 11 22	nil	
Burrowa (20 miles east)	Ferruginous carbonate of lead	165 18 21	„	
„ (24 miles east)	Felsitic rock, with galena, pyrites, and zinc blende	22 15 2	„	
„ (Beverly—near)	Ferruginous carbonate of lead and galena	72 8 5	„	
Burrowa	Galena and a little carbonate of lead	102 14 6	„	
„	Porous yellow gossan	75 2 16	„	
„ (20 miles from)	Galena and ferruginous carbonate of lead	56 1 13	„	
„ (21 miles N E)	Ferruginous carbonate of lead	160 12 5	„	
„ „	Galena	98 0 0	„	
„	Ferruginous carbonate of lead	43 0 5	„	
„	Galena, carbonate of lead, and a little iron pyrites	51 18 18	„	
„	Ferruginous carbonate of lead	131 19 9	„	
Boro	„ claystone, with a little carbonate of lead	53 9 6	„	
Boro District	Claystone, with carbonate of lead	46 16 10	„	
„	Ferruginous quartz veins in chlorite schist	49 10 21	„	
„ (2 miles east)	„ quartz and claystone, with pyrites	30 16 7	„	
„ District	„ „	40 5 18	„	
„	Carbonate of lead in ferruginous felspathic rock	24 3 10	„	
„	„ felspathic lodestuff	20 7 5	„	52·89
Bega	Ferruginous quartz	56 3 18	„	
„ (10 miles from)	„ felspathic rock, with a little quartz	94 14 16	„	
Brindabella	Galena, with a little carbonate of lead	21 15 13	„	
Broula	Ferruginous siliceous rock, with galena and carbonate of lead	78 11 16	3 6 10	24 32
Bredbo	„ carbonate of lead	65 4 10	nil.	55 16
Boonoo Boonoo	Quartz, with pyrites and zinc blende	27 10 22	2 16 22	
Bigga	„ and greenish gossan in clayslate	50 0 0	nil	
Brewongle	Felspathic gossan	47 7 0	0 3 0	
Braidwood District	Claystone, with galena and a few crystals of carbonate of lead	31 15 21	nil.	20 4
Bodangera Mount	Quartz, with galena and a little grey sulphide of copper	47 16 10	„	
Cooma	Crushed sample	62 8 22	„	
„	Brown non ore in claystone	22 2 1	„	
Carcoar district	Felspathic veinstone, with galena	117 1 2	„	
Clive (County of)	Carbonate of copper in a decomposed diabase country rock	53 18 0	„	
Clarence Heads (40 miles south)	Galena, partly laminated	125 5 10	trace.	
Cowley (County of)	Galena	27 4 10	nil.	
Deepwater district	Ferruginous claystone, with oxide of lead	24 3 8	„	
Deepwater (Castlerag)	Schist, with blue and green carbonates of copper, and a very little quartz	55 10 16	„	

Locality.	Description of Mineral.	Per ton.		Per Cent. metallic lead.
		Silver.	Gold.	
		oz. dwt gr.	oz. dwt. gr.	
Deepwater (Castlerag)	Schist, with a few stains of blue and green carbonates of copper.	30 14 2	Nil.	
" " "	Ferruginous gossan .....	27 4 10	"	
" " "	Zinc blende, with secondary iron pyrites in quartz .....	25 13 22	"	
" " "	Carbonate of lead and slate.....	149 3 13	"	
" " "	Carbonate of lead, with galena and a little quartz.....	38 6 13	"	
" " "	Ferruginous carbonate of lead in quartz .....	45 1 13	"	
" (The Nine-mile)	Ferruginous oxide and carbonate of lead .....	26 3 0	"	
" " "	Massive galena, with a little carbonate of lead .....	117 16 8	"	76.38
" " "	Quartz, with carbonate of lead .....	63 16 4	"	43.32
Deep Creek .....	" with zinc blende, galena, and pyrites.....	93 17 5	trace.	
Delegate .....	Ferruginous quartz, with a little galena, and traces of carbonate of copper.	65 13 0	nil.	
Denisontown (8 miles N.W.)	Ferruginous quartz, with carbonate of lead.....	56 2 0	"	
Denisontown (12 miles N.W.)	Carbonate of lead .....	472 11 12	trace.	
Dalmorton .....	Quartz, with arsenical and iron pyrites.....	20 7 16	nil.	
Drake .....	Gossan and galena .....	102 9 7	"	
Emmaville (10 miles from)	Quartz, with sulphide of silver .....	864 14 0	18 14 0	
Frogmoor (8 miles N.E.)	Slate, with quartz veins, and stained green with arseniate of iron.	80 16 22	nil.	
Gulgong Gold-field ...	Ferruginous quartz, with oxide of manganese.....	397 19 18	"	
Glen Innes (near) ...	Massive fine-grained galena.....	25 18 16	"	
" " "	" coarsely crystalline galena .....	20 18 2	"	
" (25 miles from).	Native and sulphide of bismuth.....	39 7 6	24 10 0	Bismuth, Sn & Tellurium-trace.
Glen Innes District ...	Galena, zinc blende, and mica .....	75 0 0	nil.	
Grabben Gullen Gold-field	Pyritous sand.....	40 3 12	204 16 8	
Goulburn .....	Galena, with zinc blende, a little pyrites and quartz .....	23 10 9	trace.	
Grenfell District .....	Galena and carbonate of lead .....	65 1 5	nil.	
Hillgrove (near) .....	Ferruginous quartz .....	79 8 5	trace.	
" " "	" " with traces of stibnite.....	487 12 1	0 8 16	
" (10 miles N.)	" " .....	57 9 20	nil.	
Isis River .....	Quartz, with a little galena .....	59 2 0	"	
Kempsey (15 miles W. of)	Galena in quartz .....	85 9 13	"	
Kiandra .....	Galena, with carbonate of lead .....	22 2 8	trace.	
Lewis Ponds (half-mile from).	Sulphides of lead and copper, with a little sulphide of zinc, and quartz.	25 18 7	0 4 8	
Lewis Ponds District.	Zinc blende, with galena and pyrites in quartz .....	31 6 0	trace.	
Molong .....	Crushed gossan .....	27 10 22	nil.	
Mount Victoria and Jenolan (between)	Quartz, with galena and mispickel.....	56 15 17	trace.	
Mudgee .....	Vitreous quartz, with a little galena.....	25 11 18	"	
" (near) .....	Quartz, with sulphide of silver .....	32 13 8	"	
Moruya .....	Mispickel in quartz .....	33 12 0	4 1 0	
Murrumburrah .....	Quartz, with galena and iron pyrites .....	21 9 0	nil.	
" " "	Ferruginous carbonate of lead, with siliceous felspathic vein-stone, containing galena.	32 8 0	"	
Mudgee District (Deadman's Creek).	Carbonate of lead in chalcedonic veinstone .....	22 12 4	"	32.54
" " "	Siliceous gossan.....	77 17 2	"	
Marulan .....	Ferruginous gossan, with galena .....	32 1 11	"	
" " "	Galena and zinc blende .....	24 10 0	"	
New England.....	Quartz, with antimonial sulphide of silver .....	386 0 5	trace.	
" " "	Ferruginous quartz and felspathic rock .....	132 2 8	0 3 6	
" " "	Ferruginous quartz, with antimonial sulphide of silver and a little pyrites.	173 8 2	0 3 6	
" " "	Ferruginous quartz and felspathic rock, with antimonial sulphide of silver.	1,215 6 3	0 8 16	
" " "	Quartz and felsitic rock, with iron pyrites .....	73 14 8	0 19 12	
" " "	Quartz, with galena, zinc blende, and copper pyrites .....	30 4 6	nil.	
Newbridge (10 miles north)	Gossany rubble .....	49 3 6	"	
Oberon (near) .....	Quartz, with mispickel and a little galena .....	53 4 20	"	
" " "	" " galena.....	76 4 2	"	
" " "	" " .....	81 13 8	trace.	
Oban (near) .....	Ferruginous felspathic gossan.....	22 6 10	nil.	
Pudman's Creek .....	" carbonate of lead and claystone.....	40 12 6	"	38.05
" " "	Gossan, ferruginous carbonate of lead, and a little galena .....	27 4 10	"	24.35
" " "	Galena and ferruginous carbonate of lead.....	50 12 16	"	40.5
" " "	Ferruginous carbonate of lead and quartz .....	33 16 0	"	
" " "	Quartz and felspathic veinstone, with galena.....	32 0 0	"	
Pye's Creek .....	Carbonate of lead and galena .....	129 18 1	"	57.53
Rye Park (6 miles from)	Galena .....	21 16 5	"	
" (4 miles from)	" coated with carbonate of lead .....	69 7 5	"	
" " "	Crushed quartz and felspathic rock .....	30 15 5	trace.	
" " "	Galena and carbonate of lead .....	118 2 21	"	
" (5 miles from)	Gossan, with " " .....	60 19 13	nil.	
" " "	Galena, with iron pyrites .....	54 19 8	"	50.15
Rivertree (Wonglebong Reef).	Siliceous aluminous veinstone, with arseniate of iron and chloride of silver.	300 4 0	trace.	
Rivertree (Cullen's Creek)	Siliceous yellow gossan, with carbonate of lead .....	400 14 5	0 3 6	
" " "	Pyrites, with a little felspathic material .....	22 0 0	0 10 0	
" " "	" " .....	22 11 0	0 17 0	
Rockwell Paddock ...	Ferruginous grit, with carbonate of lead and chloride of silver	33 8 13	trace.	35.25
" " "	Grit, with carbonate of lead .....	39 2 18	0 3 5	
Severn River.....	Quartz .....	162 7 1	2 6 19	
Sunny Corner (Jew's Creek)	Ferruginous quartz .....	78 18 10	0 4 8	
" " "	" " and felspathic veinstone .....	63 7 10	0 4 18	
Shoalhaven District...	Galena and quartz.....	28 4 0	nil.	

Locality.	Description of Mineral.	Per ton.		Per cent. metallic lead.
		Silver.	Gold.	
Tuena .....	Blue and green carbonates of copper and carbonate of lead.....	oz. dwt. gr. 127 15 14	oz. dwt. gr. nil.	16·33 Copper, 39·3
Talbragar .....	Chlorite, with specks of galena, quartz, and calcite .....	22 4 6	„ „	
Westmoreland (County of)	Claystone, with mispickel and blende .....	50 8 6	10 17 18	
Wongobah .....	Ferruginous gossan .....	31 13 6	nil.	
Windellama (7 miles from)	Copper gossan.....	24 16 12	„ „	Copper, 50·3.
Wellington (Boyce Creek).	Quartz, with carbonate and sulphide of copper and native copper and silver.	94 12 13	0 19 12	
Warrell Creek .....	Quartz, with mispickel and galena .....	51 3 13	nil.	
„ „ .....	„ „ zinc-blende, galena, and pyrites.....	31 16 5	„ „	
„ „ .....	Galena and mispickel in felspathic lodestuff .....	78 8 0	„ „	
Woolloomon .....	Quartz, with a little grey sulphide and green carbonate of copper.	227 5 4	1 6 0	
Yalwal .....	Rubble.....	20 6 3	69 10 10	
„ .....	Slightly porous pyritous quartz.....	34 6 0	nil.	
„ .....	„ „ ferruginous „ .....	54 17 2	„ „	
„ .....	„ „ quartz, with a little iron pyrites .....	61 14 16	„ „	
„ .....	Ferruginous quartz, with felspathic material .....	26 2 16	„ „	
„ .....	Quartz vein, with iron pyrites and galena in quartz and felspathic gangue.	43 0 3	trace.	
„ .....	Carbonate of lead and iron pyrites in quartz and felspathic gangue.	44 19 10	„ „	
„ (Right Arm Creek)	Granitic rock, with veins of galena and pyrites in quartz .....	22 16 0	nil.	
„ „ .....	Ferruginous quartz and felspathic veinstone, with galena and iron pyrites.	56 9 0	„ „	
„ „ .....	Thin vein of quartz, with galena and iron pyrites.. .....	84 10 0	trace.	
„ „ .....	Quartz and felspathic rock, with ½-inch vein of galena.....	23 14 0	nil.	
„ „ .....	Galena .....	92 2 8	„ „	
„ „ .....	Quartz vein in granitic rock, carrying galena and pyrites .....	54 8 21	trace.	

## LEAD.

THIRTY-ONE assays were made for lead, with the following results:—

Locality.	Description.	Per cent. Metallic Lead.	Silver.		Gold.	
			oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.
Bega District.....	Ferruginous carbonate of lead, galena, and zinc-blende .....	14·73	trace.	„	nil.	
Boro .....	Carbonate of lead in felspathic lodestuff .....	52·89	20 7 5	„	„	
Braidwood District ...	Claystone, with galena and a little carbonate of lead .....	20·04	31 15 21	„	„	
„ „ .....	Pyromorphite .....	55·27	nil.	„	„	
Bredbo .....	Ferruginous carbonate of lead and galena in quartz and felspathic veinstone.	28·89	9 9 14	„	„	
„ .....	Ferruginous carbonate of lead .....	55·16	65 4 10	„	„	
Brewongle .....	Galena and copper pyrites in talc schist.....	5·58	9 15 23	„	„	Copper, 7·78%
Brindabella (12 miles from).	Galena and carbonate of lead, with traces of green carbonate of copper.	50·55	nil.	„	„	No gold.
Broula.....	Galena and carbonate of lead in ferruginous siliceous rock ...	24·32	78 11 16	3 6 10	„	
Cowley (County of, and Parish Coolaman).	Earthy carbonate of lead .....	54·04	2 18 17	„	nil.	
Deepwater (Castlerag)	Massive galena, with carbonate of lead .....	76·38	117 16 18	„	„	
„ „ .....	Carbonate of lead and a little galena .....	70·72	16 6 16	„	„	
„ „ .....	„ „ quartz.....	43·32	63 16 4	„	„	
Emmaville.....	Galena, copper pyrites, and traces of carbonate of copper in ferruginous veinstone.	19·74	nil.	„	„	
Menindie (Topaz Station, 37 miles from).	Ferruginous galena and carbonate of lead .....	25·07	7 17 2	„	„	
Mudgee District (Deadman's Creek).	Carbonic of lead in chalcedonic veinstone .....	33·54	22 12 4	„	„	
Pudman's Creek (Yass District).	Ferruginous carbonate of lead and claystone... ..	38·05	40 12 6	„	„	
„ „ .....	Ferruginous carbonate of lead and a little galena and gossan...	24·35	27 4 10	„	„	
„ „ .....	Galena and zinc-blende .....	11·51	13 3 4	„	„	
„ „ .....	Galena and ferruginous carbonate of lead .....	40·5	50 12 6	„	„	
Purnamoota (near) ...	Galena, with fluor-spar .....	64·28	5 19 18	„	„	
Pye's Creek .....	Carbonate of lead and galena .....	57·53	129 18 1	„	„	
Queanbeyan .....	„ „ with blue and green carbonates of copper and a little quartz.	37·18	13 12 5	„	„	Copper, 6·8%
Rivertree (Parkes' Lode, 10 miles from).	Massive galena, with pyrites and ochreous quartz ... ..	19·46	19 12 0	„	„	
Rockwell Paddock (Barrier Range).	Carbonate of lead in granitic veinstone .....	41·5	14 14 0	„	„	
„ „ .....	„ „ .....	31·05	15 15 18	„	„	
„ „ .....	„ „ and chloride of silver.....	35·25	33 8 13	„	„	
Rye Park (5 miles from).	Galena, with iron pyrites .....	50·5	54 19 8	„	„	
Tuena .....	Carbonate of lead, with gossan and quartz.....	17·21	3 18 9	„	„	
„ .....	Sulphide of iron, lead, and zinc.....	12·10	19 1 12	„	„	
„ .....	Carbonate of lead, with blue and green carbonates of copper...	16·33	127 15 4	„	„	Copper, 39·3%

One other sample was assayed, yielding nil.

TIN.

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From the following table it will be seen that, notwithstanding the satisfactory price of tin, the output for 1889 shows a further decline. The highest point, as regards the value of our output, was reached in 1882, the eleventh year from the opening of our tin deposits; but the largest output for any one year was in 1883. Since then it has declined, until the output for 1889 was little more than half that of 1883, while the value of the output for 1889 was less than half the value of the output for 1882. I attribute this decline to two causes, namely, the exhaustion of the shallow alluvial deposits on the older fields, and the inability or disinclination to develop either the deeper deposits or the lodes. There are new fields, containing shallow deposits, in the Lachlan and in the Southern Districts; but for some reason they have up to the present been merely tested.

TABLE showing the quantity and value of Tin exported from, and the product of, the Colony of New South Wales, since the opening of the Tin-fields in 1872.

Year.	Ingots.			Ore.			Total.			
	Quantity.		Value.	Quantity.		Value.	Quantity.		Value.	
	Tons	cwt.	£	s.	d.	Tons	cwt.	£	s.	d.
1872	47	0	6,482	0	0	849	0	41,337	0	0
1873	911	0	107,795	0	0	3,660	0	226,641	0	0
1874	4,101	0	366,189	0	0	2,118	0	118,133	0	0
1875	6,058	0	475,168	0	0	2,022	0	86,143	0	0
1876	5,449	0	379,318	0	0	1,509	0	60,320	0	0
1877	7,230	0	477,952	0	0	824	0	30,588	0	0
1878	6,085	0	362,072	0	0	1,125	0	33,750	0	0
1879	5,107	2	343,075	0	0	813	15	29,274	0	0
1880	5,476	6	440,615	0	0	682	6	30,722	9	0
1881	7,590	17½	686,511	0	0	609	6	37,492	0	0
1882	8,059	0	800,571	0	0	611	0	32,890	0	0
1883	8,680	1	802,867	0	0	445	4	21,685	0	0
1884	6,315	16	506,726	0	0	349	13	14,861	0	0
1885	4,657	18	390,458	0	0	534	18	25,168	0	0
1886	4,640	18	449,303	0	0	326	18	18,350	0	0
1887	4,669	8	509,009	0	0	291	13	16,411	0	0
1888	4,562	2	569,182	0	0	247	8	13,314	0	0
1889	4,408	13	403,111	0	0	241	15	12,060	0	0
	94,049	1½	8,076,404	0	0	17,260	16	849,139	9	0

Some 9 tons of tin ore was sent away from Broken Hill.

Butler's Tin-mine, at Jingellic, has been worked during the year, and a small quantity of stream tin has been raised.

A rich find of stream tin has been made on the Tantowanglo Mountain (Bombala).

At Watson's Creek (Bendemeer), 26 tons of tin ore was raised during the year.

In the Inverell Division:—Improved appliances are being brought to bear upon the tin lodes, and it is anticipated that they will prove a permanent source of profitable industry. The Union Co. raised from their mine at Elsmore nearly 114 tons, value £5,928; from their Tingha mine, 102 tons, value £5,304. The Malacca Co. raised nearly 7 tons, value £351; Mr. Litchfield, 700 tons, value £36,400; Mr. Hill, 430 tons, value £22,360.

The quantity of ore raised in the Glen Innes Division was 142½ tons, value £7,137; and at Emmaville, 1,553 tons, value £77,650.

At Nine-mile, towards the end of the year, several shafts have bottomed on first-rate stream tin, and in one mine a really good reef has been struck. In the New England district a few new finds at Wylie Creek have been reported. During the year 254 tons of ore, value £13,716, was raised in the Wilson's Downfall division. Some prospecting was done at Brassington Creek, about 12 miles south of Tenterfield, with every prospect of success.

## ERRATUM.

*Page 39*—Table showing the Quantity and Value of Copper.

Column of Ingots—

Total value, *printed* 3,530,571

*78*—

*should be* 5,530,571

Twenty-four assays were made for tin, 15 of which yielded from nil to traces only, and 9 yielded as follows:—

Locality	Description of Mineral	Per cent. metallic tin.
Bendemeer (20 miles from)...	Stream tin ore, with zircons, quartz, and titanite iron .....	44.56
Boro .....	Stream tin ore, with quartz and titanite iron ore .....	66.7
Bullock Swamp, Glen Creek...	Ferruginous quartz, with tinstone .....	13.43
Carcoar .....	Stream tin ore, quartz, zircons, magnetite, sapphires, and a little gold .....	41.6
Glen Creek .....	Crushed sample, consisting chiefly of quartz .....	5.81
Guy Fawkes .....	Stream tin ore .....	69.1
Tarago .....	" .....	73.4
Tumut District (Sandy Creek)	Quartz, with a little tinstone .....	0.60
" .....	Stream tin ore .....	70.3
Tenterfield (10 miles from)	Concentrated oxide of tin .....	61.14
" (8½ miles north) ..	Oxide of tin, with magnetic iron and a little carbonate of bismuth ..	19.24
The Nine-mile, New England	Chlorite rock, with oxide of tin ..	18.6

#### COPPER.

IN consequence of the low price of copper this branch of our mining industry has been carried on under serious difficulties, and it is matter for congratulation that in spite of such difficulties our output for 1889 was larger than that of 1888 as regards quantity, though, of course, for the reason above stated, the value of the output was considerably less. Our copper output reached the highest point, both as regards quantity and value in 1883; since then the fall in price has seriously affected the production, but it is to be hoped that the exercise of greater economy in raising and treatment, and greater facilities of transit may enable our mine owners to compete with other countries successfully in the production of this metal. Although the reduced price of copper does not encourage the opening up of our cupriferous deposits, some new lodes have been discovered during the year, and there can be no doubt that under favourable circumstances our copper mines would afford employment for a large number of men.

TABLE showing the quantity and value of Copper, the produce of the Colony, exported from the Colony of New South Wales, from 1858 to 1889.

Year.	Ingots.		Ore and Regulus.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity	Value	Quantity.	Value
	Tons cwt.	£	Tons cwt.	£	Tons cwt.	£
1858	...	...	58 0	1,400	58 0	1,400
1859	30 0	578	...	...	30 0	578
1860	...	...	43 0	1,535	43 0	1,535
1861	...	...	144 0	3,390	144 0	3,390
1862	...	...	213 0	5,742	213 0	5,742
1863	23 0	1,680	114 0	420	137 0	2,100
1864	54 0	5,230	...	...	54 0	5,230
1865	247 0	15,820	22 0	545	269 0	16,365
1866	255 0	18,905	23 0	1,885	278 0	20,790
1867	393 0	30,189	0 2	5	393 0	30,194
1868	644 0	23,297	172 0	4,000	816 0	27,297
1869	1,980 0	74,605	104 0	2,070	2,084 0	76,675
1870	994 0	65,671	6 0	60	1,000 0	65,731
1871	1,350 0	87,579	94 0	1,297	1,444 0	88,876
1872	1,035 0	92,736	417 0	13,152	1,452 0	105,888
1873	2,795 0	237,412	51 0	1,690	2,846 0	239,102
1874	3,638 0	311,519	522 0	13,621	4,160 0	325,140
1875	3,520 0	297,334	157 0	4,356	3,677 0	301,690
1876	3,106 0	243,142	169 0	6,836	3,275 0	249,978
1877	4,153 0	307,181	360 0	17,045	4,513 0	324,226
1878	4,983 0	337,409	236 0	7,749	5,219 0	345,158
1879	4,106 15	256,437	36 7	915	4,143 2	257,352
1880	5,262 10	359,260	131 13½	4,799	5,394 8½	364,059
1881	5,361 0	350,087	132 16	4,975	5,493 16	355,062
1882	4,865 3	321,887	93 1	2,840	4,958 4	324,727
1883	8,872 17	574,497	84 10	2,704	8,957 7	577,201
1884	7,286 6	415,601	18 18	578	7,305 4	416,179
1885	5,745 5	264,905	0 15	15	5,746 0	264,920
1886	3,968 18	166,429	57 18	1,236	4,026 8	167,665
1887	4,463 19	195,752	299 8	3,350	4,763 7	199,102
1888	3,786 1	272,110	113 6	2,924	3,899 7	275,034
1889	3,983 16	203,319	198 4	3,322	4,182 0	206,641
	86,902 10	3,530,571	4,072 3½	114,456	90,974 3½	5,645,027

The Burruga Copper-mine was idle for 6 or 7 months, but work has been resumed, and is employing 300 men.

In the Ironbarks division (Mudgee district) 6 tons of copper was raised. The Belara Copper-mine put out 300 tons of ore, which yielded 16 tons of copper; the furnaces were working only 3 months.

In the Cobar district the Great Cobar Co. stopped work in August last, owing to the low price of copper and the cost of transit. When the railway is extended to Cobar, it is thought the mine will resume work. From the Nymagee Mine, 8,755 tons of ore raised was smelted, and gave 843 tons of copper. At Yallock, 55 miles from Ivanhoe, 8 men are prospecting. From a depth of 14 to 65 ft. some of



of the ore sent to Melbourne was found to contain 4 oz. of gold and 57 oz. of silver per ton. The New Mount Hope Co. raised 1,870 tons of ore, which produced 260 tons of copper. The Great Central Co. raised 2,000 tons of ore, which produced 394 tons of copper.

About 106½ tons of copper ore, valued at £1,081, was sent away from Broken Hill.

The Frogmore Copper Mine (Burrowa) has been reopened.

During the year 54 samples of copper ore were assayed by this Department, 1 yielding a trace, 53 yielding as follows:—

Locality.	Description of Mineral.	Metallic Copper per cent.	Gold per ton.		Silver per ton.	
			oz.	dwt. gr.	oz.	dwt. gr.
Bathurst .....	Talc schist, with a little galena, sulphides of copper and zinc, and traces of green carbonate of copper.	8·87	oz.	dwt. gr.	oz.	dwt. gr.
Bathurst (county of)	Copper pyrites and quartz in chlorite rock .....	5·6	trace.		3	7 10
" "	" " redruthite, and green and blue carbonates of copper in quartz.	12·9	0	4 7	2	14 10
Blayney .....	Grey and yellow sulphides with traces of green carbonate of copper.	27·6	nil.		2	3 13
" .....	Mammillated iron and copper pyrites, coated with a little black oxide of copper.	9·2	trace.			trace.
" .....	Copper gossan .....	7·9	nil.		1	12 16
" .....	Copper pyrites .....	16·5	"		3	7 12
Bonshaw (15 miles from)	" " in a bluish clay .....	14·9	trace.		2	12 5
" " district..	Copper and iron pyrites and a little quartz .....	20·0	nil.		2	10 19
Bookham (10 miles from)	Green carbonate of copper in claystone.....	11·8	.....			
" (1 mile from)	Copper pyrites .....	24·20	trace.		2	5 16
Braidwood district..	Quartz, with green carbonate and grey sulphide of copper .....	7·05	nil.			trace.
" " "	Copper pyrites .....	27·2	trace.		2	14 10
" " "	Crushed sample, consisting chiefly of copper pyrites.....	16·04	nil.			nil.
Brewongle .....	Copper pyrites in talc schist .....	7·78	nil.		9	15 23
Burrowa district ...	Quartz and felspathic lodestuff, stained with blue and green carbonates of copper, one piece with massive blue and green carbonates.	13·95	.....			
Carcoar (near)	Cobalt-bearing manganese oxide .....	2·53	.....			
Cargo (Dalcoath mine)	Ferruginous quartz, with grey sulphide and traces of blue and green carbonates of copper and iron pyrites.	22·25	trace.			trace.
Condobolin .....	Quartz, with sulphide and green carbonate of copper .....	25·6	nil.		7	1 13
Cowra (Burley Jackey near).	Green carbonate with grey sulphide and a little red oxide of copper.	49·45	trace.		0	17 17
" " "	Grey and yellow sulphide, with a little green carbonate of copper	54·4	"		3	3 2
" " "	Yellow sulphide of copper showing oxidized portions ..	53·62	"		4	2 17
Drake .....	Galena, carbonate of copper, and copper and iron pyrites in quartz and felspathic veinstone.	10·6	nil.		1	13 0
" (Doctor's Reef)	Copper and iron pyrites in quartz and felsitic gangue .....	15·63	"		3	0 22
" (Copper Reef)	Chalcedonic quartz with grey sulphide and blue and green carbonates of copper.	22·72	"		3	9 16
" .....	Granular quartz veinstone, stained with blue and green carbonates of copper and a little red oxide and native copper.	23·45	"			trace.
" .....	Blue and green carbonates of copper in quartz and felspathic veinstone.	29·1	"		7	10 0
Frogmoor .....	Ferruginous felspathic rock, with blue and green carbonates of copper.	22·45	"		1	1 16
Green Swamp, near Bathurst.	Sulphides of copper and iron .....	22·05	"		1	1 16
" " "	" " " and a little brown iron ore .....	29·3	"		1	1 16
Kallara .....	Quartzite and quartz with grey sulphide and green carbonate of copper.	10·38	"			nil.
" " "	Ferruginous quartz with green carbonate of copper .....	7·48	"			
Lewis Ponds (near)	Grey sulphide and green carbonate of copper .....	31·63	"		7	3 16
" " "	Red oxide and green carbonate of copper .....	39·33	"		2	5 17
Lyndhurst (near) ..	Claystone, with copper and iron pyrites .....	12·40	trace.		3	16 5
" " "	" " and quartz, with copper and iron pyrites and a little green carbonate of copper.	7·55	...		2	5 17
Molong .....	Copper gossan and ferruginous quartz, with stains of carbonate of copper.	17·4	trace.		1	12 16
Ophir .....	Ferruginous felspathic lodestuff, with quartz and brown iron ore and slightly stained with green carbonate of copper.	7·1	nil.			nil.
Perth .....	Copper and iron pyrites, in chlorite schist .....	1·38	"			trace.
Queanbeyan .....	Carbonate of lead and galena, with blue and green carbonates of copper and a little quartz.	6·8	"		13	12 5
Rockwell Paddock.	Quartz, with oxide and green carbonate of copper.....	11·9	"			nil.
Silverton (26 miles north).	Brown iron ore, with quartz and felspathic rock, with green carbonate of copper and a little copper glance.	17·2	trace.			trace.
Shoalhaven .....	Quartz with green carbonate and a little sulphide of copper and iron pyrites.	20·75	"		1	0 0
" .....	Crushed sample, consisting chiefly of copper pyrites and quartz with a little galena.	7·95	nil.		7	6 0
Talbragar (near Narangarie).	Ferruginous copper pyrites .....	26·16	"		2	13 4
Toooloom .....	Copper and iron pyrites .....	10·85	"		2	4 0
Tuena .....	Blue and green carbonates of copper and carbonate of lead ..	39·30	"		127	15 4
Ulladulla .....	Sulphide of copper and a little quartz .....	23·2	trace.		2	12 5
" " "	Sulphides of copper and iron and a little quartz.....	16·5	"		2	1 8
Wellington (near)...	Grey sulphide, coated with green carbonate of copper .....	41·55	"			trace.
Windellama (7 miles from).	Copper gossan .....	50·3	nil.		24	16 12
Wiseman's Creek ...	Small quartz veins in slate, containing a small amount of copper pyrites and green carbonate of copper.	9·35	"		2	3 13
Yass .....	Quartz, with a little green carbonate and grey sulphide of copper	15·76	"			nil.

IRON.

An attempt has been made by Mr. Brazenall, to make gas pipes, &c., from iron smelted from the ore, and taken direct to the mould from the furnace (cupola) without first making it into pig-iron, and hopes are entertained that he will succeed.

Twenty-four assays and analyses of Iron ore were made during the year by this department:—

Locality.	Description of mineral.	Metallic iron, per cent.
Dapto (near)	Shale, with a little carbonate of iron	4.09
" "	Brown iron ore	13.49
" "	Shale, with a little carbonate of iron	4.31
Mittagong	Limonite	56.18
"	"	32.53
"	"	20.9
"	"	44.66
"	Clayband iron ore	41.14
"	"	39.81
"	Clay ironstone	28.09
"	"	27.81
" (2½ miles from)	Compact brown iron ore.	
	ANALYSIS.	
	Hygroscopic moisture, combined water	11.11
	Iron peroxide	42.31*
	" protoxide	trace.
	Manganese protoxide	"
	Silica	29.47
	Alumina	16.79
	Lime	nil.
	Magnesia	.46
	Phosphoric anhydride	.18
	Sulphuric	trace.
	Carbonic acid	nil.
	Organic matter	"
	Insoluble in acids (chiefly silicate of alumina)	"
		100.32
Mittagong (2½ miles from)	Banded brown iron ore:—	
	ANALYSIS.	
	Hygroscopic moisture, combined water	10.40
	Iron peroxide*	58.19
	" protoxide	trace.
	Manganese protoxide	nil.
	Silica	"
	Alumina	3.21
	Lime	trace.
	Magnesia	.14
	Phosphoric anhydride	trace.
	Sulphuric	"
	Carbonic acid	nil.
	Organic matter	.63
	Insoluble in acids (chiefly silicate of alumina)	27.08
		99.08
Mittagong (2¼ miles from)		
	ANALYSIS.	
	Hygroscopic moisture, combined water	11.90
	Iron peroxide*	38.05
	" protoxide	trace.
	Manganese protoxide	"
	Silica	"
	Alumina	4.25
	Lime	trace.
	Magnesia	.21
	Phosphoric anhydride	trace.
	Sulphuric	"
	Carbonic acid	nil.
	Organic matter	"
	Insoluble in acids (chiefly silicate of alumina)	45.47
		99.83
Maitland	Hematite	60.83
Picton (near)	Earthy magnetite	32.76
Raymond Terrace (Mount Ironstone, 20 miles from)	Sandy magnetic ironstone	44.79
"	"	42.35
"	"	40.77
"	"	49.99
"	"	48.33
"	"	37.71
"	"	44.57
"	"	.....
	Analysis.	
	Moisture at 100° C.	.67
	Combined moisture	3.31
	Iron peroxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	52.86
	" protoxide (FeO)	7.79
	Manganese protoxide	trace.
	Alumina	5.28
	Silica	18.70
	Iron peroxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )*	.75
	Lime	1.12
	Magnesia	trace.
	Titanic acid	7.30
	Carbonic	1.66
	Phosphoric	trace.
	Sulphuric	"
	Organic matter	"
		99.44

\* Insoluble in acids.

## ANTIMONY.

The output of antimony during the past year shows a slight increase upon that of the previous year, and with a better knowledge of the proper treatment of the ores our output may be expected to increase considerably.

DURING the year twenty assays were made for antimony, with the following results:—

		Metallic Antimony.	Gold.
Bowra (near)—	Stibnite with quartz .....	52·81 per cent.	nil.
Goolongolook—	” ” .....	41·32 ”	”
Guyra River—	” ” .....	42·66 ”	”
Hillgrove—	” ” .....	52·60 ”	2 oz. 2 dwt. 10 gr. per ton.
” (Baker's Creek) ”	” ” .....	72·55 ”	nil.
” (near) ”	” ” .....	44·05 ”	trace.
Keppsey District—	” ” .....	60·50 ”	”
” ”	with quartz and black slate .....	43·02 ”	”
” ”	Native metallic antimony .....	90·78 ”	”
Nambucca District—	Stibnite in claystone .....	32·82 ”	”
” (Deep Creek)—	and oxide with quartz .....	47·96 ”	nil.
” ”	Native antimony .....	95·54 ”	trace.
” ”	Stibnite with quartz and slate .....	23·49 ”	”
” ”	” ” .....	66·02 ”	nil.
” ”	with quartz .....	47·92 ”	”
” (Taylor's Arn)—	” ” .....	53·13 ”	trace.
” ”	and cervantite .....	53·60 ”	”
” ”	” ” .....	61·85 ”	nil.

Two samples yielded nil.

## COBALT AND NICKEL.

DURING the year, 11 samples of Ore were assayed for Cobalt and Nickel in this Department—1 yielding nil, 10 yielding as follows:—

Locality.	Description of Mineral.	Sesquioxide of Cobalt. Per cent.	Protoxide of Nickel. Per cent.	Other Minerals.
Bungonia .....	Cobaltiferous manganese oxide .....	2·65	.....	{ Binoxide of manganese, 48·21 %. Oxide of copper, 3·17 %.
” .....	Sandstone, with manganese oxide .....	1·92	·35	
” .....	” ” .....	1·87	·25	
” .....	Cobaltiferous manganese oxide .....	3·19	.....	
Carcoar .....	Finely crystalline glaucodot (a variety of cobaltiferous mispickel) and molybdenite .....	11·59	1·02	
Carcoar (near) .....	Cobaltiferous manganese oxide .....	2·47	·85	
” .....	” ” .....	56·53	.....	
Port Macquarie .....	Felspathic cobaltiferous wad .....	3·06	·70	
” .....	Iron ore, containing cobalt .....	6·92	1·07	
Tamworth (near) .....	Serpentinous schist, with cobaltiferous manganese oxide .....	5·20	3·70	
” .....	” ” .....	trace.	1·89	

## MANGANESE.

During the year the following assays for Manganese were made:—

Locality.	Description of Mineral.	Manganese. Per cent.	Other minerals.
Carcoar (near) .....	Cobalt-bearing manganese oxide.	Binoxide of manganese. 48·21.	Oxide of copper, 3·17 per cent., equal to 2·53 per cent. of metallic copper; sesquioxide of cobalt, 2·47 per cent.; protoxide of nickel, ·85 per cent.
Glen Morrison (near) .....	Oxide of manganese, with a little felspathic material.	Metallic manganese, 42·98	Gold, a trace per ton; no silver.
Tamworth (15 miles from) .....	Oxide, containing a little silicate of manganese.	48·9	.....

## ZINC.

During the year the following assays of Zinc Ore were made:—

Locality.	Description of Mineral.	Zinc. Per cent.
Bredbo .....	Calamine .....	40·25
Denison Town (Mount Stewart) .....	Moisture .....	·09
	Carbonate of iron .....	26·71
	” zinc .....	38·28
	” manganese .....	31·67
	Lime .....	2·16
	Sulphide of lead .....	·49
	Phosphoric anhydride .....	trace.
	Insoluble in acids (silica, &c.) .....	·72
		100·12

## PLATINUM.

Seven tests were made for this metal, four of which yielded nil; three gave as follows:—

*Broken Hill—*

Ochreous felspathic rock.....	1 oz. 9 dwt. 9 gr. per ton.
Compact ferruginous claystone.....	6 dwt. 12 gr. per ton.
Ferruginous felspathic rock, with joints filled with green carbonate of copper.....	A strong trace.

## BISMUTH.

Forty tons of ore raised in the Glen Innes contained 55 per cent. metal; value, £8,000.

## ASSAYS of Bismuth and Tellurium Ores made during the year.

Locality.	Description.	Bismuth. Per cent.	Tellurium.	Per ton.	
				Gold.	Silver.
Glen Innes (23 miles from)	Native and sulphide of bismuth .....	80.40	trace.	oz. dwt. gr. 24 10 0	oz. dwt. gr. 39 7 6
Molong (25 miles from) ...	Quartz, with carbonate of bismuth .....	13.05	„	.....	.....
Nimitybelle .....	Quartz, with a little pyrites and sulphide of bismuth .....	8.81	„	.....	.....
„	„	2.71	„	.....	.....
Oban .....	Native bismuth, carbonate and oxide of bismuth ...	75.60	„	2 7 21	.....
„	Friable earthy carbonate of bismuth .....	10.04	„	.....	.....
Tenterfield.....	Quartz, with oxide of bismuth .....	2.72	.....	.....	.....

Ten other tests were made for bismuth, the highest yielding a trace only.

## GRAPHITE.

A Graphite mine near Undercliffe (New England) is now yielding good ore.

## MICA.

The Geological Surveyor invites attention to the fact that there is a demand for mica plates properly prepared in sizes over 3 inches by 4, which are worth from 6d. to 1s. per pound, while plates not less than 10 inches by 12 bring up to 10s. per pound, provided the plates are perfectly clear when split, and without holes or cracks. Mica, free from colour (when split into thin plates), is the most valuable; but all varieties—black, green, white, amber, or speckled—are said to be in large demand, provided the plates, slabs, or blocks are sound, and will split readily. Mica in sizes less than 3 inches by 4 is not much wanted. Mica is likely to be found in some of the numerous granitic areas that occur in various parts of the Colony, especially in the coarsely-crystalline granitic formations in the Silverton District and elsewhere in the Barrier Ranges.

## DIAMONDS.

The Malacca Co. found 2,195 $\frac{1}{2}$  carats, value £878 5s.

## WATER.

During the year, 9 analyses were made of water, as follows:—

## OCEAN VIEW ESTATE, BEXLEY, NORTH ROCKDALE.

On evaporation the water gave a total solids of 129.2 grains per gallon. The water was clear, colourless, and odourless; it had a slight saline taste. The total solids were found to consist of chiefly chloride of sodium, with a fair proportion of sulphates of lime and magnesia, silica, &c. The quantity received was too small for a proper analysis.

## LOCALITY—NYMAGEE.

Insoluble solids.....	6.300 grains per gallon.
Soluble solids .....	13.300 „
Loss on ignition .....	4.284 „
Total solids .....	23.884
Chlorine.....	5.200 grains per gallon.
Phosphoric acid .....	strong trace.
Free ammonia .....	.054 grains per gallon.
„	.078 parts per 100,000.
Albuminoid ammonia.....	.033 grains per gallon.
„	.048 parts per 100,000.

This analysis shows the water to be seriously contaminated with organic matter, and utterly condemns the water as being absolutely unfit for human consumption. The residue on ignition strongly darkened, emitting a foul odour, thus confirming the previous tests made. On heating some of the water in a closed flask, and on opening the vessel, it gave off an unpleasant odour. A careful test was made for poisonous metals, but none were detected. The insoluble residue was found to consist of clay, carbonates of lime, and magnesia; the soluble, of chloride of sodium, with strong traces of sulphates of lime, magnesia, nitrates, &c. Water cloudy, with a small amount of suspended matter, consisting chiefly of clay.

I am strongly of opinion that the use of this water for domestic purposes should be discontinued, as in its present state it is liable to cause much sickness in the district. I would suggest that the tank be emptied and thoroughly cleaned, also that an examination of the surroundings be made with the view of ascertaining if there is any drainage into it, as the analysis points out a probable contamination from sewerage matter.

LOCALITY—

## LOCALITY—NYMAGEE

Appearance in a 2-ft. tube—reddish colour.
Smell when heated to 100° F—slight.
*Chlorine—2·60 grains per gallons.
Phosphoric acid—Strong trace per gallon.
Free ammonia—Parts per 100,000—trace.
"    Grains per gallon—trace.
Albuminoid ammonia—Parts per 100,000—·088.
"    Grains per gallon—·062.
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes per 100,000 parts—·261.
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours per 100,000 parts—·524.
Total solids—104·38 grains per gallon.
Insoluble solids—95·79 grains per gallon.
Soluble solids—8·79 grains per gallon.
*Chloride of sodium—4·28 grains per gallon.

*Remarks* :—Water of a reddish colour, cloudy, due to fine red clay held in suspension. On the ignition of the residue it darkened strongly, thus showing the presence of organic matter. No poisonous metals detected. The water was of a red colour turbid, extremely difficult to filter, this being due to the fine clay and organic matter in suspension. The organic matter is most probably due to decomposing vegetable matter, and is so excessive as to compel me to condemn the water in its present state as being absolutely unfit for human consumption.

I am also of opinion that with a water containing such a large amount of clay it is not desirable that a quantity of this earthy matter be introduced into the stomach, as by so doing it would most likely cause stomachic derangements.

## LOCALITY—CLIFDEN RUN, BELUBULA RIVER.

Total solids residue.....	29·484 grains per gallon.
Bicarbonate of calcium .....	21·028
"    magnesium .....	3·897
"    silica .....	·280
"    alumina .....	trace.
Chloride of sodium.....	1·820
Sulphate of soda.....	2·140
"    potash .....	·183
	29·348

Specific gravity of water at 60° F—1·00041. No phosphate, ammonia, iodine, or bromine detected.

## LOCALITY—LEWIS PONDS.

The water yielded a total solid residue of .....	93·633 grains per gallon.
Loss on ignition .....	27·440 " " "
Free ammonia .....	1·000 parts per million parts.
Albuminoid ammonia .....	·400 " " "
Chlorine .....	9·400 grains per gallon."

The total solids were found to consist of carbonate of lime, carbonate of magnesia, silica, alumina, sulphate of lime (large quantity), sulphate of magnesia, chloride of sodium, and a large amount of organic matter.

*Remarks* :—Water turbid with much suspended matter, heavily charged with sulphuretted hydrogen, due no doubt to the decomposition of the sulphates in the presence of a large quantity of organic matter. The large amount of free and albuminoid ammonia, taken with the other constituents present in this water, thoroughly condemns it as totally unfit for human consumption, and it may be classed as a dangerous water.

## LOCALITY—MALLARA BORE, PAROO.

Chlorine (in combination) .....	79·70 grains per gallon.
Total fixed solids.....	141·75 " " "
Consisting of—Soluble solids .....	133·19 " " "
Insoluble solids.....	8·56 " " "

The soluble solids were found to consist of calcium (traces), potassium chloride, sodium chloride, and magnesium chloride. The insoluble solids were found to consist of silica (traces), ferric oxide, alumina, and calcium carbonate.

## LOCALITY—PARRAMATTA WATER SUPPLY.

Total solid residue .....	38·880 grains per gallon.
Loss on ignition .....	5·740 " " "
Free ammonia .....	·010 parts per 100 parts.
Albuminoid ammonia.....	·066 " " "
Chlorine .....	3·600 grains per gallon.

*Remarks* :—The water was of a dirty red colour, due to finely-divided clay being held in suspension. On heating some of the sample in a closed flask at 100° F. a faint odour was given off. On the ignition of the residue it strongly darkened, thereby showing the presence of much organic matter. The insoluble solids were found to consist of clay, with a small amount of carbonates of lime and magnesia; the soluble, of chloride of sodium, traces of sulphate of lime, organic matter, nitrates and nitrites. It was not thought necessary to make a quantitative analysis of the total solids, the large increase in weight over the analysis previously made being due to the clay. Last week, suspecting from various reasons that the water was contaminated, I submitted a sample obtained from a private tap to an analysis, and obtained the following results :—

Free ammonia .....	·045 parts per 100.
Albuminoid ammonia .....	·0400 " " "
Chlorine .....	3·500 grains per gallon.

*Remarks* :—This sample emitted, on opening the bottle, a putrid smell, and on the ignition of the residue it strongly darkened, thus proving the sample to be largely contaminated with organic matter. It was noticeable on visiting the dam that the water was in a dirty state before and after passing through the filter-beds, which were not acting, being choked up by the finely-divided clay held in suspension by the water. The analyses made show the water to be seriously contaminated, most probably with both animal and vegetable organic matter. The large amount of free and albuminoid ammonia obtained, and the large amount of finely divided clay held in suspension thoroughly condemns the water for human consumption or domestic uses. I am strongly of opinion that if the present supply is allowed to be used that many cases of disease, &c., will be found prevalent in the district, and would strongly recommend that its use be discontinued. In its present state it is practically impossible on a large scale by chemical or mechanical means to filter or destroy the organic matter present, and I would suggest that the dam be emptied and the filter beds thoroughly cleaned, also that the town be connected with the Nepean Water Supply which passes within a short distance of the town of Parramatta, this water being the same as supplied to the metropolis. I am credibly informed that 1 ton of lime was emptied indiscriminately into the dam for what purpose I am at a loss to understand as it could have no beneficial effect in clearing the water, but kill fish and frogs which were found floating on the top of the water in a decomposing state. All previous analyses made of water taken from this supply pointed it out to be a very fair description of potable water, and the only means I can account for this serious contamination is that the late heavy rains have caused much soakage water from the various orchards in and around the district to flow into the dam carrying with it the organic impurities derived from the fertilizers used in enriching the lands. I am also of opinion that the addition of the lime to the water thereby killing fish, &c.,

&c., is to some extent answerable for the excess of organic matter. I give an analysis made by me of the Parramatta Supply taken some five years ago from the dam before the filter beds were in existence, showing at that time the water was of a fair quality and would favourably compare with the Sydney Supply as delivered from Botany analysis of water obtained from Hunt's Creek made previous to the recent rains, date; June 22nd, 1885.

Total solids .....	11·9 grains per gallon.
Chlorine .....	5·9 " "
Free ammonia .....	nil. per 100 parts.
Albuminoid .....	·01 " "

*Remarks* :—Water turbid with traces of suspended matter (clay).

Analysis of total solids :—

Chloride of Sodium .....	9·74 grains per gallon.
"    Silica .....	0·17 " "
Oxide of iron and alumina .....	0·42 " "
"    Lime .....	0·25 " "
"    Magnesia .....	0·32 " "
Sulphuric Anhydride (SO <sub>3</sub> ) .....	0·22 " "
Organic matter, Carbonic Acid, &c. ....	0·78 " "
	11·9

*Remarks* :—This water may be classed as a second-class water, potable water being classed by the English authorities from 1 to 4. It is a fair water considering the period of drought we have had. As regards organic impurities it is just a trifle above the Sydney water obtained from the Botany Supply.

#### LOCALITY—JENOLAN CAVES.

Total solids residue .....	10·108 grains per gallon.
Free ammonia .....	·0036 " "
Equal to ·052 grains per million parts.	
Albuminoid ammonia .....	·0028 " "
Equal to ·040 grains per million parts.	
Chlorine.....	·52 " "

#### Analysis of Total Solids :—

Silica .....	·756 grains per gallon.
Alumina .....	trace.
Carbonate of lime.....	6·888 grains per gallon.
"    of magnesia .....	1·060 " "
Chloride of sodium .....	·856 " "
Trace of organic matter, nitrate of soda, alkaline carbonates, &c. ...	·558 " "
	10·108 " "

*Remarks* :—Water clear and free from matter in suspension. On heating some of the water in a stoppered flask at 100° C., and on opening the flask no smell was observed. No poisonous metals were detected. It will be seen on viewing the analysis made of the total solids that they consist chiefly of carbonate of lime with lesser quantities of carbonate of magnesia and silica. As regards organic impurities this water is exceptionally free, and may be described as an excellent sample of potable water.

#### LOCALITY—CUTTABURRA BORE.

The water yielded on evaporation a total fixed residue of 396·872 grains per gallon, consisting of :—

Silica .....	1·596
Protoxide of iron .....	·112
Alumina .....	tracc.
Carbonate of lime .....	6·664
"    of magnesia.....	·336
Chloride of sodium .....	349·040
"    of potassium .....	trace.
"    of calcium .....	27·580
"    of magnesium .....	4·190
"    of ammonia.....	·642
Alkaline carbonates, organic matter, strong traces of bromine, trace of iodine, and lithia, nitrates, &c. ....	6·712
	396·872

*Remarks* :—No poisonous metals detected. Water clear in colour and free from odour. On tasting, had a strong saline taste, due to the chloride of sodium (common salt) present. On perusing the various papers forwarded with the sample I find that it is proposed to conserve the water for watering stock. As regards its use for that purpose I am of opinion that it is a fairly suitable water, the magnesia salts being present only in a small quantity, and the proportion of chloride of sodium not excessive. In Foreman Carmichael's report to Inspector Slee, he points out the luxuriant growth of vegetation where the water has been in contact with the soil. This is what would be expected with this class of water, but for a time only, as when the soil becomes saturated with a large quantity of water, the saline matter deposited on evaporation would tend to kill vegetation. On referring to the analysis it will be seen that a strong trace of bromine and a minute trace of iodine were detected. I am not aware that bromine has previously been found in any of the waters of this Colony, though it is sometimes present in some of the mineral waters of South America. Mr. Hamlet informs me that he detected iodine in a mineral water in this Colony.

JOHN C. H. MINGAYE, F.C.S.,  
Analyst and Assayer.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Forty-eight miscellaneous analyses, assays, &c., were made during the year, nineteen of the principal being given :—

#### LOCALITY—THE SALT LAKE, PARISH OF BRADLEY, COUNTY OF WALLACE.

Description of mineral—salt.

*Analysis* :—The air-dried substance contained—

Matter insoluble in water .....	57·7 per cent.
Matter soluble in water .....	42·3 " "

The insoluble matter consisted chiefly of sand, carbonate of lime, magnesia mixed with small quantities of organic matter, ferric oxide, and alumina. The soluble matter consisted almost entirely of sodium chloride, with a small quantity of potassium and magnesium chlorides, and minute traces of nitric acid (combined). No sulphuric acid (combined) was found present. The soluble matter contained 56 per cent. of chlorine.

*Remarks* :—When first received the sample was moist, and on crushing it to powder a very disagreeable odour of decayed organic matter was given off. Sample too small for quantitative analysis.

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## LOCALITY—MORUJA DISTRICT.

Description of material—Resinous substance

Analysis —

The substance consisted of —

Matter volatile at a red heat	39 48 per cent
Matter non-volatile at a red heat	60 52 „
	<hr/> 100 00 „

The portion volatile at a red heat was found to be colophony, mixed with small quantities of other resinous matters. The non-volatile portions consisted of carbonate of calcium, mixed with small quantities of silica, alumina, and magnesia.

## LOCALITY—NEAR CANDELLO

Description of material—Collophony

Analysis —

Volatile, at red heat	38 92
Moisture, at 100° C.	0 16
Carbonate of lime (by difference)	59 10
Silica	100 02
Alumina	1 80
Oxide of iron	trace
„ manganese	strong trace.
„ magnesia	„
Alkalies	„
Phosphoric anhydride (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	„
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This substance may be described as a resinous substance, mixed with carbonate of lime, but whether it is an artificial or natural product I am unable to state, but analysis and the microscope examination tends to the former theory. The late Government analyst (Mr Watt) reported some years ago on a specimen somewhat similar in appearance to this, and gave his opinion that it was artificial, and used by the Telegraph Department as a non conducting material. I have made careful inquiries at that Department and elsewhere, and in no case has it been recognised as an article used in commerce. On treating a weighed quantity of the sample in alcohol 33 58 per cent of this resinous substance was obtained. The only way I can see of settling this question, which is certainly a vexed one, having cropped up at various times for some years is by an examination of the district from which the sample was obtained.

## LOCALITY—NOWRA.

Dark deposit, coating the teeth of a two year old heifer

Analysis —The analysis proved it to consist of phosphates of lime and magnesia, organic matter, animal matter, and a strong trace of manganese. The deposit was readily detached from the teeth, especially by rubbing lightly with pumice stone. I have no doubt this steel-grey coloured deposit is salivary calculus or tartar, which may have been the means of causing sickness amongst the young animals by acting on the gums and periosteum, thus keeping up chronic inflammation.

## LOCALITY—PROSPECT DAM, PROSPECT

Description of mineral—Argillaceous limestone.

Analysis —

Moisture at 100° C	92	} Insoluble in acids, 37 37 per cent.
Silica	29 38	
Alumina and traces of oxide of iron	7 59	
Lime (CaO)	40	
Lime	27 83	} Soluble in acids, 62 63 per cent
Magnesia (Mg. O)	1 39	
Silica	1 22	
Peroxide of iron (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	2 75	
Protioxide of iron (Fe <sub>2</sub> O)	2 21	
Alumina	1 20	
Carbonic acid (Co <sub>2</sub> )	24 72	
Phosphoric anhydride (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	Nil.	
Sulphuric „ (So <sub>3</sub> )	„	
Organic matter, alkalies traces, loss, etc.	39	
	<hr/> 100 00	

} Insoluble matter, including 26 15 per cent of coarse and fine sand

## LOCALITY—COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Description of mineral—Fire-clay.

Analysis —

Moisture at 100° C.	1 45
Combined moisture	3 44
Silica	80 79
Alumina	13 20
Oxide of iron	86
Oxide of manganese	Nil.
Lime	15
Magnesia	traces
Alkalies, loss, etc.	11
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Remarks —This is an excellent description of fire clay, and can be classed as equal, if not superior in quality, to the English imported article. It should prove useful for the manufacture of fire-bricks, tiles, etc., and perhaps might be utilized for the manufacture of crucibles, etc. The percentage of silica is higher than that usually present in the English fireclays,

fire clays, the nearest approach I can find to it, and which I give for comparison is of a clay obtained from Ireland. This article is spoken of as being of excellent quality, and useful for the manufacture of crucibles, etc.

Moisture at 100° C	}	5 20
Combined moisture		
Silica		79 40
Alumina		12 25
Oxide of iron		1 30
Oxide of manganese		Nil
Lime		50
Magnesia		
Alkalies		

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## LOCALITY—PORT STEPHENS

Description of mineral—Limestone

Analysis—

Moisture		Nil
Silica		14 58
Oxide of iron	}	16
Alumina		
Lime		46 47
Magnesia		2 08
Carbonic acid		36 41
Loss and undetermined		32

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## LOCALITY—PAL-JAL, GWYDER RIVER

Description of Mineral—White powder.

Analysis—

This powder gave a slight alkaline reaction, the bulk being readily soluble in water, leaving a residue which consisted of sand, fine clay, organic matter, &c. The soluble portion was found to consist of sulphates of magnesia and soda, with lesser quantities of chloride of sodium, alkaline carbonates, organic matter, &c.

## LOCALITY—YESSEBAR, NEAR KEMPSEY.

Description of Mineral—Shaly limestone

Analysis—

Moisture and organic matter		1 64
Carbonate of lime		37 18
„ magnesia		4 76
„ lime (CaO)		3 87
Alumina and oxide of iron		11 33
Silica		40 90
Phosphoric anhydride (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )		trace
Sulphuric „ (SO <sub>3</sub> )		strong trace.

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## LOCALITY—YESSEBAR, NEAR KEMPSEY

Description of Mineral—Edenital limestone

Analysis—

Moisture and organic matter		2 02
Carbonate of lime		50 79
„ magnesia		3 72
Lime (CaO)		2 80
Alumina and oxide of iron		90 92
Silica		30 70
Phosphoric anhydride (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )		strong trace.
Sulphuric „ (SO <sub>3</sub> )		„

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## LOCALITY—NEAR NORTH BULL.

Description of Mineral—Crushed calcareous sandstone

Analysis—

Moisture and organic matter		5 01
Carbonate of lime		57 48
„ magnesia		2 09
Silica		21 80
Oxide of iron		7 24
Alumina		6 55
Oxide of manganese		trace
Phosphoric anhydride (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )		„

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## LOCALITY ½ MILE FROM LAKE VICTORIA

Description of Mineral—Travertine

Analysis—

Moisture at 100° C		16 280
Lime ..		34 809
Magnesia		650
Alumina and traces of oxide of iron		900
Silica		2 980
Sulphuric anhydride (SO <sub>3</sub> )		38 040
Carbonic acid (CO <sub>2</sub> )		5 699

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## LOCALITY—LUFF

Description of Mineral—Limestone (Magnesian)

Analysis—

Carbonate of lime		88 99
„ magnesia		6 43
Magnesia		1 97
Alumina and traces of oxide of iron		80
Silica		2 00

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LOCALITY—



## LOCALITY—PLUMBAGO CREEK, NEW ENGLAND.

## Description of Mineral—Limestone.

Analysis—	
Moisture.....	3.59
Carbonate of Lime .....	69.20
Carbonate of magnesia .....	1.94
Oxide of iron.....	3.19
Alumina .....	1.94
Silica .....	20.40
Phosphoric anhydride (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ).....	trace.
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	100.26

## LOCALITY—ILFORD.

## Description of Mineral—Limestone.

Analysis.	
Moisture at 100° F. ....	nil.
Carbonate of lime.....	90.85
Lime (CaO) .....	.80
Magnesia (MgO) .....	1.98
Silica .....	5.14
Oxide of iron and alumina .....	1.06
Phosphoric anhydride (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) .....	trace.
Alkalies, organic matter, and undetermined .....	.17
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	100.00

## LOCALITY—MORUYA DISTRICT.

## Description of mineral—Soil.

Analysis—	
Phosphoric acid (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) .....	27.80
Equal to tricalcic phosphate (Ca <sub>3</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ) .....	60.70
Carbonate of lime.....	3.29
Insoluble matter (sand and fine clay) .....	11.68
Nitrogen existing as azotised organic matter, uric acid, &c., equal to ammonia .....	2.977

## LOCALITY—MORUYA DISTRICT.

## Description of mineral—Soil.

Analysis—	
Phosphoric acid (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) .....	29.83
Equal to tricalcic phosphate (Ca <sub>3</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ) .....	65.12
Carbonate of lime.....	8.18
Insoluble matter (sand, &c.) .....	.82
Nitrogen existing as azotised organic matter, uric acid, etc., equal to ammonia .....	.453

## LOCALITY—MORUYA DISTRICT.

## Description of mineral—Soil.

Analysis—	
Phosphoric acid (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) .....	10.37
Equal to tricalcic phosphate (Ca <sub>3</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ) ..	22.64
Carbonate of lime .....	5.77
Insoluble in acids (sand and fine clay).....	22.04
Nitrogen existing as azotised organic matter, uric acid, &c., equal to ammonia .....	3.524

*Remarks.*—The amount of phosphoric acid in the first two samples renders them an article of commercial value, the first sample containing 3 per cent. of ammonia, which adds to its value. They are worth about £4 per ton. The last sample yielded much less phosphoric acid, but contained 3.5 per cent. of ammonia. This sample is worth about £2 per ton.

## LOCALITY—TARAGO DISTRICT.

## Description of mineral—Amorphous form of carbonate of lead.

Analysis—	
Moisture at 100° C .....	.27
Combined moisture .....	2.08
Carbonate of lead.....	85.36
Alumina and oxide of iron .....	trace.
Carbonate of lime.....	"
* Insoluble in acids equal to gangue .....	11.99
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	99.70

\* Fine white clay.

An assay of this sample was made for gold and silver with the result that neither of these metals was detected.

## LOCALITY—PORT STEPHENS.

## Description of Mineral—White Clay.

Analysis.	
Hygroscopic moisture .....	10.09
Combined moisture .....	5.98
Silica .....	50.16
Alumina .....	23.00
Lime .....	1.20
Magnesia .....	.75
Oxide of manganese.....	trace.
Oxide of iron .....	4.92
Potash .....	3.40
Soda .....	.52
Phosphoric anhydride (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) .....	trace.
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	100.00

*Remarks.*—This sample was tested as to its suitability for the manufacture of fire-bricks, crucibles, &c., by the method usually employed, *i.e.*, kneading the clay with water, and fashioning it into small prismatic pieces with sharp edges, and when thoroughly dry, heating in a covered crucible in the assay furnace to the highest heat obtainable. On heating, these models fused into a green mass, this being due to the excessive quantity of oxide of iron and alkalies present in the clay, which promotes its fusibility, and therefore makes it of little value as regards its uses for the manufacture of refractory metals.

In conclusion, it affords me very great pleasure to submit the following summary of the mineral products up to the end of 1889, the value of which has reached nearly eighty-two (82) millions sterling:—

## SUMMARY.

	Quantity.	Value.	Total Value.
Quantity and value of gold prior to 1st January, 1889 .....	9,972,597·49 oz.	£ 37,180,817 1 1	£ s. d.
Quantity and value of gold raised in 1889 .....	119,758·44 „	434,070 8 4	
Totals.....	10,092,355·93 oz.	37,614,887 9 5	37,614,887 9 5
Quantity and value of silver raised prior to 1st January, 1889 .....	3,298,100·92 oz.	679,554 0 0	
Quantity and value of silver exported in 1889 .....	416,895·35 „	72,001 0 0	
Totals.....	3,714,996·27 oz.	751,555 0 0	751,555 0 0
Quantity and value of coal raised prior to 1st January, 1889 .....	43,096,305·15 tons.	21,154,307 3 6	
Quantity and value of coal raised in 1889 .....	3,655,632·6 „	1,632,848 15 6	
Totals.....	46,751,938·1 tons.	22,787,155 19 0	22,787,155 19 0
Quantity and value of shale raised prior to 1st January, 1889.....	516,121 tons.	1,156,786 5 0	
Quantity and value of shale raised in 1889.....	40,561 „	77,666 15 0	
Totals .....	556,682 tons.	1,234,453 0 0	1,234,453 0 0
Quantity and value of copper exported prior to 1st January, 1889 .....	Ingots ..... 82·917·19 tons. }	5,438,386 0 0	
Quantity and value of copper exported in 1889.....	Ore and Regulus 3,873·10½ „ }	206,641 0 0	
Totals .....	Ingots..... 3,983·16 „ }	5,645,027 0 0	5,645,027 0 0
	Ore and Regulus 198·4 „ }		
Quantity and value of tin exported prior to 1st January, 1889.....	Ingots ..... 89,640·8 tons. }	8,510,372 0 0	
Quantity and value of tin exported in 1889.....	Ore and Regulus 17,019·1 „ }	415,171 0 0	
Totals.....	Ingots ..... 4,408·13 „ }	8,925,543 0 0	8,925,543 0 0
	Ore and Regulus 241·15 „ }		
Quantity and value of iron made prior to 1st January, 1889 .....	39,975·17 tons.	289,186 1 3	
Quantity and value of iron made during 1889 .....	2,137·0 „	18,330 0 0	
Totals .....	42,112·17 tons.	307,516 1 3	307,516 1 3
Quantity and value of antimony exported prior to 1st January, 1889 .....	Metal..... 492·17½ tons. }	70,157 0 0	
Quantity and value of antimony exported in 1889.....	Ore and Regulus 3,393·7 „ }	3,344 0 0	
Totals .....	Metal..... 65·16 „ }	73,501 0 0	73,501 0 0
	Ore and Regulus 155·12 „ }		
Quantity and value of lead (pig) exported in 1889.....	522·6 tons.	6,711 0 0	
Totals.....	522·6 tons.	6,711 0 0	6,711 0 0
Quantity and value of bismuth exported prior to 1st January, 1889 .....	122·19½ tons.	24,486 14 0	
Quantity and value of bismuth exported in 1889.....	42·10 „	11,349 0 0	
Totals .....	165·9½ „	35,835 14 0	35,835 14 0
Quantity and value of silver-lead exported prior to 1st January, 1889 .....	Metal..... 31,333·7 tons }	2,269,200 0 0	
Quantity and value of silver-lead exported in 1889.....	Ore..... 27,634·1 „ }	1,899,197 0 0	
Totals.....	Metal..... 34,579·17 „ }	4,168,397 0 0	4,168,397 0 0
	Ore..... 46,965·9 „ }		
Quantity and value of oxide of iron exported in 1889 .....	489·1 tons.	1,329 0 0	
Totals.....	489·1 tons.	1,329 0 0	1,329 0 0
Value of sundry minerals exported prior to 1st January, 1889.....	.....	44,495 0 0	
Value of sundry minerals exported in 1889.....	.....	1,707 0 0	
Totals .....	.....	46,202 0 0	46,202 0 0
General Total .....	.....	.....	81,598,113 3 8

TABLE showing approximately the number of miners employed in gold-mining, the quantity of gold won, the area of ground worked, and the value of machinery in the Colony of New South Wales —

District and Division.	Alluvial Miners		Quartz Miners		Total Miners	Quantity of Gold			Price of Gold per oz		Value of gold won	Auriferous ground worked	Quartz reefs proved to be Auriferous	Value of Machinery.
	Europeans.	Chinese	Europeans	Chinese		Alluvial	Quartz	Total	From	To				
ALBERT— Milparinka Tibooburra	No 267 89	No 1 10	No 30	No —	No 298 99	oz dwt gr 1,138 0 0 1,005 0 0	oz dwt gr 8 0 0	oz dwt gr 1,146 0 0 1,005 0 0	s 79/ 80/	s	£ s d 4,525 14 0 4,020 0 0	No 7 10	sq miles 7 1	£ 6,100 2,500
	356	11	30		397	2,143 0 0	8 0 0	2,151 0 0			8,545 14 0	17	8	8,600
BATHURST— Blaney Bathurst Carcoar Canowindra Cowra Cowra (north) Mount McDonald Mitchell Oberon Orange Rockley Trunkay Tuena	60 100	50	15 30 64 40 3 10 59 26 20 200 6 10 12		75 180 64 40 11 10 59 106 52 200 34 172 84	2,000 0 0 70 0 0 752 0 0	206 10 0 2,239 10 0 1,766 0 0 2,298 10 0 30 0 0 150 0 0 783 10 0 559 10 0 87 0 0 3,796 0 0 63 0 0 944 0 0 238 10 0	203 10 0 2,239 10 0 1,776 0 0 2,298 0 0 100 0 0 150 0 0 783 10 0 1,311 10 0 87 0 0 3,796 0 0 147 0 0 1,814 15 0 1,748 0 0	75/ 54/ 75/ 78/ 66/ 70/ 78/6 76/ 72/6 74/6 77/6 60	77,6	772 13 6 8,227 3 0 6,358 0 0 9,087 0 0 386 5 0 585 0 0 3,034 2 0 4,818 12 0 248 0 0 13,767 7 0 522 3 0 7,032 0 0 6,545 10 0	5 20 1 4 10 4 20 20 12	27 4 1 5 2 27 3	6,800 2,500 8,050 1,200 300 2,000 10,000 4,800 300 6,600
	493	87	507		1,087	5,286 15 0	11,162 0 0	16,458 15 0			61,483 15 6	52	51	42,550
COBAR— Cobar	61				61		1,534 0 0	1,534 0 0	78		5,851 8 0			
CLARE AND RICHMOND— Ballina Dalmorton Grafton Nana Creek	10 50 6		2 120 12 24		12 170 18 24	40 0 0 150 0 0 84 0 0	187 0 0 483 0 0 306 0 0	40 0 0 337 0 0 567 0 0 306 0 0	68/ 70/ 38/6 70/	81,4 72/6	186 0 0 1,179 1 0 2,034 10 0 1,108 16 0	400 255	81 55	100 1,800 1,520
	66		158		224	274 0 0	976 0 0	1,250 0 0			4,459 1 0	655	136	5,420
HUNTER AND MACLEAY— Bulla lelah Copeland Dungog			10 42 14		10 42 14	44 0 0	20 0 0 50 0 0 130 0 0	20 0 0 94 0 0 130 0 0	70/ 74/	76/	75 0 0 329 0 0 400 0 0	5	1	1,000 4,500 2,000
			66		66	44 0 0	200 0 0	244 0 0			804 0 0		1	7,500
LACHLAN— Barnedman Cudal Forbes Grenfell Molong Murrumbidgee Parkes Temora Young Cango	54 20		50 18 48 30 64 510 75 31		50 18 102 50 22 84 910 125 55 34	1,961 0 0 411 0 0	450 0 0 58 0 0 1,961 0 0 81 0 0 978 10 0 2,300 10 0 5,085 0 0 390 0 0 1,047 10 0 203 0 0	450 0 0 58 0 0 1,961 0 0 692 0 0 978 10 0 2,300 10 0 5,085 0 0 690 0 0 1,047 10 0 203 0 0	76/ 73/ 70/ 66/6 50/ 72/6 77/6 72/6	80/ 79/	1,743 12 0 217 13 0 6,863 10 0 2,649 13 0 2,300 10 0 10,826 10 0 30,632 16 0 2,672 10 0 4,177 13 0 797 5 0	3 20 1 8 90	2 25 1 2 60	9,900 350 7,600 5,320 6,750 11,500 14,000 2,000 4,360
	582		858		1,440	7,184 0 0	10,037 0 0	17,221 0 0			62,937 15 0	122	90	62,030
MIDGEE— Gulgong Hargraves Mudgee Tomingley and Peak Hill Wellington Windeyer	223 120 1,250 26		30 80		223 30 200 1,331 48 20	1,481 0 0 156 0 0 1,318 0 0 130 0 0	156 0 0	1,481 0 0 156 0 0 2,498 0 0 140 0 0	75/		5 780 13 0 606 10 0 9,619 4 0 455 0 0		2	2,500 8,010 2,000 3,800
	1,649	80	123		1,852	2,019 0 0	1,356 0 0	4,275 0 0			16,466 12 0		2	16,310
PFEL AND URALLA— Arimdale Bingera Barraba Coonabarabran Glen Innes Hillgrove Scone Tamworth Uralla Walla	79 150 20 2	6	30 12 100 100 600 179 10		90 168 150 2 100 600 179 10	1,200 0 0 112 0 0	200 0 0 1,200 0 0 224 0 0	200 0 0 1,200 0 0 224 0 0	70/ 72/6 67/6	70/	700 0 0 4,280 0 0 780 15 0			2,500 950 1,000
	254	36	1,461		1,951	1,935 0 0	33,317 0 0	35,252 0 0			121,397 14 0		12	57,294
NEW ENGLAND— Fairfield Lionsville Tenterfield	61 24 10	5 1	102 16 20		168 40 31	1,421 0 0 200 0 0 20 0 0	1,014 0 0 280 0 0 14 0 0	2,435 0 0 480 0 0 34 0 0	65/ 65/ 60/	77/ 76/ 67/6	8,524 19 0 1,800 0 0 104 0 0	30		23,300 1,800
	90	6	138		230	1,641 0 0	1,308 0 0	2,949 0 0			10,428 19 0	30		25,100
TAMBAROORA AND TURON— Hill End Ironbarks Sofala	30 100 190	70 20 53	200 70 110		300 190 353	1,225 0 0 2,824 0 0	3,107 0 0 1,758 0 0 1,900 0 0	3,107 0 0 2,983 0 0 4,324 0 0	77/ 78/6 70/	80/ 76/	11,961 19 0 11,782 0 0 16,323 3 0	12 10	22 22	14,500 12,500 6,450
	320	143	380		843	4,049 0 0	6,365 0 0	10,414 0 0			40,067 2 0	32	44	33,450
TUMBU AND ADELONG— Albury Adelong Cooma Captain's Flat Cookamundra Gundagai Junee Kiandra Nimity Belle Narrandera Queanbeyan Keedy Flat Tuparumba Taybatta	2 90 12	3 10	43 45 80		48 145 92	20 0 0 1,771 10 0 110 0 0	450 0 0 644 0 0 428 10 0 1,400 0 0 203 0 0	470 0 0 2,415 10 0 588 10 0 1,400 0 0 397 10 0	76/6 75/ 72/ 70/	80/ 77/ 78/	1,821 7 6 9,179 10 0 1,900 0 0 4,900 0 0 1,483 19 0	10 40 2 4	3 53 7	2,750 40,000 2,300
	15 20 13 75	11 100 15	26 100 15		26 120 29 95	194 10 0 32 0 0 722 0 0	196 10 0 228 10 0 722 0 0	228 10 0 722 0 0	70/6 78/9	78/9	838 2 0 2,643 10 0 77 0 0 203 5 0 271 10 0 1,650 10 0 4,719 0 0	1 1 1 25	10 2 3 18	1,000 2,000 1,200 5,387 800 1,160 1,900
	15 60 120	4 1 5	49 10 6		49 71 181	64 0 0 460 0 0 1,210 0 0	5 0 0 40 10 0	69 0 0 440 0 0 1,210 0 0	77/6 62/6 76/	80/ 77/6 81/	271 10 0 1,650 10 0 4,719 0 0	1 25	1 20	5,387 800 1,160 1,900
	422	43	387		852	4,554 0 0	3,597 0 0	8,121 0 0			30,415 13 0	119	126	59,197

District and Division.	Alluvial Miners.		Quartz Miners.		Total Miners.	Quantity of Gold.			Price of Gold per oz.		Value of Gold won.	Auriferous ground worked.	Quartz reefs proved to be Auriferous.	Value of Machinery.
	Europeans.	Chinese.	Europeans.	Chinese.		Alluvial.	Quartz.	Total.	From To					
									s.	s.				
SOUTHERY--	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.	s.	s.	£ s. d.	sq. miles	No.	£
Arauen	210	39	8		257	2,861 0 0	159 0 0	3,020 0 0	70/	76/6	11,626 10 0			19,51
Bombala	16	17			33	216 10 0		216 10 0	70/	75/	824 16 0			
Berrima	3				3	3 0 0		3 0 0			11 12 0			480
Bradwood	55	3			58	1,100 0 0		1,100 0 0	77/6		4,125 0 0			
Bega	30		20		50	17 0 0		17 0 0			65 16 0		6	
Cobargo			2		2		1 10 0	1 10 0	84/	76/				
Eden	20		5		25							30		
Gunning			15		15									1,600
Little River	30	40	50		120	833 0 0	950 0 0	1,783 0 0	77/6		6,731 15 0	32	30	3,200
Milton			54		54									
Major's Creek	20	4	53		77	478 0 0	256 0 0	734 0 0	61/6	75/6	2,866 6 0		15	11,650
Moruya	14		37		51	620 0 0	1,131 0 0	1,751 0 0	70/	80/	6,578 11 0		6	3,300
Nerrigundah	70	50	60		180	562 0 0	346 0 0	908 0 0	77/	83/	3,600 0 0	10	20	18,000
Nowra			100		100		2,624 0 0	2,624 0 0	65/	77/6	8,558 2 0		1	4,370
Nerriga	65		15		80	430 0 0	161 0 0	591 0 0	77/6	80/	2,293 4 0		10	12,490
Taralga	2	1			3									
Wagonga	30		42		72	50 0 0	288 0 0	338 0 0	72/		1,215 0 0			5,100
	565	154	461		1,180	7,170 10 0	5,916 10 0	13,087 0 0			48,496 12 0	79	88	79,030

Summary.

(Compiled from Mining Registrars' Reports.)

TABLE showing approximately the number of Miners employed in Gold-mining, the quantity of Gold won, the area of ground worked, and the value of machinery, in the Colony of New South Wales during 1889.

Distr	Alluvial Miners.		Quartz Miners.		Total Miners.	Quantity of Gold.			Price of Gold per oz.		Value of Gold won.	Auriferous ground worked.	Quartz reefs proved to be auriferous.	Value of Machinery.
	Europeans.	Chinese.	Europeans.	Chinese.		Alluvial.	Quartz.	Total.	From To					
									s.	s.				
Albert	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.	s.	s.	£ s. d.	sq. miles	No.	£
Bathurst	356	11	30		397	2,143 0 0	8 0 0	2,151 0 0	79/	80/	8,545 14 0	17	8	8,600
Clarence and Richmond	493	87	507		1,087	5,236 15 0	11,162 0 0	16,448 15 0	72/6	80/	61,433 15 6	82	81	42,550
*Cobar	66		158		224	274 0 0	976 0 0	1,250 0 0	70/	80/	4,459 1 0	655	136	5,420
Hunter and Macleay	61				61		1,534 0 0	1,534 0 0	78/		5,881 8 0			
Lachlan			66		66	44 0 0	200 0 0	244 0 0	74/	76/	804 0 0	5	1	7,500
†Mudgee	582		858		1,440	7,134 0 0	10,037 0 0	17,221 0 0	60/	80/	62,937 15 0	122	90	62,030
New England	1,649	80	123		1,852	2,919 0 0	1,356 0 0	4,275 0 0	75/		16,466 12 0		2	16,310
Peel and Uralla	95	6	138		239	1,641 0 0	1,308 0 0	2,949 0 0	60/	77/	10,428 19 0	30		25,100
Tambaroora and Tunon	454	36	1,461		1,951	1,935 0 0	33,317 0 0	35,252 0 0	67/6	75/	121,397 14 0		12	57,294
†Tumut and Adelong	320	143	380		843	4,049 0 0	6,365 0 0	10,414 0 0	75/	80/	40,067 2 0	32	44	33,450
Southern	422	43	387		852	4,524 0 0	3,597 0 0	8,121 0 0	62/6	80/	30,415 13 6	119½	126	59,197
	565	154	461		1,180	7,170 10 0	5,916 10 0	13,087 0 0			48,496 12 0	1,041½	588	396,481

\* No return received from Hillston. † Gold won at Mudgee and Windeyer not known. ‡ No return received from Tumut.

TABLE showing approximately the number of Miners employed in mining for minerals other than Gold, Coal, or Shale, at some of the principal mines, the quantity of minerals won during the year 1889, and the value of same, and the value of Plant.

Locality.	Miners employed.	Quantities.							Value.			Value of Machinery.		
		Copper.	Tin.	Antimony.	Bismuth.	Iron.	Silver.	Silver lead and ores.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Broken Hill and Silverton.	4,900	Tons.	Tons. cwt.	Tons. cwt.	Tons.	Tons. cwt.	Oz.	Tons.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mitchell	120						7,220,398	36,343 } 46,636 }	1,804,153	0	0	220,000	0	0
Orange	370							99,512	267			96,957	0	0
Tuena	300							12,034	7,473			20,316	0	0
Captain's Flat	490							116,963				29,415	0	0
Emmaville	170							43,750				30,000	0	0
Burrage	80	475										21,105	0	0
Cobar	250	843										15,250	0	0
Mount Hope	149	645										8,020	0	0
Wellington	46	167										36,625	0	0
Glen Innes	150		143									39,500	0	0
Inverell	187		1,352									26,100	0	0
Emmaville	660		1,553									800	0	0
Wilson's Downfall.	202		254									7,137	0	0
Glen Innes	43				40							70,343	0	0
Armidale						195						77,650	0	0
Lithgow	90						2,137					13,716	0	0

TABLE showing approximately the Machinery employed in Gold and Tin Mining during 1889.

District and Division.	Quartz.						Alluvial.																		
	Steam engines employed in winding, crushing, &c.		Crushing machines	Stamp heads	Whims and pulleys	Water wheels	Pumps.	Huntington mills	Steam engines employed in winding, pumping, &c		Puddling machines	Whims and pulleys	Whips	Percussion tables.	Oscillating tables	Water wheels.	Hydraulic hoses	Pumps	Sluice boxes	Derricks	Stamp heads	Boring machines	Chilian mills	Turbines.	
	No.	Aggregate horse power							No.	Aggregate horse-power.															
ALBERT DISTRICT—																									
Milparinka . . . . .	1	20	12					4	42	11															
Tibooburra . . . . .										21															
BATHURST DISTRICT—																									
Blayney . . . . .	3	78	45																						
Bathurst . . . . .	4	32	15																						
Carecar . . . . .	6	72	325	1																					
Canowindra . . . . .	1	8	1																						
Cowra . . . . .	1	8	1																						
Cowra (North) . . . . .	1	10	1																						
Mount M'Donald . . . . .	4	95	3				1																		
Oberon . . . . .	2	27	20				1																		
Rockley . . . . .	1	8																							
Trunkey . . . . .	5	52	35	1			4	2	18									3							
Trena . . . . .	3	30	1																						
CLARENCE AND RICHMOND DISTRICT—																									
Dalmorton . . . . .	1	8	18				1	1	6									1		6					
Ballina . . . . .															3										
Nana Creek . . . . .	2	16	16	1																					
HUNTER AND MACLAY DISTRICT.																									
Bulladelah . . . . .	2	11	5																						
Copeland . . . . .	1	12	15																						
Dungog . . . . .			2		2																				
MUDGE E DISTRICT—																									
Gulgong . . . . .							2	25	1									1							
Hargraves . . . . .	5	90																							
Mudgee . . . . .	2	24	10																						
Tomingley . . . . .	3	28	3																						
Wellington . . . . .	3	70																							
LACHLAN DISTRICT—																									
Barmedman . . . . .	3	95	125		2																				
Cudal . . . . .	1	20	20																						
Forbes . . . . .	3	46					3	30																	
Glenfell . . . . .	3	40	2							2															
Molong . . . . .	3	58	25																						
Murrumbidgee . . . . .	8	190	10													1							1		
Parkes . . . . .	5	83	1				1																		
Cargo . . . . .	4	60	10		1																	3			
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—																									
Fanfield . . . . .	14	458	490	7			2																		
Tenterfield . . . . .	2	20					1																		
Wilson's Downfall . . . . .	2	18																							
PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—																									
Bingera . . . . .	1	10	5				1	8										1							
Barraba . . . . .	2	20	2																						
Hillgrove . . . . .	6	125	497																						
Tamworth . . . . .	4	56	28		1	3																			
Uralla . . . . .	1	20	28				3	34																	
Walcha . . . . .	2	40	20																						
TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT.																									
Albury . . . . .	5	50	5				2	24																	
Adelong . . . . .	1	20	14		1																				
Cooma . . . . .	3	21																							
Captain's Flat . . . . .	4	70	130				1																		
Junee . . . . .	2	22	10				1																		
Kiandra . . . . .																41									
Nimitybelle . . . . .	1	8	5																						
Reedy Flat . . . . .	1	25	5																						
Tumbarumba . . . . .	2	22	35				2							6											
Tarcutta . . . . .	2	13					1																		
TAMBAROORA AND TURON DISTRICT —																									
Hill End . . . . .	6	131	6																						
Ironbarks . . . . .	9	133																							
Sofala . . . . .	9	123	48																						
SOUTHERN DISTRICT—																									
Araluen . . . . .			5				7	63							6	4	620								
Gunning . . . . .			1																						
Little River . . . . .	3	25												4											
Major's Creek . . . . .	5	57	25	1	1	2	1	6	1																
Moruya . . . . .	5	48					1																		
Nerrigundah . . . . .	4	64	44																						
Nowra . . . . .	4	62	55																						
Nerriga . . . . .	3	60	10				3	16										1							
Wagonga . . . . .	3	45	6																						

Department of Mines,  
Sydney, 12th March, 1890.

HARRIE WOOD,  
Under Secretary for Mines.

## WARDENS' AND MINING REGISTRARS' REPORTS.

## BATHURST DISTRICT—TRUNKY DIVISION.

(T. A. Smith, Warden.)

I HAVE the honor to forward my report for the past year.

The returns from gold-mining have increased considerably upon those of the previous year, more especially in the Trunkey, Tuena, and Bathurst portions of the district. In silver there was a great falling off at Mount Costigan and Cordillera. In copper the decrease was caused by the shutting down of the Burrage Mine for five months. Below you will find a detailed account of mining in each division of the district, also a schedule which, I hope, will give you full information as to the prospects of the district under my charge.

*Trunkey.*

In this division the New Bathurst Gold-mining Company is situated. From this mine, at a depth of 600 feet vertical rich stone was cut, and a crushing stoped out which gave a return of 910 oz. of smelted gold. This is the only quartz property that is systematically worked on this field. I think, however, three other properties will be worked shortly, viz., the leases known as No. 7 Crome's, Turner's, and Weinholdt's.

Sluicing was, during the winter, which was wet, carried out vigorously by M'Vicar and party at Mountain Run Creek with payable results. A considerable number of other miners worked the alluvial at Rocky Bridge, Mountain Run, Copperhannia, Trunkey, The Grove, and other creeks, making good wages.

A reef known as the Monarch, formerly worked by M'Alpin and Wilson, and sold to Mills & Co., is being again worked. A small prospect crushing gave a highly satisfactory return. The Butcher's Flat Sluicing Claim is also situated in this locality. It is proposed to work the ground by means of sluicing machinery; the proprietors are very sanguine, and I hope will not be disappointed. The Tunnel Point Sluicing Company is also situated on the river; this, together with the Three Barrier Sluicing Claims have been failures. At Pharoah's Point a few miners have done remarkably well. At Bombah gold has been obtained in the alluvial, also in the Grove Creek, near Mount Grey, where Douglas and his party worked (sluicing) while water lasted.

*Tuena.*

Tuena division is separated from Trunkey division by the Abercrombie River. Mr. Parsons is working a sluicing claim on Costigan's Flat. He has cut a race several miles in length to get sufficient water; the outlay has been considerable. Opposite Bombah is the recently discovered quartz claim now held by M'Vicar and party. The prospects are very good indeed, from 2 to 3 oz. to the ton. The local quartz battery is an antiquated affair, and I do not think it will give satisfaction.

On Tuena Creek, half a mile from its junction with the Abercrombie River, on Block 20, of 778 acres of freehold, held by A. M'Kenzie, is a rich alluvial deposit; this has been worked by employing thirty men during the whole of the winter. Many men are fossicking about here but cannot find the boundaries of M'Kenzie's land. It is believed that he has enclosed and cultivated without even leasing it. Opposite the junction of Copperhannia Creek, near the Sounding Rock, is the Handy Andy sluicing claim. This has been worked most of the year. On Tuena Creek, from M'Kenzie's and up to Junction Point, a good many Europeans and Chinese are working. At Junction Point some reefing has been done, but the results are not satisfactory.

The Mount Costigan, Cordillera, and Peelwood Silver Mines have not been regularly worked during the year, consequently the returns are below those of 1888.

*Burrage.*

Only one mine is worked in this division, the Burrage Copper Mine, owned by Mr. L. Lloyd. This too, was shut down for six or seven months; work has been resumed, 300 men are now employed, the furnaces are in blast, and everything augurs well for the future. About 2 miles from this mine Kaleski and party held leases for silver, but this property is not being worked, probably through the death of Mr. Kaleski. I forgot to mention that Mr. Hockey, of Rockley, holds a mineral conditional purchase adjoining Mr. Lloyd's mine. He informs me that it contains a rich copper lode.

*Rockley.*

A complete collapse has taken place in mining in this division. Back Creek Silver-mining Company appears to be a failure. Fossickers get a living working for gold in some of the creeks. Wiseman's Creek copper and silver mines are not doing much. I however, believe that a rich silver lode will be discovered in this locality. At Swallow's Nest, Crozier and party, who had assistance granted out of the Prospecting Vote to enable them to put a tunnel under the basalt, which crops out in the range immediately above, have not succeeded, they being unable to overcome the heavy flow of water.

*Oberon.*

But little mining is done in this division. The Homeward Bound, the Welcome Home, and the Luck's All reefs have been worked with only partial success. Foley and party are working a mineral lease (silver) near Campbell's River. M'Caulay and party are prospecting for silver upon a mineral lease at Diamond Hill. Gold and silver have been found at Mount Werong, 35 miles from here; and between the Kowmung and the Boyd Rivers coal and shale have been found. If ever the railway is constructed from Blacktown to Blayney, *via* Burrangorang, this coal and shale country will become very valuable; the proposed railway will pass right through this formation.

*Lithgow.*

I have not been able to get any returns as to the mining in this division.

*Katoomba.*

*Katoomba*

Until quite recently this formed portion of the Lithgow Division. A shale and coal mine is being worked, employing 110 men.

*Penrith.*

There is no mining here now, the boring for coal near Lawson not proving a success.

*Mitchell.*

A large quantity of gold, silver, copper, and lead has been obtained from this field. The Sunny Corner and Silver King Mines being the most prosperous. The Phoenix is to be started again in a few days. The black ore in this mine has always proved troublesome to treat. In gold, the Paddy Lackey lease has produced a considerable quantity. The proprietors received assistance out of the Prospecting Vote, which enabled them to prove the lease, or it would be now idle.

*Bathurst.*

Several new gold leases are being worked at Cheshire's Creek and Clear Creek; the returns so far are encouraging, but not remunerative.

*Mount Macdonald.*

This division did not produce as much gold as usual, but towards the end of the year a distinct revival took place. I think the present will be a prosperous year. The Balmoral mine has been sold, and transferred to a company formed in Hong Kong, and at the time of transfer, tributors who were working the ground had discovered rich stone in the original lease. The new proprietors have only to follow up this discovery. Butcher's leases have also been transferred, the purchasers are Campbell and Company, of Sydney. This is a good property, and produced good stone from the grass. A new Huntingdon battery has been erected near the main shaft. This, I think, should continue to be a payable concern. The other leases worked are the Bobby Burns, Woolstone, Everett's, True Blue, and Grants. The Eureka leases were in dispute during most of the year; when, however, the title was made satisfactory, a sale was effected for £1,500.

The rainfall for the district was about 31 inches.

RETURN showing the Mining Business transacted at the Divisional Offices under the charge of Mr. Warden T. A. Smith, during the year 1889:—

Division.	Miners' rights	Business licenses.	Mineral licenses.	Gold lease applications.	Areas of gold lease applications	Mineral lease applications.	Areas of mineral lease applications.	No. of men employed	Rainfall.	Gold.	
										Quantity.	Value.
Trunkey	137	28	7	19	219			172	30 055	oz. dwt. gr.	£ s. d.
Bathurst	162	7		12		6		169		1,814 15 6	7,032 4 1
Burrage								250		239 11 14	727 3 1
Mount M'Donald	90	25	1	35	163			59		783 12 17	2,938 12 8
Rockley	62	33	1	2	7	4	155	96		147 0 0	551 5 0
Oberon	52	2	5	6	45	3	23	59		78 0 5	306 5 9
Tuena	332	87	4		243		140	150		1,510 0 0	5,662 10 0
Costigan*								125			
Cordillera*								100		110 0 0	440 0 0
Mitchell	256	130	13	4	68	16	200	411		581 13 15	2,187 5 11
Lithgow											
Katoomba								110			
Penrith	1							1			
Peelwood*								70			
Totals	1,092	312	31	78	750	29	518	1,752†		5,264 13 9	19,845 6 6

Division.	Silver.		Lead.		Matte.		Copper.	
	Quantities.	Value.	Quantities	Value.	Quantities.	Value	Quantities	Value
Trunkey	oz.	£ s. d.	fons cwt. qr. lb.	£ s. d.	Tons.	£ s. d.	Tons.	£
Bathurst								
Burrage							475	35,625
Mount M'Donald								
Rockley								
Oberon								
Tuena								
Costigan*	12,034		63 17 0 0					
Cordillera*	50,000	8,750 0 0	150 0 0 0	1,500 0 0			200	8,000
Mitchell	188,076		15 2 19	172 8 11	1,018	43,247 9 3	190	48,638†
Lithgow								
Katoomba								
Penrith								
Peelwood*								
Totals	250,110		214 12 2 19		1,018	43,247 9 3	865	84,263

\* Costigan, Cordillera, and Peelwood, though shown separately, are in Tuena Division. † Exclusive of Lithgow and Hartley Collierymen  
‡ Includes value of gold, silver, and copper from Sunny Corner Mine.

Division.	Revenue, miners' rights, business, and mineral licenses.	Revenue, gold and mineral lease applications, &c.	Total Revenue for Division.	Grand Total Value of minerals, including gold.	Total value machinery.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	
Trunkey .....	90 10 0	274 2 6	364 12 6	7,032 4 1	6,600	
Bathurst .....	68 10 0	109 15 0	178 5 0	727 3 1	2,200	
Burrage .....	.....	.....	30 10 0	35,625 0 0	12,000	
Mount M'Donald	57 0 0	173 10 0	230 10 0	2,938 12 8	10,000	
Rockley .....	.....	.....	112 2 6	551 5 0	.....	
Oberon .....	.....	.....	120 10 0	306 5 9	4,750	
Tuena .....	.....	.....	592 15 0	5,662 10 0	.....	
Costigan*	.....	.....	.....	3,260 13 5	27,000	* Costigan, Cordillera, Peelwood, though shown separately, are in Tuena Division.
Cordillera*	.....	.....	.....	18,690 0 0	35,000	
Mitchell .....	.....	.....	418 2 6	94,240 4 1	46,000	
Lithgow .....	29 0 0	678 12 6	707 12 6	.....	.....	
Katoomba .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Penrith .....	0 5 0	.....	0 5 0	.....	.....	
Peelwood*	.....	.....	.....	.....	40,000	† Exclusive of Harley and Lithgow coal and shale machinery.
Totals .....	245 5 0	1,236 0 0	2,755 5 0	169,033 18 1	183,550†	

## BATHURST DISTRICT—ORANGE DIVISION.

(J. T. Lane, Warden.)

THE contrast between the past year and its predecessor *re* silver-mining matters has been very marked. During 1888 the excitement prevailed to a degree bordering on an absolute fever. Leases were applied for indiscriminately so long as they were in the neighbourhood of Lewis Ponds, the Bulga, or some other spot which had by some circumstance or other attaching an imaginary importance to it in the direction of mining operations. Things are settling down to a more reasonable and healthy condition. Doubtful holdings are being declared void from one cause or another, and ere long our mining industry will be on a more solid and healthy basis than it has been for some time past. If the contemplated scheme to prevent fraudulent companies being formed be successfully carried out, it will be a great boon to the general public.

*Ophir.*

At the present moment our parent gold-field seems to be under a cloud. The few "old stickers" have been somewhat disheartened at the persistent complaints of a few persons touching their compliance with the labour conditions, and now the leases are cancelled nothing is being done on them. Some prospectors are said to be much pleased with the result of their labours, but I am not in a position to say anything definitely upon the point. Ophir will some day raise her head and proclaim to the world her innate wealth. Some fifteen men are working 4 miles from Ophir on new ground, and doing well.

*Lucknow.*

Promises are not so cheering as they have been. I understand Mr. Murphy has supplied you with some particulars he received from the indefatigable manager of this gold-field.

*Forest Reefs.*

These mines have ceased operations for some time past, the Great Extended more than a year ago and the Grand Junction more recently. Vast sums of money have been expended on these claims, and it is to be regretted with such poor results. Nothing doing in this locality of any moment. A few continue prospecting.

*Byng.*

Seems to be nearly at a standstill notwithstanding the anticipations that were excited about a year ago. I still have some faith that the many leaders in that neighbourhood will lead to something remunerative.

*Cadia.*

The Scottish Australian Mining Company (London) are operating here in search of gold and copper. The machinery is extensive, and valued at £1,750, and the buildings devoted to the mining industry are said to have cost £8,000. Fifteen men are constantly employed in the mine. 58½ oz. of gold, valued at £202, and 50 tons of copper ore have been raised during 1889.

*Diggers' Creek, or Four-mile.*

Messrs. Cross and Spears still continue their efforts here. Four men are constantly employed. The machinery is valued at £1,500, and the buildings at about £500. About 100 oz. of gold and silver bullion have been raised during the past year. The machinery is worked by steam-power.

*Lewis Ponds and Bulga Silver Mines.*

The last named is in a very dormant state, but some of our knowing ones continue very hopeful. The Lewis Ponds mines, those which have been at all developed, look well, and promise not to disappoint the sanguine expectations of the fortunate shareholders. There is a reticence observed in connection with the workings of some of these mines which, I believe, operates detrimentally to their interest. If they were all as outspoken as "Tom's" there would be no groping in the dark. I believe South Lewis Ponds and Spicer's are good mines, unless nature has made a wonderful mistake. I cannot see how they can be otherwise. It is merely a matter of cost in developing them. The value of New Lewis Ponds and Tom's seems to be generally admitted. The published returns, showing the results of the operations in these two mines, warrant the above conclusion. Many still maintain that the Lily will take a foremost place among these mines.

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## BATHURST DISTRICT—CARCOAR DIVISION.

*(N. Connolly, Warden.)*

I HAVE the honor to forward my annual report of the Carcoar portion of the Bathurst Mining Division.

During the past year the Brown's Creek Gold Mine, which for twenty years has been continuously worked, giving regular employment to a large number of miners, and yielding about 250 oz. of gold per month, has, I regret to say, been closed, and the plant sold.

The new proprietors of the mine, I understand, however, intend to resume work, so soon as a fresh plant can be erected and got in working order.

The Homeward Bound Mine, at Galley Swamp, is still being worked by the local manager with energy, and the prospects continue to improve, and it is evident the property only requires a liberal expenditure of capital to make it a very valuable concern.

At Rowe and Company's and the Great Western, on the same field, the want of adequate machinery has prevented any considerable progress. The hope I expressed in my report last year, that this want would be supplied, has not been realized.

The Mandurama Gold-mining Company, known formerly as the Junction, have added largely to their plant and gold-saving appliances during the year, but with what results I have been unable to ascertain, owing to the frequent changes in the local management of the property.

The Prince of Wales and Gold Hill Companies at the Burnt-yards, about 12 miles from Carcoar, have prosecuted work with some success, as shown by the return of the legal manager for the year just past.

At the Needles, on the north bank of the Belubula River, about 24 miles from this town, several gold-mining leases have been applied for and taken up.

The conglomerate pebbly wash, being sluiced, undoubtedly contains excellent gold, and in payable quantities, but the difficulty of constructing suitable shoots to convey the stuff to the river from the precipitous basaltic ranges, under which it lies, has prevented any marked progress, beyond confirming the opinion of the leaseholders that, their claims worked with proper appliances, will yield handsomely; and they have accordingly determined, I am informed, to erect these without delay.

Although several leases were taken up during the year supposed to contain silver, no finds have yet been reported.

The state of mining, taken as a whole, in this rich district, must be considered anything but satisfactory.

The causes of this are, in my opinion, the want of capital, and of fresh blood in the shape of a body of experienced and persevering miners from other fields, where work has been carried on systematically and with determination.

## BATHURST DISTRICT.—MITCHELL DIVISION.

*(T. G. Wright, Mining Registrar.)*

IN forwarding my annual report for the year 1889, I must say that mining in general has a marked improvement in this portion of the Bathurst Mining District. In fact, this place was never firmer than at the present time, and with every likelihood of a light line of railway being constructed from Piper's Flat station to Sunny Corner in a short time by private enterprise, I cannot see but the place has a good and permanent future before it, as there are a great many of the leases in the neighbourhood with low-grade ores that would pay if the carriage of coke and coal were not so high. A number of leases are still held and not a tap of work done on them during the past three years.

Sunny Corner Mine has been in full swing during the past year. Great improvements have been made on the works, as also in the working of the mine, but no record whatever has been kept at the Sunny Corner office of the output of ore during the past year. The total value of silver, gold, and copper produced during the year was £48,638, value of plant £30,000, and 204 men employed.

The Silver King Mine has had a good run during the past year, with great success, under the management of Mr. Charles Henry Richards. The amount of ore raised and smelted during the year was 11,099 tons, producing 1,018 tons of matte, valued at £43,247 9s. 3d., and 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. of lead, valued at £172 8s. 11d., making total value £43,419 18s. 2d. This mine has had on an average of two and a half furnaces running during the year, and employs 150 men. Value of plant, £8,000.

The old Navada, now known as the Phoenix Silver-mining Company, has made another start, and is at present employing 45 men. No smelting has been done as yet. Alterations are being made in the smelting plant under the supervision of Mr. Richards, of the Silver King, who is also going to run the furnaces at the Phoenix. Value of plant, £4,000.

The Paddy Lackey Gold Claim at Dark Corner is still at work, with good results. The shaft is now 300 feet deep, with a reef 3 feet wide, dipping east 6 in 100. There were 400 tons of stone crushed during the year, which yielded 442 oz. of gold. Value of plant, £930. 12 men employed.

The St. George Gold Claim's deepest shaft is 320 feet, with a reef of 2 feet wide, having crushed 200 tons of stone, which yielded 100 oz. of gold. Value of plant £2,000, and employs 12 men.

At Little Hill, Lane and party raised 40 tons of stone, which, when crushed, yield 17 oz. 14 dwt. of gold.

At the Band and Albion very little work has been done during the year. The value of their plant is £900. No men employed.

At Mount Wolsley a mining plant has been erected, but no work done. The value of that plant is £200.

There are 80 men fossicking in the vicinity, 5 of which are Chinamen.

During the year there were 16 applications for mineral leases, viz., 9 for limestone, containing 200 acres, and 7 for silver, containing 219 acres. Also 4 applications for gold leases, containing 68 acres. I issued 256 miners' rights, 130 business licenses, and 13 mineral licenses.

The amount of gold bought by the local banks was 374 oz. 13 dwt. 15 gr., and by the stores, 207 oz., for the year.

The value of gold at this place during the year was £3 14s. 6d. per oz.

The total value of smelting and crushing plants in this district is £46,030.

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## BATHURST DISTRICT—ORANGE DIVISION.

*(Stephen Murphy, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to submit my report for the year 1889. During that period my collections have been as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
321 miners' rights.....	136	10	0
5 business licenses .....	3	0	0
12 mineral licenses .....	12	0	0
Gold-mining leases .....	82	0	0
Mineral leases .....	35	0	0
Fees under Mining Act .....	0	5	0
Deed Fees and Stamp Duty .....	85	0	0
Revenue proper.....	353	15	0
Survey fees, &c. ....	27	0	0
Total .....	380	15	0

It was scarcely to be expected that the extraordinary rush for taking up land which occurred in the early part of 1888 would continue, and the foregoing figures show a marked decrease upon that year in applications for both gold and mineral leases. During 1889 the undermentioned applications to lease were lodged with me:—Gold-mining, 14 for an area of 79 acres; mineral, 5 for an area of 140 acres, not including reapplications for the same portions. The land applied for is in the undermentioned localities:—Digger's Creek, Cadia, Caleula, Ophir, Forest Reefs, Mullion Creek, Byng, Eldorado Gully, Emu Swamp, Lewis Ponds, Rosedale, and Bulga Mountain.

*Bulga Mountain.*

In this neighbourhood operations seem to have been almost entirely suspended and another boom appears to be required to infuse new life into the leaseholders. I do not believe that this locality has been properly tested, as no great depth has yet been reached.

*Lewis Ponds.*

The New Lewis Ponds Gold and Silver-mining Company (Limited) have been in full swing during the year. A large sum of money has been expended in opening out the ground, and in placing very complete machinery, including smelters, upon the property. Number of men employed, 132, and value of plant, £8,000. I trust that the enterprise of the Company may be amply rewarded by the discovery of richer deposits than any yet unearthed. I enclose returns furnished me by the Manager, Mr. J. B. Potter, who certainly appears to be doing his best in the interests of the mine. The Spicers and Lewis Ponds South are still carrying on operations under the same management.

The Toms Lewis Ponds Company has been gradually extending its operations during the year, so that 75 men are now employed. About 1,900 tons of ore have been raised during the year, and 679 tons treated by the Lewis Ponds Company, giving a return of £4,100. The prospects of this mine appear to be very satisfactory. The erecting of smelting works is under the consideration of the directors. I enclose reports from the several mines in this locality, giving details of the operations.

*Ophir.*

Nothing of importance to report at this locality. The crushing plant, worked by a 25 h.-p. engine, the property of the Bluff Gold-mining Company is at present idle. Value of the machinery about £1,100. There are about 50 miners employed at this old field, viz., 34 Europeans and 16 Chinese.

*Lucknow.*

Mr. H. W. Newman reports that the property of the New Reform Gold-mining Company (Limited) is now for sale, after being idle for the past six months, owing to the veins getting a bit poor.

The New Reform Pups property has lately passed into the hands of Mr. F. L. Gardiner, of Sydney, also some similar property in the same locality. I forward herewith particulars of the several mines on this field, showing total value of plant to be £23,250, and number of men employed, 79.

*Forest Reefs.*

The Grand Junction Gold-mining Company (no Liability), has ceased operations for sometime, a number of the shareholders having apparently lost heart. There is no work of any moment being carried on in this locality.

*Byng.*

Operations are still being carried on in this neighbourhood, and a crushing plant of the value of £1,100, will be shortly completed and ready for work. It is hoped that, with a battery on the spot, mining matters may go ahead.

*Cadia.*

During the past year the Scottish Australian Mining Company (of London), has raised 65 tons of quartz, giving a return of 58 oz. 12 dwt. of gold valued at £202 7s.; number of men employed, 16, and value of plant £1,500.

By the courtesy of the managers of the local banks, I am enabled to state that 3,796 oz. 4 dwt. 4 gr. gold passed through their hands during 1889, valued at £13,767 6s. 9d. No doubt a considerable quantity is sent direct to Sydney in excess of the above.

The gross value of machinery in this division is estimated at £40,000, and the number of men employed about 570.

## BATHURST—BLAYNEY DIVISION.

*(W. Roche, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to submit my annual report for the year 1889.

There has scarcely been anything done in the way of mining for the past year.

The Brown's Creek Gold-mining Company had to abandon their ground through the flooding of the mine which was afterwards cancelled through their not paying the rent. It was again taken up by Messrs. Johnson and Woodhouse, who intend putting new machinery on the ground as the plant now existing would not be sufficient to keep the water down. This Company intend starting sometime this month, and it will take them a considerable time before they will get the mine in working order again. The closing of this mine was a great loss to the district, as it employed a great number of hands.

Several parties have been prospecting in the district for the last twelve months with very little success.

A party of men have been prospecting in Hancock's paddock (known as the "Last Chance") for sometime; they have sunk a shaft 160 feet deep, following a reef varying from 6 inches to 4 feet in width from which they had several trial crushings, varying from 6 to 11 dwt. per ton. At a depth of 80 feet they struck an iron-stone reef 6 feet wide, which was thought nothing of at the time, but on getting it assayed it realized 1 oz. 15 dwt. to the ton. The party are now sinking a new shaft 9 by 4 feet in the clear, which they intend carrying to a depth of 260 feet, when they expect to strike the reef, which was underlaying to the east in the old shaft, from which they expect good results. The sinking is hard (through slate), and they consider it will take them 12 months to put it down; it will cost them from £1,200 to £1,500. There is very little doing at the Confidence Mine; it has been idle for twelve months; it has been lately rented for £6 per week to a man named Thomas Goodman; he has only had one crushing, which I have been informed was very poor.

At McPhillamy's Hill Gold Mining Company, which is on private property, situated four miles from Blayney. This mine is owned by a Sydney Company, who have expended a lot of money during the last year with very poor results. There has been very little done in the way of alluvial mining, as the old workings are worked out.

The Annandale Copper Mine has been working for the past twelve months with very fair results. The Company being a small one, it has a lot to contend with; they built a furnace on a new principle, which did not act, consequently necessitating their going to a double expense in erecting another one. There are seven shafts sunk on this Company's property, viz.:—1st, 292½; 2nd, 220; 3rd and 4th, 197; 5th, 110; 6th and 7th, 260 feet deep; so they have the ground thoroughly prospected. In the 120-foot shaft the lode is 30 feet wide, and is estimated to go from 10 to 12 per cent.; at present they have 200 tons of ore at grass, and they have sent away 6 tons of smelted ore to Sydney, which averaged £57 10s. per ton. It is the intention of this Company to offer 10,000 additional shares to the public, with a view of putting up three more furnaces and a refinery, and constructing a siding at the railway line, which is about 500 yards from the mine. No doubt if this idea is carried out, and copper keeps a reasonable price, this mine will be dividend paying, as it is now in working order, ore being raised from all the shafts above referred to.

3 gold-mining leases, 75 miners' rights, and 3 business licenses have been issued for the year.

## BATHURST DISTRICT—OBERON DIVISION.

*(J. S. Hayes, Mining Registrar.)*

IN submitting my annual report for the year 1889, I regret to state I am not in a position to report as favourably on the mines in my division as I would wish. There has been a lull in mining throughout this division during the past year, although prospecting has been carried on to some extent, and in some instances with great hopes of the prospectors being rewarded. The small amount of gold won, little more than 87 oz., speaks for itself. A portion of the Prospecting Vote has been granted to two parties, thereby rendering them great assistance in their operations. I have issued during the year—miners' rights, 52; mineral licenses, 5; gold lease applications, 6; mineral lease applications, 3.

## BATHURST DISTRICT—MOUNT M'DONALD DIVISION.

*(G. A. Gunning, Mining Registrar.)*

NOTWITHSTANDING the dull times experienced here during 1889 I feel justified in predicting a marked improvement during the coming year.

Some few months back Mr. Plumb, M.L.A., in conjunction with other gentlemen, purchased the Balmoral properties at what is considered a very low figure. These gentlemen have successfully placed the property on the market, resulting in the formation of a strong Company styled the Balmoral G.M. Co., Hong Kong. The new Company is now preparing for the erection of a crushing plant, with all the latest improvements, in the gully, a couple of hundred yards from the workings. At present there are forty-six men engaged constructing the dam for conserving water for crushing purposes. As this Company purpose using rock drills, &c., I will be much mistaken if some good reefs are not discovered which will bring again to this field its past prosperity.

The Eureka Mine has, this week, been sold to a Sydney gentleman, who will commence working the ground on Monday next. When this claim is put into working order and pumping plant fixed it should again pay handsome dividends.

During the year I have issued 90 miners' rights, valued at £41 10s.; 25 business licenses, £14 10s.; 1 mineral license, £1. Received 35 applications for gold-mining leases, comprising 163 acres; deposits lodged with same, £110. The total collection for the year is £250 10s., which is considerably less than former years.

The Mount M'Donald Gold-mining Syndicate have erected a Huntingdon mill, with latest gold-saving appliances on their property (formerly known as Butcher's). They are now getting out stone for their first crushing.

No work has been done at Milburn Creek Copper Mine for some months, and no prospect at present of being worked.

No alluvial mining being done (except fossicking about the river) in my division.

Several parties are awaiting the visit from Prospecting Board, having made application for assistance. Without aid, I fear, some will have to abandon their holdings. Prospecting is very expensive in this hard country.

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## BATHURST DISTRICT—TRUNKY DIVISION.

*(W. T. Lee, Mining Registrar.)*

THE past year, which was marked by bountiful rain and crops, has not led to any fresh development in mining.

The New Bathurst Gold-mining Company (Limited) have made very satisfactory progress, the shaft being vertical to a depth of over 600 feet. During the year this Company crushed 300 tons of mullock for 34 oz., and 360 tons of quartz for 910 oz. The above mine is the deepest in the district. The Mount Gray Gold Mine Syndicate, Grove Creek, have suspended operations for a short term, as it was found the Huntingdon mill was not suitable for the stone.

The value of gold won is £7,032 4s. 1d., being the highest yield for many years. Nineteen applications were made for gold leases for 219 acres. Rainfall, 30.055. Mining revenue, £364 12s. 6d. I have issued 137 miners' rights, 28 business, and 7 mineral licenses. The retrospect is fairly encouraging, and the outlook promising. No attention is at present being paid to silver, copper, or opals.

## BATHURST DISTRICT—CARCOAR DIVISION.

*(C. Higgs, Mining Registrar.)*

IN forwarding the annual report as Mining Registrar of this District, I have the honor to bring under your notice the fact that I only took office on the first of this year as successor to the late Mr. W. B. Warner, which I trust will sufficiently account for the brevity of this statement, I shall however, in the current year, take every care that all information required by the Department is attained and set out in the next annual report.

The number of miners' rights issued for 1889, 104; mineral licenses, 3; business licenses, 1.

The returns received from five out of six mine owners in this district obtained after considerable delay, I have handed to the Warden.

## BATHURST DISTRICT—COWRA DIVISION.

*(B. P. P. Kemp, Mining Registrar.)*

I BEG to state that at present matters are exceedingly quiet in the Cowra District as regards Mining. There has been an attempt made to get some marble found in the district brought into the market, I believe, but whether the price obtainable for same will pay after deducting expenses for cartage, &c., is at present undecided. The extra demand last year for miners' rights and business licenses has not so far been renewed.

## BATHURST DISTRICT—TUENA DIVISION.

*(T. F. Bell, Mining Registrar.)*

IN submitting this, my annual report for the year 1889, I regret to say that the mining industry in this district is not in such a satisfactory and progressive state as I hoped it would have been. The Cordillera Silver Mine having shut down early in the year, also the Peelwood Mine, which only finished the erection of most extensive machinery a very short time back, has shut down, the difficulty being in treating the ore, there being so much zinc. The Mount Costigan Silver Mine has again started operations and is running most successfully. 248 acres have been applied for under gold lease during the past year and 140 acres under mineral lease; 332 miners' rights issued, 87 business licenses, and 4 mineral licenses. The total revenue collected for the year on account of Mines Department being £592 15s.

## BATHURST DISTRICT—COWRA NORTH DIVISION.

*(Wm. Cook, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to state that mining is now almost at a standstill in this division owing to the very poor returns obtained from crushing in most instances, not one payable crushing having taken place.

It is impossible to obtain a correct return of stone crushed, owing to a change of management of the battery, the present management not having any records, but about 150 oz. of gold from about 600 tons of stone crushed is probably a pretty correct estimate.

*The Manchester.*—Firth and party, Sullivan's Gully, have obtained the best results, 21 tons taken from a shaft from 25 to 76 feet in depth, with a vein of 4 inches wide, returned 12 oz. 12 dwt., from that depth, and 98 feet, 32 tons were crushed for 20 oz. 5 dwt., the vein being 6 inches; their shaft is now 110 ft. in depth. The vein now averages 9 inches, and improved in quality. The shareholders consider their claim payable if machinery were available, they now being 6 miles from the nearest battery.

Bourke and party are now working under permit on Flood's selection, and are raising stone showing gold freely; but the vein is small and very hard.

Kenworthy and party are working under the road at Stockyard Gully, but so far the result has not been satisfactory.

The Gospel Oak Gold-mining Company from which good results were expected has turned out a great disappointment to the shareholders owing to the poorness of the returns. The ground here is very hard, which, together with the small returns obtained, have caused all hands to be knocked off for a time.

The general opinion of miners is that nothing payable will be found in the division unless looked for at a depth.

No alluvial has been worked during the year.

Number of leases applied for during the year, 5 containing a total area of 53 acres.

Total value of mining plant £2,000.

## BATHURST DISTRICT—CANOWINDRA DIVISION.

*(W. Cook, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to report a further improvement in this division during the year passed, the yield being 2,298 oz. 11 dwt., against 1,939 oz. 12 dwt. for the previous year. This return does not include anything from the Cargo Gold-fields as that portion was during the year cut off from the division. The larger portion, however, has been won from the Blue Jacket Mine. During the year seven gold leases were taken up comprising 34 acres. The number of miners' rights sold was 134; mineral licenses, 7; business license, 1. The total amount of revenue received was £180 5s. Blue

Blue Jacket are now sinking at a depth of 260 feet, and are raising stone at the 240-foot level, the stone now being risen yielding at the battery about 2 oz. per ton. The proprietors have a parcel of 40 tons blanketing on hand. A sample of 6 tons taken from the heap yielded about 13 oz. per ton. These tailings were treated at the Clyde Works, Sydney. Total yield of gold for year, 2,139 oz. 14 dwt.

M'Closky and party on the south end of the Blue Jacket have sunk a shaft 177 feet, and have a vein of 15 inches, supposed to be the Blue Jacket vein; they have about 20 tons raised which is expected to be payable.

Red Jacket, on the north side of the Blue Jacket, have sunk a shaft 100 feet, and have a nice vein about 1 foot in width.

Queen of the Ranges have sunk their shaft 175 feet on the course of the vein, but the vein running out they have ceased work.

Richardson and party have been sinking a shaft under aid from Prospecting Board, but have done nothing for the past two months—but intend to resume at once—when they expect to get something payable.

Hayes' Reef is still worked on tribute. During the year 159½ tons crushed, yielded 149 oz. 7 dwt.

#### BATHURST DISTRICT—ROCKLEY DIVISION.

(*T. C. Cromie, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to herewith enclose, my annual report for 1889, from the Rockley division:—During the year I have sold 62 miner's rights, 33 business licenses, and 1 mineral license. There has been, during the year, 4 mineral leases applied for, representing 155 acres, and 2 gold-mining leases representing 7 acres. The mining collections from Rockley for 1889 amounted to £112 2s. 6d.

The Back Creek Silver-mining Company have ceased to exist during the year. Their land has been surrendered, and 75 acres of it again leased by Mr. George Withers, of Sydney. Mr. E. A. Baker and party have been raising some silver ore at Wiseman's Creek, and have every faith in their prospects there. Mining on the whole is very dull here.

#### TAMBAROORA AND TURON DISTRICT—HILL END DIVISION.

(*W. A. Steel, Warden.*)

I HAVE the honor to transmit herewith my annual report for the division of the Turon and Tambaroora mining district under my charge. I beg to state that I was transferred from Hill End to Bathurst early in July last as Acting Police Magistrate, therefore my report will only refer to the first half of the past year.

I regret to state that mining in every branch has declined, and no fresh discoveries have been made at Hill End in reefing or alluvial workings. Some very rich patches have been struck in an old claim at Prince Alfred's Hill, formerly known as Rowley's. In one instance, on a lease held by Mr. T. C. Suttor, as much as 150 oz. of gold was obtained from specimens alone, while stone from the same claim yielded nearly an ounce per ton. In the adjoining claim the same reef was struck at a depth of 95 feet, and 75 oz. extracted from specimens. The crushing has not yet taken place. This shows that many of the old rich reefs on Hawkins and Prince Alfred's Hill have not yet been properly worked, and vast wealth yet lies undeveloped. The Red Hill Mine, Tambaroora (Newton and others), stopped work last December, whilst the old Star of Peace, Hawkins Hill (now known as the Cornelian Company's), is still at work, and employing a considerable number of hands; nothing is made known as to what amount of gold is obtained, but it is believed to be payable. The number of miners' rights issued during the first half-year of 1889, as well as gold mining leases are considerably less as against those for the same period of the previous year. Nothing worth mentioning in the yield of gold at Hargraves and neighbourhood has taken place, and mining has declined even more in this division than any other under my charge.

#### *Sofala Division.*

The yield of gold from the various localities of Wattle Flat, Palmer's Oakey, Upper Turon, &c., are quite equal to the previous year, and indeed, the quantity of gold forwarded to the Mint has been larger, though some, doubtless, has come from Hill End. A rich reef has been discovered at Nuggetty Creek, near Wattle Flat, the prospects being good. Machinery is shortly to be erected on the old Solitary leases, Wattle Flat, for the purpose of extracting gold from pyrites. A Company has been formed for the purpose of testing the process known as Dr. Florance's, and great interest is taken among the mining community as to its success, the importance of which cannot be overrated.

#### TAMBAROORA AND TURON DISTRICT—SOFALA DIVISION.

(*M. Fagan, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward my report of the mining interest in this division for the year 1889. In so doing I am happy to remark that the amount of gold won during the year exceeds that of the past year.

The drought which has prevailed for the last five years may be said to have broken up here in April, when the welcome rains gave a copious supply of water to the Oakey, Two-mile, and Bell's Creeks, which are the streams whence the supply of water for the head-races in the vicinity of Sofala is mainly derived. Taken altogether this season has been the finest the miners have had for their occupation for many years past. Grass has been plentiful everywhere for their horses—no small consideration to a really enterprising miner. Several sluicing claims in the vicinity of Sofala have been worked during the year, and the results obtained by M'Lean and Herriott, Maitland Point, William's & Co.—adjoining claim, Bennett & Co., Wallaby, exceed by far in value all others in the division, some of these men averaging £6 a week per man.

*Queensland Reef, Sofala.*—The number of men employed on this reef during the year was as follows:—1st January to 25th September an average of 14 men per diem; 26th September to 20th November, 12 men per diem; November, 6 men; December, one man only in charge.

Quantity of stone raised, 1,700 tons, yielding 424 oz. 19 dwt. 7 gr.; value of same, £1,341 8s. 4d. The machinery consists of one 25-horse-power horizontal engine (30 h.p. boiler), ten-head stamper battery, two stone-breakers, one Watson & Denny pan; one Harrison Vortex mill, table, winding gear, and Tangye pump; value of same, £3,000. The

The workings are all on the surface, and there are no shafts or tunnels. It is, in fact, a quarry of diorite, with an area of about 17 acres.

The reef, which is about 50 feet wide, runs for a distance of about 600 feet.

There is no timbering required, nor is there any trouble with water.

The battery has hitherto occupied a site about a mile from the mine; is now being removed to the mine.

*The Big Oakey Gold-mining Company Surface Hill.*—The object this Company had, and are still carrying out, is to test the rock at a depth of 400 feet—present depth of shaft, 200 feet—and cross-cuts east and west. These have been extended west 113 feet 6 inches, and found the supposed tunnel vein, which dipped west through the shaft. About 10 feet west of foot of shaft pinched to about 1 inch dipping east. At 75 feet west a soft dig comes in, about 16 inches thick, dips west, coming into a small vein, carrying gold, joined it on floor of tunnel, dipping west. No other veins have been cut in this direction. In the east cross-cut, 86 feet from shaft, the only vein as yet worked was cut.

Driving 86 feet north, 37 feet south, 130 tons of quartz was raised from this vein, yielding 272 oz. A quantity of pyrites has also been obtained from this vein, but up to the present the Company has done nothing beyond a few experiments, but it is intended, if the Company cannot satisfactorily treat in this Colony, to concentrate and ship to Europe.

The machinery consists of 10-horse-power crushing battery and concentrator; value, £750, and winding plant, value, £100. There are sixteen or eighteen men employed, and a vast amount of work has been done by them during the year. They speak highly of the directors for their punctuality in paying their wages, and it cannot be denied that this Company has done more *bona-fide* prospecting than any other Company that ever started in this division.

It is to be hoped that they will yet find some of the very rich veins said to exist on this once famous hill. This Company has received aid from the Prospecting Vote.

*Caledonian Reef, West, Roberts, & Co.*—544 tons of quartz raised from various depths yielded 137 oz. 19 dwt. 18 gr. of gold, which is not payable. From six to eight men have been employed during the year.

*Solitary Creek Reef, Webb & Co.*—Extended quartz claim. 114 tons of quartz, raised from a depth of 200 feet, yielded 44 oz. 5 dwt. 6 gr. The vein averages 1 foot in width. Westerly underlay, running north and south; four men employed; steam-winding engine, value £300.

*Magenta Quartz Claim, Lee and party.*—63 tons of quartz, raised from a depth of 140 feet on this vein, yielded 38 oz. 14 dwt. of gold. The vein averages 8 inches in width. Eastern underlay bearing north and south. Only for the heavy influx of water that has to be contended with this reef would be payable. This party has received aid from the Prospecting Vote, without which no discovery would have been made. Total depth of shaft, 168 feet.

*Middle Creek, G.M. Co. Reef.*—This reef is situated about 6 miles south-west of Sofala, and discovered by Reilly Brothers in January last. Since then a shaft has been sunk from surface to a depth of 100 feet; 120 tons of quartz raised and crushed at Company's battery giving the handsome yield of 159 oz. of gold. This is the best return that has been obtained from any vein in my division during the year. The vein is 8 inches wide, bearing south-west. The Company have leased 25 acres in connection with this mine, erected a 10 h.p. engine, and five head of stampers; value of plant, £800.

*On the Old Solitary Reef.*—All the leases on this line of reef have been cancelled—in December—immediately after which a 9-acre lease was taken up by C. H. Beaver, who, in connection with Dr. Florance, is now having machinery erected upon the land for the purpose of treating the vast quantity of tailings at the old battery, which are said to contain a large quantity of gold.

*Upper Turon Sluicing Co., Messrs. Suttor, Langtree, & Co.*—This Company's property consists of 21 acres, comprising gold-mining leases, on which prospecting work has been carried on during the year, with a view of opening up and working the alluvial drift. The depth of wash in this ground is 3 feet. Up to the present no gold has been obtained or saved from the ground. Prospects show 3 to 5 dwt. per ton. A puddling machine has been erected in connection with these leases, and £1,000 has been expended in wages, &c., by the Company during the year.

With regard to the aid that has been received from the Prospecting Vote in this division, I may remark that, although up to the present the prospectors have not been as successful as was at first anticipated; I have every confidence that the tunnel now being driven by Ellis and party, Oakey Creek, will lead to a rich gold vein, as also that driven by Swain and party.

On the 10th September last I regret I had to report the accidental death of one of the prospectors, Louis Dupont, which was caused by his descending the prospecting shaft when it contained foul air.

At Razorback, Palmer's Oakey, Box and Quartz Ridges, work has almost been suspended during the year. There are several fossickers in these places who appear to make a good living, but I have been unable to obtain from any of them any reliable information as to the amount of gold obtained.

The following amount of gold from all sources has been transmitted from this division by gold escort and other means during the year, viz. :—

	oz.	dwt.	gr
For March quarter.....	544	5	4
For June quarter.....	642	2	11
For September quarter.....	950	15	5
For December quarter.....	996	15	7
Total by gold escort.....	3,133	18	3
By other means, so far as I can ascertain.....	1,190	2	3
	4,324	0	6

Being an increase of 1,269 oz. 6 gr. on the amount of gold transmitted during previous year; market value of same, £16,323 3s.

460 miners' rights, 23 business licenses, and 3 mineral licenses have been issued by me; 19 gold-mining leases, and 2 mineral leases have been applied for during the year.

Return of all machinery in the division herewith; estimated value of same, £6,450.

## TAMBAROORA AND TURON DISTRICT—IRONBARKS DIVISION.

*(J. Shillington, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor herewith to submit my annual report for 1889. There are many gold-bearing reefs in this division, most of them having been surfaced, *i.e.*, worked by parties of miners till either the water-level was reached, necessitating the expense of pumping machinery, &c., or till they came on stone not payable, when the reef would be abandoned, the reefs here, like many others, being more or less patchy, and without capital the parties could not afford to work through the poorer portions of the reefs. Thus the reefs of this division have never been prospected sufficiently to enable a fair estimate of their value to be arrived at. Only two or three reefs have been tested to a depth of 200 feet, and even these have not been prospected to any considerable extent.

The Golden Gully Gold-mining Company, the most enterprising in the field, has employed about forty men during the year, with the result that the more the mine is opened out the better its prospects appear.

There are many reefs in the district which, in the opinion of practical miners, would be well worth a fair trial. In alluvial nothing new has been discovered during the year, the cradle and sluice-box being, as usual, at work in the old gullies, which have yielded, as far as can be ascertained, about 1,225 oz. gold.

Recently the basalt-covered hills on the west bank of the Macquarie River, at Ya Hoo, for some miles, have attracted considerable attention. Under the basalt is found a cement wash from 2 to 10 feet in depth. The whole of the wash, so far as has been tested, is gold-bearing; over 300 acres have been secured. One company (the Scottish and Australian) have, at Ya Hoo, expended £5,030 in erecting a plant for treating the cement, and are now nearly ready to commence operations, which, if successful, will open up a large extent of similar country.

During the year 50 leases have been applied for aggregating 600 acres, for gold-mining.

Three leases for silver-mining and one for pigment were applied for; 348 miners' rights, 21 business licenses, and 2 mineral licenses were sold during the year.

The total revenue remitted from this office during the year amounted to a little over £1,000.

The total quantity of gold won in the Ironbarks Division during 1889, as far as can be ascertained, was:—Alluvial, 1,225 oz., and from quartz, 1,758 oz.; total, 2,983 oz., value about £11,782; average value per ounce, about £3 19s.

Six tons of copper was won, value £360, or £60 per ton.

## TAMBAROORA AND TURON DISTRICT—HILL END DIVISION.

*(T. Purcell, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to submit my report for the Hill End Division of the Tambaroora and Turon District for the last year, and cannot say it has been a prosperous one. The principal quartz mine, the Cornelian Gold-mining Company, Hawkins Hill, has not been successful, and from various causes I am informed has been carried on at a loss to the Company.

The Red Hill, Tambaroora, was also carried on at a loss to the owners for some time, and closed towards the end of the year.

The reefs at the Root Hog, also, I am informed, are not paying, with the exception of Clymo and Party, which pays well. There are a few other parties working quartz claims, but on the whole are not paying, the most noteworthy event of the year was the find in T. C. Suttor's lease at the head of Hawkins Hill, where very rich stone was found, and Vere and party, who took up the adjoining ground, also struck very good gold. I am informed the gold in those claims is only in patches and not general, they had only one crushing as yet, and it appears it paid the parties well.

In alluvial nothing new has been found, and the old ground is getting poorer yearly. Some claims have been taken up on the Macquarie for sluicing purposes, but as yet have done nothing.

I have been unable to get the amount of gold sent from here since the escort has been abolished, and the bank closed, as the parties are very reticent on the matter.

The number of miners' rights issued during the year was as follows: 309 as against 315 for the previous year; business licenses 17, as against 12 for 1888; 5 mineral licenses for 1889, as against 7 for 1888; gold-mining leases 23, as against 33 for previous year.

I have cheerfully obtained every information from all parties except Mr. Charlton, the manager for Messrs. Newton Bros., Red Hill Mine, Tambaroora, and although I sent your circular with the other forms to him, cautioning leaseholders about withholding information, he has again declined to furnish any information; he did the same last year, and informed Mr. Warden Steel he would give no information to the Department.

Three of the parties who obtained aid from the Prospecting Board here have struck gold, namely, Fraser and Dilliston, who inform me they have struck a vein which pays them £2 per week a man. Macryannis Bros., at the Dirt Holes, and Burns and Graham, at Hawkins Hill, the two latter parties have not yet crushed, but they think the claims are payable.

## MUDGE DISTRICT—DUBBO DIVISION.

*(W. S. Caswell, Warden.)*

I HAVE the honor to make my annual mining report for the year 1889, being the ninth since the discovery of the reefs at Tomingley.

There has been one important discovery of auriferous country during the past year. That is the discovery at Peak Hill, about 13 miles from Tomingley, in the direction of Parkes. A prospecting claim was taken up by Dennis Madden, Thomas Ring, John Hayes, William Fenton, and Gustavus Menzer, on the 3rd July, and registered about the 1st of August. The Peak is 45 miles from Dubbo, from which place coaches run to the field daily. Narromine, 22 miles further from Sydney by rail, is only 35 miles from the Peak, but the route *via* Dubbo is much the best, and travellers are sure of finding conveyance, and save the extra railway journey. A township has been surveyed at Peak Hill, in which there are already established two public-houses, eleven stores, two boarding-houses, two cordial factories, two timber yards, one billiard room, six butchers, three bakers, three blacksmiths, three barbers, two painters, five commission agents, one chemist, and other tradesmen. The town is regularly and well laid out, and

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most of the allotments have been taken up. Forty-three applications have been received for gold-mining leases in areas from 2 acres to 25 acres. The population which at one time was supposed to have reached 2,000, was, at Christmas, about 700. Many went away harvesting, and others to spend their holidays in their more permanent homes.

I have traced 911 oz. 12 dwt. 2 gr. to the various Banks, the value of which was about £4,082 13s. 4d. A private individual also sent over 250 oz. of gold to the mint worth about £1,000. This is a fair return for four months work, especially as the greater portion of those assembled were speculators, tradespeople, or loafers.

The water supply is and will continue to be the greatest drawback. The miners are solely dependent on the gilgies or dams made by themselves. Clagga Springs, about 4 miles distant, are said to contain an unfailing supply for 2,000 people. There is no other water nearer than the Bogan River, which is not very permanent.

#### *New Rush.*

The new rush, about 4 miles nearer Tomingley than Peak Hill, still bears the name, attracted a considerable body of miners at first, who did a great deal of work, but on the whole the yield of gold was not sufficiently satisfactory. There were not more than twenty miners on the field at the end of the year.

#### *Tomingley.*

No. 1 North, formerly Croft, Reaches, and party, and No. 3 North, are now amalgamated and owned by the Centenary Company, of Orange, under the title of a lease. Their manager reports 533 tons of stone crushed for 237 ounces of gold, valued at £922 6s. 6d. No. 2 North, Crowhurst and party, report an output of 264 tons of stone, yielding 158 oz., worth £614 17s. 8d.

The population of Tomingley, including Myall, still remains about the same as last year, about 250. The water supply has been ample since last April. The Government tank is finished and full of water. There are numerous springs besides.

There are about 51 children attending the public school.

#### *Myall.*

The prospects at Myall Reefs are still considered as good as ever, though the mine has not been worked with the same success. The yield in 1889 was less than 1888, and that less than 1887. Last year the yield was £2,800; in 1888 it was £3,000. The falling off may be attributed principally to want of water. The proprietors have all become wealthy, and having offered the property to a syndicate in England are somewhat careless of results. The 100 tons of stone and tailings sent to England are said to have returned an average of nearly 3 oz. per ton.

#### *Ten-mile Ridge.*

This property, worked by Moore and party, has remained comparatively unworked owing to want of water and breaking down of machinery. Only 130 tons of stone have been crushed for 6 oz. of gold.

Miners' rights, Tomingley:—1888, 149; 1889, 402, being an increase of 253.

Miners' rights, Dubbo:—1888, 86; 1889, 84, being a decrease of 2.

Business licenses, Tomingley:—1888, 8; 1889, 44, being an increase of 36.

Business licenses, Dubbo:—1888, 1; 1889, 3, being an increase of 2.

Mineral licenses, Tomingley:—1888, 4; 1889, 4.

Mineral licenses, Dubbo:—1888, 42; 1889, 10, being a decrease of 32.

#### *Copper.*

Girilambone Copper Mine is still unworked. Rose Hill Mine is in the same position.

#### *Coal.*

In coal there is nothing to report since last year.

#### *Crushing Machinery.*

There are still three crushing machines in the Dubbo Division—one at Tomingley, belonging to the Centenary Company; one at Myall, belonging to Mooney and party; one at Ten-mile Ridge, belonging to Moore and party. That at Tomingley is reported to have crushed 797 tons for a yield of 395 cz. worth £1,537 4s. 2d. That at Myall reports 630 tons for 710 oz. of gold of the value of £2,800.

The gold won during the year 1889, as reported to me, amounts in value to £9,419 17s. 6d., but it is most improbable that I have received an account of all; so that I may claim for the Dubbo Division fully £11,000 worth, the largest yield known in any one year. Many miners came from Molong and Parkes districts, and if they returned there or elsewhere no trace of their earnings can be obtained.

### MUDGEES DISTRICT—WELLINGTON DIVISION.

(*F. Marsh, Warden.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the reports from the Mining Registrars of the Wellington Division of the Mudgee, and the Ironbarks Division of the Tambaroora and Turon Mining Districts, together with printed forms attached, duly filled up, and showing the detailed particulars of the several workings, &c., in both divisions.

The reports have been prepared with the view of showing as fully as possible the necessary information with state of the gold-fields under my charge. This has been done in a very exhaustive manner, and as it may not be considered necessary to recapitulate the substance of them, I beg that they may be accepted as containing the basis of my report for 1889.

### MUDGEES DISTRICT—MUDGEES DIVISION.

(*William J. E. Wotton, P.M., Warden.*)

I HAVE the honor to state that I took charge of this field in March last, and desire to forward the following report for the portion of the year 1889 of the several divisions under my charge.

*Mudgees Division.*—There has been nothing particularly of any note, but several gold leases have been taken up at Merrendee and one or two other places. It was reported that a powerful syndicate had leased



leased the Log Paddock, Melrose, and the Havilah Estate, to commence operations about October last for alluvial mining upon an extensive scale, but as the work has not been commenced, I cannot say whether the venture has been abandoned or not.

The limestone alluvial field still exists, but has not made any progress. About Apple-tree Flat, individual mining is, as is usual for years past, carried on with varied results.

A private Company has leased land from H. C. White, Esq., of Havilah, for cutting stone for sharpening purposes, and is in active operation, and as the Mudgee stone is superior to the Turkish—evidenced by its realizing a higher price in the market—the shareholders may be congratulated in having a valuable property.

The Robardah Gold Mine, at Cudgegong, is a property which, for money expended, roads made, and machinery erected, is a credit to the shareholders, who now appear to be short of funds to complete the tunnels and add to machinery. I understand negotiations exist with an English syndicate to float this mine, and I know of no mine in the district more worthy of success.

Mining generally in the district is on the increase, the change from the drought causing capital to be invested, and during the present year I anticipate a good deal of ground will be opened up.

In the Mudgee Division during the year applications have been made for—7 gold leases; total area, 75 acres; nil mineral leases; total area, nil; and there have been issued—167 miners' rights, 14 mineral licenses.

The local banks have purchased during the year 4,324 oz. 1 dwt. 10 gr. of gold, and doubtless a considerable quantity has been taken out of the district by miners without sale, and also through private buyers.

*Hargraves.*—Although, I think, in my division I find it is usually reported upon by the Warden at Hill End, and I do not desire to trench upon what may not be strictly within my province.

*Gulgong Division.*—Mr. Chappell is still at Tallewang, and it is to be hoped, his indomitable pluck and energy may meet with reward, as he has expended in machinery and labour a large amount.

Scully's Claim at the Black Lead still works on with varying success; another deserving enterprising miner.

The antimony mine at Ford's Creek is producing fair return, and is being prosecuted with vigour.

Mr. Frame Fletcher, who leased 500 acres of the Guntawang Paddock from Mr. R. Rouse, succeeded whilst in England in floating a £75,000 Company to work same. Since his return here to manage the property he has sunk a working shaft 9 ft. 4 in. x 3 ft. 6 in. in the clear, a depth of 124 feet. The first 90 feet sunk through was hard basalt, immediately under which is some 40 feet of a heavy dry drift. An auger put down 5 feet below bottom of shaft struck water in about 18 inches of drift overlying a heavy quartz wash. The sand forced through bore by water contains fine gold. Steam machinery is now being erected, and as the working capital in this instance is ample, viz., £17,000, other shafts are about being started.

The Venus Gold-mining Company, near Gulgong, have done good work, and erected machinery, and have been crushing with fair results; the formation appears to be a felsite with arseniate of iron and copper. This may lead to an explanation of the origin of the gold at Gulgong, and that it is in lodes, not reefs, and as a comparative stranger here, it appears to me singular that 22 tons of gold, as I am informed, were taken from the field from 1871 to 1875, and yet so little enterprise exists to ascertain from whence it came, as I presume the 22 tons did not fall from the heavens.

At Canadian Lead there is one party who appear to be doing well. They are down 150 feet, and have 15 feet of wash, and although it is difficult to know exactly what they are making, I believe it is at any rate 3 dwt. to the load. Various other places have been opened, but nothing of any very great importance.

The Denison Town field, although strictly in the Gulgong Division, I treat separately.

This field, which has now been opened a few years, contains several parallel lines of lodes which contain gold, galena, carbonate lead, and other silver-producing ores, and also diamonds.

Gold has been found in various portions of the field, as long back as 1870, but the most prominent mine in gold at present is the Mountain Wave, on the Narangarie Line. I believe this is in the hands of some Adelaide broker and expected to be floated shortly.

The diamonds are in the last fall of the Narangarie Range, and would appear to be in river drift, overlain by basalt, which has been denuded. Basalt is visible within a short distance. Some very nice diamonds, although not of any great size, have been obtained, and this mine also is in the hands of Adelaide people.

The Mount Stewart Silver Mine has been worked about two years. The main shaft is 255 feet down, and now driving east and west at 250 feet. This has the appearance, from surface indications, of being a very large lode. Galena was obtained upon the surface, and I believe Mr. C. S. Wilkinson has reported upon it. The underlay shaft, 102 feet to the 90 feet level in the vertical, shows galena and carbonate ore all the way, and I understand the percentage of lead is very high. Work appears to be carried on here systematically and well, and there are signs of healthy activity, which bodes well for the future prosperity of the mine.

I understand this mine is expected to be floated shortly, and if so will give employment to a large number of men.

There are two other lines of lode, namely, the Mount Heart (private property) and Mount Gladstone. Upon the latter, I am informed, very large assays were obtained from nodules found upon the surface, and that the results of a parcel in bulk sent to Adelaide for treatment showed a payable return of both silver and lead. This mine, I understand, is about being floated or capital brought in by a syndicate.

This field bears evidence of great mineral wealth, and its breadth at present proved is some 8 or 9 miles, and I believe were the field known and visited the necessary capital to place it in a prominent position would be forthcoming.

In the Gulgong Division the applications during the year for 11 gold leases, total area, 115 acres; 25 mineral leases, total area, 970 acres; and there have been issued 223 miners' rights, 8 mineral licenses.

The gold purchased by the local banks during the year was 1,200 oz., irrespective of that by private hands.

## MUDGEES DISTRICT—HARGRAVES DIVISION.

(T. O'Brien, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to submit my annual report of mining matters, for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

Of the various parties holding leases in this division only one, The Hargraves Gold Mining Company (Limited), continued work during the whole year. The shaft being sunk by this Company has now reached a depth of 240 feet. Several veins bearing gold, but not in payable quantities, were cut during the sinking to its present depth. Nineteen men are constantly employed in connection with this lease. The machinery, which consists of winding and pumping engines, is valued at £3,000.

The Big Nugget Prospecting Lease has not been worked since the 2nd December, 1888. The machinery attached to this property consists of winding, pumping, and crushing engines, valued at £5,000.

The Hargraves Gold-mining Syndicate, which commenced operations in 1888, have sunk three shafts to the depths of 80 feet, 45 feet, and 34 feet, respectively. During this year 201 tons of quartz, yielding 112 oz. of gold, have been raised from these three shafts. Suspension of labour has been granted to this syndicate.

M'Gregor and party have sunk a shaft to the depth of 90 feet on their prospecting lease, at Happy Dick's Hill. Two drives have been put into this shaft, one at the 90-foot level, and the other at the 70-foot level. From the latter, 15 tons of quartz have been raised and await crushing.

The Lizzie Watson has been worked occasionally during the year with hardly payable results.

The Mudgee Reef, lying to the south of the Big Nugget, was at work during the early part of the year. The proprietors applied for, and obtained, suspension of labour for a term of four months. As no preparations for the resumption of work have been made, although the term granted for suspension of labour expired some time ago, it appears that the proprietors do not intend to give the ground a further trial.

No improvement has taken place in alluvial mining. During the year I issued 214 miners' rights, 21 business licenses, and received 6 applications for gold-mining leases.

## MUDGEES DISTRICT—WELLINGTON DIVISION.

(A. G. Chiplin, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to herewith submit my annual mining report for the year 1889.

During the past year mining operations have been almost at a standstill in this division.

Several leases for copper-mining have been issued during the year, but only six have been executed by the lessees, many being allowed to lapse.

Only one gold lease was executed during the year.

Two of the copper leases, mentioned above as having been executed by the lessees, are held by the Lindberg Copper Company. Upon these, suspension of labour has been granted for a period of three months, arrangements having been made with a syndicate who are prepared to expend a sum of £3,000 in testing the mines. During the present week a manager sent in the interests of this syndicate has inspected the mines, and has now put on men to work. So that there is now some prospect of the mine having a thorough test.

The Belara copper mines have done very little work during the past year. The quantity of ore raised was 300 tons, giving a return of 16 tons of copper, valued at £800. The furnaces were only working for three months, most of which time was spent in experimenting on gossan containing gold and silver, the gossan assaying 3½ oz. gold and 4 oz. silver per ton. I am informed by the Manager that there are thousands of tons of zinc blend ore, containing 15 to 20 oz. silver and 6 dwt. of gold. The value of the Belara mining-plant is £3,000.

Only a small quantity of gold has been won during the year in this division, principally alluvial, obtained from the river beds.

At the Mitchell Creek Gold Mine operations are to commence almost immediately. New and expensive machinery has been erected by Davis & Co., the proprietors, for treating the pyrites. At this mine a large number of men are to be employed.

During the year one mineral lease and one gold lease were applied for. Miners' rights issued, 40; business licenses, 4; mineral licenses, 3.

Gold won in the division, 120 oz. from alluviums, and 20 oz. from quartz. The total value of same £455. Average value of gold £3 14s. to £3 16s. per oz.

## MUDGEES DISTRICT.—GULGONG DIVISION.

(H. De Boos, Mining Registrar.)

IN submitting my report for 1889 on the state of gold-mining in the Gulgong Division of the Mudgee District, I regret that I can show no improvement in mining matters during the above period.

During March last Parker and party hit upon a "leader" on Salvation Hill, about 2 miles from Gulgong. They found some rich specimens at first, but after working about two months they had to give it up, as the ground was too hard to work, and requires capital for its proper development.

Scully's claim, on the Black Lead, has been idle for the last month or two in consequence of an accident to the machinery, but I believe the energetic proprietor means to start almost immediately.

At the Canadian three or four parties are working, and doing pretty well.

This portion of the gold-field has never been without two or three parties on gold ever since its discovery twenty years ago, and there is no doubt that if the diamond drill were employed in this locality it would have the effect of encouraging the miners to prospect a field that has already proved so rich.

Chappell and party are still at work at Tallawang on the cement, but they have had to contend with great difficulties, and the want of water has been a serious drawback to the working of this ground.

Home Rule and Cooyal still support a small mining population, mostly working in the old ground, and generally earning fair wages. In this neighbourhood is the Perriwinkle Lead, where some very nice specimens of shotty gold were found by the prospectors, who seem to think that this lead will eventually prove as rich as the best of the old leads in this part of the gold-field.

There are several parties at work at Two-mile Flat, and I am informed that one of them has struck payable wash in shallow ground, with every probability of finding a permanent and payable lead.

At Gulgong work is going on at the Old Gulgong Reef and the Star Lead; both parties are obtaining gold, with the prospect of better results, as the work advances.

In Mr. Rouse's paddock (private property), an English Company has obtained a lease from the proprietor, of some hundreds of acres. Work was commenced in September last, and the pumping machinery is now being erected. There seems to be good ground for supposing that this venture will prove successful, as this paddock has produced a large amount of gold in past years, and it is the opinion of some of our old miners that all the leads in this locality trend towards the spot where the Company is sinking the present shaft.

At Ford's Creek, as recorded in my last report, several leases were taken up for antimony mining, but only one claim is being worked, which I believe is paying very well.

At Goodiman also there is a 40-acre lease, where they are obtaining ore of a very good quality, but scarcely enough work has been done to form an opinion upon it at present.

Silver-mining in this district has been very dull during the past year;—some few leases have been taken up, but no work of any account has been done. At the Mount Stewart claim, near Denison town, work has been carried on for the last eighteen months. Considerable capital has already been expended on this claim, as the shareholders consider that from all the present indications it is most likely to turn out a payable undertaking. In the same neighbourhood is the claim of M. Mahon and party, who have been at work for some time, but with what result I am unable to say.

During the year 223 miners' rights, 2 business licenses, and 12 mineral licenses have been issued from this office, and 36 applications for leases have been received. The amount of gold purchased by the banks from January to December, 1889, is about 1,481 oz.

#### MUDGEES DISTRICT—DUBBO DIVISION.

(*W. J. Martin, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to submit my report for the year 1889.

During the preceding twelve months nine applications for mineral leases have been made, comprising in all an area of 420 acres taken up for the purpose of mining for ochre or sienna. I am informed that no work has been performed upon any of this land, but in some instances the applicants are in treaty with foreign capitalists for the purchase of their property, at a satisfactory sum.

I have sold 84 miners' rights, 10 mineral licenses, and 3 business licenses. In nearly every instance these have been applied for by persons proceeding to the new diggings at Peak Hill.

#### MUDGEES DISTRICT—WINDEYER DIVISION.

(*F. Scheibel, Mining Registrar.*)

I BEG to report for your information on mining operations in my division during the past year 1889, and I am sorry to say it is still on the decline.

The proprietors of the Clarke's Creek Claims, Catherine, and Crystal Palace are idle. The machinery belonging to that Company have crushed about 100 tons of quartz for various small holders in the vicinity of Clarke's Creek. No reliable estimate of the yield can be obtained.

There are a number of miners at the alluvial diggings, but without much results, as they are mostly all working old grounds which have been worked before.

There has not been any miners' rights or business licenses issued here since this office was opened in September last.

I hope to have the pleasure of furnishing you a better account of this locality in my next yearly report.

#### LACHLAN DISTRICT—FORBES, PARKES, MOLONG, GRENFELL, TICHBORNE, CUDAL, CANOWINDRA, CARGO, AND CONDOBOLIN DIVISION.

(*E. A. L. Sharpe, Warden.*)

*Forbes.*

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Mines, my annual report for the year 1889.

I am pleased to be able to state that during the past year mining in its various branches has been prosecuted vigorously throughout the mining district under my charge, and I think a larger number of miners have been following up their industry than for a number of years. Several rushes have occurred, and one of these appears to be permanent, and will probably afford employment to a considerable number of miners for some time to come. In June last Alexander Cameron, Alexander Patton, and Alexander Whitelaw reported the discovery of payable gold at Alick's Flat—a place situated 15 miles north of Parkes, on the Kadina Road. The discovery of alluvial wash was made 24 feet from the surface. The sinking is dry, and the yield on which payable gold was reported was 3 oz. 2 dwt. of gold from 2½ loads of wash dirt. A considerable number of persons, attracted by the exaggerated reports which are always spread abroad on these occasions by some of the metropolitan newspapers, flocked to Alick's Flat. I suppose at one time there must have been 1,000 persons on the field—of all sorts and conditions of men. The prospectors' claim is about half a mile or less from a conditional lease, belonging to A. N. Davy, and the lead, or series of cross leaders containing gold, appeared to follow the creek through this lease and the conditional purchase adjoining. The selector allowed the miners to enter his land and mark claims, on payment of a small sum, instead of insisting upon their waiting for permits and then marking their claims, as required by the "Crown Lands Act of 1884." The result of this proceeding was that all the claims had to be surveyed to ensure the correct boundaries, and a heavy expense had to be incurred, as well as considerable delay, before the permits could be issued. The applicants had to be found, if possible, to identify the claims they had marked. As soon as they had marked, in most cases, they lodged an application with the Warden's Clerk, at Parkes, and then departed to all parts of the Colony, following up their various occupations, and prepared to wait and see if payable gold

gold was discovered. Many of the applicants had interests outside the paddock, and they did not want the permits applied for until the value of their claims on the Crown lands was proved, as they might have to employ labour when perhaps neither holding was payable. Strangers coming in wanted to go to work at once, but said they were afraid to until they had a permit; besides, it was an impossibility to be sure of unoccupied land where there was a perfect forest of pegs. Some of these men waited for a week or two until their means became exhausted, and then had to leave. A great many shafts were however sunk on the conditional lease and conditional purchase without waiting for permits, but up to the present time I am not aware that any payable gold was obtained. Very good prospects in some claims were washed, sufficient to cause a great deal of work to be done. If another rush occurs on alienated or conditionally leased land, I trust that no marking—without the proper authority—will be allowed, so that expense, delay, and discontent may be prevented. At Alick's Flat, after all the expense of survey, &c., only one or two permits were taken up, and the expense of issuing the permits, and filling up the hundreds of shafts which riddle the land in question, will have to be borne by the Government instead of by the persons properly responsible. The Government will also have to compensate the owner for whatever damage has been done by the miners to his property. The rush, however, was a success, inasmuch as a considerable population have settled at Alick's Flat, a township has been formed, and a considerable number of alluvial claims, where the original discovery was made by Cameron and party, will afford steady work with satisfactory returns, probably for some years to come. The place is admirably adapted for a village—the climate and soil are good, water and wood are plentiful, and means of access by fair roads easy. With soil such as to be found at Alick's Flat it is not a hard matter for a miner to make a living, and many miners will doubtless make a home in a place having so many natural advantages. I may add that this is eminently a gold-bearing district; various gold-bearing reefs have been worked in this locality in time past, and it is very probable that valuable discoveries in quartz and alluvial gold will be made when the miners have time to prospect the surrounding country thoroughly. I think the permanent population may be put down as between 300 and 400.

#### *Forbes.*

At Forbes I regret to say that various mines, which were in full work at the close of last year with apparently good prospects, have been obliged to cease work, the yield of gold not being sufficient to pay expenses, which were in the old alluvial workings on the south lead exceptionally heavy. Of the mines still working the Britannia Quartz Mine is the principal, but owing to various causes the Company have barely been able to pay expenses. The machinery was blamed for losing the gold, and there was great dissatisfaction with the management. Recently a new manager, with high testimonials, has been appointed, and the best and most reliable gold-saving appliances have been purchased. Under these circumstances the directors of the Company look forward with confidence to proving the Britannia a payable reef.

On the North Hill, in the town of Forbes, in September last, in what appears to be a lode, a quantity of free gold was obtained at a depth of about 10 feet, by Messrs. Green and party. This lode is on purchased land, and consequently labour is not employed in the mine as it would have to be on Crown lands, or if the land was held under a permit. I am unable to get reliable information about this lode, but it is said to be 4 feet wide, and that stone from it or lodestuff crushed in Sydney yielded at the rate of 8 oz. per ton. Several applications have been made to work adjoining ground through which the lode is supposed to run, and if these are granted its value will soon be proved.

In the alluvial ground near the town the Phoenix Claim, on the Victoria lead, has been fairly payable, that is, it has yielded wages during the year. Just at present this claim is idle, owing to an influx of water. I am informed, however, that work will shortly be resumed.

At the Bald Hills Mine, 3 miles north of Forbes, work is being carried on with energy and success. New and costly machinery has been erected, with the result that small but regular dividends have been paid from wash-dirt returning about 6½ dwt. per load. The plant is now capable of putting through 300 loads of wash-dirt per week, which, it is estimated, will yield 90 to 100 oz. of gold. The wages and expenses are reckoned at £100 per week. This leaves a good margin for profit, and the prospects of the mine are considered very satisfactory. The company hold 35 acres of ground—mostly new ground—and employ thirty men.

The Pinnacle reefs, on Boyd Run, 20 miles from Forbes, are still being worked by Messrs. Nicolas and Raymond with, I am informed, satisfactory results. It seems to me that this mine would be more profitable if worked on a larger scale. There is a large body of stone, not rich, but very even as regards the quantity of gold it contains. With a large battery, and the mine properly opened up, it seems reasonable to suppose that the reef would pay better than it does at present with a few men, a small battery, and an insufficient supply of water.

#### *Parkes.*

At Parkes, which is the chief mining centre of this portion of the Lachlan mining district, a good many quartz claims are at work, from which satisfactory returns are obtained. A large number of miners are employed. New machinery has been introduced, and is in course of erection, and reefs which have been abandoned for years have been taken up by capitalists, who will doubtless give them a satisfactory trial. Hazlehurst's claim, to which reference has been frequently made in my former reports, and which has been working constantly since the latter end of 1883, has just been sold to a Company for £20,000. This block reef varies in width from 5 feet to a few inches. It has been worked along the line of reef about 150 feet, and to a depth of 220 feet—the highest yield has been 10 oz. per ton for 56 tons, but the reef has averaged all through over 3 oz. for, say, 2,500 tons of stone. If this mine only continues to yield in the future as it has done in the past, the new owners have a bargain. A recent crushing of 134 tons of stone from the Kohinoor Mine gave 26½ oz. of gold, and I am informed that there is plenty of stone of a similar character in the claim, that it is easily got, and that, at the 170-foot level, the reef is 3 feet wide. Fitzgerald and party, at Possum Gully, have a reef 4 feet wide, and obtained 110 oz. of gold from 65 tons of stone. I noticed a party of miners working at the head of the Welcome Lead, about 3 miles south of Parkes, and was informed that they had discovered a new reef from which they had obtained some very favourable prospects. Gold leases 47, 48, 49, 50, and 86 are held and worked by the Bushman's Hill Gold-mining Syndicate. £2,000 has been expended principally in sinking a main shaft, which

which will, it is supposed, prove the value of the mine—as soon as the drives are extended—which will be at a depth of 240 feet. Encouraging prospects were obtained at a depth of 140 feet, but the working manager informs me he intends sinking 100 feet deeper before driving along the reef. This Company are erecting two Huntingdon crushing-mills, with concentrators; these will soon be completed, and I am informed that one of them will be available for the public.

Machinery said to have cost £2,000 is just about to be erected for the treatment of the tailings at the Old Dayspring Mine, at Carrajong, near Parkes. If the treatment is successful, tailings are plentiful, in this district, some of which should give handsome returns, especially where pyritous stone has been treated.

#### *Tichborne.*

At the Tichborne, on the Old Wapping Butcher Lead, in July last, some very rich specimens were discovered in a 10-acre lease, known as Barnett's. This lease is right in the centre of the old alluvial workings, and the specimens I have mentioned were found in small leaders, 50 feet in the bed rock—that is, 110 feet from the surface. The small veins of quartz occur in a diorite belt, and in very favorable country for auriferous deposits. From the shaft in question about 137 oz. of specimen were obtained from, say, 2,000 oz. of stone.

#### *Grenfell.*

On the 23rd of July last Maher and party reported the discovery of payable gold in the alluvial, at Eureka Flat, about 8 miles west of Grenfell. This party were working with Government aid on a selection standing in the name of Adam and John Shannon; they held a protection area by virtue of a permit, and, at 215 feet from the surface, bottomed on washdirt which gave 7 grains of gold from two dishes of dirt. On the strength of this prospect, various parties of miners applied for permits, four or five shafts were sunk and bottomed on the lead—a few loads of dirt were puddled and gave from 3 to 4 dwt. to the load. The prospectors then washed a few loads with the same result. The place was then abandoned. I have nothing to report as regards the various reefs at and in the neighbourhood of Grenfell—a little work has been done, but the results have not so far been very satisfactory. At Sandy Creek, I am sorry to say the reefs have not proved payable. From 10 claims, 446 tons 19 cwt. of stone were crushed for a return of 195 oz. 20 gr. This was not payable, and caused a cessation of work except in one claim. If the battery which was erected by a private company remains at Sandy Creek it may be an inducement to miners to give the reefs a further trial. If it is removed I am afraid they are likely to be idle for some time to come.

#### *Canowindra.*

At Canowindra a good deal of work has been done on various reefs, with satisfactory results. I may mention that a crushing of 125 tons of stone, obtained in six weeks, gave rather over 2 oz. to the ton. This was from the Blue Jacket Reef. In this division of my district—which is eminently a reefing country—a good many permits have been applied for and issued, but it is as yet too soon for the various parties to have proved the value of their claims. A great deal of land has been alienated in this locality which should, in the interests of mining, have remained Crown land. It may be said that a permit does not cost a prospector anything. It does not in money, but it does in time. A poor man cannot afford to remain waiting for a permit in a place. His means are soon exhausted, and for this reason it seems to me that sufficient care was not exercised to prevent land containing reefs known to be auriferous from being sold—land, too, which, with the exception of a few alluvial flats, is only adapted for mining purposes. I should like to bring under the Minister's notice an abuse that exists in connection with permits. Certain persons apply for permits to mine in localities known to be auriferous. These permits they obtain and hold, and then sublet on terms. The permit costs nothing, and should the reef prove payable the speculators reap a handsome profit without expense or risk. I venture to think that it is necessary to make the holder of a permit work himself or else employ labour. Transfers of any kind should not be recognized, if the intention of the Act under which these permits are granted is to be carried into effect; I venture to think, too, that additional regulations are required to enable applications for permits to be dealt with promptly and properly. For instance, in most cases, all that is necessary, when the Warden is aware that the land is available, is to ascertain who is the first applicant. When, as often happens, there are several applications lodged at the same time for the same land, as there is nothing in the Land Act to empower marking until a permit is issued, a difficulty arises, which additional regulations might cure.

#### *Cargo.*

The principal mine at Cargo is the Ironclad, and this has been idle for some time owing to want of water for crushing purposes; but new machinery has been erected for treating the refractory ores, which this mine contains in considerable quantity. Fresh capital has been obtained to further develop the mine, and to effect necessary improvements in machinery, &c. The battery, which was at some distance from the mine, has been removed close to it. The main shaft has been sunk to a depth of 163 feet, and the work is proceeding. A large body of fair grade ore is in sight, and the prospects of the mine are regarded as satisfactory. A good deal of work has been done on the Dalcouth Mine. Two shafts have been sunk—one 140 feet, the other 90 feet. Mr. Powers, the owner of this mine, has, I am informed, spent £800 on this property, and has about 100 tons of stone raised, but there is no public crushing at Cargo, and it would not pay to cart the stone to a remote battery. Another mine at Cargo is that known as the Golden Clad, which was owned by Mr. W. J. Frank, of Sydney, but is now the property of a Company with a capital, I am informed, of £30,000. A large dam has been excavated, and a crushing plant will shortly be erected. Gazzard and party are working a lease at Gum Flat, but as yet have nothing payable.

#### *Cudal.*

At Boney's Rocks, on what is known as the American line of reef, J. E. Evans and party are working under a permit on Gransden's selection. This party have been doing a great deal of dead work, cleaning out an old shaft, deepening it, and putting the claim in working order. They recently crushed  $4\frac{1}{2}$  tons of stone at Canowindra for a return of 5 oz. 2 dwt. 12 gr. The London Claim, which is a short distance from that of Evans' and party, and on Crown land, has a shaft 210 feet deep, with a cross-cut in which is a vein estimated to carry from 3 to 4 oz. to the ton. Ten tons of stone have been crushed from this claim during the past year, and yielded 2 oz. per ton. In Shield and party's lease, which is about

12 chains north of the London Claim, a good deal of work has been done with the assistance of the Government vote. Six tons of stone from this mine yielded 13 dwt. of gold per ton. Two tons were treated at the Mint for a return of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. per ton.

On O'Brien's lease, which adjoins that of Shield and party on the north, 2 shafts have been sunk, one 60 feet deep and one 120 feet. Three men are employed, and both shafts are on the reef, which shows gold freely, and varies in width from 4 to 30 inches. This party have crushed during the year 12 tons of stone for a return of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  oz. per ton. They have at the present time 40 tons of stone at grass.

At the Paling Yards, the Prospectors' Courts and party hold 8 acres under a permit, on a conditional lease, the property of John Kearney. This party have sunk three shafts an average depth of 45 feet on a lode which varies in width from 3 to 10 feet. They have about 10 tons of lodestuff at grass, estimated to yield 1 oz. to the ton. If this return is obtained, the lode is probably payable, and should afford employment to a large number of men. The prospectors have erected a small battery of 5 stamps at the mine.

#### *Molong.*

In the Molong division of my district, the principal mine at work is that known as Delaney's Dyke. Extensive crushing and gold-saving appliances have been erected at the mine, and it appears to be in a flourishing condition. I am informed that some of the lode yields at the rate of half an ounce to the ton. This return, with a large body of lodestuff, should make this mine a very valuable property.

In conclusion, I may state that during the past year, in the Parkes Division, as nearly as I can ascertain after careful inquiry, 4,886 oz. 3 dwt. and 16 gr. of reef gold was obtained, and 3,360 oz. 11 dwt. and 20 gr. of alluvial (chiefly from Alicktown), making a total of 8,247 oz. 3 dwt. and 12 gr. I must remark, however, that probably a small quantity of alluvial gold was obtained from the Peak Hill diggings, which is in the Wellington mining district. The returns I have given are from the various Banks at Parkes.

#### LACHLAN DISTRICT—YOUNG DIVISION.

(*S. Robinson, Warden.*)

I HAVE the honor to furnish my report for the year ending 31st December, 1889. The quantity of gold won in this division was 3,872 oz. 12 dwt. 23 gr., and of the net value of £14,904 3s. 8d. This is an increase over the previous year to the extent of £4,292 6s. 6d.

There has been a slight falling off in the issue of rights and licenses. In 1888 the number of miners' rights applied for was 574, whereas in 1889 only 534 were disposed of; eighty-six of these were taken out at Murrumburrah. I may also add that business and mineral licenses stood in 1888 at thirty-two and thirty-three respectively; in 1889 they were respectively twenty-three and twelve. The increase, yield of gold, arose from active operations recently prosecuted at the New Burrangong Company's works. That single leasehold has given to the year's production no less than 2,019 oz., worth £8,259 9s. The mine is alluvial, situated on Burrangong Creek, about 2 miles from Young; thirty-five men are at present employed on the works. Three stationary and two portable engines are in use, and of 60-horse-power, aggregate. The depth of shaft, 110 feet; lowest level, same depth. The lode varies in width from 20 feet to 100 feet, running north and south. The plant is worth £2,500. Adjoining is the South Burrangong holding, which is also alluvial, thirty men are on the works, with two portable engines of the aggregate power (30-horse-power.) The estimated value of the plant is £1,500; depth of shaft, 87 feet; lowest level also stands at the same depth; the lode runs due north and south. As yet only 28 oz. of gold have been extracted.

The Cunningar, extensive works near Murrumburrah, I have not been in a position to visit the place during the year, nor have I been successful in getting information from those in charge of the establishment. For description of the mine my report for 1888 may be referred to.

Messrs. W. S. Barnes and Sons, near Wombat, on their private property, have realized £700 for gold won during the past twelve months, with only four men employed. The mine is quartz, worked at lowest level of 80 feet, which is the depth of the shaft. The vein is 12 inches by 12 inches, and dips 10 inches in 100, bearing nearly east and west. The plant consists of a 10-horse-power engine, with battery valued at £500.

At Good Friday Gully somewhere about twenty men are earning fairly good wages.

Altogether, in my division about 220 men are engaged in gold-mining.

#### LACHLAN, TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT.—TEMORA, BARMEDMAN, JUNE, AND COOTAMUNDRA DIVISIONS.

(*James Baker, P.M., Warden.*)

I do myself the honor to submit my annual report for the several divisions under my charge, that is to say, Temora, Barmedman, June, and Cootamundra. The several Mining Registrars and Warden's Clerks inform me that they have reported fully in *re* the statistical and other information required of them for the respective divisions. I need not, therefore, occupy either time or space in repeating what they have so well reported.

#### *Temora.*

*Population.*—The permanent settlement of the town and its environs are without doubt increasing, and the stability of Temora as an important inland town is perhaps more assured now than at any previous time; and this, too, despite the decrease in the mining population, as also in the yield of gold. This apparent, and, I think, real, stability is very largely due to the superior quality of the soil of the district for general cultivation and the genial nature of the climate. Both soil and climate are very suitable for horticulture, agriculture, and grazing. As fast as the land is thrown open for settlement it is taken possession of for *bona fide* settlement. Gardens, orchards, and vineyards are now in almost every direction taking the place of the "sifting bush" and "wild bush." In the growth of cereals too the district has been very successful. The orchards, gardens, and vineyards, planted from three to, say, five years ago, are this year bearing profusely, and supplying the town with very superior fruit and other produce of excellent quality. The increased activity in settlement on, and production from the soil, enables the town to do a little more than hold its own, even during a season of great mining depression, and if one may be guided by the present and the past in forming a forecast for the future, that future, for Temora, is certainly full of promise.

Returns

Returns kindly supplied to me by Sergeant Buckley show the population of the town of Temora in January last (1890) was 1,025. He could not give them for January, 1889, but in that month of 1888 the population of the town was 1,146. This shows a decrease in town population in two years of, say, 120; but notwithstanding this decrease, the district, including the town and its environs, has for the last three years held its own, and for the year 1890 there was an actual increase of population. The district in January, year 1889, had a population of 1,960, while in January, 1890, it was 2,018, or an increase of fifty-eight, added to the decrease of population in the town, shows that during the year 1889 the population of those who have settled on the land was increased by fully 100 persons, or some twenty to twenty-five families.

*Yield of gold.*—During 1889 there was a smaller number of miners working on this field, and a smaller yield of gold produced by it than in any previous year of its history since 1880. The following tables have been kindly given to me by Sergeant Buckley, the Gold Receiver at Temora:—

RETURN showing the quantities of gold received by the Gold Receiver at Temora, for transmission by Gold Escort, during the year 1888:—

	oz.	dwt.	qr.
24 January .....	542	2	12
21 February .....	71	19	15
20 March .....	239	15	9
17 April .....	308	4	6
15 May .....	57	0	0
12 June .....	159	15	19
10 July .....	291	8	12
7 August .....	59	5	5
4 September .....	239	1	18
2 October .....	161	8	18
30 " .....	119	13	0
27 November .....	53	17	16
25 December .....			
Total .....	2,353	12	10

RETURN showing the quantities of gold received by the Gold Receiver at Temora, for transmission by Gold Escort, during the year 1889:—

	oz.	dwt.	qr.
22 January .....	34	10	18
19 February .....	40	1	10
19 March .....	171	16	9
18 April .....	37	10	15
14 May .....	404	13	9
11 June .....			
9 July .....	79	6	4
6 August .....	125	19	3
3 September .....			
1 October .....	150	4	3
29 " .....	154	1	0
26 November .....	115	1	5
24 December .....	56	0	5
Total .....	1,369	4	19

For the purpose of comparison I give the amount of gold sent by escort from Temora for the years 1881 to 1889, both years inclusive:—

Year.	oz.	dwt.	qr.
1881 .....	29,652	14	4
1882 .....	33,348	0	7
1883 .....	17,347	8	6
1884 .....	14,381	16	1
1885 .....	7,865	15	9
1886 .....	7,161	10	3
1887 .....	3,406	14	13
1888 .....	2,353	12	10
1889 .....	1,369	4	19

That gold, however, includes both Temora and Barmedman gold; how much each of those divisions produced respectively, I cannot exactly say. The Mining Registrar, however, gives the quantity from Temora proper for the year 1889, at 690 oz., and the average price £3 17s. 6d., or in money value £2,673 15s. The reasons for the falling off in the yield of gold are various. A considerable number of miners have left the district, and some of those who remain here devote a considerable part of their time to other pursuits, chiefly land cultivation. The great feature of this field has been its alluvial mines, but the payable alluvial land as far as it is known is gradually getting exhausted, and of course the area of such land available to the miner is year by year getting less. Little or no prospecting has been done for some two years past. So that as far as appearances are concerned Temora, as an alluvial gold-field, is thought by some to be very nearly worked out. I do not, however, consider this to be a correct view of the case. Perhaps the "eyes of the field" have been picked out, but even this is by no means certain. For years past Mr. Geological-Surveyor Wilkinson has held the opinion that a "second bottom" of what is known as the main Temora alluvial lead to be possible, and even probable; but this was pooh-poohed by a considerable number of the class of men who dub themselves "practical miners," and practically regard themselves as infallible, and who sneer at what they are pleased to call the absurd theories of the non-practical scientific men, forgetting that the theories of the scientists are for the most part based upon or deduced from ascertained facts. I do not say that I actually believe there is such "second bottom," but I do think the probabilities are in its favour, and the workings in two of the mines at Upper Temora during the year 1889 tend to support that belief. In those mines gold in paying quantities from small fissures or ravines at depth varying up to some 30 feet below the old workings. And as far as I know, none of these fissures were bottomed. These auriferous workings have not of course demonstrated that there is a second bottom, but they have given additional reasons for its probability. And I certainly would like to see a series of bores put down under the supervision of the Geological Department to test it.

In quartz-mining we have not progressed much. From want of good management, want of sufficient capital, or from want of both, or from some other cause, the quartz mines of this district have never been fairly tested by proper systematic and economical working. One party after another have gone in to work them, and in one or two instances practical managers have been put in charge, but before these men could do either the mines or themselves justice, the money has run out, or from some other cause operations have been suspended. As far as they have been tested, the quartz lodes are "patchy" and uncertain. A large portion of them are very poor; then there has been a large waste of labour and expenses in their working, and the natural result, disappointment and loss.

During the year, a little spurt was given to the mining interest at Scrub Yards, and three parties are working there, and have, they think, fair prospects, but up to the present time none of them have yielded sufficient gold to pay for the cost of getting it.

Tin has been discovered at West Mandamah, some 30 miles from Temora, but whether payable or not I cannot say. Up to the present time it has not been proved payable. The discoverers sold their interest to a syndicate, and after spending a considerable amount of money in excavating a large tank, sinking shafts, &c., the syndicate have, I am informed ceased working, and are now offering their property for sale. It would therefore appear that whatever in future may develop, the workings have not yet given encouraging results.

#### Barmedman.

This division is in a very depressed state, the Mining Registrar gives the output of gold for the year at 449 oz. 19 dwt., which, at £3 17s. 6d. per oz. would be of the money value of £1,743, omitting fractions. This result was obtained from 845 tons of stone. This is essentially a "reefing district." No payable alluvial workings have been discovered there, and the quartz workings have been very much at a standstill during the year, partly for want of fresh water for steaming purposes; partly because the works in the principal mines have been more or less suspended, pending a London syndicate floating them into a Company with sufficient capital to efficiently test their value; and partly because some of the mines are held by the lessees for purely speculative purposes. Great discontent is often expressed at the quantity of auriferous land practically locked up unworked by the holders of gold-mining leases. The last time I was at Barmedman, Mr. Love, the Mining Registrar, mentioned the matter to me, and I requested him to give me the facts in writing, which he has done, and I now give the following statement as furnished by him:—

STATEMENT *in re* nine gold-mining leases demising auriferous land at Barmedman, concerning which the labour covenants do not appear to have been reasonably observed.

Lease No.	Portion	Area	Labour Cond.	Remarks.
		a. r. p.		
107	50	9 3 0	10 men	No work done on this lease, for about 8 months.
132	60	4 3 19	6 "	Last work done, August, 1888.
161	81	4 1 11	6 "	Last work done, May, 1889.
163	51	9 1 10	9 "	One crushing of 8 tons, in last 18 months.
190	111	3 3 19	6 "	Last work done, about May, 1889.
221	114	2 0 0	2 "	No work done since lease granted.
230	112	5 0 0	6 "	No work done, for over 12 months.
201	185	4 0 0	4 "	No work done, for over 12 months.
224	416	11 0 0	8 "	No work done, since September, 1889.

I may say that the holding of leased land without reasonable observance of the labour covenants is not confined to the Barmedman Division, but is a rather general failing on all the fields I have visited. I purpose writing at length upon this and some other matters which I think should be brought under the special notice of the Department. But to deal with these matters now would delay this report. I hope, however, to submit the paper within a fortnight or so, and perhaps, if it should be desirable, it might be printed as an appendix to the Under Secretary's Annual Report.

#### Cootamundra.

There has been very little mining done in this division for some years past, and what has been done has been in the neighbourhood of Muttama. Two parties only are at work namely, the Excelsior Company at Muttama, and the Mount Morgan Company, near Coolac, both of which are working in quartz. The Excelsior Company obtained during 1889, 128 oz. from 154 tons of stone, and the Mount Morgan, during the same year, obtained 75 oz. of gold from 179 tons of stone. About 15 miners are working alluvial ground and during the year obtained about 75 to 80 oz. of gold, making the yield for the division from quartz and alluvium combined, say, 280 oz. of gold, which, at £3 17s. 6d. per oz., would be in money value £1,085. About 26 miners are at work in the division.

The neighbourhood of Muttama and Mooney Mooney offer for the judicious employment of capital and labour, in the working of the unquestionably rich quartz loads that traverse the country, and it is difficult to understand how it is that a district so full of promise should be so much neglected by the enterprising mining capitalists.

Traces of silver have been discovered at Mooney Mooney, but as yet nothing of a payable character has been discovered.

#### Junee.

The principal mines in this division are at Wantiool, Eurongilly, and Mitta Mitta, and for the most part are on private land or land that was private land, but now resumed for mining purposes. A fair amount of work has been done at Wantiool by the Prospecting Company on Crown lands, and by Fincher and Co. on land resumed by the Government for miners. At Eurongilly Lynch and party and Holland and party obtained 105 oz. of gold from 47 tons of stone, and the general prospects of the district are promising. At Mitta Mitta little or no work has been done, albeit the prospects of the place are of  
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a most encouraging character. The mines here are rich in gold, but the ore containing it is what is known as refractory. The ordinary mode of treating auriferous quartz will not answer for the stone in this neighbourhood. Expensive machinery is required for the special treatment of the stone. Here the Government has resumed a portion of land for mining purposes, and Messrs. Piercy and Dobbins have secured a large slice of the resumed land, but are unable to profitably work it in the absence of suitable machinery for treating the refractory ores, and as they have had this mine several years, first under permit to dig and search, and since under lease from the Crown for nearly two years, the ground is practically locked up from mining, nor do the prospects of it being unlocked look very promising; and to make matters worse Mr. Piercy has obtained permission to dig and search for gold in the adjoining portion, and having done so, worked about a week, then suspended work, and applied to have this portion resumed, on the plea that he has discovered payable ground. The payable ground—if it be so, and it is very probable—was discovered years before he touched it, and the week's work done by him on this portion, for all practical purposes, discovered nothing which was not known before; but having the permit, and having reported payable gold, &c., he claims that it should remain unworked until the land shall have been resumed. On the ground that expensive machinery is required to treat the refractory ores, which machinery it is not possible to get for want of capital until the land shall have been resumed, because until then he cannot get a safe title, this plea would be, perhaps, accepted, but for the fact that within a few hundred yards from where the discovery has been made in this portion he has, as before mentioned, a large area of land containing ores of a similar nature, and has had a good title for some two years, and yet has no machinery there. Besides, if he had machinery on portion 205 it would answer as well for the working of portion 207, the land he desires to get, as for that he already has. These lands, if properly worked, would, I think, profitably employ a large number of men—probably 100, and be a source of wealth to the district, but through what appears to me very like over speculative greed, these rich promising lands are lying idle and unproductive.

In writing thus plainly, and perhaps severely, I do not underrate the difficulty of those persons who, after years of hard, struggling work, have discovered payable country, and find themselves in difficulties to properly work it for want of the necessary capital. To a very large extent that has been the case with Messrs. Piercy and Dobbins. They have been very enterprising and energetic men, have expended large sums of money in putting up a crushing battery at Wantiool, and another at Mitta Mitta, and in other important mining works, without getting anything like payable results at present, and such men should have very liberal treatment, but it is not a wise policy, even for themselves, to grasp more land than they can profitably use; better let the land next them be open to others, so that a greater number may tackle the difficulties of the position, and by the force of numbers overcome them. I should, however, say that Mr. Dobbins has no interest in portion 207. I should also mention here that, acting upon a report furnished by me some time ago, Mr. Piercy and Mr. Hogan, both holders of permits to dig and search for gold (Hogan being the owner of the land), were called upon to show cause why their permits should not be cancelled, and probably by this time the necessary action will have been taken to free the land for whomsoever may desire to work it.

The output of gold for the whole of the Junee Division, as far as can be ascertained, was about 230 oz., or money value, say, £890. Of this gold, about 200 oz. was from quartz and 30 from alluvium.

I should say that a considerable amount of auriferous country in this division is in freehold land, and outside the gold-fields, and as a consequence is locked up from mining. This is an instance strongly showing the necessity, as I think, of proclaiming the whole Colony a gold-field—of course taking reasonable care to protect industries and interests other than mining. But this is one of the subjects I purpose reporting at length, and cannot now stay to do so in this report. I will, however, try to do so in time for my paper to be added as an appendix.

#### LACHLAN DISTRICT—BARMEDMAN DIVISION.

(*Thomas Love, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith my annual report of the mining industry in the Barmedman Division of the Lachlan Mining District for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

The mining industry in this division has remained in a depressed state throughout the year owing to the inability of the miners to work the reefs below water-level for want of the necessary pumping machinery. This has caused a considerable falling off in the quantity of stone raised, the number of miners employed, and the amount of gold won, as compared with the previous years 1887 and 1888.

An effort is now being made to make arrangements with a Melbourne firm for the erection of a pumping plant on Gold Lease No. 37, adjoining the Fiery Cross Lease, from which a large amount of gold (about 5,000 oz.) has been obtained. Should the parties come to terms and erect the necessary plant, there is every reason to believe that the output of gold from these two leases will be very considerable and give a great impetus to the mining industry in this division, as the machinery would drain all the gold-bearing lines of reef with the exception of the Hard-to-Find and Jackson's reefs, which are already supplied with pumping plants. Owing to the insufficient depth of the Barmedman Company's shaft and the inefficient pumping appliances, the Fiery Cross Company have been unable to work their ground to a greater depth than 135 feet, leaving a body of stone under foot at this level varying from 1 to 9 feet wide, the yields of gold from this level to the surface varying from 5 dwt. to over 3 oz. per ton. The rock is soft diorite; the quartz is for the most part of a soft easily-broken, sugary nature, of a reddish colour, and different to any other line of reef on the field.

At the Hard-to-find Reefs,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-east of the Barmedman Reefs, a private Company, Messrs. Hardy, Merton, and Cassin, who hold a 10-acre lease, on which they have a pumping plant erected, have increased the depth of their main shaft about 50 feet during the year, making a total depth of about 196 feet (this is the greatest depth attained on the field), and are now raising stone from the 140-foot level, estimated to yield about 3 oz. to the ton. This party have had to discontinue sinking, in consequence of their supply of fresh water for the engine running short, and will probably have to discontinue work altogether in a few days when the water rises in the shaft. The reef in this property is unfortunately small, varying from 1 in. and 2 in. to 12 in. in width.

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The quantity of stone raised and crushed from all sources for the year amounts to only 845½ tons, and this includes one lot of 360 tons raised as seconds, and crushed on halves by the Fiery Cross Company. In the year 1888 the total crushings amounted to 2,265½ tons.

Quantity of stone crushed for year 1889, 845½ tons.

Quantity of gold won for year, 449 oz. 19 dwt. 1 gr.

Value of gold at average value of 77s. 6d., £1,743 11s. 3½d.

Number of reefs from which stone was raised, 6.

„ miners' rights issued, 62.

„ business licenses issued, 7.

„ miners employed about, 30.

Total value of mining plant in division, including one 25-head stamp battery, with 75 horse steam-power, one 10-horse power steam pumping and winding plant, and one 10-horse power steam pumping plant—total, £9,950.

No payable alluvial has as yet been discovered in this division. With the exception of one gardener there are no Chinese on the field.

*Summary.*—Notwithstanding the general depression of the mining industry during the year just ended, the prospects of the field, taken on the whole, appear favourable, only requiring a small amount of capital judiciously expended, and the rigid enforcement of the labour conditions on the leases granted, to ensure the profitable employment of a large number of miners on the field for many years to come.

#### LACHLAN DISTRICT—TEMORA DIVISION.

(*James Davoren, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to submit the following report for the Temora Division of the Lachlan Mining District for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

I issued during the year 242 miners' rights, being a decrease of 72 from the number issued in 1888; 64 business licenses, being 16 over the number issued in 1888; and 11 mineral licenses, being 11 less than was issued in 1888.

#### *Gold.*

I received during the year one application for a gold-mining lease of 5 acres 1 rood 14 perches.

On the 3rd of April, Frederick Heansler reported that he discovered payable gold in his prospecting quartz claim at Gundabendyal, about 15 miles south of Temora, and 1½ miles south of his selection No. 26. The reef is perpendicular, is from 2 inches to 7 inches thick, increasing in width as it goes down; the walls are of slate, well defined. The country is very hard.

It is very difficult to get anything like reliable information as to the quantity of washdirt put through during the year, as many of the miners and puddlers have left the field, taking any gold obtained with them, and depriving this field of the credit of all gold thus taken away; but from the best information I could obtain there were about 5,600 loads of washdirt puddled, which gave a yield of about 690 oz. of gold, or about 2½ dwt. to the load, which, at £3 17s. 6d. per oz., would be worth £2,673 15s.

After most careful inquiry, I find the only lease or registered quartz claim at work in this division is the Mother Shipton claim at Upper Temora and Heansler's prospecting claim.

I made application for returns to all lease and claimholders, but obtained none. The mining manager of the Mother Shipton informed me that he applied to the legal manager for the information required, but received no reply up to the present.

#### *Tin.*

I have received three applications for tin-mining leases—80, 60, and 40 acres, making together 180 acres.

The parties have given over working the ground, and the prospectors state that the manager of the mine treated the ore in a long ton of a very inferior description, and, after an expenditure of about £400, advertised the ground for sale.

The Company has still about 200 loads of washdirt on the ground, which for want of water they cannot at present treat, and which the prospectors estimate would go about 20 lb. of tin to the ton.

Messrs. Roberts (the prospectors) say they have no doubt if a supply of water could be obtained the district would carry a large population.

The sinking is from 6 to 16 feet, and the wash from 1 foot to 6 feet thick.

The high grounds in the neighbourhood consist of a chain of conical hills, and in the breaks between those chains of hills are the places the heaviest deposits of tin have been discovered. Shafts have been sunk on some of the hills which have not been bottomed. These shafts went through a heavy water-worn wash, and the prospectors think heavy deposits of tin will be found on the bottom, and from the description of granite boulders discovered they think it probable rich lodes may be found in the vicinity.

The only machinery in this division is the Company's machine near Temora, estimated to be worth about £600, and Mr. W. R. Groves' machine, at the Homeward Bound, estimated to be worth £2,000.

#### LACHLAN DISTRICT—MURRUMBURRAH DIVISION.

(*C. Cutcliffe, Mining Registrar.*)

THE Mining Registrar at Murrumburrah reports that the gold-mining interest in his Division is not in a flourishing state.

The number of miners' rights issued has been 86 against 118 in 1888, and business licenses have been 5 against 10 in 1888.

The Warden at Young, from information sent to him by me, has supplied a full report of this division embodied in his own.

#### LACHLAN DISTRICT—CUDAL DIVISION.

(*A. Minslow, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward my annual report on mining interest for the Cudal Division of the Lachlan District for the year 1889. Twenty-nine miners' rights and two mineral licenses have been issued, and four applications for gold leases have been received during the year. There are two five-stamp batteries in this division, though only about 10 tons of stone have been crushed at such batteries during the year, as it is asserted that they waste three parts of the gold, and the bulk of the stone has been crushed out of

the district, viz. :—At the Clyde Chlorination Works and at Harden where the stone was sent at great expense to the parties interested with a view of getting it properly tested, there is no doubt some of the claims or leases at Boney's Rock would give good returns if proper machinery was erected on the ground. At Paling's Yard Courts and party have raised about 100 tons of lodestuff which has not been crushed, but which is supposed to be payable.

LACHLAN DISTRICT—PARKES DIVISION.

(James Millar, Mining Registrar.)

In forwarding the report for 1889 I have the honor to notice an increase in miners' rights issued, and gold bought by the banks at Parkes.

Miners' rights issued for 1888, 523; for 1889, 958. Business licenses issued for 1888, 18; for 1889, 56. Gold bought by all the banks for 1888, 3,975·08 oz.; and for 1889, 8,247·525 oz.

Within an area of 28 miles north and south, and 20 miles east and west, seven different lines of reef have been prospected at numerous points. Abundant employment could be found if more perfect gold-saving machinery were placed convenient to these reefs.

The total number of applications for gold-mining leases in the Parkes Division has been 348, comprising 1,006 acres, leaving hundreds of thousands of acres still open for speculators.

The average yield of gold per ton of quartz this year has been from 5 dwt. to 114 dwt., and Hazelhurst's Proprietary Company tops the list with 5 oz. 14 dwt. per ton.

The miners here were unsettled by Alexander Cameron, Alexander Whitelaw, and Alexander Patton reporting payable gold at their prospecting area at Bachelors, about 16 miles north of Parkes. About 2,000 miners came upon the field. Mr. Warden Sharpe and District Surveyor Sheaffe laid out a village naming it Alicktown in honor of the three Alex. named above. The population kept surging to and fro between the Peak Diggings, sheep shearing, harvesting, and Alicktown, until now there is a population of over 300, working steadily upon hope-sustaining patchy ground.

Moore's new engine at Mingelo, Ten-mile Creek, has been fitted, and is now ready for stone from reefs at the northern part of this division.

James Mulalley has opened a reef about 1 mile east of Alicktown showing stone similar to the Peak.

Burt and party's Golden Quarry, adjoining gold lease, portions 89, 90, 100, 101, 102, seems the largest reef in the division and gives promise of good returns.

Mount Morgan Gold Lease, portions 103, 104, 105, and 106, and M'Donald and Gillispie's give an assay of about 5 oz. of gold and 1 oz. of silver to the ton.

Bushman's comprising gold lease, portions 47, 48, 49, 50, and 86, are about to be amalgamated.

Kohinoor Gold Lease, portions 27 and 28, and adjoining claims, are about to amalgamate, and afterwards to be floated. Their last crushing gave an average of 1 oz. 11 dwt. per ton.

The Tichborne caused some excitement by the discovery of a portion of stone held together by a network of gold, and all the ground immediately around them has been taken up.

M'Gregor's old line of reef has been taken up with a view to placing machinery on the ground. This being a soft reef, easily crushed, should return a good profit on the outlay.

The Billabong Ore Crushing Company have erected the most complete plant, two Huntingdon mills, with the necessary gold-saving appliances, near the Bushman's.

The Parkes Quartz-crushing Company are moving their battery, with a view of adding more extensive machinery.

Hazelhurst Proprietary Company intend erecting crushing-mills for their mines.

As the supply of water affects the mining industry, an extensive system of dams and races should be encouraged so as to increase the produce of this gold-field.

The total number of miners:—Gold miners—Alluvial, 400; quartz, 500.

From alluviums.		From quartz.		GOLD.		Total.		Value.	
oz.	dwt.	oz.	dwt.	oz.	dwt.	oz.	dwt.	£	s. d.
3,230	9	5,016	6	8,247	523	30,381	16	6	

Number of square miles of auriferous ground which is being, or may have been, actually worked upon, 90 miles; number of distinct quartz reefs which have actually proved to be auriferous to the present time, 60.

The price of gold during the year in this division has been from £3 12s. 6d. to £3 15s. 6d., the lower price being for retorted gold and the higher price being for alluvial gold. Some samples from the Peak brought a higher price.

There are no coal, tin, or copper-mines in this division.

The total value of mining plant in the division is £14,000.

GOLD PURCHASED BY THE BANKS.

Bank.	Quarters.	Alluvial.	Quartz.	Total.
		oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.
A.J.S. Bank .....	March ..	60 7 5	159 0 13	219 7 18
	June .....	82 18 2	64 5 12	147 3 14
	September .....	157 19 7	689 17 7	847 16 14
	December.....	1,902 17 8	334 15 22	2,237 13 6
Union Bank.....	March .....	26 1 16	.....	26 1 16
	June .....	24 12 10	31 0 23	55 13 9
	September .....	79 9 22	.....	79 9 22
	December.....	346 16 23	26 16 3	373 13 2
Commercial Bank .....	March .....	71 0 23	1,400 2 21	1,471 3 20
	June .....	36 2 12	1,036 18 19	1,073 1 7
	September .....	82 18 0	921 10 0	1,004 8 0
	December.....	488 14 12	222 3 16	710 18 4
		3,359 18 20	4,887 11 16	8,247 10 12
				3,452 1 4
				534 18 1
				4,260 11 7

## RETURN of Quartz crushed and Gold obtained for the year ended 31st December, 1889.—Parkes Division.

Name of reef.	No. of men.	Where obtained.	No. of tons crushed.	Average.	Total.	Depth of sinking.	Width of reef.	Bearings of reef.
				oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.	feet.	inches.	
Buchanan .....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hazelhurst .....	20	Parkes .....	483	5 14 0	2,756 15 0	220	18	N.W. & S.E.
Drummond .....	7	.....	187	1 16 5	337 12 0	237	24	.....
Lamrock .....	6	.....	100	0 12 0	60 0 0	200	12	N. & S.
Koh-i-noor .....	4	.....	426	1 11 0	670 8 0	60	18	N. & W.
Young Australian .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fitzgerald .....	4	Parkes .....	300	1 10 0	450 0 0	130	24	N. & S.
Avoca .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Close .....	2	Bartley's Creek .....	84	0 10 4	42 14 0	198	36	N. & S.
Dudley .....	4	Possum .....	100	0 8 0	40 0 0	90	12	.....
Moore .....	4	.....	40	0 10 0	20 0 0	90	10	.....
Drew .....	2	.....	15	1 6 0	19 10 0	70	15	.....
Smith .....	3	.....	125	1 0 0	125 0 0	98	18	.....
Callaghan .....	4	.....	122	1 5 0	152 0 0	140	.....	.....
J. Nelson .....	3	.....	34	2 0 0	68 0 0	90	10	.....
Keane .....	2	Young Australian .....	40	0 5 0	10 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Berry .....	3	Possum .....	100	0 10 0	50 0 0	100	15	N. & S.
Breathour .....	4	Bachelor .....	40	0 10 0	20 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Medlyn .....	3	Bonnie Dundee .....	60	0 10 12	31 14 18	150	18	.....
R. Wright .....	6	Parkes .....	20	0 11 19	11 19 0	140	15	.....
Miller .....	4	Bartley's Creek .....	50	0 10 0	25 0 0	198	36	.....
Westphalen .....	3	Shallow Rush .....	130	0 4 0	26 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Sundries .....	...	.....	400	0 5 0	100 0 0	.....	.....	.....
			2,856		5,016 12 18			

## RETURN of Wash-dirt puddled during the year ending 31st December, 1889, in the Parkes Division, at Alicktown.

Name of Company.	Where obtained.	Quantity puddled.	Average yield.	Total yield.	Depth of sinking.	No. of machines working.
Puddled by J. Griffiths, Alicktown.						
		tons.	oz. dwt. gr.	oz. dwt. gr.	feet.	
Stewart & Co. ....	Alicktown .....	64	0 5 0	16 0 0	45	1
Paton & Co. ....	.....	31	0 10 0	15 10 0	46	1
Stewart & Co. ....	.....	72	0 5 0	18 0 0	45	.....
Griffiths .....	.....	20	0 3 0	3 0 0	45	.....
Stinton .....	.....	18	0 2 12	2 5 0	23	.....
Andrews .....	.....	28	0 10 0	14 0 0	23	.....
Beach & Co. ....	.....	119	0 17 0	101 3 0	24	.....
Kenny & Co. ....	.....	20	0 9 0	9 0 0	24	.....
Griffiths .....	.....	9	0 17 0	7 13 0	23	.....
Ballard & Co. ....	.....	18	0 7 0	6 6 0	24	.....
		28	0 5 0	7 0 0	24	.....
		20	0 10 0	10 0 0	24	.....
		447	.....	209 17 0	.....	.....
Puddled by J. Perry, at Alicktown.						
For various parties .....	Alicktown .....	2,115	0 15 0	1,586 5 0	25	2
Great Northern .....	.....	200	0 5 0	50 0 0	92	1
Seymour .....	No Mistake .....	53	0 9 0	23 17 0	165	1
J. Pascoe .....	Welcome .....	30	0 3 0	4 10 0	100	.....
	Richardsons .....	42	0 4 0	8 8 0	90	.....
	Weltried .....	50	0 1 12	1 5 0	.....	.....
M. Pepper .....	Alicktown .....	1,070	0 17 0	909 10 0	25	2
		3,560	.....	2,583 15 0	.....	.....
	Total .....	4,007	.....	2,793 12 0	.....	.....

## LACHLAN DISTRICT—FORBES DIVISION.

(E. A. T. Pery, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to submit my report and statistics for the Forbes Division of the Lachlan Mining District for 1889. The amount of gold won in this division (as per escort returns) for the year is 1,960 oz. 13 dwt. 9 gr., showing an increase of 998 oz. 5 dwt. 18 gr. on the amount won in 1888, to which must be added a considerable amount at present in the hands of the banks, together with parcels forwarded privately. The increase thus shown, as compared with the statistics, may be accounted for by amounts held by the banks from the preceeding year, as well as by small parcels derived from claims not possessed of machinery.

*Britannia Co-operative Gold-mining Company (Limited).*—This Company has sunk the main shaft to a depth of 165 feet, has opened drives to lower levels, and has sunk and put in drives from two other shafts on line of reef. The mine is now being worked very systematically, and the main drives are being opened ready for stopping. A new battery with the latest gold-saving appliances will shortly be erected. During

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the year they have crushed at the old battery 248 tons of stone for a yield of 330 oz. of gold. A new vein of from 6 inches to 2 feet in width has lately been discovered on the surface, about 100 feet east of the present workings, showing rough gold.

*Pinnacle Reef Quartz-mining Company.*—This Company has during the past year done a great deal of prospecting, testing the property on the various reefs, and has two shafts down to water-level (which is 145 feet from surface) besides several others at varying depths. The reef has been proved to vary from 2 feet to 14 feet in width, and has yielded a fair average of half an ounce to the ton. This Company is greatly retarded by want of a more powerful battery and appliances for saving fine gold.

*El Dorado Gold-mining Company.*—Only prospecting work has been carried out by this Company, and several payable veins of quartz have been struck. The main shaft has been sunk to a depth of 150 feet, proving the vein to vary from 6 inches to 4 feet. Work is at present suspended pending the erection of a crushing plant, for which arrangements are being made.

*Bald Hills Extended Gold-mining Company.*—Work has been carried out at this claim pretty regularly throughout the year. With the aid of an ordinary whim and horse-puddling machine, upwards of 2,000 loads of wash-dirt have been put through for a yield of 650 oz. of gold. This Company has lately erected a steam-winding plant and sunk a main-engine shaft to the depth of 180 feet from which the workings will be extended on a far larger scale. The satisfactory position of this Company is chiefly due to the energy of one of the principal shareholders (Mr. Eugene Vanzetti) who has always displayed great enthusiasm in advancing the mining industries of the district.

*The Phoenix Gold-mining Association (Victoria Lead).*—This party has met with considerable difficulty through influx of water from old workings, though they have succeeded in winning over 200 oz. of gold, with only a small party of men, working a whim by horse-power. A very good vein of coarse gold was struck lately, some of the nuggets weighing over 5 oz., but, on account of the water being too heavy for horse-power, operations have been suspended for the present.

*Forbes Alluvial Gold-mining Company (Limited).*—This Company has had again to suspend work, owing to an influx of water from old workings on the south lead. A prospecting drive was put in on the out-skirts of the old lead and several payable tributaries discovered, which, owing to the excess of water, could not be profitably worked with their present appliances.

The Crinoline Gold-mining Company and Try Again (late Nil Desperandum) are still idle. The Metropolitan Gold-mining Company (Strickland's Reef) has been wound-up, and the machinery sold and sent to Cobar.

Two prospecting claims are working on the old Eureka Lead, about six miles north-east of Forbes, although nothing payable has been yet reported, other prospecting parties, in the neighbourhood of Forbes, are still in hopes of striking something good, and a revival of the mining industry may be confidently anticipated for the ensuing year.

During the past year I have issued 248 miners' rights, 4 mineral licenses, 10 business licenses, and have received 9 applications for gold-mining leases.

#### LACHLAN DISTRICT—MOLONG DIVISION.

(*J. Atkinson, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to report that during the year 1889 no increase has taken place in mining within this division, but rather a decrease, owing, no doubt, to a number of the miners in this district leaving for Alickton and Peak Hill gold-fields.

The only place where gold-mining is being carried on is at Gumble, about 14 miles distant from Molong. The Delaney's Dyke Gold-mining Company have there an 8-acre lease; three shafts have been sunk on this property to a depth of about 120 feet; there is 148 feet of drives and 98 feet of stopes; 1,727 tons of stone have been raised during the year, giving a return of 978 oz. 11 dwt. of gold; there is a battery of five stampers at work, and a new battery of twenty head revolving stampers is in course of erection. The new plant, which is valued at £6,000, will no doubt be a great improvement on the old machinery.

There are two large dams of water on the property which will, no doubt, last through the summer.

During the year 119 miners' rights, 5 mineral licenses, and 3 business licenses were issued, and 2 applications received for gold-mining leases.

#### LACHLAN DISTRICT—GRENFELL DIVISION.

(*W. H. Hazleton, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to submit my report, on the Grenfell Division of the Lachlan Mining District, for the year 1889. The principal event of the year was that of Maher and party, on the 23rd July last, reported the discovery of 7 grains of gold to two dishes of dirt, which they considered payable. This was obtained from an alluvial prospecting protection area, at a depth of 215 feet from the surface; the width of the lead is supposed to be 15 feet. The area in which the gold was found is situated on a selection at Eureka Flat, distance from Grenfell about 8 miles, in a south-westerly direction. As soon as the report became known several parties marked out tenements, and obtained permission from the owners of the land to sink on either end of the prospectors, and two shafts were sunk and bottomed on the south end, and three on the north-west end on the lead, and a few loads raised and washed, which only yielded from 3 to 4 dwt. to the load; and the prospector's washing gave about the same result. Eureka Flat was at once declared not payable, and was abandoned. At the Quondong during the first part of the year there were a few parties working. I am unable to give any particulars, as they have left this field. At the Seven-mile, one party have been at work under permit, but did not discover anything payable, and have abandoned the area. At One-mile, O'Brien and party worked a tenement for a month, and obtained gold quartz. Lawson's Reef (Hinchcliffe and party) mining tenement, two men's ground, during the year they have raised and crushed 112 tons; yield, half an ounce of gold to the ton.

Lucknow Reef, 4-acre lease, owner Miss E. J. Spence, of Melbourne, at present repairing shaft. This lady has only recently taken this lease. She has also applied for 3 acres adjoining the 4 acres. I am of an opinion, from what is known of this lady in Victoria, that she has faith in gold-mining, and that she has been a successful speculator, and that she will give the Grenfell Reefs a fair trial. She has purchased the Victoria crushing plant, and is about to erect all the most modern gold-saving appliances.

*Welcome Reef*, 3-acre lease, Wallace and party.—This party raised and crushed during the year 114 tons, which yielded about 8 dwt. to the ton.

*Enterprise*

*Enterprise Reef*, 3-acre lease, Pettit & Co.—This party raised and crushed during the year 56 tons, and obtained a yield of 16 dwt. to the ton.

Following is a return of the crushings from Sandy Creek.

Name of Party.	Amount crushed.			Total yield.		
	tons	cwt.	lb.	oz.	dwt.	gr.
Crouch and party .....	36	17	0	8	1	10
Neagle and party .....	18	14	0	2	3	5
Russell and party .....	10	8	0	1	18	20
Brenner and party .....	198	0	0	90	0	0
Bowman and party .....	70	10	0	60	9	0
Butler and party .....	16	0	0	2	7	0
Buckman and party .....	31	10	0	19	10	9
Bristow and party .....	50	0	0	8	0	0
Ryal and party .....	16	0	0	2	0	0
Kelly and party .....	9	0	0	1	0	0

At present there are only a few persons working at Sandy Creek, but I am of opinion that during the present year some of the reefs will get another trial.

*Denny and Watson's pans for treating the quartz tailings.*—The gentleman in charge is not very communicative as to results. He informs me that he has some machinery coming from England, which will, when erected, complete his plant.

*Silver.*—In this line I have very little to report. The Arramagong is the only mine known of in this division at present, and owing, I think, to some misunderstanding among the shareholders, nothing has been done during the year, but I am now informed that matters have righted again, and that the owners have disposed of part of the mine, and that work will at once be resumed. During the year I have issued 295 miners' rights and 5 business licenses.

#### LACHLAN DISTRICT—CARGO DIVISION.

(*E. Lord, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward my report relative to the mining interests in this division:—The Ironclad Mine, owned by an English Company, during the year work has been much delayed owing to the want of water, necessitating a suspension of labour during part of the year. New machinery has been erected for treating the refractory ore, part of which turned out unsuitable, and proved most prejudicial to the fortunes of the mine. Fresh capital has been obtained to further develop the mine; the main shaft has attained a depth of 163 feet; a large body of fair grade ore is in sight, and strong hopes are entertained of success. The mine is managed by Mr. Walter Morgh, who was sent out by the Company from India.

The Dalcouth Mine, owned and worked by Mr. James Powers, of Cargo. No crushings have been obtained from this mine during the year, but some splendid stone has been raised, assaying 2 oz. to the ton. Mr. Powers is at present trying to float the mine into a Company.

The Golden Clad Mine, situated at Cargo, has lately been floated into a Company for £30,000. A large dam has been made, and machinery will shortly be erected. Some splendid stone has been raised during the year;—3½ tons sent to the Clyde Works, Sydney, yielded 2 oz. 1 dwt. 19 gr. This mine adjoins the Ironclad Mine.

The mining around Cargo is looking very well at present, the only drawback being the want of a crushing plant, but two will shortly be erected. There are several leases that would pay well if a battery was on the ground, but having to send the stone away to get crushed it will not pay. There are three men prospecting under the Prospecting Vote, but up to the present have had no success. A warden's office has been established at Cargo since October.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION—BOMBALA, BEGA, EDEN, AND NIMITYBELLE DISTRICT.

(*Jas. Giles, Warden.*)

I HAVE the honor to submit my report for the year 1889 upon the Bombala and Cooma Divisions of the Southern and, Tumut, and Adelong districts over which I exercise supervision as Warden, and which embrace the following gold-fields, viz.:—Delegate, Towomba, Nimitybelle, Collinton, Snowy River, Crackenback, and Kiandra.

I presume the wardens clerks and mining registrars at Bombala, Bega, Eden, Candelo, Cooma, Kiandra, and Nimitybelle have, as previously instructed, furnished their reports for the past year, giving detailed accounts of the various workings, proceeds, &c., also the number of miners' rights and business and mineral licenses issued within their respective divisions to the 31st ultimo.

At Kiandra, the gold won during the past year did not exceed 400 oz., being a considerable falling off from the yield for 1888.

The mining population of Kiandra, Snowy River, and Crackenback gold-fields may be estimated at 300, consisting of Europeans and Chinese.

*Collinton*

*Collinton Gold-field.*—Several gold-mining and mineral leases have been applied for; there is marked improvement in all matters connected with mining within this gold-field.

*Nimitybelle Gold-field.*—I regret to say that mining has fallen off very much within this field during the past year.

*Towomba Gold-field.*—Several prospecting parties have been searching for gold and silver reefs on this gold-field, and some gold-mining and mineral leases have been applied for.

*Delegate Gold-field.*—Several permits, gold-mining and mineral leases have been applied for; there is a decided improvement in all matters connected with mining upon this gold-field.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT—MORUYA DIVISION.

(G. Maunsell, Warden.)

I HAVE the honor to report as follows on the subject of gold and silver mining within the Moruya Division of the Southern gold-fields.

The reports of the several wardens' clerks will be found to contain all the detailed information relating to mining in their respective localities.

From replies to letters addressed to twenty-nine leaseholders, I find the total depth of their sinkings to be 2,970 feet; drivings, 4,955 feet; number of men employed, 131; quantity of gold won during last year, 1,207 oz.

With a view to nursing the industry within the division, I have perhaps been generous in giving suspension and partial suspension to some of the leases on which *bona fide* and substantial work has been done, but for this the quantity of gold won and the number of men employed would be much greater than is shown by the above return.

During last year a Melbourne syndicate has become possessed of several gold leases at Nerrigundah; from the energy and experience shown by its manager, Mr. Capes, I expect a thorough prospecting of a large area there.

The aid recently granted by the Prospecting Board to miners at Nerrigundah must have a similar effect, as they are all sinking to greater depths in their respective localities than have hitherto been obtained.

I also look forward to good results from Brunberamala, a tributary of the Clyde, as the owners of the leases and prospecting claims are men of means, possessed with a determination to test this auriferous-looking country.

At the Moruya silver mines ore is being raised and exported for treatment. This Company has 300 tons of ore at grass.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT—BERRIMA DIVISION.

(F. R. Wilshire, Warden.)

I HAVE the honor to report for your information that the operation in mining matters has been very slack in the division assigned to my charge during the past year. In fact, nothing new in the way of mining worth recording has transpired since making my report of last year.

A good many mining leases have certainly been applied for, but more in connection with coal and shale, and, as usual, more of a speculative character than otherwise. In this respect Burragorag has been one of the principal centres of operation. It is considered that a line of railway will, sooner or later, be constructed through that district, thus bringing the known coal and shale seams in that locality into probable value.

The Coal Company of Mittagong has nearly stopped work, and, like some others in the district, is engaged in a nominal output. A contract for the supply of the mineral on the Government Railway has, however, I believe been obtained for the present year by this Company, and work will consequently be extended for a time.

No fresh discoveries of the precious metals during the year have been reported to me, and many of the mineral leases—gold and otherwise—taken up during the mining "boom" of 1887 have either been abandoned or become voided for non-fulfilment of conditions, &c., and a number are held under the "suspension" provision of the Act, to be eventually abandoned, I fear.

On the whole, it is unsatisfactory to note that little advancement of *bona fide* mining in this division seems to have arisen through the great mining excitement of the last few years, though a great deal of prospecting has undoubtedly taken place.

The Carrington Mine, near Marulan, is still undeveloped, though work is still proceeding slowly.

A little stir has taken place at the Mittagong Diamond Mine, resulting in a few more of the gems having been obtained; but sluicing has again ceased for want of water. The few diamonds already alleged to have been recovered there have been obtained from an old drift-bed, apparently overlying the Wianamatta shale series of the neighbourhood; but some persons are of the opinion that the precious stones have a local origin, viz., a volcanic pipe (of which there are several in the locality), and would, if this idea be well founded, prove them to be of similar origin to those found at Kimberley, in South Africa. The fact remains, however, that all the stones yet found there are obtained by washing the drift above mentioned, which also contains gold in small quantity, very fine and scaly, showing a distant origin, I think. In my opinion this drift is the real source of the diamonds also. Should further investigation prove them to be of local "volcanic pipe" origin, the matter would at once assume a far more interesting and important aspect, and would justify an advance from the Prospecting Vote to finally decide the question as to the real origin of these Mittagong gems; and I desire to commend the subject to your favourable attention. If a diamond-field exist there, it is worth a little money spent in investigating, private enterprise having so far failed to settle the question. I would undertake to see the money judiciously expended in the direction indicated, if sanctioned.

A Government diamond-drill is employed near Joadja, testing for shale, &c., as yet without success, though some seams of an inferior mineral have been explored, but none so far of any marketable value, except, of course, the well-known one on the Joadja Company's property, which is still being worked with very satisfactory results.

An attempt with successful results was recently made at Mittagong by Mr. W. Brozenall, iron founder, &c., to make gas pipes, &c., from the crude iron ore, smelted and taken to the mould direct from the furnace (cupola), *i.e.*, without first making into pig-iron, and hopes are entertained that the success of the experiment (by which method an immense deal of labour and expense would be saved) will lead to further important results in the way of prosecuting the principle on a large scale.

I have visited the neighbourhood of Windelama and Nerrimunya lately, where quartz-mining is being carried on by a few parties, but as the crushers have only lately been started the results are not yet obtainable. Some years ago the reef there known as Manton's yielded excellent results for a considerable time, but eventually became less remunerative and was abandoned. It is thought, however, that the mine will yet be reopened and worked with profit, and a syndicate is now in possession endeavouring to further develop it.

The number of miners' rights issued at this office (Berrima) during the year was 22, and mineral licenses 8; mineral leases 12, and gold leases 3.

At Goulburn—Miners' rights, 95; mineral licenses, 12; gold leases, 11; mineral lease, 1.

At Taralga—Miners' rights, 16; mineral licenses, 4.

At Picton—Mineral license, 1.

Totals—Mineral leases, 13; mineral licenses, 25; miners' rights, 133; gold leases, 14.

#### SOUTHERN MINING DISTRICT—BRAIDWOOD, ARALUEN, LITTLE RIVER, MAJOR'S CREEK, NOWRA, AND NERRIGA DIVISIONS.

(James Aldcorn, Warden.)

In some of the above portions of the Southern District mining matters during the year 1889 have had a good deal of attention. Considerable areas of ground have been taken up under lease and otherwise almost entirely for gold. As yet, however, there is not much to report as to satisfactory results from the operations.

In the Braidwood Division not a little labour has been expended in some old and abandoned ground, with, I fear, considerable loss to the workers. The exception to this has been at Jembaicumbene Creek, where alluvial workings had been carried on successfully for many years, and almost abandoned except by a few Chinamen. During the year, however, a local Company secured the right to work some leads known to exist in private land, near the Creek, and the results, I understand, have so far been satisfactory to the parties interested. This may probably continue for some time to be a profitable venture.

At a point on the Shoalhaven River known as the Horse-shoe Bend, a party were engaged during the year in diving operations, to test whether payable gold existed in the river-bed. The result was such as to induce them to take steps for diverting the water by cutting across the bend. For this purpose a tunnel is necessary, besides open cutting. This work is now being proceeded with.

In this division, also, a few portions were taken up, with the idea that payable silver lodes existed. After a considerable amount of prospecting, however, the parties engaged therein gave up the work, the results not having been encouraging.

In the Araluen Division matters have continued much as usual. The old claims in the river-bed have been worked pretty constantly except one (the largest, which employed about sixty men and boys), work on which was stopped some months, the lead having become very poor. The holder of this claim has, however, resolved to open up in a fresh part of the river-bed, where he is sanguine that there exists still a payable lead. He has put on a few men to make preparations. The quantity of gold obtained has been considerably less than in the previous year, which is accounted for by the cessation of work referred to.

In the Little River Division very little has been done in alluvial mining, the water supply having been very limited. Several parties have been prospecting the quartz reefs, which are numerous in this division, but want of capital has, in most cases, necessitated the abandonment of these operations. Two or three parties are, however, still persevering in sinking on formerly abandoned reefs.

The Day Dawn Company have prosecuted their operations during the year, and have added to their machinery. They have had not a little difficulty to encounter from water and the broken nature of the country, and although they have raised and treated a fair quantity of stone during the time they have been at work, I understand that they will have to get increased capital by reorganizing the Company to enable them to proceed further to test the reef at which they have been working, as well as to develop the ground held by them under other leases. There is a slight decrease in the gold from this division.

In the Major's Creek Division the principal operations have been on the private land referred to in my report for 1888 as having been purchased by a Company for the purpose of working the mundic lodes which it was thought could be profitably mined and treated by the chlorination process. Crushing and concentrating works have been erected, and the completion of the chlorination portion of the works is expected in a few weeks. A large quantity of concentrates are stacked up ready for treatment. Should these operations prove successful a great impetus will be given to mining in this division, as there is an extent of Crown land containing similar lodes. There has been little done in alluvial mining here for want of water, and the return of gold is less than last year.

In the Nerriga Division a number of additional leases have been applied for quartz-mining, and some also for hydraulic operations. The only instances in which anything beyond prospecting has been done are at what is known as the Welcome Reefs, Ningi Nimble, and a place known as "Mountainy," both near the Shoalhaven River. At the Welcome Reefs a battery, &c., has been erected and operations were carried on for a few months. The stone did not, however, turn out to be payable and the work was discontinued. I understand however that the plant has been purchased by another party, who intend further to prosecute the search for payable stone in the reef already tried as well as in several other leases taken up by them. At Mountainy several leases are held by the South Carrington Company (in the names of several individuals). They have commenced operations on ground which was tried and abandoned many years ago. They are getting out stone from an open cutting at present. There is a quartz dyke showing gold and also a quantity of conglomerate which is auriferous. A small battery has been erected at a distance of a mile and a half from the lease, being the nearest practicable site at which  
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water could be obtained except by incurring a very large expense. It is intended, however, should the lode prove to be permanent and payable, to erect extensive crushing plant where abundant supply of water can be got from the river, on the opposite side of which the Company hold ground which contains a wide quartz reef, not yet much tested. The battery had only been two days at work when I visited the locality, so it is too soon to venture an opinion as to the result. The manager was, however, very sanguine as to a favourable crushing.

As regards hydraulic operations, several long and expensive races have been cut, or are being cut, in this division, to carry water to the drift beds near the Shoalhaven River. The results, so far as trials have been made of sluicing, have not yet been very satisfactory, but it is confidently expected by the promoters of the works now proceeding, that the extensive drift deposits in the neighbourhood will yet be profitably operated on by hydraulic power.

In the Nowra division, mining operations are almost limited to Yalwal, on a tributary of the Shoalhaven River. During the year an impetus has been given to the development of the reefs and lodes, by the locality having come under the notice of capitalists from Sydney and Melbourne. The original holders of the leases were for the most part, unable, from want of funds, to do more than struggle along to fulfil the labour conditions. It has been quite well known that the machinery hitherto on the ground failed to save a large proportion of the gold, and although most of the lodes are of a low grade, it is confidently believed that more extensive machinery and improved appliances for gold saving will prove Yalwal to be a payable field.

The lease known as the Homeward Bound has all along produced the best results. I gave some particulars as to the work and results at this mine in my last report. It has been worked as a quarry by the original holders, Messrs. Thorburn, Faulks, and Misons up till August last, when it was sold for a large sum to a party of Melbourne gentlemen. The original holders have won altogether from the mine, and having only an ordinary and not very effective 10-stamp battery, over £30,000 worth of gold, and they believe they lost 50 per cent. of the free gold. Since the change in the ownership, a number of extra men have been set to work. The proprietors intend to erect at once a 20-stamp Californian battery, with rock-breaker, &c., &c. A change in the method of working is also contemplated. Tramways are to be laid, &c., &c. It is expected that by the new machinery about 350 tons of stone can be treated per week, whereas the original holders only managed about 50 tons. It is said that a new shoot of stone has been struck in the quarry, which will prove to be rich in gold.

With regard to the claim or lease known as the Pinnacle, there has been some disputes and correspondence between the owners, the men employed, and the Mines Department, so that very little work has been done. At present Mr. A. H. McCulloch, of Sydney, has obtained suspension of labour conditions.

The lease No. 2, known as the Eclipse, has been worked during the year with fair results. The battery at this lease has been utilized for trial crushings from other leases held in conjunction with it. The results of these crushings have been from 6 dwt. to 22 dwt. per ton.

The lease known as the Caledonian No. 20 has been regularly worked. Some good stone has been got from several veins or leaders, the aggregate width of which is about 7 feet. The first 10 tons taken from this gave a return of over 2 oz. per ton. Seventy-seven tons subsequently crushed at the Homeward Bound battery gave 17 dwt. to the ton. Since then the quality of the stone has improved. I am informed by one of the proprietors that having tried 50 tons (out of 130 tons at grass), at the Homeward Bound battery, with a result of 150 oz. of retorted gold, they were not satisfied with the result, and having forwarded an average ton to the Mint, the result was 9 oz. 17½ dwt., and 2 oz. of silver. The Mint assayer added that there was also a large proportion of the gold remaining in the tailings. This stone was got near the surface. A tunnel is being driven on the lease.

At the Pioneer, No. 11, adjoining the Homeward Bound, some apparently rich stone has been raised and stacked. There is an old battery in connection with this lease, but it was found that a great loss of gold resulted from using it, and in the meantime the stone has been stacked. One ton sent from it to the Mint gave 2 oz. of gold.

There are a number of other leases on which prospecting work is being carried on, and in some cases the indications are considered satisfactory.

The Yalwal field has recently been visited by a number of parties seeking for mining properties, and it is probable that a thorough trial will now be made in the locality for gold and silver. As regards the latter, only some small amount of prospecting has been done as yet on the leases taken up.

A tolerably good road has now been made by the Roads Department from Nowra to Yalwal, although it would be possible to improve some steep grades, which would lessen the cost of carriage of machinery, &c., from Nowra. A small inn has been erected and recently opened. This was much needed for the accommodation of visitors.

The foregoing is a general sketch of operations in the several divisions, leaving matters of detail to the Mining Registrars, whom I know pretty well furnish these.

#### TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—QUEANBEYAN, CAPTAIN'S FLAT, AND GUNDAROO DIVISIONS.

(*James Aldcorn, Warden.*)

THERE is not much about which to report in regard to mining operations in the above-mentioned divisions for the year 1889.

At Captain's Flat, where alone any extensive work has been carried on, the two companies—the Commodore Vanderbilt and the Kohinoor—have continued to work their respective holdings, by raising and treating the ores, and by adding somewhat extensively to their machinery, &c. The former Company have erected enlarged and improved smelting works, which have been in use for some months, while the latter Company have put up a twenty-stamp battery and Huntingdon mill for working the gold lodes in their leased ground. The battery has been at work for only a short time, but the results so far are payable. The mill is not yet quite finished. Smelting operations have been carried on intermittently, but considerable difficulties have been encountered on account of the refractory character of the ores. It has been necessary to incur a large expenditure in roasting these. The present manager is having a calcining furnace erected, by which he hopes a saving of expense may be effected. On the whole neither of the Companies have as yet had payable results in the treatment of their silver lodes.

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The only other works, with the exception of a little prospecting by individuals, which have been undertaken, have been carried out by the North Vanderbilt Company. They have prosecuted the search for a payable lode on two of their leases, but nothing very encouraging has yet been found.

The appliances for working the two first-mentioned Companies' holdings are now very complete, and the present year's operations will probably determine the question whether the ores can at all be profitably treated.

In the Queanbeyan Division, several small parties have been engaged prospecting for both gold and silver, but there is nothing of a definite nature to report concerning these.

At Brindabella, the operations of the Goodrabigbee Sluicing Company have been prosecuted during the year. They completed their extensive head race, and got to work, but as yet have not had remunerative returns. They have not, however, been able to do more than work to a small depth of their wash stuff, and they are making arrangements for the construction of an extensive tail-race, &c., by which much deeper wash can be treated by their hydraulic works. The value of the Company's plant, including races, is about £5,000, and they are sanguine as to ultimate favourable results from their operations.

At Mac's Reef, Gundaroo gold-field, lease 231, work has been abandoned. The lessees have concluded that the reef cannot be worked with payable results, at least so far as they have been able to prove it. On two leases at the same place, held by another party, the work of tunnelling has been continuously prosecuted, but they have not yet cut the main reef.

At what has been known as the New Mac's Reef on the conditional lease of James Cartwright, the only work done has been by Mr. Cartwright, by virtue of a permit held by him. He has sunk a shaft and found a narrow reef showing gold. He intends to continue this shaft and has commenced timbering it.

In the early part of the year a party took up some claims in old ground, near Brooke's Creek, with the idea of sluicing the ground by water from Lake George. They have, however, done nothing to carry out their purposes.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT—YASS DIVISION.

(*H. J. Chisholm, Warden.*)

IN forwarding this, my annual report, I regret to say my anticipations for a busy year in all parts of my district have not been realized.

In the Yass portion of my district, a lease No. 5,487 taken up by Messrs. Wilson, Jones, and Clifton, is being worked, and a considerable quantity of umber has been obtained. Over a ton has been forwarded home to England, but at the present prices obtainable, it is thought it would not pay. Consequently the work is not being pushed on.

#### *Gunning.*

In this portion of my district, matters look more hopeful, and it will be seen from the Mining Registrar's report that there is a hope of mining matters looking up.

#### *Burrowa.*

The report of the Mining Registrar, I am given to understand, has been forwarded on to your Department.

In the Burrowa District I find there is a Company known as the Wallot Wallot Silver-mining Company which embraces four leases, and approval has been given to amalgamate these leases, hence the formation of this Company. A. E. Middleton, Esq., who is a shareholder has kindly furnished me with the following particulars:—"During the past year we have had eight to ten men at work prospecting. Two shafts have been struck, one down about 100 feet, and while sinking, went through galena ore; in some places the lode was 7 to 8 feet wide. The other shaft is about 77 feet; the ore in this shaft consists of carbonate of lead and galena. Our assays from time to time have on a whole been very good, giving from 30 oz. of silver to 325 to the ton, and as high as 78 per cent. of lead," &c.

Many persons in the district who have seen this mine speak in high terms of it, and it is hoped the Company will be well rewarded for the trouble and money expended.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT—COBARGO DIVISION.

(*L. J. Clifford, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to state that no mining of any consequence is carried on in this part of the Southern Mining District. During the year four men were engaged fossicking at Montreal, but found nothing payable.

Riley and party have a prospecting protection area at Coolagolite Creek in quartz, but will not give any information as to the amount of stone raised, crushed, or the gold won.

Hibel and Gins, of Coolagolite Creek, have a lease of 4 acres. The shaft is down about 30 feet. They forwarded some stone to Sydney to be crushed, which yielded 1 oz. 8 dwt. They refused to state the amount of stone sent, but from the return they got they seem confident that the claim will pay good wages.

I received £19 15s. for miners' rights and business licenses during the year, as against £35 for the preceding year.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT—WAGONGA DIVISION.

(*W. J. Foster, Mining Registrar.*)

#### *Mount Dromedary.*

IN the several claims, work has been regularly and steadily carried on—the vein-stone is very narrow, ranging from 1 inch to 12 inches, but reaching a greater thickness as depth is attained. 2,040 feet of driving has been done, and 191 oz. of gold won.

#### *Wagonga North Head.*

In the Bodalla Gold-mining Company's property, which comprises five leases—in the aggregate 40 acres, 130 feet of driving has been done; 210 tons of stone crushed for 95 oz. of gold.

On the Lady Carrington, comprising six leases with a total of 17 acres, for various causes little work has been done, and no gold won.

In one private holding there are 50 tons at grass awaiting crushing. In the other private holdings the reef has not yet been found.

*Montreal.*

*Montreal.*

The locality and the reefs in the neighbourhood are now abandoned.

*Parish Oudjangary.*

Near the head of Coolagilite Creek is a prospecting protection area in quartz. Two leases of 4 acres each have been taken up; in one 100 feet of sinking and 20 feet of driving have been done, and there is about 40 tons of stone at grass. In the other, 8 shafts have been sunk, but no payable reef has been found.

*Alluvial.*

On the 27th July, 1889, payable gold was reported to this office as having been found in a gully between the eastern bank of the Wagonga River and the Pacific Ocean, in the parish of Moorooma, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Wagonga South Head. A small rush set in, and about 25 to 30 (more or less) men were employed up to the close of the year. The amount of gold won, so far as I can learn, is approximately about 45 oz. There are three or four men still working, but as a discovery of new ground it must be regarded as a failure.

No rain has fallen for some months, and crushing will have to remain in abeyance until it comes.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—MORUYA DIVISION.

(*H. Bragg, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to report in reference to the gold mines in Moruya Division that the quartz-mining has not made such progress in this division as I anticipated it would in my report for the year 1888. The cause has been principally the want of capital to carry on the work. The Little Gem Gold-mining Company has raised about 800 tons of quartz, and the quantity of gold won during the year has been 600 oz. The quality of the gold in this mine is good, the value being £4 per ounce. This mine, if properly developed, should pay well. The Caledonian Mine during the year has crushed 30 tons of quartz, yielding 68 oz. of gold.

The Crown Gold Mine, on the same line of reef, has crushed about 15 tons of quartz, and obtained  $18\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of gold.

The Italia Mine at Turlingah, near Moruya:—The main shaft in this mine is now down nearly 100 feet, and the stone looks well. The lessee of this mine has been granted aid from the Prospecting Board to carry on the sinking to 170 feet.

*Alluvium.*

Only one alluvial claim has been at work at Mogo during the year, that of Messrs. Aunett's and party, from which 110 oz. of gold have been obtained.

Messrs. Blackburn & Co. have done no work in their alluvium claim for the year, pending the granting of a 20-acre lease for which they have applied.

Michael Dinan and party were granted aid from the Prospecting Vote to cut a tail-race to drain a deposit of tertiary alluvial drift at Yankee Point, near Mogo, but owing to litigation over the race, which is still in abeyance, they have not done any work on it.

*Silver.*

There is one mine about 4 miles from Moruya. Work is now being pushed on in this mine, and they have about 300 tons of ore at grass; from an assay made of the ore the return was £18 per ton. It has not yet been decided whether machinery will be erected on this mine to treat the ore, or whether it will be sent elsewhere for treatment. During the year 4 applications were received for gold-mining leases, and 1 mineral lease of 40 acres was applied for; 51 miners' rights and 1 business license were issued for the year.

Miners' rights for this division are also issued at Bateman's Bay.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—GUNNING DIVISION.

(*S. Pembroke, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to report that during the year 1889 I issued 4 miners' rights, 2 mineral licenses, and 1 business license. Some prospecting has been done in various parts of this division, but I have not received any reliable information as to the results. During the year 1888 a number of mineral leases were applied for, and I anticipated that a large amount of work would have been done during last year; but as the applicants for these leases failed to execute and take delivery of them, I presume that the prospects were not of an encouraging character.

With reference to gold-mining leases No. 88-1, 88-2, and 88-3, situate in the parish of Bunton, I have to report that the original lessees transferred their interest to a Company known as the Dalton Gold-mining Proprietary, and this Company has erected quartz-crushing machinery on the ground, and done a great deal of work in sinking and raising stone, but have been unable to carry on crushing operations in consequence of a scarcity of water. The value of the machinery erected in connection with the gold-mining leases referred to, is about £1,600. The Company have constructed a large reservoir for the storage of water, for the working of the machinery, but little or no rain has fallen since the work was completed.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—ARALUEN DIVISION.

(*E. F. Carlile, Mining Registrar.*)

REPORT for 1889.—Some of the claims mentioned in my last report as having been filled with sand by the flood at the end of 1888, have not been reopened, consequently the yield of gold during the early part of the year fell off considerably; but after two or three months the claims that were at work got into full swing again, with the result that, as far as I can ascertain, gold to the amount of 3,020 oz., valued at £11,627, has been won during the year, which is a very fair return for the time actually occupied in washing (2,860 oz. 15 dwt. from alluvium, and 159 oz. 5 dwt. from quartz). The largest claim

claim has ceased work for two or three months, having come upon a bad patch, but has reopened in a different part of the ground with the new year. If successful, this will mean an addition of fifty or sixty men to the number employed. Two or three of the other claims have opened out more extensively, and during the last few months a Sydney syndicate has been engaged in a new venture of laying stone-ware pipes for a drainage race, with the intention of working a large scope of ground supposed to be payable, which, if according to expectation, will also give employment to a large number of men. Very fair progress has been made with this work, and a considerable patch of drift in the line of race has been washed with good results.

In explanation of the discrepancy which occurs in the quantity of gold reported as being won in Araluen and that credited by escort, I may state that the gold purchased by the bank here is taken to Braidwood, and enters into the returns from that town to our apparent detriment.

Rather more quartz-mining has been done at Bell's Creek than in the previous year, and with better results; the quantity of quartz raised and crushed being 205½ tons, with an out-turn of 159¼ oz. gold, showing an average of 15½ dwt. to the ton, as against 11½ dwt. before.

With the proverbial hope of gold diggers, anticipation of a fairly successful year is indulged in.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT—LITTLE RIVER DIVISION.

(*J. P. Galway, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward report and returns for past year 1889.

Alluvial-mining has been retarded from the limited supply of rain during the year, which was not sufficient to give the race owners a chance to make up for previous droughts, and the supply, though large enough for agricultural purposes, gave only a few weeks work to the sluicing parties.

Quartz-mining has advanced, and is now the chief source of employment here, and from all appearance will be permanent.

The Day Dawn Gold-mining Company have completed the erection of their extensive plant, and having got over a large amount of dead work are now in a position to fully develop their valuable property.

A new shaft, 12 feet in length by 472 feet, is being sunk, and will be continued to the depth of 250 feet, this will give 120 feet of backs, the present workings being 130 feet in depth. During the year, they have raised and crushed 1,820 tons of stone, yielding 910 oz. of free gold and 45 tons pyrites, assaying 6 oz. per ton.

The reef shows for over 300 feet on the floor of the lowest level, in width averaging 36 inches, and gold visible in the stone.

The Day Dawn Reef clearly proves that the Little River Reef only requires to be sunk below the present water-level (which is generally 50 feet) to become permanent, and I have no doubt that during the present year a great impetus will be given to quartz-mining in this division.

On several leases taken up in 1887, 1888, and 1889 no work has been or is being done.

11 gold leases have been applied for during the year, 156 miners' rights, and 3 business licenses issued.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT—NERRIGA DIVISION.

(*P. J. Galway, Mining Registrar.*)

THIS division has become a large mining centre, both for alluvial and quartz during the past year, and several mining investors from Sydney and Melbourne have visited the division. After careful prospecting many were convinced that this field only requires capital judiciously expended under skilled management to make it one of the premier gold-fields in the Colony.

Messrs. Farmer and party, after careful prospecting of the Shoalhaven River, at the Horse Shoe Bend, with the assistance of a professional diver, have secured 40 acres for alluvial mining, and are cutting a tunnel through a neck of land for the purpose of diverting the river, thus partly draining some 4 miles of the river-bed, and protecting their workings from freshes coming down the river. A water-race to convey 24 heads, is being formed from the Bewlay or Endrick River to alluvial workings, at Peggy's Hill.

The formation of the ground necessitates a dam at the head, 50 feet high, and a further embankment of 10 feet will be raised to act as a reservoir for surplus water so as to keep a constant supply in the race, which will be 14 miles long.

Some distance down the river, and taking in a branch creek, a Victorian Company are preparing to cut another race, 6 miles in length, to White's 50-acre lease at Primrose. A dam, 40 feet high, will be required.

Turnbull & Co.'s alluvial lease, near the Dalton Crossing, gives most encouraging prospects and the Company are making preparation for efficiently working the ground. Steam-pumping machinery will be required for working the claim.

Some extensive work in forming dams and fixing pumps, worked by steam, has been done on portions of the Shoalhaven River with the intent of working the bed of the stream, but an unexpected rise in the river swept away the work of months.

The Gorang Sluicing Company have extended their race to the Shoalhaven River, near Ningi Nimble Creek, and have been sluicing for some time, the water is beginning to slacken. The Company will have to erect a reservoir before a constant water supply will be obtained.

With the exception of some additional surveying and marking course of proposed race no work has been done on the Shoalhaven Hydraulic Company's leases, and the same remarks apply to the different alluvial leases on the west bank of the river.

The Nerriga Freehold Company have a shaft 130 feet in depth, through the basalt belt which runs along the foot of the Buddawang ranges and crosses the Shoalhaven River, all alluvial work, from 5 feet to 7 feet thick underlies the basalt, and for a length of 250 feet of driving gives 3 dwt. to the load. The lead has not yet been crossed, but the prospects to the east are improving. The Company are also putting down a second shaft to further test the ground. The water is very heavy. This venture, if successful, will open up a large extent of ground for deep sinking, as the basalt belt can be traced for miles on both sides of the river.

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Very little work has been done on any of the quartz leases taken up. A 10-head battery and 20-horse-power engine have been erected at the reefs known as the Welcome, but after the treating of some 300 tons of surface stone the Company have parted with their interest to a new Company who are commencing work in earnest.

At Mountainy another 10-head battery is erected. As this is a Victorian Company, and having secured interest in the different leases in the vicinity of their own property, work will be commencing generally at once. A second battery of thirty head of stamps, to be driven by water power, and to be erected on the western side of the river is daily expected. 15 quartz, 5 alluvial, and 3 special alluvial leases were applied for during the year, and 77 miners' rights issued.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT—MAJOR'S CREEK DIVISION.

(*J. Heazlett, Mining Registrar.*)

DURING the year 1889 very little progress has been made in the alluvial working, and with one exception the same may be said of quartz-mining. No new finds having been discovered, the claimholders are depending entirely on rainy seasons to help them along. And strange as it may appear, last year, although a wet season in some parts, has been no better than previous years, there not having been enough water at any time to do more than fill dams, and very often not sufficient to do this. At Long Flat, where the ground is more suitable for the storage of water, the puddling machines have not been at work constantly (see tabular form herewith); the owners were not, however, at any great disadvantage, they having obtained employment from the Company, and the same may be said of the miners on the main creek.

I have sold 41 miners' rights, as against 45 during 1888, being a decrease of 4, but is even with the year 1887, when I sold only 41. I have sold 2 mineral licenses as against 18 during 1888, and such a falling off may be attributed to the apparent partial failure of the Wyambene Silver Mines, I have used the words (partial failure) believing with many others that the said mines will be worked to advantage in the near future.

By comparing the yield of gold from alluvium with that of 1888, I find an increase of 18 oz. 1 dwt. 21 gr. which goes a little way towards proving that this field is not yet exhausted, provided the means of working the ground could be got at, viz., the Shoalhaven water, and this being impracticable, miners must rest satisfied with what moisture nature sends them.

Quartz-mining.—Nothing outside of the Company has been done in this line. The Snobs Reef, on Big Hill, is still unworked, and has been so for nearly nine years, true that on two occasions a small quantity of stone has been taken from it, with a view of testing its quality. I have heard much grumbling by the diggers, who say that men should be compelled to work their claims or leaseholds, otherwise giving up the ground so that others could try it.

There are a few other reefs or veins showing good gold, but, being narrow, it is thought they would not pay for the taking out where hard rock and water has to be contended with; but the time may come when a further trial will be made, more especially when it has been proved beyond a doubt that the gold can be extracted from the pyrites, and that too on the ground, which will soon be the case—at any rate, there is a probability of it, *i.e.*, judging by the show the Major's Creek Proprietary Gold-mining Company has made by the erection of chlorination works, which are on the verge of completion. This Company has erected extensive crushing and grinding machinery, consisting of stone-breaker, two grinding-mills, with Duncan concentrators, Frue vanners, &c., capable of putting through about 350 tons per week (for further details see tabular form herewith). One of the mines being worked is situate on the Old Commissioner's Hill, but now known as the United Miners, and from which a truck line has been laid down to the mills, so that wet or dry stone can be conveyed to the mill—not so when it had to be carted thither—the distance between the claim or mine and the mill is about 400 yards. The main shaft is over 200 feet deep, and levels cast and west have been driven at a depth of 120 feet. At present a winze or air-shaft is being sunk to meet the western level at a distance of about 260 feet from the main shaft. As yet this mine is being worked by horse-power machinery (for particulars as to width of vein or lode, see tabular forms). Dargues Reef is distant from mills in an easterly direction about 800 yards, and from which a truck line is being laid down with all speed, and when completed it is expected there will be no stopping of mill for lack of stone, as has been the case with the horse and cart arrangement.

The chlorination works are placed near Dargues Reef, but it is thought this will not cause much, if any, inconvenience, as when trucks leave their loads of stone at the mills they can take a return cargo of pyrites to the furnaces. (Details as to width of reef, depth of shafts being sunk, winding gear, &c., will be found in another form herewith.)

As regards a supply of water the situation of the mill is a good one, and taking all things as a whole, a good start has been made by this Company, and it is the wish of the creekites that the venture may turn out a success, by finding plenty of the precious metal to recoup for such a heavy outlay, and should it fall to my lot to make another report, I hope it will be in my power to speak as I wish it to be, viz, a successful business.

#### NUMBER of days on which rain fell during 1889 :—

January .....	Rain fell on	6 days	Frosty nights	0
February .....	"	5 "	"	0
March .....	"	3 "	"	2
April .....	"	5 "	"	4
May .....	"	11 "	"	12
June .....	"	8 "	"	9
July .....	"	7 "	"	17
August .....	"	13 "	"	12
September .....	"	11 "	"	10
October .....	"	13 "	"	3
November .....	"	18 "	"	1
December .....	"	9 "	"	0
Total .....		109	Total .....	70

During the year 1888, we had rain on 57 days, and 106 frosty nights. Very often the rain amounted to a few drops only.

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## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—BRAIDWOOD DIVISION.

*(C. E. Oslear, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to inform you that, as far as I can ascertain, there has been little or no progress in mining in my portion of the district during the past year, with the exception of some alluvial diggings on private land at Jembaicumbene, and which so far has shown good results, but being of a patchy nature it is very doubtful if they will be of a permanent character.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—GOULBURN DIVISION.

*(O. A. Willans, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to forward my annual report for year 1889.

Mining in this district (from what information I can gather) is more of a prospecting nature. There is a falling off in gold and mineral lease applications, also of miners' rights and licenses, as compared with 1888.

Gold lease applications for 1889, 15; for 1888, 19. Mineral lease applications for 1889, 1; for 1888, 20. Miners' rights for 1889, 95; for 1888, 217. Mineral licenses for 1889, 12; for 1888, 79. Business licenses for 1889, nil; for 1888, 4.

With reference to your circular of 1st July, 1889, I beg to state that I sent circulars to Mr. Gegg and Mr. Armstrong; their replies I now enclose.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—BOMBALA DIVISION.

*(W. A. Dovers, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to tender my report as Mining Registrar, &c., for the Bombala Division for the past year, and in doing so am glad to be able to say that the mining industry is showing every sign of a prosperous future in the coming year.

I have long regretted the perfunctory way in which the mining has been conducted in the past, and the many rich places either merely worked in a desultory manner or left untouched for want of enterprise and capital. This last year, however, the miners have worked fairly steadily at the claims which were in existence in 1888, but the heavy rains of the winter and spring practically suspended work for some months.

The Delegate River Gold-mining Proprietary will start work on their new claims at Nelbothery in about four months; they are now busy getting machinery and preparing the ground.

There were 36 registered claims and 5 leases applied for during the past year, and water-races of sufficient volume to work them.

Miners as yet hardly recognize the facilities now existing for mining on private property, but some have already taken advantage of them.

Fifteen business licenses, 5 mineral licenses, and 33 miners' rights have been issued for the year 1889, and the amount of gold bought by the local banks was 216 oz. 10 dwt. 13 gr., at a price of from £3 15s. to £3 17s. 6d. per oz.

A rich find of tin has occurred on the Tantowanglo Mountain. Messrs. F. and C. Wiles having found a swamp richly charged with fine stream tin, this and the twelve extended alluvial claims at Nelbothery are only just starting into existence, but a rich return is expected.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—NERRIGUNDAH DIVISION.

*(D. T. Stinson, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to submit my report for the year 1889 upon the Nerrigundah Division of the Southern Mining District. Quartz-mining has made very little progress during the past year; the cause may be attributable to the majority of the mines being in the possession of persons not possessed of the capital to develop them.

The Christmas Box, Ocean View, and Golden Crown Quartz Mines have been disposed of to a wealthy Melbourne Company, who are about to erect a 10-head stamper battery, to be driven by a 25-h.-p. portable steam engine.

The Wandella Gold Mining Company are erecting a small 5-head battery on their mine at Tin Pot. There has been no crushing from this mine during the year, as the nearest battery (11 miles) was too far to cart the stone, however, they have over 200 tons of stone at grass, which will be put through when the erection of the machinery is completed, and I have been informed on good authority that the stone will average from 1½ to 2 oz. to the ton.

The Nil Desperandum and Eureka Mines are sinking two shafts with aid from the Prospecting Vote; so far they have not struck anything of importance.

The Mount Coman Mine has been idle the greater part of the year, the manager informed me that one of the Company is in England endeavouring to float the mine in the English market, and from late accounts he has great hopes of being successful.

*Alluvial.*

A considerable revival in alluvial-mining has taken place during the past year, principally in ground which had hitherto been deemed unworkable, on account of the quantity of water. On North's Creek Chas. Daviage and party, Thos. Daviage and party, and M'Vitty and party are all getting payable gold—the last named party spent three months cutting a tail-race, in parts the race is cut through rock 6 feet in depth, by this race a large flat has been completely drained and is now being worked. Several other claims on Gulph Creek, and Deep Creek are getting payable gold.

During the year I issued 141 miner's rights, and 20 business licenses, 11 applications for gold mining leases were received representing an area of 55 acres.

Total amount collected for the year, £159 2s. 6d.

Total value of mining plant in division £18,500.

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## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—BEGA DIVISION.

*(R. Frappell, Mining Registrar.)*

MINING for the first part of the year was very dull owing to the funds of the miners having been exhausted but the advent of the Prospecting Board infused new life into the district, and the participation in the grant has enabled several of the Companies to resume work and send prospectors out. A discovery of quartz reef near Pambula has been made by miners from this place, but being out of my division I cannot report on it. The Standard Company at Coen's Lake have their shaft down 24 feet and timbered, and are again sinking; width of reef, 3 feet 6 inches. The Black Range Silver Company's shaft is down 47 feet, still sinking, a cutting has been put in the hill some 50 feet granite rock. 20 tons of ore at grass which is untried, small assays from this mine have given from 50 to 100 oz. of silver to the ton, no lead. The Bega Prospecting Association have been reformed and tenders are called for sinking a shaft 150 feet deep at the Nelson, it being intended to give this old field a thorough trial, nearly all the alluvial miners have left this place for the new find, near Pambula. I trust with the aid given by the Prospecting Board to furnish a better account for the ensuing year.

Since forwarding my annual report to you on the 9th instant, I have learnt of some parcels of gold that have been sold, and I wish to add the same to my report.

Gold 16 oz., bought at £3 17s. 6d. per oz., this was a good sample of coarse gold, some of the pieces weighing from 6 to 12 dwt., it was obtained from the old workings in and around Tanja.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—YASS DIVISION.

*(G. Addison, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to forward my report for the past year, and regret to say that very little has been done with regard to mining in this district.

Messrs. Jones, Wilson, and Clifton have sunk four shafts on their mineral lease, No. 3, of 1888, portion 288, and succeeded in getting up a quantity of umber, of which they sent to England about a ton; but as the prices were so low in the home market (there being little demand at the time), the amount realized was very small, and the holders of the lease have applied, I believe, for permission to suspend work for six months.

During the year I have issued 25 miners' rights, and 5 mineral licenses.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—BERRIMA DIVISION.

*(P. E. B. Barnett, Mining Registrar.)*

DURING the past year the only gold-mining carried on in this district appears to have been by Dunstain and party (*vide* Mr. Dunstain's letter enclosed). I have been reliably informed that during the past three months three men have been employed, and have done a considerable amount of work on this lease.

In coal-mining the A. K. O. and H. Co. appear to have been actively employed, while very little work has been done by the Mittagong Coal Company (Limited) and the Great Southern Colliery. No work has been carried on by the Wingello Coal Company (Limited), *vide* enclosed return.

During the year some advance in the iron industry appears to have been made by Mr. Brazenall of Mittagong. The report of a successful attempt to cast an iron pipe from the crude ore is enclosed with the other return, which may be of value to the Department.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—EDEN DIVISION.

*(Stephen Woods, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to forward my second annual report upon the Eden Division of the Southern District, which shows that about twenty-eight miners are engaged principally prospecting for gold and silver, although up to the present scarcely anything has been won; still of late the prospects have improved, so as to attract attention from outside the district.

Two mineral leases are held, one by Alexander, at Lett's Mountain, working silver, is being opened up to prove the lode.

At Yowaka, near Pambula, four gold-mining leases have been applied for; shafts and trenches have been put into the ridges, disclosing a quartz pipeclay substance; a ton of the stone was sent by the applicants to Sydney; the result, however, is not known, the parties seeming unwilling to part with any information. During the year I have issued 40 miners' rights, and 4 mineral licenses, which is considerably beyond the number ever before issued in the district.

There are really no practical miners in the district, all being residents who took out rights to prospect.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—BURROWA DIVISION.

*(W. E. Wotton, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith my annual report upon the mining industry of the Burrowa District. The most important work of the year has been in prospecting for silver at the Walla Walla Silver Mine, and about that locality. The ore raised has proved to be very rich, and assayers say it cannot be told from the ore from Broken Hill. Assays range from 150 to 325 oz. to the ton of silver, and about from 50 to 75 per cent. of lead. The Frogmore Copper Mine has just started again, and will continue if the price of copper keeps up. The main shaft is about 270 feet deep, and at the depth of 300 feet the largest lode which was ever seen at Frogmore is expected to be struck upon. The number of mineral leases taken up this year is 22; number of miners' rights sold, 12; mineral licenses, 33.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—CANDELO DIVISION.

*(P. Smythe, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to state for your information that there is no mining carried on in this part of the Southern Mining District. A little prospecting has been done, principally on private lands; but up to the present, so far as I am aware of, nothing was found worth your notice.

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## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—MILTON DIVISION.

*(J. Rainsford, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to report that mining matters in the Milton District are very quiet at present, and, with the exception of prospecting for gold, no other quartz or alluvial workings have been started. I issued fifty-four miners' right during 1889; no business or mineral licenses were issued during the same period

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT—NOWRA DIVISION.

*(F. H. Galbraith, Mining Registrar.)*

TWENTY-SEVEN applications for mineral leases for coal and shale were lodged at this office during 1889 for an area of 13,103 a. 0 r. 32 p.; 1 application of a mineral lease for silver area, 70 acres; 26 applications for gold leases area, 186 acres; 89 miners' rights; 6 business, and 16 mineral licenses were issued during the same period.

## TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—GUNDAGAI DIVISION.

*(C. W. Weekes, Warden and Mining Registrar.)*

THE past year has not been marked by any unusual results in mining matters. Many of the leases applied for during the year 1888 have been already abandoned, after a fair amount of prospecting, principally for want of capital necessary for deep-sinking. Some alluvial leases were being worked on Hillas Creek, but the parties were obliged to desist from the heavy flow of water, caused principally by the excessive fall of rain in that district last winter. I anticipated good returns from these leases if the parties were able to successfully contend with the underground water. These leases have been obliged to suspend work until the dry season (now on) shall have decreased the water. This ground was tried more than twenty years ago and abandoned on account of the water. Unless the present parties can bring very good machinery to contend with the water they will come to the same result. These companies deserve every encouragement, as it is quite impossible for the "working miner" to command the necessary capital.

Quartz-mining, except in one or two small mines, has been almost at a standstill. It is very evident that the working prospector alone will never develop the lower levels in this district; it requires capital to sink through the supposed barren interval. I can see no reason why the reefs in this district should not carry a second and third run of gold, the same as occurs in other parts of the continent. There are scores of reefs in this district that gave handsome returns down to a depth of 100 to 200 feet, and were then abandoned, as the quartz would not pay any longer to mine at those depths. These should be all worth testing for a second run of gold. A reef known as the "Great Southern," on Johnston's Hill, Kimo Range, has been recently taken up after laying idle for more than twenty years. The lessees intend to drive a tunnel along the line of reef at a depth of more than 200 feet from the surface. As this mine was abandoned for financial reasons before the reef was tested, and just as the shaft was almost in sight of the reef, the present holders may be rewarded for their enterprise. The prospects all point to a rich pyritous reef at a depth.

The two parties who obtained assistance from the Prospecting Vote, viz., James Higgins, at Mount Parnassus, and Jesse Harford, at Kimo, have both abandoned the work after expending only a portion of the vote. The prospects after sinking a portion of the proposed depth not justifying them in proceeding. This proves the wisdom of the policy of allotting only one-half of the estimated cost of the proposed work, as the recipients will not continue to work on half-wages, unless the prospect gives some justification. I have not had an opportunity of officially visiting the more distant parts of the district now under my supervision, but I hope in the view of the proposed new departmental arrangements to be enabled to do so at an early date. The large area taken up for silver in the Tumut District remains undeveloped for want of capital at present. Several mineral licenses have been taken out in this district with a view to develop the large deposits of magnesian limestone, commonly termed "marble," that exist in several places around Gundagai. The lime produced is of a superior quality, and this industry is worth fostering. I regret to say the slate quarries at South Gundagai are still idle. The material is there in unlimited quantity, and excellent machinery has been erected. Here again the old cry of "more capital" is heard, and the property lies undeveloped. For more detailed information respecting the Tumut and Adelong portions of my district, I would refer to the reports of the local Registrars—that from Adelong being especially full and interesting.

## TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—TUMBARUMBA DIVISION.

*(T. F. Makinson, Warden.)*

THE principal mining event of the past year has been the opening up of the deep lead under the basalt by R. D. Mathews and party at the reserve set apart for them on Tumbarumba Creek, about a mile below the town. This party has had aid from the Prospecting Vote to the extent of £650, and has expended a much larger sum of its own. At a depth of 98 feet the granite bottom was struck, having over it about 3 feet of wash, in which a little fine gold was found. This last was overlaid with about 2 feet sandy drift, which, in turn, was covered by a layer of lignite some 15 inches thick. The wash was cemented together by pyrites, and came out in blocks. About 300 feet of drives have been put in, mostly in the wash, but no payable gold is reported yet. The south-west drive has not yet been put in as far as the slate country, as recommended by Mr. David, of the Geological Survey, and later by Mr. Anderson of the same branch, and the wash eastward of the shaft has yet to be explored. If this lead should at Mathews and party's shaft be proved payable, and everything points to such a result, about 20 miles of the same ancient stream-bed is available for working from Bago to below Tumbarumba, and a very large mining population would be profitably employed. It is to be hoped that the lately published valuable report of Mr. Geological-Surveyor Anderson will receive the fullest publicity, especially at Ballarat, so that mining enterprise may be directed to this locality. It is thought, and perhaps with reason, that the Prospecting Board would be justified in going to a very considerable expense in having this deep lead thoroughly tested. So far, it is evident, intelligent and experienced direction has been wanting, and it is to be hoped that in future frequent inspection of the workings will be made by Government Mining Inspectors.

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The silver-lead deposits at Coppabella still remain unworked. The show there is good, and a much less promising outcrop existing in the Broken Hill country would immediately attract plenty of capital and enterprise for its development.

Butler's tin lease at Jingellic has been worked, and some ore raised, which proved highly payable. I am informed that operations on an extended scale are about to be commenced.

The only gold reef at which work has been carried on is that of Storey and party, at Paddy's River. A long race has been cut to the machine site, where a five-head battery is in course of erection. This reef is known to be payable.

Sluicing for gold has been carried on with fair success, Watson Bros., on the Tarcutta, Krauss at Bago, the Burra Co. at Burra, and Heinecke at Upper Tumarumba having been notably successful.

At Bald Hill, Messrs. Rolfe and Moorhouse are still driving under the basalt for a deep lead, and it is just reported that they have struck a sandy drift and expect to have wash soon.

As nearly as can be ascertained the yield of gold in this division for 1889 has been 1,210 oz. A small quantity of stream tin has been raised.

Issued at Tumarumba:—Miners' rights, 316; mineral licenses, 6; business license, 1.

#### TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—ALBURY DIVISION.

(*T. A. Brown, Warden.*)

I HAVE the honor to furnish my annual report upon the state and prospects of mining in the Albury District, and, in doing so, feel compelled to regret that the success of mining operations has not been in accordance with the expectations with which the year 1889 opened.

Not that, as will be seen by the proportion of gold to the stone crushed, the yield can in all cases be considered poor; but, either from difficulty in raising, the want of first-class machinery, or other reasons, the gross proceeds have not kept pace with the expenses.

With regard to the Albury Gold-mining Company, which commenced with the purchase of Messrs. Pye and Wealand's claim at Mayday Hill, Black Range, no expense has been spared by the management to make the concern a paying one. Shafts have been sunk to a depth of 130 feet, and a large amount of driving executed. Nearly £10,000 have been spent upon developing the mine; but, at present, though work is still being carried on, the return must be held to have been so far inadequate.

With respect to the mine in the same locality, known as that of Meredith and party, the same comments may apply. The gold secured in the first "shoot" was extraordinarily rich. Sinking has been carried on for more than 100 feet. A portion of the subsidy granted for prospecting purposes has been received, but the present position of the mine cannot be considered as satisfactory.

The Bungowannah Mine, after being relinquished by the original Company, has again made a commencement on terms, under the management of Mr. A. Joubert. The percentage, so far, has been small, 450 tons having yielded 35 oz.; but, as the conglomerate in which the gold is found is abundant, it may yet become a paying concern.

At Hawksview, on private ground, Mr. Pollinghome has crushed 35 tons for a yield of 42 oz., and on Mr. Smith's property 44 tons have yielded 53 oz. The yield in this locality is invariably good; it is not, therefore, unlikely to develop into an important centre.

At Germanton, 40 miles from Albury, prospecting operations are being carried on, but no find of any importance has been reported.

On the Nine-mile Reserve Messrs. M'Arthur and party have crushed 2 tons for 3 oz.; Wilson and party, 10 tons for 29 oz.; Hanson, 8 tons for 31 oz. At Yarara little or nothing has been doing.

The number of business licenses is the same as that of last year, while in miners' rights there is a falling off, viz., 97 as against 119 in 1888.

It is perhaps an encouraging fact that nearly all the crushings show a high percentage to the ton; but the desideratum in the mines of the district generally is a large body of stone, which, if not quite so rich, may be easily raised and treated. Until such deposits are demonstrated, the mining interests around Albury and throughout the district cannot be considered to be in a permanently payable condition.

#### TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—NARRANDERA DIVISION.

(*L. S. Donaldson, Warden.*)

NOTWITHSTANDING the plentiful rains of the autumn and winter of this year, the great expectations referred to in my report for 1888 have not been realized; clearly showing, either that the old stories of fabulous finds had no real foundation in fact, or, which is equally probable, that the gold found was merely a patch.

##### *Leases.*

The several leases applied for in 1887 at Temora, and issued in the early part of 1889, were all returned unexecuted, except three on a piece of ground spoken of as the old Belmore. In these cases very little real work has been done. Immediately the leases were executed overtures were made for a speculative sale. A deposit was paid, and the purchasers undertook to work the ground, but have not done so, although an application for suspension of labour conditions was refused.

##### *Miners' Rights.*

The number of miners' rights taken out in 1889 was the same as in 1888, namely, 49, but the number already taken out for 1890 is only 3.

##### *The Year's Results.*

The gold yield for the year is as follows: From Ferrier, Evans, and party's claim at Cowabbie, and from Aulezark's claim at the 4-mile, 200 tons, averaging only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  dwt.; and from Ferrier and Flood's permit at Berembed (known as the old Gladstone), 9 tons averaging half an ounce. Neither of these results is payable, in the latter case, owing to the distance the quartz has to be carted to the machine, and the quantity of work that had to be done to get the 9 tons of stone. If it had not been for the energy and perseverance of Mr. Ferrier, the whole mining enterprise in my division would have collapsed; and I fear he is not likely to recover his large outlay. The gold found is extremely light, and is not in sufficient quantity to justify the expense of special treatment. Mr. Ferrier has tried two or three methods without satisfactory result.

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*Prospecting Vote.*

The work at Cowabbie, at Anlezark's, and also some new work by Grennell and party at the Seven-mile, beyond Cowabbie, has been assisted from the Prospecting Vote; but I do not regard this outlay as in any degree whatever advancing mining enterprise. No doubt it relieves the pockets of those who get the aid, but it cannot be said to have developed mining, as none of the work done can fairly be called prospecting. A far better use of the Prospecting Vote would be its expenditure (to the extent of half the cost) in putting down bores in localities not previously worked, approved of by the Government Geologist. If by this means new finds of gold were made, the country at large would benefit by the outlay. As it is at present, the money spent is simply a benevolence to a few individuals.

*Royalty on Gold.*

The royalty for the year is nil. No lease has been worked, and consequently no gold has been raised.

## TUMUT AND ADELONG MINING DISTRICT—ADELONG DIVISION.

(J. James, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to transmit to you my annual report for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Mines.

Seven applications for gold-mining leases were recorded. Other business is as follows:—Issues of 145 miners' rights, and 4 business licenses. Registrations—4 conditional, 11 unsurveyed and 1 surveyed.

Quantity of gold forwarded by escort:—

	Oz.	dwt.	gr.
Commercial Banking Company .....	2,259	18	1
Bank of New South Wales .....	635	15	2
Total .....	2,895	13	3

In the above quantity 480 oz. from outlying divisions are included, hence the correct total for the Adelong division is 2,415 oz. 13 dwt. 3 gr., distinguished as follows:—

	Oz.	dwt.	gr.
Alluvial gold .....	1,771	13	3
Quartz gold .....	644	0	0
Total .....	2,415	13	3

The following crushing returns for the year 1889 have been kindly furnished:—

	Tons cwt.	oz.	dwt.
Reefer battery .....	432	0	324
Perseverance battery .....	380	0	320
Total .....	812	0	644

Gold-mining has been chiefly confined to old ground, and the year has closed without any records of prospecting under the Mining Board Regulations usually so full of interest and expectation. The yield from alluvial takes precedence, the bulk coming from Mr. A. D. Shepard's lease. The proprietor is now beginning to realize the success he predicted, and as more powerful machinery and apparatus are contemplated and in course of erection, better hopes of larger returns are entertained next year. The workings of this lease were described in the report of 1888.

*Quartz-mining.*

The Lady Mary Company, Gap Reefs, Adelong, have the vote of assistance from Government of £1 per foot for 300 feet.

The Company have sunk 61 feet, for which assistance at above rate was granted. The present depth of the shaft is 214 feet. This mine is in good working order, having a winding and pumping engine valued at £500. Nine men are employed. The quantity of ore raised during the year was 155 tons, which yielded 124 oz. 5 dwt. 2 gr., value, £461 16s. 8d.

The Company were compelled to drive through to Crown claim for air, and put in level at 185 feet from main shaft to the south, and at a distance of 251 feet holed through to winze in Crown claim. There is now abundance of air, and sinking will be resumed in the main shaft.

Mr. A. W. Molineaux, mining manager of the Perseverance and Great Victoria Companies, reports that during the year 380 tons of quartz were crushed at the Perseverance battery, for a yield of 320 oz. smelted gold.

The following crushings were from the Great Victoria Company's mines:—

	Oz.	dwt.	gr.
29 tons, yield .....	40	13	0
17½ " " .....	33	2	12
8 " " .....	21	5	0
15 " " .....	14	10	0
50 " " .....	34	5	0
14 " " .....	18	19	0
21 " " .....	29	14	0
44½ " " .....	46	0	0

Being a total yield of 238 oz. 8½ dwt. from 199 tons. The remainder of the crushings came from various mines on the hill.

During the early portion of the year, the Perseverance Company confined their operations to the old line of reef, prospecting in the Adelong mine and in the ground known as Our Own. No good resulted from either of these places, and the manager is convinced that the only probability of meeting payable stone in these leases lies in sinking, as the shoot of white stone in which the workings are at present confined, must be pierced.

About the middle of September, the Company determined upon resuming work in the north shaft in the Little Victoria lease which was accordingly baled out. A drive was put in 50 feet to an old shaft to the north for the purpose of ventilation, and work was then started in the south drive at the 130-ft. level which had been previously 84 feet. Good stone was met with almost immediately, but it has continued small though driven on for about 50 feet. A couple of stopes were also started above the drives. The manager anticipates having some payable stone to work on to enable him to sink the shaft and prospect at a deeper level.

At the Great Victoria Company's Mine work during the year has been exclusively confined to the tributors, of whom there have been fifteen employed with results satisfactory to themselves.

Mr. K. A. M'Kenzie Clarke, mining manager for the Proprietary and Currajong Gold-mining Companies reports that for the former Company, 101 tons of quartz were crushed, yielding 195 oz. 3 dwt. The last parcel treated yielding 3 oz. 5 dwt. per ton. The shaft is 280 feet in depth, and the deepest level 258 feet. The Company employs fifteen men. The vein is situated in a diorite dyke and is heavily charged with pyrites. The quartz is reduced by the ordinary battery process, and the only method of saving the pyrites is with a buddle. The mine was only worked six months for the year, and during four months of that period six men were employed.

The latter Company have employed six men. The work done has been cutting down and timbering engine shaft to the depth of 160 feet, and baling 60 feet of water out of the mine.

In conclusion it may be remarked that active mining operations are anticipated from all the companies noticed in this report, and should other additional ventures transpire in 1890, a better record may be looked for.

The machinery at work and idle in alluvial and quartz mining during the year is estimated to be the same as 1888.

#### TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—JUNEE DIVISION.

(A. Elliott, Mining Registrar).

##### *Eurogilly.*

In February last a slight rush took place in a gully adjoining M'Donald's Wantabadgery Station. A number of shafts varying from 50 to 125 feet were sunk in the alluvial, and a little coarse gold obtained, but not sufficient to pay working expenses. Consequently the ground was abandoned. Although the results obtained were not up to expectations, I am of opinion that far more satisfactory results would be obtained by sinking farther up the gully in M'Donald's conditional purchase land.

During the past few months Lynch and party obtained from the Pioneer Claim 21 tons of quartz, which yielded 53 oz. 7 dwt. 13 gr. Other parties have also obtained and crushed quartz from this claim, but I have been unable to ascertain the quantity, although I wrote to the manager some time ago in reference to the matter.

William Holland reports having obtained from his lease of 10 acres 26 tons quartz, which yielded 52½ oz., 15 oz. of which were sold at £3 10s. 6d., and 47½ oz. at £3 17s. 6d. per oz. Depth of shaft, 40 feet; width of vein, 8 to 10 inches.

##### *Wantiocl.*

W. Garland (Fincher and party), aided by the Government, after prospecting for some time in the quartz and found and reported payable gold, have applied for a lease of 25 acres. A shaft has been sunk to a depth of 141½ feet.

Hawthorne and party report having raised and crushed from their gold lease 99 tons of quartz, which yielded 35 oz. 14 of which were sold at £3 12s., and 21 at £3 17s. 6d. per oz.; total value, £131 15s. 6d. Depth of shaft, 90 feet; width of vein, 6 to 18 inches.

A number of other reefs are being worked in this locality, which bear a low percentage of gold, and when found in any quantity it is contained in leaders or veins which pinch out. I am of opinion that good results would be obtained by deeper sinking.

##### *Junee Reefs.*

M'Grath and party having received aid from the Prospecting Vote, have been prospecting in the alluvial at Specimen Hill. A number of shafts have been put down, and a little coarse gold obtained, but not in payable quantities.

During the year I issued 102 miners' rights and received 6 applications for gold-mining leases, representing 71½ acres. I have also received a number of applications for extended quartz claims.

The gold returns kindly supplied by the managers of the Bank of New South Wales and the Union Bank show that during the year they purchased 31 oz. 17 dwt. 23 gr. from alluviums and 196 oz. 13 dwt. 15 gr. from quartz. Total value, £838 1s. 7d.

The alluvial gold brought £3 18s. 9d. per oz., and the quartz from £3 12s. 6d. to £3 13s. 3d.

#### TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—COOMA DIVISION.

(J. B. Spence, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to furnish you with my annual report of the Cooma Division of the Tumut and Adelong Mining District for the year 1889.

258 Miners' rights, 2 business licenses, and 11 mineral licenses have been issued.

12 gold leases have been applied for, comprising in the aggregate an area of 80 acres; and 5 mineral leases, totalling 160 acres.

##### *Gold.*

No fresh discoveries have been made during the year, but work has been diligently proceeded with at most of the diggings.

At Colinton a 5-head stamper battery has been erected by the different claim holders. The several crushings made yielding from ½ oz. to 5 oz. per ton. The original prospector, N. W. Quigg, and No. 1 North are still the only ones who have struck the reef, and about £1,000 worth of gold has been won by these two parties. Messrs. Welch and party, who have spent a lot of money in prospecting this place, are now sinking on the east side of No. 1 North, and expect to catch the reef at about a depth of 100 feet. At present they are down 45 feet in very hard ground. No. 1 South (R. Swan) are sinking a shaft on the hill, and are down 170 feet, but have not yet struck the reef. The

The Fiery Creek diggers have kept Mr. Hart's 4-head stamper battery busy. The yields averaging from 18 dwt. to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. to the ton, but the miners all say if their stone received better treatment the returns would be much larger, as the gold is very fine. At present most of the claims are under suspension of the labour conditions, pending the result of work being done by Messrs. Goodwin and party, who are aided to prospect by the Government to a depth of 200 feet. They are now down 60 feet from the surface.

At Cowra Creek, which is about 3 to 4 miles north of Fiery Creek, Messrs. Maxwell and party erected a 5-head stamper battery, and, I am informed, have made several small crushings, yielding from about 12 dwt. to 1 oz. to the ton, but owing to the battery having recently changed hands, I have not as yet received correct returns. Several gold leases have lately been executed at this place, and the several lessees are negotiating with a Ballarat expert with the object of amalgamating and forming a big Company, suspension of work having been granted to them for that purpose.

*Michelago.*—The gold leases of Messrs. O'Leary and Lyons are now under suspension pending the floating of a Company, which, I am informed, is near completion. Two shafts have been sunk to 100 and 96 feet respectively, from which a sample crushing of 6 tons yielded 4 oz. 16 dwt.

Silver-mining has been very quiet. At Bredbo, Messrs. Grant and Duddle have sunk several shafts with fairly encouraging results from assays. Mr. R. Goode has received aid from the Prospecting Vote to further test his 50-foot shaft, and is about to recommence work. At Little Plain, Messrs. Foster and party have sunk several shafts, and are about commencing to further test one of them under Government aid. The Big Badja Company have also been aided to prospect, but have not yet commenced work.

The total value of mining plant in this division is £2,300.

#### TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—REEDY FLAT DIVISION.

(*J. T. Hely, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to submit my annual report for the year 1889, as under:—

Miners' rights, 82; business licenses, 5.

I am very sorry to state, mining has been very dull since the middle of the year, and seems to be getting worse.

A 5-head battery has been erected here at considerable expense by a Company of local residents to test the reefs. Some four or five were tried, and about 105 tons put through, but, none of them coming up to expectations, have been abandoned, and the battery is now lying idle.

The amount of gold won during the year has been 440 oz., valued at £1,690.

The great drawback to this place is want of capital to sink the reefs and test them at a greater depth.

#### TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—CAPTAIN'S FLAT DIVISION.

(*T. Canning, Mining Registrar.*)

I MAY state a great amount of work has been done here and capital expended by the erection of machinery at the Commodore, Vanderbilt, and Kohinoor Company's mines.

At the Commodore Mine work has been carried on most successfully; 700 feet of drives have been put in tunnels, developing a large amount of oxidized ore, which is being delivered at furnaces for treatment. A main shaft has been sunk to a depth of 100 feet below levels of tunnel, at which point a cross-cut was driven to lode a width of 34 feet, composed of dense iron pyrites. A drive was put along its course for a distance of 82 feet south, and rise put up 40 feet, when decomposed cuprififerous pyrites of a payable character was struck. Drives have been extended along this ore 80 feet north and 90 feet south; cross-cuts have been put in from each drive to hanging-wall, proving width of decomposed ore 13 feet. There is now in sight 6,000 tons, which can be easily mined. Furnaces for treatment of said ore will shortly be erected, when a more prosperous future is predicted.

At the Vanderbilt Mine work has been chiefly developing a chute of ore below tunnel levels by sinking blind shaft to a depth of 116 feet. The water being too strong, was compelled to discontinue and connect blind shaft with surface, a height of 80 feet. This work has been performed and whim erected; further development will commence next year.

The stability of the mines is marked by the erection of two 60-ton furnaces, 30-horse-power engine, and 2 boilers, 1 multitubular and 1 cornish.

The above furnaces are capable of treating 500 tons of ore per week, and the consumption is being kept good from the different mines. During the holidays the works were closed down; everything seemed in first-rate order, and a most extensive supply of coke, fluxes, and ore on hand.

The mines and general management are under the supervision of Mr. Joseph V. Thompson; smelting department under the supervision of Mr. Levine, assisted by Mr. Grono.

Quantity of ore smelted, 4,704 tons, for 62,452 oz. of silver, 740 oz. of gold, 162 tons 9 cwt. of lead, value £15,805; ore at grass, 2,000 tons, value (estimated) £9,000. Total quantity of ore raised during the year, 6,704 tons, £24,000 total value.

#### *Kohinoor Gold and Silver Mining Company (Limited), Captain's Flat.*

During the past year smelting has been carried on more or less continuously. An extra water-jacket smelting furnace (30-ton) has been erected, making the total smelting capacity 50 tons per day. A reverberatory calcium furnace is being erected to treat the sulphide ores. The mine has been opened up, and a new main shaft sunk to a depth of 100 feet. A large body of silver ore is now in sight. In connection with the large body of gold-bearing ore formerly opened up, a mill, containing twenty head of stampers and a 5-foot Huntingdon mill has been erected, and the stampers are now at work with payable results. The Huntingdon mill is expected to start early in the new year, and the ore in sight is calculated to keep this plant in work for over two years. The silver ore is very refractory, and the high price of coke makes smelting very expensive, but it is hoped that the new furnace will enable a profit to be made. When in full work this mine employs about 250 men. Quantity of ore smelted during the year, 4,732 tons 8 cwt.; obtained, 54,511 oz. of silver, 70 tons of copper, 660 oz. of gold, and 215 tons 3 cwt. of lead, valued at £13,700. Ore still at grass, 200 tons; estimated value, £100. Total of ore raised during the year, 4,932 tons 8 cwt.; total value, £13,800.

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Mr. Edgar Hall, F.C.S., has full charge of the mine and smelting department; Mr. G. Rodda as underground manager, and Mr. S. Cullingworth as assayer. Great changes have been made at this mine lately for the better, and everything seems to work systematically.

*North Vanderbilt Gold and Silver Mining Company, Captain's Flat.*

I am unable to give a full account of the work done on the Company's leases, including 79½ acres rented by the Company from Mr. George Osborne, of Foxlow, owing to a Mr. C. Collens, mining manager employed by the above Company, leaving here some time during the month of August, 1889, leaving behind no record of work done during his (Collens') time in charge. Since August, 1889, a great amount of trenching has been done on portion of Mr. Osborne's 79½ acres. Nothing discovered. Shaft No. 2 at 110 level cross-cut extended east 2 feet, and 24 feet driven west in hard country. No. 3 shaft, 39 feet of sinking in hard dense country. Water very troublesome. Cross-cut driven east at 107-foot level a further distance of 15 feet, and level driven on course of lode 35 feet, which has not proved, so far, to be of a payable character. Also a new shaft has been sunk (No. 4) to a depth of 51 feet, cross-cut driven 60 feet, and blind shaft sunk on lode track 25 feet. Lease 126—tunnel driven 122 feet across the lode, showing decomposed diorites, carrying a quantity of pyrites containing silver and gold, and level driven of western wall of lode 69 feet, and shaft sunk 50 feet. Lease 116 and leases adjoining a great amount of trenching has been done. So far nothing payable has been discovered. Mr. John Hewett, late of Sandhurst, Victoria, is now in charge of this mine, and employs 15 men.

Constant prospecting going on, searching for payable mineral on the undermentioned leases:— Nos. 40 and 86, good indications of payable copper. Nos. 60 and 110, good indications of silver and lead ores.

Area of land applied for, 40 acres; miner's rights sold, 104; business licenses, 41; mineral licenses, 6; population, including juveniles, of Captain's Flat proper, 650.

TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—COOTAMUNDRA DIVISION.

*(A. J. M'Carthy, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to submit my report for the year 1889. During the past year I have issued 31 miners' rights and 2 mineral licenses. Two gold-mining leases have been applied for, one for 15 acres and one for 10 acres. I regret to have to report that the mining industry in this division is not at all in a progressive state, the Excelsior Reefing Company, at Muttama, and the Mount Morgan Reef, at Mooney Mooney, being the only parties actively engaged in quartz-mining. The former, for the year, has raised 154½ tons of quartz, yielding 128 oz. of gold. The latter party, consisting of 3 men, have raised 179 tons of stone, yielding 75 oz. of gold. The Excelsior employs 8 men. This party own a battery of 5 head, and an engine of 20 horse-power. Total value of machinery, £700. There are about 15 alluvial miners scattered through various parts of the division.

TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—NIMITYBELLE DIVISION.

*(H. J. Lea, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to furnish you with my annual report of the Nimitybelle Division of the Tumut and Adelong Mining District for the year 1889.

46 miners' rights and 2 mineral licenses have been issued in this office during 1889.

Mining in this division is very quiet, but it may improve during the year.

*Gold.*

David Kiss & Co., who were working a mine on the reefs at Kydra, have abandoned it.

Samuel M'Donald & Co.'s claim at Kydra has been idle for the last six months; they were granted a suspension of labour to enable them to float a Company to work the claim, but they were unable to do so. They have started work again, and they are of the opinion that they may come upon a good reef. They have received aid from the Prospecting Board to enable them to sink their shaft a further depth of 110 feet.

*Bismuth.*

Samuel Maxwell & Co.'s claim is situated a few miles from Nimitybelle, on the Colombo Road, which has been idle a long time; they have recently obtained aid from the Prospecting Board to enable them to sink their shaft a further depth of 80 feet, which they are at present at work on.

There are no alluvial diggings in this district.

Two gold leases were applied for during the year of 1889, amounting in the aggregate to 35 acres.

TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—NARRANDERA DIVISION.

*(J. W. Lees, Mining Registrar.)*

As requested by your circular letter of the 13th ultimo, I do myself the honor to forward herewith the returns asked for, showing the result of mining in this district; as regards silver, copper, and tin, to be nil.

The operations carried with respect to quartz-mining have been on a very meagre scale, the gross quantity of gold obtained being only 29½ oz., of the value of £103 5s.

The total number of miners' rights issued was 49, but of that number not more than a dozen were actually working upon the claims.

TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—ALBURY DIVISION.

*(C. A. Conley, Mining Registrar.)*

I HAVE the honor to report that mining matters have not been so brisk during past year as anticipated, but still there are several quartz claims at work and all getting gold.

Mining operations are being carried on at Hawkswiew (private property), Bungowannah, and Splitters Creek (also private lands), besides at Black Range, Nine-mile Reserve, near Albury, Four-mile Creek, Yarrara, and Germanton. Several

Several prospectors are scattered about the district, and in all some 53 men have found employment either in shows already opened up or prospecting.

I have nothing to report in alluvial mining.

The following is the number of miners' rights, &c., issued during 1889—miners' rights, 97; business licenses, 10; mineral license, 1.

#### TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—TUMBARUMBA DIVISION.

(*J. F. Mackinson, Mining Registrar.*)

THERE should be, in my opinion, a large forest reserve made about Coppabella, Ournie, and Jingelic, to provide firewood for the smelting works in connection with the silver-lead and tin-mining which in the future is sure to be carried on in the locality. The timber is being rapidly cleared off by ringbarking.

#### TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—KIANDRA DIVISION.

(*H. Redriff, Mining Registrar.*)

GENERAL report upon the state and progress of the mines in the district or division:—Dull in alluvial on account of want of water. Quartz waiting for assistance from Prospecting Vote, and consider splendid prospects here, but want of capital.

#### TUMUT AND ADELONG DISTRICT—QUEANBEYAN DIVISION.

(*C. J. B. Helm, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE to report a quiet year as regards prospecting, no new discoveries of importance have been made, but a large amount of work has been done in those mines that may be looked on as permanently established, in the way of developing them, and considerable sums of money have been expended for that purpose. At Brindabella the Goodradigbee Gold-mining and Sluicing Company have expended a sum of £5,000 in the construction of races and tunnels for sluicing purposes. Some sluicing has been done on the surface, and 50,000 cubic yards of earth has been washed giving 64 oz. of gold. Better results are expected at a lower depth. The extent of the alluvial ground is  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile in length, 600 feet wide, and 90 feet deep. At Mac's Reef the Goulburn syndicate are constructing a drive of 400 feet into the hill on their property. They are now in 380 feet, and have pierced through one reef 12 feet wide carrying some gold; 4 men are engaged on this property. At Michelago Lyons has a shaft down 104 feet on to a quartz reef 7 feet wide and has got gold. Cleary is down 96 feet on the same reef.

Some alluvial mining is being done on the Molonglo River, about 6 miles from Queanbeyan, by a party of three. A race has been cut through very hard ground and a dam constructed. The wash varies from 3 to 12 feet in depth, and shows gold freely, but sluicing has not yet been started. The expected visit of the Prospecting Board to this district was looked forward to by those who had made applications for a share of the Prospecting Vote to help in the development of their properties, as considerable sums have been expended in legitimate work, and great disappointment was felt when it was found that the Board had passed Queanbeyan by, although they stopped at places on each side of Queanbeyan, and granted aid to one party at least.

#### PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—BINGERA DIVISION.

(*Corbet Lawson, Warden.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward my annual report of mining operations in the portion of the Peel and Uralla Mining District under my observation.

##### *Bingera Diamond-fields.*

Some old hands have persistently worked on, with limited capital, obtaining very encouraging results in diamonds, and in some instances enough gold to pay working expenses.

The Adelaide Gold and Diamond Mining Company sunk a trial shaft some 130 feet, striking the wash under the basalt. The proprietors are so satisfied with results, that they have sunk and timbered a new shaft, now down 120 feet, and expect to strike the gravel at 150 feet. There is some prospect of a second company starting work on known diamondiferous deposits in adjoining blocks.

##### *Gold.*

The alluvial flat adjoining the town has twice been tested by the Gwydir Gold-mining Company, who erected pumping machinery, that successfully kept the water under; but the returns were so very small, that they abandoned the ground.

The Bingera Gold-mining Company (Limited) have purchased and reopened the All Nations' Reef, by sinking a new shaft 130 feet, striking the reef in several places; at the bottom of the shaft it is 7 feet wide. They have commenced stopping down, and have 60 or 70 tons at surface, of stone, showing a very fair yield of gold.

About 5 miles from the town a small alluvial flat has furnished employment to some 100 men for many months past, who obtained about 1,000 oz. Eighty men still continue there, many obtaining more than wages.

*Bobby Whitlow.*—A few miners still make a living, but the place looks deserted.

*Gympie Flat.*—Little or nothing.

*Spring Creek.*—Almost abandoned; some three or four claims working.

*Upper Bingera.*—Many of the old claims idle, but one or two good ones were opened with satisfactory results. Mr. J. Carnie has opened a reef in limestone formation. Several tons were forwarded and tested in Brisbane and Sydney, yielding an average of 4 oz. to the ton.

*Barraba, Ironbarks.*—In the early part of the year there was a stir in mining transactions, resulting in the formation of some companies, that have steadily continued operations. The Euroyra Gold Hydraulic-sluicing Company, have erected a powerful pumping plant to raise the water to the top of the ridges, to wash the adjoining lands by hydraulic-power. The Mount Moore Company have enlarged the old battery, erected improved ripples, known as Alve's patent concentrator and amalgamator; thus endeavouring

endeavouring to save more gold. They have about 300 tons of quartz at the surface waiting machinery, and have expended some £3,000 on the reefs. Several new reefs have been opened, in some cases yielding 3 oz. to the ton; another lot of 22 tons yielded 30 oz. of gold.

*Crow Mountain.*—Some Sydney syndicate has commenced work here.

*Tea-tree.*—Hughes' party are down on a reef known as the Black Mountain, 140 feet, on payable stone. The adjoining claim, Black Mountain North, have sunk a shaft, now down 112 feet. Reading's Old Reef again has changed hands, the new men are already at work.

During the past year a large number of leases were forfeited for non-fulfilment of labour conditions, in many instances these were retaken by fresh hands.

So far as I am able to discover, some 1,200 oz. of gold were forwarded from Bingera proper, besides other unknown quantities from various sources in this district.

#### PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—TAMWORTH, NUNDLE, AND BENDEMEER DIVISIONS.

(*John L. King, Warden.*)

*Tamworth Division.*—The year past has not seen any marked improvement in the mining industry in this division.

The tunnel which was being driven by Aitken and party at the beginning of the year (with aid from the Prospecting Vote), was abandoned on the 5th January, owing to a disagreement arising between the parties; only 82 feet of the 250 feet authorized having been driven. One line of reef was cut, but apparently a barren one. Two gold leases, of 25 acres and 12 acres each, have since been taken up in the locality. Some sinking has been done with encouraging prospects.

A prospecting party has discovered gold about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles in a north-east direction from Tamworth, and on the same line as Aitken's tunnel, but no defined reef, the gold being found in a decomposed ironstone lode, intermixed with broken quartz, varying from 1 foot to 3 feet wide.

Prospecting aid has been offered to King and party at Swamp Oak, also to J. K. Doyle, at Dunganwan, and work is to be commenced.

106 miners' rights, and 5 mineral licenses have been issued. Revenue, £144 1s. 3d.

*Nundle Division.*—Mining is still active. The reefs under the Hanging Rock have been producing good stone, Thompson's Reef and the Christmas Reef in particular. The former stone went nearly 7 oz. per ton from 12 tons, and the latter is expected to go  $2\frac{1}{2}$  oz., if not more. The former is worked by a tunnel 65 feet in, and a drive 25 feet; the latter by a tunnel 350 feet in. Many other reefs are showing good prospects. The Golden Chance, at the top of the hill, is down with a shaft 70 feet, and a drive of 40 feet at the 50-foot level; but nothing payable has been found. Dangars's Gully tunnel is in 415 feet, with a depth of 210 feet from surface; no cement yet. Mount Sheba sluicing claims are working well. The water supply is still sufficient, and the first cleaning up has commenced. It is the intention of the Company to extend their grants to Red Hill, where a trial shaft has been sunk 40 feet, showing gold freely.

The Peel River Gold-mining Company, lately formed to work Foley's Reef and John Bull Reef at Bowling Alley Point, are about to commence crushing, having completed their new crushing plant, consisting of one horizontal 30-h.-p. engine, Tangye; Cornish boiler, 27 x 6; and a 10-stamper battery. The Foley's tunnel is in 1,150 feet, and the reef has a mean thickness of about 15 inches. A winze is down 94 feet, from which the quartz is supposed to go from 14 dwt. to 17 dwt. per ton. A lower tunnel is being driven, which is in 80 feet, the entrance being an opening cutting over 100 feet in length. When far enough it is intended to tip the quartz obtained from the upper tunnel into the lower, and conveying it to the battery by trucks. This will save all cartage; 750 tons are now ready for crushing.

At the John Bull, the new air-shaft is down 80 feet, and the old level has been driven 58 feet, making a total of 209 feet; 60 tons are ready for crushing. Both these reefs have carried good gold, so the prospects of the new Company are very good.

The Carrington Reef and Anderson's Flat Alluvial are both being worked by Adelaide syndicates. The water in the latter being very troublesome.

Mr. Norris, the present owner of the cement works at Mount Pleasant, has sunk a shaft on lease 386,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 3, 245 feet, and several drives which are worked with a horse whim. The old tunnel is in 2,600 feet, with several drives. Mr. Norris is now following the gold wherever it occurs, instead of driving straight ahead, which was both expensive and unremunerative.

The prospectors at Nimble Nook and Swamp Creek, who were receiving aid from the Prospecting Vote, have knocked off without finding the supposed cement lead, and what cement was tested was not payable.

*Mount Ephraim.*—The manager has knocked off following the cement in the sandstone, and is now sluicing the top, as was done in the old days, with good results; but without a greater water power than at present, their execution is bound to be of little avail, the process being too slow.

In this division I have found that a great many leases are held without the labour conditions being fulfilled, and I attach a list of them. I believe, if they were forfeited, the land would be applied for in smaller areas, or as claims. It is impossible to arrive at the correct quantity of gold won in this division, as much of what used to be bought by the local banks and storekeepers, is now taken direct to Sydney.

227 miners' rights, 1 mineral license, and 8 business licenses have been issued. Revenue, £467.

*Bendemeer Division.*—Tin-mining is all that has been done in this locality. The large areas under lease are not efficiently worked, and the only tin raised during the year has been by holders of mineral licenses.

5 miners' rights and 16 mineral licenses have been issued.

#### PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—SCONE DIVISION.

(*W. F. Parker, P.M., Warden.*)

SINCE furnishing my annual report for the year 1888, I have the honor to state that a change for the better has taken place in gold-mining prospects in the division under my charge. Two new powerful crushing-machines have been erected—one at Stewart's Brook and the other at the Denison (Moonan Brook). At

At Stewart's Brook the lease held by Adams, Goodwin, and party has been formed into a Company, to be called the Ethel May Gold-mining Company, and a large amount of work has been done in sinking shafts and driving tunnels and levels, with very satisfactory results, the reef being large and in very easy country. A road has been cut to it from the main track at considerable expense. The Company are starting to erect a powerful battery on the main creek, half a mile away. A trial crushing of 100 tons of stone was put through the Royal Standard battery, with the yield of a little under 1 oz. per ton.

*The Royal Standard Mine.*—A large amount of work has been done in this mine, with very satisfactory returns, until the heavy rains suspended shaft work, rendering it necessary to erect machinery or else bring in a long cross-cut tunnel (some 700 feet). It was decided to proceed with the latter, as it would prove other lines of reef going through this ground. They are now in nearly 300 feet. The reef, in deepest workings, when overcome by influx of water, was larger and of more permanent appearance, and carried gold fully equal to anything hitherto obtained out of this mine. I consider that if the necessary dead work of putting in this low-level cross-cut had been started twelve months ago, and while the mine was returning such good dividends, that this mine at the present time would be showing better results than at any previous period.

*Imperial Standard Company.*—This mine has also been doing a lot of work with payable results before it, but was suspended for a considerable period during the wet season. Several shafts, tunnels, and levels have been put in, showing a well-defined reef in fairly easy country, and being so close to the main creek and battery, should be a thoroughly payable one. The crushings have averaged over 1 oz. to the ton.

The Royal Standard North have recommenced operations.

The Lady Maudc Company have done a good deal of work in their ground, but the wet weather suspended operations for a considerable period. A crushing from the claim went about 1 oz. 8 dwt. to the ton.

*The Wet Claim.*—Giro and party have done a lot of work driving a cross-cut over 250 feet and in sinking on the Dixon line of reef, it opening out to 2 feet wide, with excellent prospects, but the water has overcome them.

Bezzant and party are busy sinking and driving on the Standard line, but have also had much water to contend with.

The Maitland Syndicate (Wall, Harris, and party) have been carrying out some extensive operations in their leases, viz., in putting in two cross-cutting tunnels at the lowest levels in their leases to cross-cut the different lines of reef running its north and south boundary, and have already cut two reefs carrying gold, and are continuing these cross-cuts with increasing depth as each foot is driven to the east. They intend to put these tunnels through their ground, and thus be enabled to work the line of reef known as the Mountaineer, and which is expected to be in full working order in about two months' time.

At the Denison there are three crushing machines, and a fourth (a water power) in course of erection for J. M. Harle. Of these, one is newly erected, and ready for work, by the Newcastle Gold-mining Company (Limited), and is a powerful Huntingdon battery, with engine of 16-horse power. The second is the old water-power battery, a 10-stamper. This is the only machine that has done any crushing at the Denison during the past year, viz.:—211 tons of stone, yielding 270 oz. of gold, of the value of £600. The proprietors of this machine are about to have it repaired, and intend to erect a new water-wheel, and when completed it will be a great convenience to the Denison miners. The third machine is a small Marcolini Patent, used only for the trial crushings.

"Great Britain," Mountain Maid, and Giro's big reef at one level, show many hundreds of feet of backs.

The Grosvenor leases have changed hands, and work is to be resumed immediately.

Several other claims about this part of the field, viz., Dunn and party, A'Hearn, Fishers, and Mills have also done a considerable amount of work with varying results, but on the whole favourable. These claims are on the south field.

#### *The Upper Field.*

*Bluey Line of Reef.*—The claims on this reef, viz., the Maitland, Rose, Shamrock and Thistle, Collison's Horse-shoe, &c., have been formed into a Company under the name of the "United Bluey Gold-mining Company." They have erected a 10-head stamp battery (driven by steam) on the main creek, about 1½ mile from the mine, from which a good road has been cut and formed at considerable cost.

The large amount of work that has been done in this mine further proves the permanency, quality, and size of the reef, which shows an average of 3 to 5 feet of quartz, and with the advantage this Company have of putting in levels (600 feet of backs) in very easy country should prove a thoroughly good thing for its owners' crushings.

*Maid O'Galla.*—This claim adjoins the Bluey Reef Company on the south. They have two shafts down. Reef looks very satisfactory, and improves in size and gold as depth is attained.

*O'Neill's Reef.*—This reef shows very well, and the more work done goes to prove its permanence and gold-bearing qualities. The prospectors have a couple of shafts down, one 60 feet and the other 20 feet; reef showing 18 inches to 2 feet wide. They have a good body of stone at grass. The adjoining claims on this line, held by Cooper and party and Fisher and party, have also very encouraging prospects before them.

*Garry Owen or Wyndham Reef.*—Davis, Cook, Young, and party have a large well-defined reef in their ground at 50 feet in depth; it is 4 to 5 feet thick. The water is very troublesome, and has caused them loss of time. Adjoining them is Sparke, Carter, and party's claim and lease, which is being worked by tunnels. Some very rich stone has been obtained in this ground and good crushings made, the reef varying from 1 to 3 feet thick.

*Terry Gold-mining Company.*—Adjoining the last-named on the south is the Terry Gold-mining Company, operations in which commenced about two months ago. They have sunk a shaft 50 feet (besides a lot of surface operations) and driven north and south. At that depth, on the reef, which averages from 1 to 2 feet thick, some very rich patches were struck just before Christmas, and the bulk stone looks very well.

*Morning Star Reef.*—This claim, and adjoining ground, has been sold to an Adelaide Company, who are busily engaged proving the rich specimen shoot of gold. Numerous parties are busily engaged prospecting and proving other reefs and gold-bearing veins in the upper field with hopeful prospects.

#### *The Denison (en route from Stewart's Brook).*

*Cook's Patch Reef.*—A considerable amount more sinking and driving has been done on this line of reef, and a large amount of quartz raised; but the wet season has delayed operations here, similar to all others where sinking is the mode of work.

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*Mount Pleasant or Farthing's Reef (Wall, Harris, Gillies, and Party).*—A good deal of labour has been expended in opening up the different reefs and veins in this lease (25 acres), all of which carry gold. These lessees are now busily engaged sinking a shaft to cut reef on underlay, which gave good results in trial crushings, and towards which the numerous veins adjacent to this reef (which prospects so well at outcrop) all trend. With the advantages this property has of putting in tunnels at a great depth, it only requires capital to develop, what, from surface and proved indications, should be large and rich reefs, at a greater depth and in more settled country.

*Red, White and Blue Reef.*—Next to Farthing's Reef, and adjoining it, comes the above claim, worked by Messrs. Wall and Harris. They have a fine well-defined reef (blue quartz heavily charged with pyrites); they are driving a tunnel on the line of reef to get under at a depth where a good shoot of gold has been prospected on the surface, but which underlays too much to work conveniently by shaft.

*Fuller's Reef (owned by Donnelly, Driscoll, A. Watt, Walter Sidney, Russell, Buchanan, and Party).*—Next on the track from Stewart's Brook to the Denison comes the well known Fuller's Reef, out of which such good returns have been obtained in past years, and which, under new management during the past few months, has shown such good prospects. The main low-level tunnel (1,250 long), which has been lying idle so long has been restarted, and at only a few feet further in rich stone was struck, which has continued in to the face, a further distance of nearly 150 feet. The reef averages from 2 to 4 feet wide, and some very rich specimens have been picked out, and the Company have a good body of stone at grass which should go many ounces to the ton. The Company have nearly completed the erection of a large-sized Huntingdon battery driven by steam. At the main tunnel mouth have excavated a large dam, and have everything very conveniently and thoroughly arranged for the future development of this mine. The results from the next few months crushings from this claim will probably cause strong attention to be drawn to this part of the gold-fields.

*Fuller's Reef, North.*—A 15-acre lease held by A. A. Wall. Since the proving of the rich gold going north in Fuller's Reef Company this ground has been taken up again, and the old workings known as "Blue Mountain Reef," have been cleaned out and put in thorough working order, viz., tunnel 350 feet cleaned out, necessitating a lot of work, owing to stull timber having given way, and several shafts having fallen in. A large quantity of quartz was crushed from this reef with very good results in past years, it being a good size and in easy country to work. The lessees have very good hopes by continuing this tunnel to strike a rich shoot of gold again, and if this Blue Mountain Reef should prove to be independent of "Fuller's," then the latter can be cut by a cross-cut tunnel driven east within 250 feet. The lessee has a very good prospect before him. To the north of this a 5-acre lease, held by B. D. Williams and party, is being rapidly proved by a tunnel on the line of reef from creek level, with very good prospects.

*Welchmen's Reef.*—Since last report this lease, held by A. A. Wall, has been continuously worked. A shaft, 8 x 3 feet (divided into up and down ladder ways), has been sunk a depth of 100 feet, and trial crushings taken from it at 60 odd feet. The reef was cross-cut (being between 10 and 11 feet thick) and some tons sent to Sydney for treatment, which gave the return of 1 oz. 8 dwt. per ton. This shaft would have been continued to a much greater depth, but the water was too heavy unless machinery were erected, and, after repeated trials, Mr. Wall had to give up the sinking and continue a tunnel on the line of reef, which was in some 300 feet, and prove the reef by driving some 350 feet further to reach shaft and drain the reef, which, by the amount of surface work done, catches so much surface water. The tunnel has been driven about 150 feet further, and the lessee expects very shortly to strike good stone, as he is nearly under where the old shoot of gold was worked in past years. Reef has carried a little gold all the way, but country has been hard.

*Simpson's Reef.*—Harle and party have been busily engaged at work on this reef, and are raising good stone.

*Collett's Reef.*—Harle and party have done a lot of work on this line, and have had some good stone out of it. It is their intention, after Christmas, to open out a fresh tunnel, as they have splendid facility to get depth, the mountain close to reef being nearly vertical.

*Jeweller's Shop Reef.*—There are great complaints amongst the miners here that this reef should be locked up in leases for past eighteen months to two years, and the labour conditions have not been fulfilled, in fact, not a pick put in the ground since corner pegs and trench marks were cut. Applications have been made to the Department to have same cancelled. Numerous other reefs are receiving attention at, and close to, the Denison, and a good deal of prospecting is being carried on by Clifford and party, Tilse and party, Taylor and party, Urquhart, Simpson, Johnson, Barber and party. I estimate the number of miners working at Stewart's Brook at between 350 and 400, and at the Denison (Moonan Brook) between 50 and 60; and from the fields about 3,500 tons of quartz have been raised during the year, and from about 2,500 tons crushed gold, to the value of £11,200, was obtained out of this. £7,700 worth of gold from total crushings of 1,309 tons of stone was obtained from the Royal Standard Gold-mining Company's mine. The value of the machinery erected at Stewart's Brook and the Denison is £4,700. At Stewart's Brook there are two large quartz-crushing machines, viz., the Royal Standard, a 10-stamper, with engine of 12 horse-power and water-power in addition, worked in combination, and the United Bluey Gold-mining Company (only lately completed and commenced crushing), a 10-stamper, with engine of 20 horse-power. A third machine is now in course of erection for the Ethel May Gold-mining Company (Limited), to be driven by steam-power by the proprietor, Mr. J. M. Harle. Number of miners' rights issued during the year at Scone, 179. In conclusion, I beg to state that I have great hopes of better times coming, and that there will be a marked improvement in the yield of gold during the next twelve months.

#### PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—INVERELL DIVISION.

(W. W. Fraser, Warden.)

I HAVE the honor herewith to forward my return for the year 1889 of the Tingha and Inverell Divisions of the Peel and Uralla Mining District under my charge.

The effects of the late severe drought retarded mining operations on alluvial claims during the early part of the year. Prospecting has, however, been carried on, and, although no new finds of alluvial deposits have been discovered, several reefs were found, and are being tested. I have no doubt that the future prosperity of this field will mainly depend upon the many reefs which are known to exist all over the

the field, and which prospectors are from time to time discovering. Then, when capital, with its means of supplying the most approved appliances for working the reefs, is brought to bear on them, I anticipate a permanent source of profitable industry for this field. An alleged discovery of a silver lode has quite recently been made near Elsmore; but the result of assays of samples sent to Sydney has not yet been received. The reef is said to be 42 feet wide.

The diamond industry is at present at a low ebb, chiefly, I think, owing to want of means of lessees to procure the necessary appliances for further developing their lands.

I am indebted to the managers of the Union Tin-mining Company at Elsmore and Tingha, the manager of the Malacca Tin and Diamond Company, and Messrs. Litchfield and Hills, tin buyers, Tingha, for the following returns, viz. :—

<i>Tin.</i>						
	Tons.	cwt.	qr.	lb.	£	s. d.
Union, Elsmore.....	113	18	1	2	=	5,928 0 0
„ Tingha .....	102	0	0	0	=	5,304 0 0
Malacca .....	6	16	1	21	=	351 3 0
Mr. Litchfield .....	700	0	0	0	=	36,400 0 0
Mr. Hills.....	430	0	0	0	=	22,360 0 0
	1,352	14	2	23	=	70,343 3 0

<i>Diamonds.</i>			
	Carats.	£	s. d.
Malacca .....	2,195½	=	878 5 0

Making the total value of output £71,221 8s.

#### PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—ARMIDALE, HILLGROVE, AND WALCHA DIVISIONS.

(*C. E. Smith, Warden.*)

IN submitting my annual report of minerals obtained in the Armidale Division of the Peel and Uralla Mining District for the year 1889, it is extremely satisfactory to notice the large increase in the yield of gold, which is nearly 200 per cent. more than the quantity returned for 1888, estimated at 11,500 oz., as the total return for last year is calculated at 30,550 oz.

The search for silver has been almost discontinued, and the approximate quantity won is about 300 oz.

Antimony having advanced considerably in market value, there is every probability of a large supply being obtained and forwarded from the district during the current year. During the past year 195 tons was obtained.

The total number of gold leases applied for was 282; mineral leases, 36; and mineral licenses issued, 153.

There were 2,329 miners' rights and 167 business licenses taken out. The number of quartz-crushing machines is estimated at 11, some of which have been only recently provided, and are not yet at work.

The population attracted by the Baker's Creek mines is about 3,000, and eight public-houses have been licensed—six for East Hillgrove, where there are a Public School, two Churches, two Banks, a Cottage Hospital, and a Post and Telegraph Office; the other two hotels are at West Hillgrove. Three constables are stationed at East Hillgrove, where a Warden's Court and Petty Sessions are held when necessary.

Postman's Creek Mines, situated about 12 miles southerly from Hillgrove West, and which were only discovered six months ago, are attracting considerable attention, and now that the quartz-crushing machinery recently provided by the energetic Enmore Consolidated Gold-mining Company is likely to be at work shortly, the first extensive crushing is looked forward to with considerable interest, as the trial crushing of 4 tons is alleged to have returned 11 oz. to the ton. The population of the mining settlement of Melrose, which is over a mile from the reefs, is nearly 500. A Post Office is established there, and postal communication has been allowed twice a week, by coach, with Uralla. Two hotels have been licensed, and a third is in course of erection, and a Public School is expected to be opened soon. About a mile of the main street, which is 99 feet wide, is reported to have been cleared of timber by directions of the Roads Superintendent, who is also having a shorter track to Melrose opened up for several miles. A constable, who is acting as Warden's Bailiff, is stationed in the township.

#### PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—GUNNEDAH DIVISION.

(*P. Brougham, Warden.*)

I HAVE the honor to submit my report for the year 1889 upon the Gunnedah Division of the Peel and Uralla Mining District over which I exercise supervision as Warden.

The only mineral which has been worked during the year is coal, and the following quantities have been raised from Black Jack and Curlewis Mines, viz. :—James Pryor, 1,861 tons; Mary Melvil, 1,227 tons; M'Cosker, 703 tons 12 cwt. 1 qr.; Centennial (Curlewis), 100 tons—total, 3,891 tons 12 cwt. 1 qr. The Centennial has only recently commenced work, and although at present the coal is not equal to M'Cosker's, yet as the work proceeds the quality may improve.

#### PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—TINGHA DIVISION.

(*W. A. Fraser, Acting Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to herewith forward my report for the Tingha division of the Peel and Uralla Mining District for the year 1889.

Owing to the severe illness of the Mining Registrar, and my having quite recently taken charge of the office, I am unable to give you a detailed report of the business transacted in this division during the year.

I understand that Mr. Warden Fraser, in his report of the Inverell division, has as well given full particulars of this part of his district.

The number of applications during the year to lease land is 63, and the area thus applied for amounts to 1,623½ acres, and the rentals received amounted to £341.

There were 208 mineral licenses, and 30 miners' rights issued for the value of £217; 20 business licenses for the sum of £20.

The output of tin in this division amounts to 1,100 tons, the local value for which is £52 per ton.

PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—URALLA DIVISION.

(K. T. Garland, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to submit my annual report for the Uralla Division of the Peel and Uralla Mining District for the year 1889.

Owing to the severe drought, continuing until late in the year, little washing could be done.

*The Rocky River Diggings.*

The Old Rocky Gold-mining Company finished driving to the boundary of the Tug-of-War Gold-mining Company without striking anything payable. French has finished driving at Mount Jones with no better results. The Jubilee Gold-mining Company have struck gold, but not yet payable. Rice and party are on good payable gold, 6 feet of wash, averaging 15 dwt. per ton.

*Postman's Creek.*

In July last a reef was discovered at Postman's Creek, a distance of 27 miles from Uralla, by prospectors named George M'Crossin, G. H. Robson, and James D. M'Lennan. The claim, which is called the Enmore Consolidated Gold-mining Company, has been recently floated in Adelaide for a capital of £170,000, and they are now erecting a large crushing plant at a cost of £10,000. At a trial crushing from 5 tons the average was 11 oz. 4 dwt. per ton. The Enmore Consolidated Gold-mining Company struck a reef on a spur leading to Postman's Creek, County Sandon, Parish Merrigalah, which assayed on the surface as much as 30 oz. to the ton. This reef has also been struck in two places lower down the spur on the Company's ground, the lowest being 380 feet from the surface. Trial crushings from James Houghton's claim (on Postman's Creek) of 5 tons averaged 2 oz. 5 dwt. Hanlon's, the Lord Hopetoun, Browning and party, Grenville, Leamon and party, and Walsh and party, all reported to be on reefs, averaging from 1 to 10 oz. to the ton.

A township has sprung up on this field, and has been called Melrose, having a population of between 400 and 500 inhabitants, about 120 residence and business areas having been applied for. There have been 117 gold-mining leases applied for for land at Postman's Creek, 114 applications of which were applied for since the 13th July last. During the year the number of licenses issued were:—Miners' rights, 478; business licenses, 38; and mineral licenses, 2;—the miners' rights sold during 1889 exceeding the number sold during the year 1888 by 151, the excess being on account of the new rush to Postman's Creek.

PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—WALCHA DIVISION.

(E. Marriott, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith my annual report for the Walcha Division of the Peel and Uralla Mining District for the year ending 1889, and I have much pleasure in being able to note considerable activity and improvement in the mining industry during that period as compared with previous years.

*Glen Morrison.*

1. The Glen Morrison Gold Prospecting Company did a large amount of work and expended a large sum of money on labour and putting the crushing machine in working order, which had been previously idle for some years. Suspension of work for three months has recently been granted for the reconstruction of the Company.

Mr. John Maule Hill, the legal manager, reports as follows:—The Company's claim consists of 14 acres of leases, through which run four lines of reef, all of which are gold-bearing.

2. *Golden Star.*—This line of reef is on the western side of the leases, and runs north and south underlaying west. It has been worked to a depth of 127 feet, the width of the reef being from 8 inches to 2 feet, the stone yielding good returns, crushings having reached as high as 70 oz. per ton of quartz. At the 127-foot level the reef has been split by a "horse" of slate. A main shaft has been sunk to a depth of 195 feet cutting the western leg at 170 feet. The eastern leg has taken a sharp turn east, on which a drive has been commenced, and it is highly probable that this leg will make gold when it returns to the proper course. It is estimated that within 30 feet the proper course will be made. Work for the present is suspended on this line. Ground hard and wet.

3. *Golden Bar.*—This line of reef lies about 300 feet east of the Star line, and runs north and south underlaying west. It has been worked to a depth of 80 feet; width of reef from 2 feet to 3 feet, stone yielding from 25 dwt. to 3½ oz. gold per ton. A drive is being carried on north at the 80-foot level. The reef is broken up into several veins of quartz carrying gold. There is every appearance of the reef making again in this drive. The main shaft has been sunk from the 80-foot level to a depth of 131 feet, cutting the reef at about 120 feet. Reef broken up and not defined, but gold-bearing. Ground hard and wet.

4. *Root Hog.*—This reef lies east of the Bar line, runs north and south. No work done on this reef during the past year.

*Temperance.*—This line lies north and east of the Star and Bar lines of reef, and runs diagonally nearly east and west across those lines underlaying to the north. Work on this line during the past year has been "stopping" out from 70-foot level and sinking underlay shaft on the reef from 70-foot level to a depth of 50 feet; reef running from 20 inches to 2 feet wide, showing fair gold. The stone crushed has averaged 9 dwt. to the ton and that ready for raising appears of a better quality. Work going on at present time raising stone from underlay shaft and preparing to sink main shaft to cut reef at 180 feet. Ground not over hard and little water.

Quantity of stone raised, 279 tons; quantity of gold won, 131 oz. 2 dwt.; value of gold won, £482 6s. 4d.

The Company have now the control of a 15-stamper battery, which originally cost, including erection, £3,584; and with repairs and additions a further expenditure of £350, making a total expenditure on the machine of £3,934.

*Centennial*

*Centennial Gold-mining Company.*

Mr. J. N. Watts, honorary secretary reports:—"This mine has not been working for the last three months, but it has now started work with two shifts, and the Company are determined to push on the work vigorously. During the present year we have driven over 100 feet on the reef, put down a shaft 40 feet, and have opened up the reef some distance. The prospects in the south are very encouraging, gold being freely seen in the stone, and, as it is all new country ahead, there is every reason to believe that a good shoot of gold is before us. We have about 500 tons of stone at grass, but, owing to the\* exorbitant rate charged for crushing and carting by the local battery and carriers, we have decided to let it stand over for treatment at some future time. Quantity of stone raised, 500 tons; none treated."

*Homeward Bound Gold-mining Company.*

Mr. J. N. Watts, legal manager, reports:—"We have been steadily raising stone, and have crushed 82 tons for a total of 122 oz. A trial crushing of about half a ton gave us a return of 26 oz. to the ton, and at the local battery we get  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. to 3 oz. per ton.

We have a main shaft down 60 feet, all timbered and secured; this we intend to sink another 60 feet to intersect the reef at about 100 feet. There is every prospect of this mine being a permanent and dividend-paying one.

Quantity of stone raised, 82 tons; quantity of gold won, 122 oz., value of gold won, £461 15s. 4d. net.

*Three-mile Creek.*—A new find near Glen Morrison. A number of leases have been taken up in this locality and a considerable amount of prospecting has been done.

The *Golden Crown Gold-mining Company*, Three-mile Creek, have sunk a shaft 60 feet, and propose driving on to the reef. Expended about £80 in labour and plant; no returns as yet.

*M'Intyre and party* have also done a considerable amount of work in sinking and trenching. Have sunk a shaft nearly 60 feet. From 30 to 40 tons of stone at grass. Prospects improving.

*Tia River Reefs.*

*Tia Gold-mining Company.*—Mr. J. N. Watts, part proprietor and legal manager reports:—"We started to sink the main shaft and succeeded in carrying it down to a distance of 40 feet below the level of the tunnel, but the water got too heavy for hand-power and we were obliged to let it stand over until machinery could be placed to keep the water down. We expect to cut the reef in about 30 feet, and should it be equal to where it was left under foot it should prove nearly 1 oz. stone and 4 feet wide. The Company are arranging for the introduction of more capital to work the mine efficiently."

"We stoped out 130 tons of stone from the top levels and treated a portion of it, but, on finding that a large percentage of gold went with the tailings, we decided to leave the bulk of the stone raised until we could procure better gold-saving appliances. The Company intend to push on the work vigorously this year, and are sanguine as to the prospects of the mine."

Quantity of stone raised, 130 tons, only a portion treated averaging about 10 dwt. to the ton; value of gold won, £35.

*Mountain Maid Reef (E. Oxenbridge and Party).*—*Prospecting Claim, Tia River.*—This claim is still being worked with assistance from the Prospecting Vote, and the holders of the claim have shown considerable energy in developing the mine. The main shaft has been sunk to a depth of over 150 feet, and a drive will now be constructed along the line of reef in a northerly direction to a distance of 50 feet.

Quantity of stone raised, 30 tons; still at grass,  $25\frac{1}{2}$  tons; quantity of gold won, from 3 tons crushed,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  oz.; value of gold won, £15 8s. 9d.

*Sleeping Beauty Reef, Tia River (David George).*—Work has been carried on in this mine under assistance from Prospecting Vote until the amount granted was exhausted, when work was suspended principally owing to the want of means, old age and infirmity of the owner, the claim has, however, recently changed hands and work may be resumed shortly.

*Cell's Creek.*—Situating nearly 60 miles from Walcha, south of the Port Macquarie Road. Several leases have been taken up in this locality, the principal holders being Messrs. Nathan Davis and party, of Port Macquarie; but little work by way of mining has as yet been done, the proprietors time having been devoted to the construction of a road to the machine site, and preparing for the erection of machinery now on its way to the mine.

*Mumble Creek.*—Three leases for Silver-mining have been taken up in this locality (two of which are held by Messrs. M. W. Walsh and E. C. Norton), but little work done as yet.

*Nowendoc.*

*Mount Carrington Mine, Nuggetty Valley.*—Henry Whittam owner, reports:—"Still driving from present length of No. 2 tunnel, between 500 and 600 feet to a further distance of about 70 feet northerly, at which spot it is expected the "conglomerate" will be met. Mr. Whittam has been working in this ground for the past six years by himself, and without any aid from the Prospecting Vote, he deserves every success.

From 15 to 20 men are engaged in "ground sluicing" at Nowendoc, and are said to be earning about £2 per week.

Miners' rights issued, 212; mineral licenses issued, 4; business licenses issued, 3; leases applied for gold, 33; for silver, 3.

Quantity of gold purchased locally, 394 oz. 4 dwt.—Value (Sydney Mint) £1,408 10s. 3d., which is a considerable advance on last years returns.

## PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—BARRABA DIVISION.

(P. Sinclair, Mining Registrar.)

In submitting to you my report of the Barraba Division of Peel and Uralla Gold-mining District, I have the honor to inform you that I have issued 91 miners' rights, 25 gold, and 1 mineral license.

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\* The Glen Morrison Gold Prospecting Company charge the public 15s. per ton for crushing, and the same Company paid 4s. per ton for carting tone from their claim to the machine, a distance of over 3 miles.

The mines for the last year have been slowly improving, especially as regards population. There are, I think, at present in my division over 130 or more, including women and children; and old Woodsreef is developing once more into a township, and I think this year will see men of capital here—just what we require. Things are slack at present here, but I think there will be reaction shortly.

Under separate cover you will find my returns for the year 1889, to the best of my knowledge. I think they are pretty correct. Diggers and fossickers are spread about—so much so that it is hard to come at a correct estimate of the quantity of gold won.

PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—BINGERA DIVISION.

(*T. Connolly, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to submit to you my report for the year 1889, which, as far as I can ascertain, has been fairly prosperous. I have issued 216 miners' rights, 14 mineral licenses, and 1 business license. I have received 15 mineral and 14 gold-mining lease applications. The principal part of the gold has been found about 5 miles from Bingera, on the Tamworth Road. Shallow alluvial sinking; the ground is poor, but most of the miners are getting a little. The best claim has given a return of £5 a week to four men for the last six months. I feel certain that more gold has been won, but it has gone through private hands and cannot be traced. On the whole the prospects are very good.

PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—HILLGROVE DIVISION.

(*S. Matthews, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith my annual report on the Hillgrove Division of the Peel and Uralla Mining District, up to date. I have not been able to visit the eastern portion of the division, on account of the incessant rain which has fallen during the last eight days, no less a quantity than 770 points being recorded during that time. I shall inspect the different mines in the above-mentioned locality, as soon as the weather will permit, and forward a supplementary report on same.

The past year has shown a decided improvement on previous years, mining matters generally having made great progress in this division, and from the appearance of the majority of the working claims I am of opinion that the year 1890 will tend to show a still further improvement.

During the year ended 31st December, 1889, there have been 88 applications for gold leases, covering an aggregate of 751 acres, and 23 applications for mineral leases, covering an aggregate of 700 acres. I have also issued for the year 659 miners' rights, 135 business licenses, and 10 mineral licenses.

Total revenue for the year from all sources, £1,984.

*Baker's Creek Gold-mining Company.*—This Company are working on two distinct reefs. No. 1, which is known as Smith's reef, being about 1 foot wide, and the second about 2 feet wide. The number of tons crushed during the year being 3,137, giving a yield of 24,825 oz. of gold, valued at £82,361 15s. 11d. They employ 120 men; value of machinery, £6,000, which consists of a 20-head stamper battery and Berdan pans, driven by 40-horse-power engine. They are at present laying down ten head more stampers to crush for the public.

*Ellenora Gold and Antimony Mining Company.*—No. 2 shaft, 120 feet deep, on lode composed of quartz and antimony, 8 feet wide, intersected by a sandstone dyke,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide. The quartz in this shaft averages 8 dwt. to the ton. They have also driven 70 feet on the lode, which averages the same right through. Next in order is what is known as Brakin's shaft, which is about 600 feet N.W. of No. 2 shaft, this is down 312 feet on the same lode as found in No. 2 shaft, with an average width of 5 feet. Next in order is the Isabella shaft, 400 feet to the N.W. of Brakin's shaft, which is down 86 feet, with a drive of 212 feet to meet a similar drive from Brakin's shaft. These drives are on the same lode all the way; strike of lode, N.W. by S.E.; underlay, 1 foot in 4 to the N.E.; the greater part of the lode is treated by being put through a smelting furnace, which extracts the antimony, the remaining part being then crushed in a 25-head stamper battery. The antimony thus saved goes about 63 per cent. of pure metal per ton. A parcel of 38 tons, which has just been shipped to London, is expected to bring from £45 to £50 per ton. The refuse from the smelted ore is then put through the battery, and afterwards through Berdan pans, the result being a return of 1 oz. gold to the ton. A trial parcel of 32 tons of burnt concentrates have just been forwarded to the Clyde Works, Sydney, for treatment, from which they expect to get from 4 to 5 oz. of gold per ton. This Company have just finished a trial of the electro-dynamo process, but it was a complete failure, and has been discarded. Value of machinery and plant, £15,000; number of men employed, 80.

*Sunlight Gold-mining Company, Block 110, M.C.P.*—No. 1 tunnel driven 70 feet to strike lode, and continued 418 feet on lode, which averages 6 feet wide, strike N.W. underlay to the N.E. about 1 in 10; the reef is gold-bearing, and gives an average of 2 oz. to the ton. No. 2 tunnel, which is about 110 feet easterly of No. 1, is driven 20 feet to strike lode, and driven 120 feet on lode, which is the same as is met with in No. 1 shaft, are also driving a third tunnel 112 feet further east, which is in about 50 feet, and expect shortly to strike the lode. There are also three other lodes showing on the surface to the N.E. of the main lode and two lodes to the S.W., all of which have been proved to contain gold; but as no thorough test has yet been made, and no work done on them, I cannot say whether payable or not. The Company have just purchased a 20-head battery, with complete concentrating machinery, valued at £1,700, the greater part of which is now on the land. The manager expects to have a first crushing-out with the new machinery about the end of June next. Value of old plant, £900; number of men employed, 42.

Block 109 M.C.P., which adjoins the Sunlight Company's land on the western boundary, have just found a nice looking reef about 2 feet wide, running parallel to the Sunlight lode, assays from which give a return of 11 oz. 8 dwt. of gold per ton, have only lately commenced operations, and are employing five men.

*Baker's*

*Baker's Creek North Gold-mining Company.*—No. 1 main shaft is down 150 feet, and expect to strike lode at 350 feet. A winze has been sunk 75 feet, on a lode about 12 inches wide, showing a little gold. Have driven in main shaft and cut two lodes, one 2 feet wide, supposed to be the big reef that runs through the Baker's Creek Company's land. The other reef is about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide. Average yield from the two reefs, 1 oz. 15 dwt. per ton. The former runs south-east and the latter north and south. They have driven 65 feet on the latter, showing the reef all the way; have also driven 68 feet on the first-named, showing the reef the whole distance. Both reefs underlay about 1 in 4 easterly. The only machinery at present on this Company's land is a winding machine, valued at £150. Number of men employed, 70.

*Primrose Gold-mining Company.*—Shaft 60 feet deep, on which a brace has been erected 32 feet high, on a lode averaging 1 foot wide; strike north-west, underlay west, about 1 in 15. This is a continuation of what is known as Smith's Reef, in the Baker's Creek Company's ground. They have had several trial crushings, one from the 32-foot level of 15 tons, yielding about 6 oz. to the ton, and a second crushing of 15 tons, yielding about 7 oz. to the ton, also a crushing of 2 tons of picked stone, crushed at Sydney gave a return of 35 oz. to the ton. No stone has been crushed for the past six months; are sinking a further depth of 60 feet, after which intend to open out and raise stone, of which there are about 16 tons at grass estimated to yield from 6 to 8 oz. per ton; 32 tons quartz yielded 222 oz. of gold. Value of plant, £606; number of men employed, 15.

*Enterprise Gold-mining Company.*—Tunnel driven 150 feet on lode averaging 1 foot wide, strike north-west, underlaying east 1 in 12. A trial crushing from this reef gave a return of 2 oz. per ton; a parcel of 20 tons has lately been forwarded to Sydney for treatment, which is estimated to go about 4 oz. per ton; have also sank a shaft on reef for a depth of 35 feet, showing lode from 6 inches to 2 feet wide; have also driven from bottom of shaft 60 feet, showing same lode all the way; expect to be in full working order in about six months, when they expect to employ about 25 hands. Number of hands at present employed, 5.

*Cosmopolitan Gold-mining Company.*—No. 1 tunnel driven 100 feet on lode 2 to 6 feet wide, consisting of antimony and quartz. Quartz shows a little of gold, and the antimony averages about 50 per cent.; strike of lode, north and south; underlay east about 1 in 10; also, two other tunnels started to the south of No. 1, both on the same lode, which is traceable in this Company's ground for a distance of 45 chains. I may mention that the Company hold 54 acres in all, have also sank a winze 90 feet on the lode which varies from 2 to 4 feet. This Company have done a considerable amount of work, such as cutting a dray tract from the top of the falls to their workings, a distance of 400 feet; they are also laying a tramway for a distance of 9 chains to a battery right at the bottom of the falls, which they expect to shortly start erecting, some of the machinery being already on the ground. This battery is intended to be driven by water-power, the water to be obtained from two large reservoirs at the top of the gorge, which are estimated to hold 1,800,000 gallons of water; it is to be conveyed to the works by iron pipes, "which are already in position for a greater part of the distance" down the side of the gorge, a distance of about 2,000 feet. About 400 tons of stone at grass awaiting erection of machinery. They have also shipped a considerable quantity of antimony to England, which, at the high prices now ruling, should go a long way towards paying expenses. Number of men employed, 32.

*Lady Carrington Gold-mining Company.*—Tunnel driven 150 feet on a lode averaging about 2 feet wide; gold bearing, giving a return of about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of gold per ton; have also driven a cross-cut about 80 feet lower, to strike the lode, for 72 feet, in which have crossed three lodes; have driven 13 feet on one, 44 feet on the second, and 33 feet on the third; traces of gold found in each; underlay, N.E.; strike, N.W. Have also sunk grass shaft to strike the main lode at the 33-foot level; on the lode all the way. Are at present cutting tramway from top of the falls, and excavating site for battery; number of men employed being 32. 16 tons of quartz crushed in Sydney gave a return of nearly 2 oz. per ton.

*Mount Carrington Gold-mining Company (No. 1 Tunnel, 25 feet).*—No. 2 tunnel, 110 feet, showing small leader, gold bearing. No. 3 tunnel, about 220 feet, showing lode 3 feet wide, showing 1 foot of solid quartz, which on testing by dolly, gives a return of 1 oz. of gold per ton, are driving along this reef about 100 feet to the south on the lode all the way; strike about N.W. S.E.; underlying easterly about 1 in 10. Number of men employed, 8.

*Ellenora North Gold-mining Company.*—No. 1 shaft sunk 60 feet on a reef 2 feet wide, carrying a little gold; reef is composed of quartz marked with pyrites; strike, N. and S; underlay, easterly 1 in 6. No. 2 shaft, 50 feet, showing two reefs, one on the hanging wall being 1 foot wide, and the other on the foot wall  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide, both showing trace of gold, which they expect will junction at a depth. This shaft is about 2 chains east of No. 1 shaft, and the reefs are distinct from that found in No. 1 shaft; the strike of both reefs is N. and S., underlaying about 1 in 5 E. There are three other reefs further E. not yet opened. They are starting a tunnel at the western boundary to drive 300 feet, on which they expect to cut all the above-named reefs, and thus test the whole of the ground. Number of men employed, 6.

*Garibaldi Gold-mining Company.*—Main shaft 110 feet deep, on lode, 3 feet wide, of quartz and little antimony. The lode is intersected by a sandstone dyke, averaging 1 oz. to the ton; strike of reef, N.E. and S.W.; underlay nearly perpendicular. No. 2 shaft, 100 feet, on reef, which is split into three parts by sandstone dyke; strike, N.E. and S.W.; underlay same as in No. 1 shaft. A trial crushing of 6 tons gave a return of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  oz. retorted gold, and 10 per cent. concentrates, assaying 31 oz. One  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of concentrates, taken from the above and treated in Sydney, gave a return of 14 oz. for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton. The Company are now preparing site for battery and concentrating plant. Number of men employed, 30.

*Lord Hopetown Gold-mining Company (late Root Hog).*—Shaft 39 feet deep. Are now sinking a winze 54 feet on lode, which is rather broken; also three tunnels, about 66 feet apart. The reef in Nos. 1 and 2 tunnels average 10 inches wide; and in the third or lowest tunnel, from 12 to 24 inches wide. Underlay almost perpendicular; strike not proved at present. Have crushed about 3 tons of stone, which averaged about 5 oz. to the ton. Number of hands employed, 10.

*Centennial Gold-mining Company.*—No. 1 shaft, 40 feet deep, on reef 2 feet wide, showing little gold. No. 2 shaft, 12 feet; also 3 tunnels, of which No. 1 is 90 feet; No. 2, 40 feet; and No. 3, 20 feet. Reef averaging from 15 inches to 24 inches; strike of reef, N.W. and S.E.; underlaying, E. Have crushed 3 tons of stone for a return of 7 oz. for the 3 tons. Number of hands employed, 5.

*Baker's Creek South Gold-mining Company.*—Shaft sunk 172 feet on reef, about 1 foot wide, showing a trace of gold. Have opened a level at that depth, alongside of reef. Have also driven a tunnel below the 152-foot level in the shaft, for a distance of 500 feet through the same reef, which is about the same. Number of men employed being 21.

*Princess Midas Gold-mining Company.*—No. 1 shaft, 60 feet drive, N.W. 15 from bottom of shaft, working in this shaft for antimony only, with prospect of cutting lode containing quartz; antimony lode from 6 to 8 feet wide mixed with slate.

No. 2 shaft, 38 feet deep, and about 300 feet easterly of No. 1, sinking on a quartz lode about 18 inches wide, containing a trace of gold, strike N.W. by S.E. Perpendicular, the lode is mixed with a little slate and antimony, and seems to improve with depth. Six men employed.

*Golden Gate Gold-mining Company.*—One tunnel 150 feet, showing reef at 90-foot level, averaging 1 foot wide; reef mixed with slate and antimony. A trial crushing gave 13 dwt. per ton; winze sunk 94 feet, in tunnel, to a depth of 64 feet on same reef, which improves with depth; also air-shaft, 65 feet, the reef, strike E. and W., underlay to N. 1 in 6; also a second reef, about 43 feet S. of the above, 2 to 3 feet wide. Just opened, intend driving from main tunnel to cut this reef at a depth. Stone in this reef looks well and shows gold, strike N. and S.; also several small leaders on the same ground, which have not yet been tested. Number of men employed, 10.

*Gleeson's Block, Gold Lease 178.*—No. 1 tunnel, 80 feet, and cross-cut to east 30 feet, reef in tunnel 4 to 6 inches wide, showing little gold, strike E. and W. No. 2 tunnel 90 feet on small vein of quartz; trial crushing gave 11 dwt. per ton; have about 20 tons of stone at grass. Number of men employed, 5.

*Moore and Party's Gold Lease, 287,* which joins the eastern boundary of the Garibaldi Gold-mining Company's land.—Reef on surface 1 foot wide, showing little gold; strike of reef, N.E. Are sinking on reef. Number of men employed, 4.

*P. Ryan & Co.'s Lease,* joining the above on their eastern boundary, have three reefs showing on surface, averaging from 6 to 12 inches; strike, N.E. They all contain a little gold. Are now sinking shaft to prove same. Number of men employed, 5.

*Moore and Party's Gold Lease.*—East of the above, showing a reef 2 feet wide; no gold in it as yet; have done no work up to date, but intend to commence shortly and prove reef.

*Little Nellie Reef (Monk and Party).*—This reef is situated on the Woolomombi River, about 10 miles north of Hillgrove. The reef is opened in several places; No. 1 shaft 16 feet deep, and No. 2 9 feet on lode 14 inches wide, strike E. and W.; the stone is of a bluish grey colour with granite hanging-wall, and porphy foot-wall the stone shows a little gold. The lode is traceable for about 8 chains; country, granite formation, gently rounded hills with abundant supply of wood and water. The district round has been worked for alluvial some twenty years ago, and I have heard that some very good patches were obtained. Four men employed.

*Little Beauty Reef (Chilton and Party).*—This reef is about half a mile west of the Little Nellie line of reef. A shaft has been sunk 6 feet showing a reef about 8 inches wide, with trace of gold and silver, are sinking to prove reef.

*Union Jack Reef (Kemp and Finlayson).*—About half a mile west of the Little Nellie line of reef. A shaft has been sunk 56 feet on lode 4 feet wide, showing gold-bearing vein of from 2 to 20 inches wide. Assays from this vein give a return of from 6 dwt. to 5 oz. gold per ton. The lode is composed of ferruginous quartz and fellstone. This reef is traced for a quarter of a mile, strike E. and W.; are not working at present, as trying to amalgamate with some private property adjoining; there are also several veins of quartz running through this land.

*Comet Reef (Rodgers and Party).*—About 2 miles north of the Union Jack, at the junction of the Boundary Creek and Woolomombi River. This reef is on private property. It is in slate country, strike S.E. There are several shafts sunk, one about 15 feet, showing a lode 5 feet wide of quartz, carrying a little gold. This reef was worked about twenty years ago and abandoned, but the present party have great faith in the result. They are commencing to erect machinery to properly develop the mine. There are at present six men employed.

About half a mile to the east of the Union Jack reef there is a large lode about 300 feet wide, of felspathic rock formation, intersected with ferruginous quartz veins, containing silver and a little gold, strike N. and S., assays from which have given from 15 oz. to 7,400 oz. of silver per ton, and from walls of lode 15 dwt. to 7 oz. of silver, and 3 to 17½ dwt. of gold per ton. The lode is traceable for about half a mile, about 20 chains only of which are on Crown lands, the remainder being on private property. Messrs. Kemp and party, the discoverers of this lode, are sinking on it to prove the depth, and if satisfactory, will form into a Company and put on more hands to open it out.

Up to the end of the year 1889 there has been about 8,300 tons of stone crushed for a return of about 29,300 oz. of gold, valued at about £99,320; total number of hands employed, about 600.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON THE HILLGROVE DIVISION OF THE PEEL AND URALLA MINING DISTRICT.

*Mount Ophir Gold-mining Company (J. Walsh and Party).*—No. 1 tunnel driven 60 feet on lode about 8 feet wide, divided by dyke about 6 feet wide, strike N.W., underlaying E. about 1 in 6. Trace of gold has been found in this reef, but nothing payable at present. The quartz is mixed with antimony. Have also sank a winze in tunnel for a depth of 12 feet on the hanging-wall. Have not cut the lode as yet. No. 2 tunnel, which is about 300 feet lower down the gorge, has been driven 100 feet on a lode, about 2 feet wide, of a bluish quartz mixed with antimony, with a trace of gold. A trial crushing of 5 tons from this reef has been forwarded to Sydney; result not yet known. There are several antimony leaders running through this property which have not yet been opened. Six men employed. This property is about 2½ miles east of the Ellenora property.

About a mile further east there is the new Ellenora reef (Becke and party). No. 1 tunnel, 21 feet, showing a lode about 6 feet wide, intersected with veins of quartz and antimony varying from 2 to 5 inches wide; strike of lode N.W., underlaying E.; trace of gold in quartz. There are also two lodes to the east of No. 1, which are about the same width and formation as No. 1. Have driven a cross-cut on No. 2 lode to intersect No. 1 lode, so as to work the two from the one level. They expect to junction in about 18 feet. The antimony in these lodes is of very good quality, and they are bagging about 25 tons to send away. It is fully expected that the antimony itself will more than pay working expenses. Have tested this lode for gold—result, 3 to 15 dwt. to the ton. Have also three lodes to the east of the above which

which have not yet been opened. Have also opened No. 1 lode about 30 feet higher up the gorge, in which the lode is shown about the same size as in No. 1 tunnel. A considerable amount of work has been done on this property, viz., No. 1, platt, 117 feet long by 13 feet wide, on which is erected a blacksmith's shop. It is intended to cover the whole of the platt, so that it can be used as a shed for dressing and storing antimony. No. 2 platt, about 15 feet higher up the gorge, is 15 feet x 23. They have also cut a road from the top of the gorge for a distance of about 20 chains, to enable them to reach all the workings with safety. Number of men employed, 11.

Verge and Richardson's lease, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the west of the New Ellenora.—No. 1 shaft about 10 feet deep, showing lode formation 3 feet wide, containing antimony veins of from 1 to 6 inches wide, strike N.W. No. 2 shaft, just opened, showing a small reef of quartz in which a trace of gold is found, are commencing to develop the land. There are four other lodes running through this property, varying in size from 1 foot to 3 feet, all of which contain antimony and quartz. Have not done any work on them to date. Three men employed.

Mining lease portion 47, which lies westerly of the New Ellenora, contains several lodes of antimony varying from 1 foot to 2 feet wide. Also one lode of quartz and antimony, 3 to 5 feet wide. No work has been done on this property as yet.

About 200 yards easterly of the New Ellenora property the country changes from felspathic granite to a slate formation, which continues for about 3 miles easterly, in which there are numerous small veins of quartz and antimony visible, also the whole of the country between this and the village of Hillgrove is intersected with antimony lodes mixed with quartz, varying in size from a few inches to 1 foot.

#### PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—GLEN INNES DIVISION.

(G. Stevenson, Mining Registrar.)

OWING to a rich find of gold by Messrs. Meehan Brothers at a place known as "Bear Hill," in the parish of Mitchell, county of Clarke, about 39 miles by road in a southerly direction from Glen Innes, a very strong impetus was experienced in gold-mining. Powerful and influential companies have been formed, and the development of this industry during succeeding years promises to be extensive and successful. Further prospecting at Kookabookra, which is situated at the junction of the Mitchell and Oban Rivers, and which is distant about 34 miles, by road, south-easterly from Glen Innes, has confirmed the stability and value of the reefs in that locality.

The following table gives the business transacted at this office:—

Miners' rights issued .....	416
Mineral licenses.....	94
Business licenses .....	97
Applications received—	
Machine sites.....	9
Mining tenements (quartz).....	12
Business and residence sites registered .....	129
Gold lease applications for a total area of 2,183 acres, 3 roods, 9 perches.....	198
Mining lease applications for 938 acres.....	31
Total amount collected .....	£3,242 2s. 6d.

The business and residence areas registered are almost wholly at Kookabookra and Bear Hill, where residence sites were laid out by Mr. Warden Martin, under the Mining Act and Regulations thereunder.

*Kookabookra.*—In this township there are two hotels, four stores, two butchers, one baker, besides produce stores, and places of residence. A police station has been established with a senior-constable in charge; the mail accommodation is provided by a four-horse coach plying to and from Glen Innes twice a week, and a Warden's Court is about to be established, so that the necessary conveniences will be provided for all mining and other purposes. The Welcome Stranger reefs, principally owned by Messrs. Simpson, Drew, and Brereton, are contiguous to the township, and several crushings from the battery proved the richness and stability of the reefs. Another reef, said to be rich, and known as "The Germans," traverses the main street of the town, but has not been worked owing to a dispute between two parties who are applicants. Given that this be speedily settled the town must progress, as a large number of men will be employed on these valuable properties.

*Bear Hill* as a township is of less pretensions than Kookabookra, and is about 4 miles easterly of the latter place, a mountainous road intervening. It contains one public-house, two stores, one butcher, one baker, and the other necessary adjuncts of a mining centre. The Bear Hill Proprietary, formerly known as Meehan's, was the first company formed, being quickly followed by the Butcher's and the Butcher's North. It is stated that other rich finds have been discovered, especially that of Shakespeare and party, adjoining the Butcher's on the south.

It is reported that valuable reefs have been discovered at Glen Elgin, where alluvial gold was obtained in past years; eight leases have been applied for, and the work of thoroughly prospecting the ground is going forward rapidly under the direction of our townsman, Mr. F. J. Thomas. These reefs are situated on the Rocky or Glen Elgin River, about 40 miles north-east from Glen Innes.

The large increase and activity displayed in mining operations, during the year, led to a corresponding increase in the duties performed by Mr. Warden Martin, who, besides giving advice and counsel to every person engaged in the pursuit, repeatedly visited the several "finds" in a precipitous and mountainous country. Fifty Warden's Courts were held, as against ten in 1888, and two each in the two preceding years. The principal business arose from complaints as to the non-fulfilment of the labour conditions imposed under the Act and Regulations, his decisions giving entire satisfaction to the miners, and his recommendations being very generally acted upon by the Department. His long experiences and intimate knowledge of the law and district enabled him to perform his arduous and oftentimes irksome duties with great success, and with the very satisfactory results that the different fields are in a very fair way of being fully tested and worked.



## PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—ARMIDALE DIVISION.

(J. M. Sheaham, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to submit to you my report for the past year of the Armidale Division of the Peel and Uralla District. Owing to the Hillgrove District being formed into a separate division, and the newly discovered field at Enmore, being transferred from the Armidale Division to that of Uralla, I have no workings of any importance to report upon.

The Clarendon Company, whose operations were carried on on the freehold land of Mr. George Cross at Tilbuster, have suspended work for some months past.

On the Tilbuster Creek during the past year several parties have been prospecting; up to the present, however, no report of anything payable has been reported to me. The number of miners' rights, business and mineral licenses issued during 1889, exceeds the number issued during the previous year, as will be seen from the following statement:—

	1889.	1888.
Miners' rights.....	980	853
Business licenses.....	42	29
Mineral licenses.....	137	24

The applications for gold-mining and mineral leases, for the present year, however, show a considerable falling off. This is altogether owing, as I have already stated, to the Hillgrove District having been formed into a separate division.

During the year 1888 I received 265 applications for gold-mining leases, embracing an area of 3,180 acres. Applications for mineral leases during the same period were 29, embracing an area of 1,160 acres.

During the present year the number of applications received were:—For gold-mining leases, 45, embracing an area of 488 acres; mineral lease applications, 10, embracing an area of 240 acres.

In conclusion, I regret to say that, as far as the Armidale Division is concerned, mining *per se* is at a very low ebb.

It is to be hoped, however, that things will take a turn for the better during the ensuing year, which doubtless will be the case, owing to privileges conferred on prospectors by the Mining Act of 1889.

## PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT.—DEEPWATER DIVISION.

(J. W. S. Isaacs, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor herewith to submit my report for 1889 of mining operations in my division.

Deepwater was proclaimed a mining district from 1st August, 1889. Since then I have issued, up to 31st December, 18 mineral licenses, 1 miner's right, and have had 68 applications for mineral leases, all for purposes of mining for tin or silver.

Referring to silver-mining, a large amount of land has been applied for, and great activity prevails at and around Castle Rag. Numerous companies have been floated, and sinking has been vigorously carried on. A township has been formed. As a large number of men are employed the Castle Rag find gives every evidence of permanency and richness.

*Castle Rag Proprietary Silver-mining Company.*—Men employed, 97; machinery, 3 boilers, one 10-horse-power engine, one 6-horse-power engine, one 4-horse-power engine, ore-breakers; roller-mill, jiggers, revolving buddles, separators, revolving sieves, steam pump, and other appliances. Total value, £7,000. Houses, horses, smithy, engineer's shop, assay office, mine, plant, &c. Value, £2,500. Ore raised, about 4,000 tons; value, £30,000; ore despatched, 200 tons; value, £1,600. A parcel of 50 tons sent to Dry Creek Works, Adelaide, from this mine, left a profit of about £7 per ton after paying expenses. Deepest shaft, 140 feet; five shafts and tunnel, 500 feet.

*Castle King Company.*—Men employed, 12; value of plant, &c., £300; ore raised, 250 tons—value, £1,750.

*Castle Queen Company.*—Men employed, 16; plant, &c., value, £500; not yet opened out for raising ore.

*Castle Prince.*—Men employed, 6; value of plant, £150; no ore raised.

*Castle Chief.*—Men employed, 12; plant, &c., £400; ore raised, 50 tons.

*Castle King No. 2.*—Men employed, 6; value of plant, £120.

*Central Castle Rag.*—Men employed, 6; value of plant, £50.

*Castle Rag Extended.*—Men employed, 10; value of plant, £200.

*Castle Moat.*—Men employed, 10; value of plant, £80.

*Tin*

At the Nine-mile great activity prevailed towards the end of this year, several shafts being bottomed on first-rate tin. This caused numerous applications for land during December, 1889, and January of this year.

A Newcastle syndicate purchased a 20-acre block, known as Peter Jerney's, at a cost of about £3,000, and work will soon be in full swing. The sinking on this ground is about 30 feet, giving between 18 inches and 3 feet of first-class wash, the tin being of very high quality.

On Berkley and Palmer's ground a party of tributors also struck a lead of splendid tin towards the end of the year, and it will take a little time to develop. On this ground there is a splendid dam, engine, pumping gear, workshops, &c., &c.; value, about £1,250.

The M. and P. mine (lately Wright's) ground, is being vigorously worked. The claim has a really good reef, as well as good alluvial. The ground is being systematically worked under good management, and gives every promise of developing into a first-class property.

Mr. Cowan's ground has also been sold to a Newcastle syndicate at a high figure, and no doubt will soon give employment to a large number of men.

The Torington mines are employing about the usual number of men, &c., but I have not been able to obtain much information regarding that part of my division as yet.

I find it very difficult to obtain any reliable statistics of tin ore raised and despatched during the year. Very few of the working parties keeping any account.

At Pye's Creek the only mine working is the Pye's Creek Silver-mining Company. The main shaft is down about 350 feet, and fair amount of ore has been raised. There are eight or ten men employed on this mine.

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The New England Proprietary Silver-mining Company at Nine-mile has done a large amount of work for the year. The ore in this mine is totally different from any other ore in this district, carrying, as it does, a large percentage of bismuth. Assays have given as high as 700 oz. of silver, and 60 per cent. bismuth to the ton.

In concluding my report I may state that the outlook for the year 1890 is very encouraging indeed. A very large amount of capital has been lately invested around here in both tin and silver land, and no doubt a beneficial result will ensue.

The Nine-mile has for years been very highly thought of, but has never had the capital expended, as will now be the case. The Castle Rag Silver-field gives every promise of developing into one of the best in the Colony.

PEEL AND URALLA MINING DISTRICT—BENDEMEER DIVISION.

(*L. S. Stumbles, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward my report for the past year of the Bendemeer Division of the Peel and Uralla District. During the year ending 31st December, 1889, there have been three applications for mineral leases received at this office for the purpose of mining for tin—that being the only mineral at present worked in the district. There have been 16 mineral licenses issued at this office, and 5 miners' rights. There has been 26 tons of tin raised on Watson's Creek by parties holding mineral licenses, which was sold at £60 per ton.

PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—TAMWORTH DIVISION.

(*H. A. Ledger, Mining Registrar.*)

THE mining in my division consists of prospecting two lines of reef situated to the N. and E. of the town of Tamworth. There are about ten miners actually working.

PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—CASSILIS DIVISION.

(*H. S. Hawkins, Mining Registrar.*)

No mining of any description has been done in this division during year ending 31st December, 1889.

PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—GUNNEDAH DIVISION.

(*J. J. Kingsmill, Mining Registrar.*)

THE only mining in the Gunnedah portion of the Peel and Uralla Mining District is coal-mining. The Springfield Colliery and the Gladstone Colliery have been in existence between three and four years, and the Centennial Coke and Coal Company (Limited) has only been in existence a few months. The amount of coal raised, and the value of same, &c., is as under, for year 1889:—

No. of miners employed—(All Europeans.)	Colliery.	Output.			Value.		
		Tons.	cwt.	qr.	£	s.	d.
One above ground ; five below .....	Springfield .....	1,861	0	0	907	4	9
” ” two ” .....	Gladstone.....	703	12	1	342	1	4
Four miners employed .....	Centl. Coal and Coke Co. ..	100	0	0	50	0	0
		2,664	12	1	1,299	6	1

The coal industry in this district promises to be very successful.

Being a new comer to this district, I cannot enlarge on mining industry generally.

PEEL AND URALLA DISTRICT—GLEN INNES DIVISION.

(*G. Martin, Warden.*)

*Tin.*

NOTWITHSTANDING that the search for the precious metals in my division drew off much of the enterpris and labour formerly devoted to mining for tin, the output for the year was 1,695 ton 15 cwt.—being 414 tons in excess of the production of the previous year.

This increase was not owing in any way to the discovery of fresh sources of supply, but simply to the facilities available at all points for washing, in consequence of the ample and continued rainfall, extending over the twelve months.

At the average price of £50 per ton at the Tent Hill smelting works, the total value of the ore raised would be £84,812. The bulk of the ore was purchased and reduced at the smelting works, and the manager reports a production of 942 ton 13 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb. of refined metal for the year. Mining in the lode has made but slight advance since my last report, and of the ore won only 98 ton 17 cwt. came from this source.

The Basaltic-lead-prospecting Company, extended the main tunnel on their reserve for a total distance of 1,000 feet from the entrance, without as yet having found any payable wash. By the last report of the manager it appears from the continuous flow of water and the rough boulders encountered, that the drive is in the course of the old river bed, and it is expected that a deposit of value may be struck at any moment as the work proceeds.

This is the only work of exploration under the basalt now being carried on west of Emmaville, but in the opposite direction at the Nine-mile, surfacing on the Red Hill has been followed downwards into deep ground, where the deposit of stream tin is of sufficient value to induce the formation of a Company to mine for it in the freehold land adjoining.

The number of miners engaged in mining for this metal has very much decreased of late, and there does not appear to be any probability of an immediate increase, unless the deep lead at the Nine-mile should be found to extend in a defined run under the basalt in that locality.

*Silver.*

The four mines being operated on the last year for this metal, *i.e.*, Webb's, Webb's Consols, Pye's Creek, and Castle Rag, are still the most important in the division, but their relative importance has undergone a change.

The mine that was least opened out at the close of 1888, has, by careful and judicious management, combined with energy, been brought rapidly to the front, and holds at the present the most favoured position in the eyes of investors. Step by step, in the face of much adverse criticism and depreciation at the hands of so-called experts, this position has been won, and, judging by the appearance of the lode and the analysis of the ore obtained from it, there does not seem any reason why the estimate formed of its value should not be realized.

I the more dwell upon the prospects of this mine, as I wish to put it forward as an instance of the success to be attained by right management in legitimate mining, as opposed to the too prevalent desire to open a mine on the Stock Exchange instead of on the ground.

Castle Rag was thoroughly tested and well opened up before the general public was asked to join in forming a Company to work it, and the capital subscribed in shares was so moderate as to give a fair expectation of a dividend on the investment. Since the formation of the Company a concentrating plant has been erected at the mine, through which it is intended to pass all the ore preparatory to its transmission to reduction works at Adelaide or elsewhere. During the year 80 tons hand-picked ore, yielding 58 oz. silver, and 24 per cent. lead to the ton, have been forwarded for treatment to Dry Creek Works; and it is estimated that there are at grass 4,000 tons ore, averaging 40 oz. of silver, and 20 per cent. of lead per ton. It is not, I understand, the present intention of the Company to erect reduction works on the property.

In consequence of the apparent prospects of the mine and the opening of other mines in the locality, a township site has been laid out on freehold land in the vicinity of the mines, and all the lots disposed of to business people and others intending to settle there.

The distance from Deepwater Railway Station is 6 miles.

Veins of argentiferous galena are very numerous on Castle Rag Creek, and several of them are being opened up, with more or less energy, by companies and syndicates. The principal mine next to Castle Rag, is Castle King, where 30 tons of ore at grass is said to have given an average assay of 60 oz. of silver, and 60 per cent. of lead per ton. This ore, I believe, has been hand-picked.

*Webb's.*

After the failure of the attempts to treat the ore locally at this mine, all raised has been carefully hand-picked, and forwarded to Dry Creek, South Australia, for reduction. The manager reports 450 tons shipped during the year to those works—the first half-year returns giving an average of 80 oz. to the ton, and the last six months 95 oz. The total yield of silver for the year was about 36,000 oz., and the number of hands solely employed in extracting the ore, 50 men and boys. No use appears to have been made of the reduction plant at the mine, which is valued at £11,000.

It is estimated that 5,000 tons of low grade ores, averaging from 8 to 10 oz. of silver, are stacked on the ground awaiting the advent of some cheaper process of concentration than at present in use to make its manipulation profitable.

I forward a plan of the two working shafts of this mine, courteously furnished with other information by the manager, Mr. Adams, by which it will be seen that the deepest shaft is 360, and the lesser one 210 feet deep.

*Webb's Consols.*

I have not been able to obtain as ample information concerning the working of this mine as was so readily and courteously supplied by the managers of Castle Rag and Webb's concerning the working of the mines under their control, but from the data furnished, I gather that fourteen men have been employed throughout the year, and 40 tons of concentrated argentiferous galena sold, averaging 70 oz. of silver and 68 per cent. of lead. The deepest shaft on this mine is 135 feet. There is not any machinery on the ground.

*Pye's Creek.*

The expectations entertained of this mine, from surface indications, have not been realized as sinking proceeded, and at 329 feet in the main shaft the lode is reported to be small and not very rich in silver. There is not, however, any sign of the lode pinching out, as a smooth and clearly defined hanging-wall has been followed to the very bottom. There are about 800 tons of ore to grass, which, according to assay, should yield between 40 and 50 oz. of silver to the ton, but 20 tons sent to Dry Creek for treatment is reported to have given an average return of only 34 oz.

South-east of Glen Innes, in the Paddy's Land range, the silver lode referred to in my previous report, has been taken up by a Sydney syndicate, who propose spending £500 in testing the property. The lode is a wide one, and assays of surface gossan at the Mines Department, two years ago, gave 22 oz. of silver to the ton.

North-west of Glen Innes, and within 13 miles of the town, a well-defined vein of argentiferous galena has recently been discovered in a belt of hard slate and other metamorphosed rock, which displaces the granite over a considerable extent of country in that direction. A shaft put down on the lode by a party of miners to a depth of 70 feet disclosed a highly mineralized formation of not less than 8 feet in width, with a smooth hanging-wall dipping slightly to the south. A sample of the ore sent by me to the Government Assayer for analysis gave massive galena with a trace of blende and a few specks of copper pyrites, yielding 14 ounces 14 dwt. of silver to the ton—agreeing very nearly with a previous assay of lode stuff from near the surface. As the ore is evidently easy to smelt, it ought, apart from its value in silver, to be in demand to mix with more refractory ores at Dry Creek or elsewhere, where silver ores are sent for reduction. The lode can be traced without any difficulty on a westerly course for about a mile and a half, and indications point to its continuance over a much greater extent of country. Another argentiferous lode has been opened in the granite 20 miles east of Glen Innes, on the Newton Boyd Road, and assays of some small samples of the ore have gone as high as 60 oz. to the ton. The lode is said to be a wide one, and in a position easy of access.

*Gold.*

*Gold.*

Prospecting for this metal on the eastern fall of the table-land was unusually active during the year, and in consequence many promising discoveries of auriferous reefs were made both in old and new ground. The chief of these were at Bear Hill, near Kookabookra, at which place a Kangaroo shooter named Meehan was attracted by the glitter of gold in an exposed piece of quartz as he was crossing the crest of the range in pursuit of his game. Further investigation revealed gold in the underlying reef, and in a short time some hundreds of people had rushed to the locality and pegged out claims for miles around the central attraction. Unfortunately for the development of the field most of these people were mere speculators who desired to act as middle men between the miner and the capitalist, and from the first were a hindrance and a stumbling block to both.

The usual means were resorted to by the exhibition of specimens, and the concoction of telegrams of glowing import to cause a boom in mining circles, while the actual testing of the claims where all this wealth was asserted to lie was very generally neglected as being of quite secondary importance.

To afford the *bona fide* miner and capitalist an opportunity of combining their energies in the development of the field, it was necessary by enforcement of the labour conditions under the Regulations to clear off the dummies who were strangling the industry, and in the face of much clamour and abuse, and with the support of the Department this was eventually done. The result of this clearance justifies the action taken to effect it, as already capital is slowly but surely flowing in support of recent discoveries by the working miner, and the steady advancement of an apparently rich field is assured under the altered and more favorable conditions afforded the prospector.

The population of Kookabookra reefing-field had fallen to about 300 at the close of the year, but since then the tide has turned in its favour, and the class of experienced miners settling there are apparently well satisfied with the prospects opening out to them. The Welcome Stranger was the first mine opened on this field, and it is still the only one on which machinery has been erected for reduction of the ore. After the usual difficulties incidental to pioneer enterprise of this nature in a mountainous and sparsely peopled country without roads, a 10-head battery with engine and appliances complete was at last placed in position, at a cost of £1,500, and a trial crushing of 64 tons gave a return of 80 oz.—being 1 oz. 3 dwt. per ton. This was much less than was anticipated, but successive crushings under more careful manipulation of the machinery have brought the yield up to 2 oz. per ton; and this, I believe, to be the average of the mine as far as the lode has been explored. In all 119 tons 10 cwt. of stone were passed through the battery during the year for a total yield of 148 oz. of gold—value £573 10s, at the rate of £3 17s. 6d. per oz. The reef being worked is on the face of a steep declivity into which a tunnel has been driven for 340 feet on the course of the lode, which has an average width of 18 inches between walls of slate and granite. The bearing is about W.N.W. and E.S.E., and the dip 1 in 20 northerly. Up to the end of December, £3,100 had been expended on development of the mine by the present proprietary.

The Bear Hill Proprietary Company's mine, 4 miles easterly from the Welcome Stranger, is on the top of a sharp spur of the Paddy's Land Range, at an elevation of about 1,500 feet above the beds of Nowland's and Cedar Creeks, and into which it falls with steep declivities at every point. The country is wholly of indurated slate, and the lode of an average width of 18 inches, crosses the ridge on a N.E. and S.W., bearing with a dip of 65 degrees to the S.W. Three shafts have been sunk on the lode to depths respectively of 56 feet, 74 feet, and 115 feet, and 180 tons of stone stacked ready for crushing; but as yet there is not any machinery on the ground. A sample of the quartz taken by myself from the surface when the reef was discovered some months ago gave an analysis by the assayer to the Department of 18½ oz. to the ton.

The Butcher's Reef Company is the only other incorporated Company at work on this field, but I have not been able to obtain any return of operations from the manager of the mine. Lower down the hill Drew and Vitnell have a claim showing a vein 9 inches wide, from which a sample taken by me gave a return of 10½ oz. of gold to the ton. It is surprising that capital has not been drawn for investment in this ground, as the indications of richness are most promising, and the position of the reef affords unusual facilities for working and draining the mine. At the foot of Bear Hill Shakespeare and party are 50 feet down on a wide reef said to be a continuation of the Butcher's Reef, which shows gold freely, and which they intend to float into a Company as soon as possible.

Fourteen miles northerly from Kookabookra, at the Gulf, Oakwood, the Starlight Reef has been at last taken in hand by a syndicate who evidently intend to lay out money in proving its supposed richness. The reef is 2 feet 8 inches wide, running an easterly and westerly course, with a dip of about 65 degrees to the south. It lies about 500 feet below the edge of the table-land, and 1,500 above the bottom of the East Gulf, through which the Mitchell River runs over a boulder-stream bed on its way to the Clarence. A 10-head battery, with engine and gold-saving appliances complete, has been purchased, and will be erected below the mine on the Mitchell, but before the plant can be placed in position it will be necessary to construct a tramway for about 2 miles from the table-land to the river to carry the machinery to its site near the water. This work will shortly be taken in hand, and it is estimated to cost £1,000. The line will eventually be used for the conveyance of stone to the battery. The country is wholly of slate formation, and it is thought that there will not be any great difficulty in cutting and keeping open the tramroad at an easy incline on the steep face of the mountain.

Half way down the mountain and inclined to the north at an angle of about 20 degrees with the horizon the Golden Gate reef follows the course of Nuggetty Gully for a considerable distance on the east, and disappearing under the abrupt rise at its head it appears to make again on the western side, where Francis and party are driving in a tunnel in a claim called the Golden Key. The reef is very narrow wherever exposed, not exceeding 4 inches, but the outcrop was rich enough to pay the men who years ago broke it up with crowbars and gads to obtain by hand crushing the nuggetty gold which it enclosed. The gully severing the reef obtained its name from the payable quantities of coarse gold won from the rocky bed, where no doubt in past ages it had been deposited from the decomposition and erosion of the reef through which its narrow course had been cut by the waters falling from the table-land. Judging by the experience of Francis and party at the Golden Key the lode will widen and carry gold as it is driven on and incline more to the perpendicular the further the mountain is pierced, until eventually the dip will be found to follow the rule which appears to hold good everywhere else in this country, and trend permanently

permanently to the south. From the peculiar overthrown position and apparent richness of the reef, it would seem to be especially adapted for testing operations with the diamond drill, instead of by the slow and laborious method of tunnelling now being followed.

There are other auriferous reefs in this gulf, but beyond gathering surface specimens, nothing has been done to test their value. Thirty miles north of Oakwood and about the same distance north-east of Glen Innes, in the centre of the alluvial diggings at Glen Elgin, some gold-bearing reefs have lately been opened by F. J. Thomas and party, which are attracting some attention from capitalists. The find is not a new one, but although the main reef was sunk upon and cross-cut over a distance of half-a-mile, some years ago, for some not apparent reason the ground was abandoned as being of little value until Mr. Thomas, an experienced reefer, lately prospected the westerly continuation of the lode, and proved it to contain payable gold. Having been requested by the Department to specially report on the auriferous character of the reef, I visited the locality in November last, and took specimens at random from the old shafts and cuttings, which on analysis by the Government assayer, gave respectively :—

oz.	dwt.	gr.
0	13	0
0	8	16
6	4	2
1	8	6
1	7	4
13	7	20
3	16	5
3	0	22

per ton. The lode is of quartz, and a compact quartzite 3 ft. 6 in. wide between smooth granite walls, and is said to bear gold through the quartzite as well as in the quartz, which is 15 inches in thickness on the hanging-wall. The country generally is of granitic formation, but a mountain range of felstone and slate, with veins of quartz, breaks the continuity of the formation in the immediate vicinity, and appears to divide the watershed whereon gold has been chiefly mined for from that where tin has been principally found.

The Glen Elgin River, cutting a course between the two formations, here falls a considerable distance to the valley below, affording splendid sites for the utilization of water in driving machinery, of which the lease applicants intend to take full advantage when erecting their crushing plant.

A mile and a half higher up the river is the great chasm worked out by the Glen Elgin Sluicing Company when endeavouring to turn the river, but operations were stayed and the design abandoned on reaching the solid core of rock, as it was thought the expense of its removal would be too great, and the chance of profit too uncertain to justify any further prosecution of the enterprise. Gold is very generally diffused over this valley down to the falls, the colour being found everywhere, but the richest accessible deposits have long since been exhausted, and the ten or twelve old diggers who have become attached to the soil have for years found it a veritable poor man's country.

Reports of promising finds came in occasionally from Newton Boyd, on the Grafton Road, and it is very likely that rich reefs will be discovered in that neighbourhood, as waterworn pebbles of quartz showing gold freely are not infrequently picked up in the bed of Bruiser's Creek, which must have been detached from sources at the head of that Creek south of Newton Boyd township.

#### Bismuth.

Sixty men and boys were actively employed during the year at the Kingsgate Mine, in mining for this metal, but as the production, combined with the supply from other sources, appeared to be in excess of European requirements, all hands were discharged at the close of the year, and the mine shut up and left in charge of a caretaker.

At the Glen Innes Mine adjoining, four men were at work for an output of 3 tons. This mine was also closed at the end of the year for the reasons stated above.

The railway returns show that 40 tons bismuth ore were forwarded by train to Sydney during the twelve months, being the output from these two mines.

I append a summary of the amount and value of metals won during the year, and the average number of miners employed in the division.

RETURN showing the average number of Miners employed in the Glen Innes Division during the year 1889.

	Nature of Minerals Mined for.	No. of Miners.	Totals.	
<i>Glen Innes—</i>				
Europeans .....	Bismuth .....	43	299	
Do .....	Gold .....	100		
Do .....	Silver Ores .....	6		
Do .....	Gold and Tin .....	40		
Do .....	Tin only .....	20		
Chinese .....	Tin and Gold .....	40		
Do .....	Tin only .....	50		
<i>Emmaville—</i>				
Europeans .....	Silver only .....	170		
Do .....	Tin only .....	260		
Chinese .....	Do .....	400		
Grand Total.....		.....	830	
			1,129	

## ABSTRACT Mining Report, Glen Innes Division, for year ending December 31st, 1889.

*Glen Innes Division.*

	£	s.	d.
Tin Ore—142 tons 15 cwt., at £50 per ton .....	7,137	10	0
Silver Ore—15 tons, value unknown .....			
Bismuth Ore—40 tons, 55 per cent. metal, at £200 .....	8,000	0	0
Gold—143 oz., Welcome Stranger, at £3 17s. 6d. ....		573	10
411 oz. from other sources, £3 14s. ....		1,520	14

*Emmaville Division.*

Tin Ore—1,553 tons, at £50 .....	77,650	0	0
Silver Ore—625 tons averaging 70 oz. silver; 43,750 oz. at per oz., 3s. 8d. ....	8,020	16	8

Grand total .....£102,902 10 8

## HUNTER AND MACLEAY DISTRICT—KEMPSEY DIVISION.

*(J. Ducat, Warden.)*

ON submitting my report of the mining prospects, and of work done in my division for the year 1889, I have the honor to report:—

*Gold.*

There are no alluvial diggings in the division. Reports of a find were made casually, but as no field was ever found payable, I, therefore, did not report such as Warden.

Gold leases are only situate at Deep Creek, and only on the prospectors' lease, No. 196, has stone been struck. They have a shaft down 105 feet, with drives bearing east and also west. A very large dyke of mispickel quartz has been exposed. Various assays from this stone have been obtained from most of the reliable sources, all of which have given very favourable results, ranging at the rate of from 5 to 17 oz. per ton; and one reported to have been 33 oz. Notwithstanding this, the proprietors do not seek to realize in bulk from their property. They sent some 10 tons of stone to Swansea for treatment, but have not yet had intimation of the result. About 20 tons more stone is laying bagged up at the wharf ready for shipment, if the return from the first lot proves satisfactory. Steady work is being done, and a considerable outlay has been made on the lease. Lessees, No. 227, south of the prospectors, are down 61 feet, but the water has come in so strong upon them they will require to have machinery erected to enable them to keep it under. They are not yet on stone. There is no machinery whatever on the ground. All the raising and baling done with windlass and bucket.

*Silver.*

The remaining mineral leases in the same locality that are being worked, on none of them has stone been struck. Shafts are down from 40 to 50 feet, but without any satisfactory results.

*Antimony.*

A. J. Powell and party's lease. They are driving a tunnel on the reef, which ranges from 18 inches to 30 inches wide. The ore is of good quality, and will no doubt give a good percentage when treated. Anderson and party are overflowed with water. The late rains have flooded them altogether.

At Taylor's Arm and Buckrabandini Mines the leaseholders had only got on to work fairly at their leases at the end of the year. I cannot yet say what their prospects may be.

The Corrangula Antimony-mining Company have been at a standstill for over two years, not having done any work. The manager reported the works were to be started again; however, nothing has been done, all the machinery is laid up idle.

The Kullatyne mines have been abandoned, the prospects not giving sufficient encouragement for the expenditure of capital on them.

Twenty-two applications for mineral leases were lodged during the year, and one application for a gold lease.

There being no alluvial diggings in this division my duties as Mining Registrar have been confined to the sale of miners' rights, business licenses, and mineral licenses. The registration of claims or tenements were nil. Miners' rights sold during the year, 41; business licenses sold, 1; mineral licenses sold, 12.

## HUNTER AND MACLEAY DISTRICT—DUNGOG DIVISION.

*(C. G. Smith, Warden.)*

I HAVE the honor to report respecting the gold-mining in this division of the Hunter and Macleay District.

At Lower Wangat, 20 miles hence, the Wonga Claim is worked by a tunnel about 300 feet in length, having a shaft 50 feet deep, the deepest level being about 200 feet, and average width of vein, 12 inches. The underlay, 50° north, strike east and west. The holder of this claim of 5½ acres has expended £1,500, and during last year crushed 172 tons for 130 oz., realizing £400. He thinks that, by driving a tunnel at a lower level, the prospects of the mine will improve, and suspension of work has been granted to him until the 16th March to enable him to obtain more capital for that purpose. The number of men employed in this claim averages five. The value of the plant about £800, with a lease of a 10-stamper battery, at £80 per annum.

Adjoining the Wonga claim on the west is that of W. Vanderkolk of 1½ acres. He is now driving a tunnel to cut the vein, and has reached 150 feet. He has obtained a grant from the Prospecting Vote to enable him to go 60 feet further, and to drive along the line of reef for 100 feet. The prospects of the whole workings will very much depend on the result of Mr. Vanderkolk's operations.

Messrs. Boyle and Box hold an extended claim of about 3½ acres east of the Wonga. They have not yet had much encouragement, but intend to persevere.

At Upper Wangat some work of a desultory character is going on, but without capital no progress can be made; and persons who have obtained good prospects and have applied for leases have failed to execute them from want of means to carry on the work. Although some money has been expended on this field there has never been enough, and consequently an unwarranted expectation of speedy and satisfactory returns.

There are two batteries of 5 and 10 stampers driven by water-wheels, present value from £1,200 to £1,500; and, although now comparatively idle, they afford facilities for developing the field of much consequence both to claim holders and prospectors.

Good prospects have recently been obtained at Cherry-tree Creek, 6 miles from Dungog, on church and school lands, and the holders of the ground are erecting a 10-stamper battery.

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## HUNTER AND MACLEAY DISTRICT—BULLADELAH DIVISION.

(R. Quayle, Mining Registrar.)

I DO myself the honor to report as follows respecting the Bulladelah and Coolongolook portions of the Hunter and Macleay Mining District, for the year ending 31st December, 1889. Very little progress has been made since my last report. Messrs. Stuart and party crushed 20 tons which yielded 1 oz. per ton. This mine was cancelled and retaken up. The Mountain Maid have erected a 6-head battery, and expect good results. This is the only mine working at Coolongolook, and employs five men, suspension of labour having been granted on several claims. The Australian Alum Company at Bulladelah, have suspension of labour granted, and little progress has been made owing to insufficient machinery. The manager being away for some time I am unable to furnish any further particulars. Messrs. Partridge and Co. have raised 1,700 tons of limestone from their quarry, situated on the Myall Lakes, near Bungwall, and forwarded it to Sydney.

59 acres have been taken up at Coolongolook under gold lease; 23 miners' rights have been issued for the year.

## HUNTER AND MACLEAY DISTRICT—MAITLAND EAST DIVISION.

(F. S. Isaac, Mining Registrar.)

I BEG to report that during the year 1889 coal was the only mineral operated upon in my division of the Maitland District. In compliance with request contained in your circular of 1st July, 1889, I forwarded a form of the circular mentioned therein, to the holders of mineral leases in this district, full particulars of the replies to these circulars will be found in the return enclosed. The only coal-pits now at work in this district are four in number, viz. :—

1. South Greta Colliery Company (Limited), situate at Farley, near West Maitland; Edward S. Wright, Manager. From this lease during the year 1889, the quantity of coal drawn has been 10,560 tons, gross value, £5,280; cannel drawn, 428 tons, value, £428. The colliery has now been idle over two months, and only three men are at present employed, but for the remainder of the year when the mine was in full work an average of 62 men was employed.

2. Thornley Colliery, near East Maitland, G. Fishburn and Company.—Quantity of coal raised during 1889, 8,000 tons; value of coal at the pit, 5s. a ton; and the average number of men employed was 15.

3. Bloomfield Colliery, near East Maitland, Austin Fitzpatrick.—Quantity of coal raised during 1889, 10,000 tons; value, £2,500; number of men employed, 8.

4. Tulip's Pitt, near East Maitland, Matthew Tulip.—Output of coal for 1889, 1,050 tons large coal, valued at £262 10s.; small coal, 200 tons, valued at £20; this includes 345 tons raised from the mineral lease, No. 6 (see return attached hereto) during the last four months of 1889.

The coal from the before-mentioned pits is of highly excellent quality.

There have been 9 mineral leases applied for during 1889, covering an area of 5,440 acres. The number of mineral licenses issued during the year 1889 was 10, and miners' rights, 22.

## RETURN REFERRED TO IN ANNUAL REPORT.

Number of Lease.	Name of Lessee.	Replies to Circular.
1	R. T. Smith .....	The only coal raised on this lease was that taken from a small shaft sunk from the field.
2	Arthur L. Hayes .....	No coal has been raised on this lease.
3	J. T. Mance .....	do do.
4	R. T. Smith .....	do do.
6	M. Tulip .....	Since the granting of the lease in May, 1889, two men have been employed; output 345 tons; value, 5s. a ton at pit.
13	D. Shaw and others .....	No coal has been raised on this lease.
14	D. Shaw and another .....	do do.
17	A. L. Hough .....	do do.
19	Robert Beeston .....	Boring operations started in February last, but no coal has been won as yet. Two bores have been put down, one to a depth of 804 feet, and the other to 770 feet, and still proceeding.
20	Do .....	
21	Do .....	
22	Do .....	
23	Do .....	
24	Do .....	
25	Do .....	
26	Do .....	
27	Do .....	
28	Do .....	
34	H. J. Adams and H. Trenchard .....	No answer received to my circular; leases delivered on 7th October last.
35	H. J. Adams .....	
36	Do .....	
44	H. J. Adams and another .....	No answers received to my circulars; leases delivered on 7th October last.
45	Do .....	
46	Do .....	
48	John Scholey .....	No coal as yet obtained; lease delivered November last.

## HUNTER AND MACLEAY MINING DISTRICT—COPELAND DIVISION.

(Alfred Stone, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to forward my report for the past year of the Copeland Division of the Hunter and Macleay District.

During the year ending 31st December, 1889, there has been eighteen applications for gold-mining leases, making a total area applied for 105 acres. There were 87 miners' rights and 27 business licenses issued at this office during the year.

I am glad to be able to state that a considerable improvement has taken place in mining matters in this division during the latter part of the year.

The Hidden Treasure Mine, which had been abandoned, has been taken up by a party of gentlemen residing in Newcastle. They had considerable trouble in baling out the water, and are now driving in a southerly direction in the 500-foot level. The manager appears very reticent, therefore I am unable to say with what result.

The United Reefs Gold-mining Company, which was floated a few months ago with a capital of £8,000, is busy erecting a 15-head battery, and expect to have it ready for operations in a few weeks. They have several tons of stone at grass. The work of raising stone is very much retarded in consequence of the quantity of water in the workings.

The Granville Gold-mining Company have had several men working during the latter part of the year. This Company is not quite formed yet; suspension has been granted to enable them to complete the Company.

There are two reefs on this property, viz.: The Sydney Flag, and the Rose and Thistle. Two tons of stone were sent to Sydney as a test with the following results—The Sydney Flag, 1 ton, realized 1½ oz. The Rose and Thistle, 1 ton, realized 6 oz. This Company has made arrangements with the United Reefs Gold-mining Company to crush their stone, which formerly cost £2 per ton cartage.

The Lady Belmore Mine, which had been abandoned for some years, has been taken up by a Sydney syndicate, and, after an unsuccessful attempt to bale out the water, went into a tunnel and drove 80 feet and struck the reef, which varies from 8 to 14 inches showing good gold. Towards the end of the year 2 tons of stone from the above was sent to Clyde Chlorination Works, Sydney, but the result is not yet made known.

The Centennial Gold-mining Company has been idle during the last half-year. Their tunnel is now in 1,050 feet. This Company has obtained assistance from the Prospecting Vote, and will again commence operations after the holidays. Messrs. Kelly and Hudson have made three attempts to get the water out of this shaft on the Mountain Maid line of reef, but were defeated each time and were forced to abandon it. They got 6 tons of stone from the 100-foot level which went 2½ oz. to the ton.

Kelly, Hudson, and Fallon have amalgamated their several claims on the Mountain Maid line of reef, and are engaged driving a tunnel which, when the reef is reached, will drain the whole line. This Company is in receipt of aid from the Prospecting Vote.

The Prince Charlie Company has done nothing since obtaining the land in the early part of 1887.

No. 2 Prince Charlie Company is engaged driving a tunnel, which is now in about 48 feet. This Company only started two months before Christmas, so that very little can be said as to its intentions.

From careful inquiries made from most reliable persons, I find that the gold won upon this division from quartz is 50 oz., and alluvial 44 oz. The total value of machinery on the field is estimated at £4,500. On the whole, there is a brighter look-out for Copeland during the year 1890 than there has been for many years past.

#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—THE TENTERFIELD, FAIRFIELD, DALMORTON, LOUISVILLE, AND WILSON'S DOWNFALL DIVISIONS.

(*J. B. Graham, Warden.*)

I do myself the honor to submit my report on the northern division of the New England Mining District for the year ending the 31st December, 1889.

Great depression in mining still exists in this district. During the year prospecting has been carried on, the result of which for the most part has not been satisfactory. Extensive mining plant has been erected at the White Rock, and a large plant is in course of erection by the Great Northern Gold-mining Company.

The Fairfield, or Drake, division comprises the east and north-east portion of my district. In this division the principal mining is carried on.

The White Rock Proprietary Mine, situated about 3 miles west from Fairfield, has so fully been reported on by me on previous occasions (especially in my yearly reports) that I have now little to add, except as to the progress made in the erection of machinery, plant, &c. The mine itself still looks well, showing numerous seams of rich galena and pyrites. About 150 tons of picked ore has been sent away from the mine during the year for treatment at different reducing works, the average value of which has been about £13 per ton. Two lots were sent to the Clive works, and the result, I am informed, was satisfactory. The mine has been considerably opened up since the commencement of the year. Rock drills, driven by compressed air, are used, and are doing excellent work. About 25,000 tons of ore is now ready to put through the battery.

The reduction plant is said by competent authorities to be one of the best and largest in the Colony. The mill, when at full work, will run sixty head of stamps, which, with the aid of the stone-breakers, will put through about 1,500 tons of ore per week. The battery is a Californian one, which will do considerably more and better work than the ordinary battery. A tram runs from the face of the mine to the works, the greater portion of which is self-acting, the full trucks descending pulling the empty trucks up. The ore is discharged from the trucks on a floor, at an elevation above the battery, where it is broken up with giant stonebreakers. One of the stonebreakers was made especially for this mine in America, and it is said to be the largest one yet made. It is capable of putting through 400 tons per day. The ore is then conveyed to the battery on a tram, and the battery is kept fed with automatic feeders. From thence it goes over tables and through concentrators, and eventually the slimes are treated with Frew vanners and Triumph vanners. The engines are sufficiently powerful to work the whole sixty head of stamps and all the concentrating plant. For the present the ore will be concentrated, bagged, and sent away to other reducing works for further treatment. I believe it is the intention of the Company to eventually treat the concentrates at the works.

Water



Water will be supplied to this plant by pumping from Plumbago Creek, and by catchment of flood waters in two dams built in the gully in which the works are situated. Crushing has now commenced with twenty head of stamps, and the problem as to whether the low-grade ores of the White Rock are payable or not will soon be solved. The fate of the mine, to a great extent, depends on this, although the rich seams (some of which are in places 1 ft. to 18 in. thick) could be worked separately; the great wealth of the mine is the low-grade ore, if it can be worked at a profit.

The Great Northern Company's mine is situated in Sawpit Gully, about 1 mile north-west from Fairfield. A large area of land is held by this Company under gold-mining and mineral leases. Reduction works are in course of erection, and now nearly completed; the ore is of a low grade, yielding probably not more than 4 or 5 dwt. gold to the ton; 1,500 tons of ore has been crushed with an old plant which did not satisfactorily save the gold—the result was 270 oz. gold. The new plant consists of a Californian battery of twenty head of stamps, each stamp weighing 900 lb. which will be driven at the rate of 90 drops to the minute. The amalgamation will be an improved method, by which it is expected nearly all the fine gold will be saved; there is a Giant stone-breaker and automatic feeders in connection with the mill, and a large quantity of ore can be put through at a minimum cost, by which means the Proprietary expect to obtain profitable returns. It is estimated that the plant can treat 360 tons a week. A number of reefs and dykes intersect this country, and the quantity of ore is practically unlimited. If the result of the treatment is profitable, it will probably be the means of opening up a large field abounding in low-grade ores.

The Mascotte Mine is situated about 3 miles south-east from Drake. This mine has attracted a great deal of attention. It is considered one of the richest mines in this district. A considerable amount of work has been done in opening up the mine, but no machinery erected as yet. Parcels of ore have been sent away to various places for test trials, the results of which have been most satisfactory. The following lots have been sent away, and treated during the year:—No. 1, 20 tons; yield per ton, 57 oz. silver and 1 oz. 6 dwt. gold. No. 2, 4 tons; yield, 125 oz. silver, 1 oz. 2 dwt. gold per ton. No. 3, 6 tons; yield, 37 oz. silver, 1 oz. 2 dwt. gold per ton. The ore is a sulphide, and will probably have to be treated by dry crushing and amalgamation. Arrangements will shortly be made for the erection of the necessary plant for the treatment of the ore.

The Adeline Mine at Drake is still working on a good well-defined reef, about 5 feet thick. The ore is of a refractory nature, containing a considerable percentage of copper; the assay value is about £3 per ton. The present manager, Mr. B. Bryant, is a miner of great experience, and he is very sanguine that it will prove a payable mine.

Wann's mine, situated on Sawpit Gully, near the Great Northern G.M. Company's ground, promises to be payable. The lode or dyke is about 25 feet wide. To a depth of 15 feet the ore yielded bullion to the value of £2 per ton; below that level sulphides were met, and the free gold could not be separated by the ordinary process. The ore still shows good assays, and the necessary machinery for its reduction will, in all probability, shortly be erected. 300 tons of this ore has been treated during the year at the Adeline battery, resulting in the saving of 325 oz. free gold, and 26 tons of concentrates, valued at £17 per ton. The total value of bullion and pyrites was £824. The mine is now purchased by a Company or syndicate for development.

Rivers' lease at Long Gully is situated about 7 miles southerly from Fairfield. A rich find of gold was made in this lease in 1888. The first reef discovered was very narrow, and soon ran out; 353 oz. of gold was obtained from it in a rich patch. Induced by the aid of the Prospecting Vote the holders continued prospecting, and discovered a larger and more likely looking reef. They have sunk 50 feet on it, and put in a drive 40 feet. The reef averages 8 inches wide. The ore is a gossan, containing zinc blende, copper, and visible free gold; 56 tons have been crushed, which yielded 278 oz. of gold. The reef still looks well. It is situated in an almost inaccessible gully. The stone has to be packed out and carted under great difficulties to Fairfield, as there is no machinery nearer than that place. This mine would probably have been abandoned if it had not been for the aid of the Prospecting Vote.

At the Red Rock very little work has been done during the year; in fact, that portion of the field is at present almost abandoned.

*Poverty Point.*—The Surface Hill Gold-mining Company has again been floated, and machinery will be put on to treat the mass of ore in this locality. The gold is contained in granite, and dykes of soft granite and felspar. The quantity is inexhaustible, but of a low grade, containing about 4 to 6 dwt. to the ton.

At Tooloom and Pretty Gully a number of miners are still engaged both on alluvial and quartz. The yield is about the same as 1888. Prospecting under basalt ranges is being carried out in this locality, aided by the Prospecting Vote. The surrounding country is auriferous, and it is expected that rich and extensive beds of wash, containing gold, exist under the basaltic flow.

At Lionsville and Solferino little alteration has taken place in the mining. About forty miners are employed, and the yield of gold has been about 200 oz.

At Dalmorton a slight revival has taken place. There are about fifty miners employed in alluvial and about 120 in quartz-mining; 150 tons of stone was crushed at the Mann River, yielding 62½ oz. gold. About 100 tons crushed at Dalmorton yielded about 79½ oz. gold. The yield from the alluvial during the year has been about 150 oz. gold. A number of leases have been applied for during the year.

*Wilson's Downfall Division.*—The alluvial tin on Wylie Creek and its neighbourhood is still being worked. A few new finds have been made. The mines are principally worked by Chinese. The yield for the year has been 254 tons, value £13,716. No lodes have as yet been worked. The Wylie Creek Tin-mining Company have two pumping engines at work, and they are on good payable wash.

A graphite mine near Undercliff is now working. Good ore is being obtained, and it promises to be a payable mine. It is distant 18 or 20 miles from the railway at Stanthorpe.

The Rivertree silver mines are situated about 18 miles east from Wilson's Downfall. This promises to be a rich and extensive field. Prospecting has been carried on during the year, which has resulted in the discovery of extensive and rich lodes.

The Wongabah Silver-mining Company own 13 40-acre blocks; two shafts have been sunk to a depth of 100 feet; numerous other shafts, tunnels, and open cuttings have been made for the purpose of prospecting the various blocks. This Company have erected a 30-ton water-jacket furnace, and smelting is now in full swing. In connection with the furnace there is a No. 9 patent pressure blower, drawn by a 14-H. P. engine; this smelter is erected on the leases, and is central to the various mines the lodes are at and near the junction of granite and slate country. The ore consists of gossan carbonate of lead and galena; iron stone and lime for fluxing are found in the vicinity. As there is abundance of timber, charcoal will be used in the furnace instead of coke. This Company purchases ores from the surrounding mines. The Rivertree Prospecting Company own several leases on the east bank of the Clarence River; work has been continuously carried on during the year, and the prospects are most satisfactory. Several parcels of ore have been sent away for treatment, with the following results:—No. 1—3 tons yielded 182 oz. silver per ton; No. 2—1 ton, 39 oz. of silver per ton; No. 3—3 tons 16 cwt., 80 oz. silver per ton; No. 4—1 ton 2 cwt., 146 oz. silver per ton. 3 miles further down the river Messrs. Parker and Hynes are on lead ore, rich in silver; they are raising ore for sale to the Wongabah Company. 6 miles north from Wongabah the Mount Hope Company are sinking a shaft and raising sulphide ores of fair quality. The lodes in this vicinity are large and well defined; the geological formation of the country is slate, with intrusive granite. I confidently expect a large output of silver from this field as soon as the necessary reduction works are erected. If the present furnace is successful the Wongabah Company intend to greatly extend their operations.

In the Tenterfield Division the only mines are at Boonoo Boonoo and the Eight-mile. Little work has been done during the year, but now several of the mines are being prospected under the aid of the Prospecting Vote. A few small finds of bismuth have been made in the neighbourhood, but no systematic work has been done.

The number of leases applied for, miners' rights, &c., issued in my district during the year is as follows:—

Division.	Miners' Rights.	Business Licenses.	Mineral Licenses.	Gold-mining Lease Applications.	Mineral Lease Applications.
Tenterfield .....	121	4	14	4	6
Fairfield .....	385	32	14	22	12
Dalmorton.....	87	4	6	35	.....
Lionsville .....	54	1	1	4	.....
Wilson's Downfall ..	10	10	83	.....	10
	657	61	118	65	38

#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—WILSON'S DOWNFALL DIVISION.

(Thomas Olva, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to transmit my annual report of the mining industry of this division for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

The mining industry is in a very quiet state at present, owing to the exodus from our district of a large number of Chinese to Queensland, who are attracted there by the tobacco industry, although at the same time the returns of ore raised and sold here show an increase from last year.

Warren & Co.'s tin leases, three 20-acre blocks, are being worked in a very satisfactory manner, they having brought on a large head-race fully 3 miles, making a dam for the same, and cutting a tail-race about 400 yards, so that they have everything in such good working order that they can go on working for a good length of time. Their first cleaning-up was just before Christmas holidays, with a very good result, the average depth of wash-dirt being about 17 feet.

The Wylie Creek Tin-mining Company (John Carmichael and party), about 5 miles below Warren and Co., are at present at a standstill owing to the depth of the stripping, but as there was very good wash-dirt raised I do not doubt but that the Company will see their way clear to introduce earth-schoops, &c. There are two engines and a complete plant for working the claim at present on the ground.

The lease of Mr. Seaman and the private land of Messrs. Amos Brothers are still kept at work.

Mr. M'Alister's lease, No. 49 is still being worked with four or five men.

The lodes are not being worked, although the dividing range between Queensland and this Colony, from 4 to 5 miles in extent, is known and acknowledged to be full of tin-bearing lodes, and only waiting development.

#### Graphite.

Barrowdale Graphite Mine is situated about 3 or 4 miles from Undercliff head station, and the proprietary company are at present erecting buildings, &c., for stacking their ore, which they intend to raise shortly. Shaft No. 1 is down 15 feet, showing splendid lode of graphite, 6 feet wide; there are also several cross-cuts and cuttings along the lode showing the same richness. As it is a new industry, and one from the several satisfactory tests and assays received, it promises to develop into a valuable addition to this district of one of the means for the employment of labour.

*Silver.*

The Rivertree silver mines are situated about 18 miles in an easterly direction from Wilson's Downfall. One branch of the Clarence River flows through the district, the various silver lodes in some instances being situated on either side of the river. Prospecting was started about two years ago by one or two parties, but the prospecting activity which my predecessor mentions in his last year's report, has been still maintained and with almost greater vigour.

The Wongabah Silver-mining Company, who held several leases, are the first in erecting a smelting furnace, and with which they hope to start smelting about 12th January, 1890. It is one of Mort & Co.'s 30-ton water jackets, with a 12-horse-power engine to work the blower, and as there is a large supply of ore at grass on their own claim, also on the various claims in the vicinity, and which, I understand from the manager, they are agreeable to smelt, for the purpose of testing the value of the same, and, should it be successful, they will at once erect more smelting furnaces. There is a large number of people employed on the various claims.

The other claims are sinking and prospecting with various results, according to assays, although one party, Messrs. J. P. Thomas and party, have forwarded either two or three parcels of 4 or 5 tons each to Dry Creek Smelting Works, Adelaide, and the returns according, to my informant, have been handsome, so that should the smelting corroborate the various assays, the success of the Rivertree silver mines may class this as one of the silver producing districts of New South Wales.

During the year ending 31st December, 1889, the following business has been done at this office:— 83 mineral licenses issued, 13 miners' rights issued, 10 business licenses issued, 10 mineral leases applied for, as follows: 2 silver leases, 7 tin ore, 1 plumbago. (2 silver and 1 tin ore applications for lease are reapplications.) The quantity of tin ore obtained during the year ending 31st December, 1889, is 254 tons valued on the ground at £13,716.

The mining population is about 340 persons, there being an increase on the silver mines at Rivertree.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—FAIRFIELD DIVISION.

(*J. P. Curran, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward my annual report, for the year just ending the 31st day of December, 1889, of the progress and future prospect of the mining industry in my division. I regret to say that the mining industry is not in a very flourishing state at present, as during the past year the results of development have not reached the expectations of many, and the future of this, as a mining district depends very much on the White Rock Proprietary Silver-mining Company, the Great Northern Gold-mining Company, Rivers & Company, at Long Gully, and the Mascotte Gold and Silver Mining Company, as these are the principal mines in full operation at present.

A number of mines, on which a great deal of work has been performed, and a large amount of money has been expended in the erection of machinery, have suspended operations, in consequence of the unremunerative character of the ore. The Strauss Gold-mining Company at Sawpit Gully have suspended work, and have sold their valuable milling machinery, which is now being taken down, for the purpose of removal to Hillgrove. This Company's mine gave promise, in the early days of the fields, of being one of the best mines in the district.

The British Red Rock Gold-mining Company have also wound up after expending about £2,200 in prospecting their property at Red Rock. The Great Red Rock Gold-mining Company appears to be in a languishing state, and only eight men are employed on the whole of their property. A considerable amount of money has been expended by this Company, during the past two years, and the plant, including the winding engine on the mine, is valued at £2,500.

The Great Northern Gold-mining Company, which was formed in the latter part of last year, has been carrying on mining operations during the year with partial success. They have with the ordinary 10-stamp battery and mercury tables, treated about 1,500 tons of ore, which has yielded 270 oz. of gold. In consequence of the gold being fine, and this class of machinery unsuitable for saving it, work has been temporarily suspended on the mine, and the hands are at present engaged in the erection of a Californian stamp mill. This mill is being erected in close proximity to their principal mine. The ore will be trucked from the face of the mine, to the ore floor, about 22 feet above the battery, and is dumped on to a set of inclined screens, which separate the fine from the coarse ore. The fine ore passes through the ore bin direct, whilst the rough ore passes through the jaws of a rock-breaker, into the same bin, it then passes through adjusted grates, and shoots to four automatic feeders, which are regulated by a rod, shod with rubber, which is struck by the centre stamp as more feed is required for the battery. The motion of each feeder is conveyed through a lever-friction clutch, and bevel-wheels to a circular table, which revolves, and carries the ore into the mortar of the battery. The battery consists of twenty head of stamps, each weighing 900 lb. The mortars are designed for rapid crushing, and inside amalgamation, a plate being fitted for the latter purpose, inside the recess cast in the mortar. The discharge will be through No. 10 slotted screens extending the full width of the mortar without a break. The cam-shaft makes 45 revolutions per minute, giving the stamp 90 drops per minute. The whole of this machinery is driven by a 20-horse-power engine of the Scotian type. The quantity of ore treated by this kind of machinery is 60 tons in twenty-four hours.

At the beginning of the year I was in hopes that the White Rock Proprietary Silver-mining Company would have had very large returns before this, as they had then about 12,000 tons of ore ready to operate upon, and it was expected that the whole of the concentrating machinery would be completed and ready for work in about three months from that date. The services of an experienced American mining expert were engaged about that time to inspect the mine and works, and to advise, as to the proper kind of machinery to use for the profitable treatment of the ore then in hand. After a careful inspection by this gentleman, it was decided that a different system of treatment, to that intended should be adopted, which necessitated a suspension of work, pending the arrival of machinery from America. The machinery is now in position, and the treatment of the immense pile of ore will be proceeded with at once. They have over 12,000 tons

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to start on, and about 25,000 ready to break down. I have given a description of this mine in a previous report, so it will not be necessary for me to give any particulars further than to say, that a cut has been put into the face of the cliff for a distance of 60 feet, exposing numerous veins of very rich ore. The average number of men, per week, employed during the year, is thirty-five, and 150 tons of ore have been sent away valued at £15 per ton.

The reduction works consist of a 20-stamp mill, with arrangements made for the erection of forty additional stamps when necessary. The ore is conveyed by trucks from the mine to a large hopper midway between the mine and the reduction works, and is discharged from this into other trucks, which run along an elevated tramway to the mill, a distance of 1,000 feet, the full truck in its descent drawing up the empty one. The ore is dumped on to a floor, from which it is delivered to two giant rock breakers, capable of breaking 400 tons per day. From these the broken or crushed ore drops into side-tipping waggons underneath, and is conveyed along a line of rails to the different batteries, where it is delivered into self-feeding hoppers, which are regulated by a bar which is struck by the disc of the centre stamp of each battery. The crushed ore as it leaves the stamper-boxes, passes over an electro-plated mercury table 7 feet long, and is delivered to four oscillating pans, to which motion is given by a shaft of 1-inch stroke. The ore falls from these pans into sizers or boxes, of which there are two sets, one set being placed above the other, the stuff passing from the upper to the lower one. All heavy concentrates remain in a false bottom beneath the sizers, and is drawn off by taps, the lighter material being fed off by pipes to the "Frew" and "Triumph" vanners, of which there are four of each. The tailings or refuse is then conveyed by launders to settling pits, from whence, after settling, the water returns to the dam to be again ready for use.

The water supply for these extensive works has not been neglected. Besides the three large dams described in a previous report, which are estimated to hold 1,000,000 gallons of water, a race has been cut from Plumbago Creek, a distance of 1 mile, and the water is delivered into a dam. The water is lifted from this dam to a height of 260 feet, and is then conveyed by a race 1 mile in length to the mill. By this means a constant supply of water for all purposes may be depended upon.

The Mascotte Mine is considered one of the most promising in this division. From tests made of small parcels of ore sent to the Clyde Works in Sydney, and to the Dry Creek Works in Adelaide, very satisfactory results have been obtained, and it is probable that in a very short time the proprietors of this mine will erect reduction works, and treat the ore on the ground. About 1,000 tons of payable ore is now at grass, and the parcels tested gave the following results:—No. 1, of 20 tons, yielded 1 oz. 6 dwt. gold, and 57 oz. silver per ton; No. 2, of 4 tons, gave 1 oz. 2 dwt. gold, and 125 oz. of silver per ton; No. 3, of 6 tons, yielded 1 oz. 2 dwt. of gold, and 37 oz. of silver per ton. The ore is a sulphide, very closely resembling the ore in the Golden Age Mine at Boorook, and must, I think, be treated in the same manner, viz., dry crushing, and Wheeler's pan amalgamation, as it is not a smelting ore.

Wann's Claim is the newest development in mining on the field. This is a large lode or dyke about 25 feet wide. From the surface to a depth of 15 feet all the stuff crushed yielded 1 oz. per ton of metal, worth £2 per oz. Below this level, however, the free gold became less, and, though high assays were obtained, the metal could not be saved by the ordinary method of treatment, and necessitated the erection of new and improved machinery. A trial parcel of 300 tons was treated at the Adeline Reduction Works in the following manner:—The stone was crushed in the ordinary way, and allowed to pass over the mercury tables for the purpose of saving any fine gold that there might be in the stone. The tailings then, instead of being allowed to run into the slime pits, were conveyed by launders to three of Duncan's concentrators. By this means 325 oz. of bullion, worth 26s. per oz., were collected on the tables, and 26 tons of concentrates from the pans, worth £17 per ton. Total value of bullion and concentrates, £864 10s.

Rivers' Claim at Long Gully is a gold lease of 5 acres, which was applied for in July, 1888, and is within the boundary of a mineral lease, applied for by the same person. The mine was worked for gold, from the time of taking possession until March of the same year, and 353 oz. of gold was obtained therefrom. At 40 feet the vein of ore pinched out, and Rivers was about to abandon the land; but before so doing, thought it advisable to make application to the Prospecting Board, who were at that time visiting this district, for assistance to further prospect the land. Whilst waiting for a reply, they thought it advisable to search in other likely looking parts of the land, and were fortunate in discovering a small leader carrying gold, which they sank on, and which increased in width and quality as the sinking was proceeded with. After sinking to a depth of 50 feet, a drive was put in, north and south, for a distance of 20 feet each way, showing a well-defined lode about 8 inches wide and composed of gossan, zinc blende, and copper, a good deal of free gold being visible in the stone. A crushing of 56 tons of ore from this mine has yielded 278 oz. of gold. Had not the Prospecting Board recommended that aid be given to Rivers and party to further prospect this land, I am of opinion that it would now be abandoned, and the valuable discovery just mentioned would not have been made.

Tooloom and Pretty Gully maintains a population of about 60 miners, and the gold won is about the same as last year.

I estimate the population of Fairfield at 500.

There has been only one fatal accident in the mines this year. A man, named Henry Franklin, lost his life, through falling down a shaft of the Adeline Mine. The matter was duly reported to the Inspector of Mines.

I am indebted to the courtesy of the managers of the two local banks and the storekeeper at Pretty Gully, for the quantity of gold that has passed through their hands during the past year. The returns are as follows:—

Australian Joint Stock Bank.....	1,583	oz.	5	dwt.
London Chartered Bank.....	496	"	9	"
Mr. John Farley .....	356	"	0	"

Total ..... 2,435 oz. 14 dwt.

Average value, £3 10s. per oz.

844 oz. of this was obtained from quartz, 1,591 oz. from alluvial.

During the past year I have received 12 applications for mineral leases, 22 for gold leases, and I have issued 385 miners' rights, 14 mineral licenses, and 32 business licenses.

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## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—LIONSVILLE DIVISION.

(R. Wilkinson, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to herewith submit my report on the Solferino Division, New England Mining District, for the year 1889.

*Quartz.*

The Lion Mine, of which I reported in my last report as being worked by a syndicate, who had two men on driving a tunnel in on the course of the reef, and had, up to the end of the year 1888, put the drive in a distance of 225 feet, ceased operations on the 1st July last, having driven a further distance of 60 feet, making a total length of drive 285 feet; and should they have been able to continue on till the close of the year, they would have completed the task of putting the tunnel through to the main shaft; but unfortunately some of the paying shareholders got into arrears and the managing director was compelled to suspend work, and nothing has been done in the mine this last six months awaiting a reconstruction of the syndicate.

*Garibaldi Prospecting Claim.*—Bassetti, Uduesich, and party have kept from two to four men constantly at work, but have not met with that success anticipated, this mine being very patchy they have not come across anything like a good dab, although they have had a small patch or two. Want of machinery is a serious drawback, all the stone that they cannot see gold plainly in, has to be sent out to the tip, as it would not pay to cart it away from the district to be treated, but would no doubt pay well if machinery was on the ground to reduce it.

This Company have during the last six months realized on 1 cwt. of specimens in London for a net value of £68. This stone was sent home with a gentleman some eighteen months ago, for the purpose of trying the London market to raise a Company, but unfortunately it got into the wrong hands, and nothing in the way of floating was ever attempted, and the shareholders were therefore compelled to realize upon the specimens rather than go to any further expense.

They have also despatched during the last month of the year 14 cwt. of specimens and 15 cwt. of mineralized stone for treatment in Melbourne, by the chlorination process, result of which is not to hand to date.

There is no doubt, but that this mine is valuable property, if it was only in the hands of a good Company with a manager who would economically work it, and put machinery on the ground for the proper treatment of the stone, which is so much impregnated with mineral. The owners are very anxious to get capital to develop it, and are trying to raise a Melbourne Company to take it in hand, as the mine is in thorough working order, being all well secured and well opened out for at least fifty hands to be readily employed underground.

*No. 1. North Garibaldi.*—C. Harkin has constantly kept pushing on with opening up this claim, and has had, by his own story, very satisfactory results.

*Shallamelia.*—A. Tamini and others continued their main tunnel on for a further distance of 50 feet, making a total of 240 feet. Ground was very hard, and reef was quite pinched for last 40 feet, driven on, they therefore gave it up as too expensive; during the last four months they have sunk a winze in the 40-foot level drive to a depth of 25 feet and drove from that depth to a distance of 20 feet, but with no success.

*Band of Hope.*—J. F. Adam and party have kept two men at work all through the year, but unfortunately have not met with any gold to speak of.

At Cangie there has been a little stir in mining, caused through a small crushing or two for a total of 8 tons treated in Sydney, from the Sir Walter Scott Reef, for a return of 3 oz. per ton.

In alluvial mining, this district still holds its own, with nothing occurring to produce excitement. Mr. P. Marcolino, who, as I reported in my last annual report, had made a new discovery near the Old Scrub Diggings, worked out his claim, which turned out very well, considering the small area of ground the gold was found in, which unfortunately did not extend beyond that of any ordinary prospecting claim, and at that very narrow. Mr. Marcolino with three or four other men worked the best of it out in six months, having obtained from 60 to 70 oz. of very nice nuggetty gold up to a 22-dwt. piece, and valued at £3 14s. to £3 10s. per oz. all of which was lodged at the head of a bar.

A good deal of prospecting was done in the neighbourhood of the find, but with no success, as there must have been some twenty men at work for a month at the beginning of the year, but all retired disappointed, with the exception of three men who have made a little all through the year.

In the Ewingar Creek, Bulldog and Old Scrub, there are still located the old hands who appear to make a fair living and quite contented with their lot.

During the latter part of the year, Mr. Marcolino obtained a grant from the Prospecting Vote of half wages for himself and four others to go out and prospect the country lying between Lionsville and the Rocky River. His party commenced operations during latter part of November, and, after putting in five weeks, left for the holidays, and will probably resume early in January, when it is to be hoped they will show up something worthy of their labours.

I have issued during the year 54 miner's rights, one each business and mineral license, and received 4 applications to lease a total of 22 acres for gold-mining purposes.

As far as I can gather the amount of gold won in my division is—from quartz, 280 oz.; from alluvial, 200 oz., valued at from £3 5s. to £3 10s. per oz. Numbers of miners at work—quartz, 16; alluvial, 24; total 40.

Have just got the returns authenticated for the 14 cwt. specimens from Garibaldi Company Claim, which were sent to Melbourne for treatment, and which gave the very good yield of 280 oz. 6 dwt. of smelted gold.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—TENTERFIELD DIVISION.

(P. Burne, Mining Registrar.)

I HAVE the honor to submit my report for the Tenterfield Mining Division for the year 1889.

Since my report for the year 1888 mining in this division has been rapidly on the decrease, and the work done has been merely prospecting.

*Gold.*

All the machinery has been removed from off the Lady Mary Reef in consequence of the non-payable character of the stone. That on the Golden Crown Reef, though still on the ground, has been idle for some time. From one of the leases the prospectors have crushed about 7 tons of stone, yielding about 14 oz. of gold. There are a few men working the alluvial with very poor results.

*Silver.*

*Silver.*

Nothing beyond prospecting has been done in this line.

*Tin.*

There are a few men prospecting on the Brassington Creek, situate about 12 miles south of Tenterfield, with every indication of success. Kennedy and Bateman still at work on their leases on Tenterfield Creek, but have had no return for their outlay and labour as yet.

Applications for gold and mineral leases for the year 1889 are as follows, namely:—4 applications for gold leases and 6 for mineral leases.

The number of miners' rights, business licenses, and mineral licenses, issued for the year 1889, is as follows:—121 miners' rights, 4 business licenses, and 14 mineral licenses.

## CLARENCE AND RICHMOND DISTRICT—GRAFTON DIVISION.

(*A. L. McDougall, Warden.*)

I HAVE the honor to forward you my annual report as Warden for the Clarence and Richmond Mining District for the year 1889.

Within the last few months, both at Dalmorton and Nana Creek, mining matters have assumed a more lively aspect. At the former place 35 gold-mining lease applications, embracing an area of 372½ acres, have been made during the year; and at Nana Creek 13 gold-mining leases have been applied for, containing in all 66 acres; and at Grafton 4 gold-mining lease applications, containing an area of 26 acres; and a much larger number of men have been engaged in mining pursuits than for several years past, and there is every prospect of a revival of the mining industry during the present year in this district.

I beg to forward you herewith the returns received by me from the Mining Registrars at Dalmorton, Nana Creek, and Grafton, giving details of the mining proceeding at their offices during the past year, from which you will ascertain the advance made in this mining district during the last year compared with the previous one.

The coal-mine at Coaldale, taken up by Messrs. See & Co., is in a fair way of being worked during this year, as arrangements are now being made to commence operations on a large scale.

The further search for coal at Maclean and the Coldstream, near Ulmarra, and at Chatsworth have been abandoned since the visit of the Prospecting Board to this district.

Return of mining business for the year 1889:—Miners' rights issued, 80; mineral leases lodged, none; mineral licenses issued, 29; business licenses issued, 1; 2 gold-mining leases were received for 10 acres, situated at Chambigue; 2 gold-mining leases were received for 16 acres at Cangai.

## CLARENCE AND RICHMOND DISTRICT—MURWILLUMBAH DIVISION.

(*Joshua Bray, Warden.*)

I do myself the honor to report that no payable gold has yet been discovered in the district under my charge.

In the early part of the year (1889) a few people were prospecting in the parish of Terranora, and nine miners' rights were issued. Several shafts were sunk, and a few specks of gold got, but nothing payable. Work in the locality was discontinued about four months ago.

I do not know of anyone prospecting in this district at present.

## CLARENCE AND RICHMOND DISTRICT—LISMORE DIVISION.

(*E. Jones, Warden.*)

I DO myself the honor to forward you the annual report upon mining in that portion of the Clarence and Richmond Mining District assigned to my charge.

I commenced my duties here in June, 1889, and found at that time 15 gold-mining leases had been granted and 6 mineral leases refused. The gold-mining leases are situated near Black Head, in the Ballina District, and were taken up during 1888. No leases were applied for during the past year.

I am informed that no mining operations have been carried on upon any of the leases during my residence in the district, and that but little work at any time to fairly test them. Upon gold-mining lease, 88-1, gold was found, but evidently not up to the expectations of the party, or some further labour would have been expended towards developing what may yet turn out to be a valuable property. Upon the small amount of capital and labour expended upon the several leases referred to, I infer they were mainly taken up for selling and floating speculations.

I have heard of two parties prospecting. No reports of a successful find has reached any of the Mining Registrars, and no claims under the Gold-mining Regulations were registered during the past year at any of their offices.

I am informed that extensive coal-measures exist near Wardell and Casino, and that nothing has been done towards proving their value.

I sincerely hope that my next report will be of a more favourable character.

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## CLARENCE AND RICHMOND DISTRICT—LISMORE DIVISION.

*(C. Coghlan, Mining Registrar.)*

I do myself the honor to report, for the information of the Department of Mines, that gold-mining operations on the Lower Richmond have gradually declined during the past year, and, as far as can be judged from the information filed at this office, is regarded as having almost ceased.

The Black Head, which in 1888 attracted a good deal of speculation, has been abandoned as a gold-field. A few parties are still fossicking along the beach, between the Little River (Evans R.) and Brunswick Heads, but nothing is definitely known as to the success or otherwise of their operations.

Nothing is known at this office regarding any efforts to mine for other mineral.

## CLARENCE AND RICHMOND DISTRICT—DALMORTON DIVISION.

*(W. F. Poole, Mining Registrar.)*

IN compliance with the request contained in your letter of 9th instant, I take the very earliest opportunity of supplying you with the following information respecting my division for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

I have received 35 applications for gold-mining leases, comprising an area of 372½ acres, issued 87 miners' rights, 4 business licenses, 6 mineral licenses, registered 1 alluvial protection area, 1 prospecting claim, 3 ordinary claims, 1 sluicing claim, and 1 amalgamation; also 7 quartz prospecting protection areas, 3 prospecting claims, 2 ordinary claims, 2 extended claims, 3 machinery areas, 6 stream-water rights, 7 dam sites, 1 tunnel site, 1 tail-race, and 2 residence areas.

About fifty men are employed at alluvial mining, and about 120 in quartz-mining.

148 tons of quartz crushed at Mann River yielded 62 oz. 11 dwt. gold, and 97 tons crushed at Dalmorton yielded about 79 oz. 10 dwt. gold.

Several other trial parcels have been crushed, but the lessees have not yet responded to my circular letter, asking them to furnish me with the return of gold won. About 150 oz. have been won from alluvial, making a total of 292 oz. 1 dwt.

Considerable excitement was caused in July by the reported find of alluvial gold at Marengo, about 20 miles south of Dalmorton; but after some weeks the place was deserted by all but the prospectors. But on 26th October Messrs. Ryan and Miller and party reported payable gold. A few miners are again on the ground, waiting for the prospectors to bottom their new shaft, when it is anticipated a rush will set in.

Messrs. Sellen and party took up a sluicing claim at Black Hole Creek, and erected an engine and centrifugal pump, sawbench, &c.; but after working a few days they abandoned it, and the plant is now for sale.

Several new reefs have been reported, amongst which the Magpie, Isabella, Black Slate, Cadell and party, Excelsior, Black Jack, and Florida may be expected to be heard of before long, as machinery is going to be placed on several of them if reports are true.

The Magpie is a small vein 2 or 3 inches thick, but if it gets no worse it must be considered payable.

A shaft has been sunk 47 feet, and the quartz, amounting to about 4 tons, yielded about 45 oz. of gold.

This claim was worked by Messrs. Green and Butler, under the backing system, until the backers got tired of it and threw it up, they then started to crush with a dolly, and, from 6 or 7 cwt. of stone, obtained about 14 oz. of gold. Green then transferred his share to Butler, and for a few weeks Butler hired a man, and was able by hard crushing to obtain sufficient gold to give £3 a week after paying expenses. Butler then sold to a Mr. Foster in Sydney for £400. Local people were jubilant, thinking if a man solely depending on his labour could work the claim with profit, that now capital was introduced, work would be carried on in a systematic manner, and large returns obtained, thus giving an impetus to mining in the district, but after securing a 10-acre block on one end and a 12-acre block on the other end of the claim the owner applied for and got suspension. As no notice was given of this suspension, it gave general dissatisfaction, and petitions to annul it were spoken of, but it ended in the usual way. The cause for suspension was, that "time was required to erect machinery", yet no machinery has been erected.

The Isabella Reef, owned by Greenaway, Ducker, and party, reported payable gold on the 9th October. They were receiving Government aid, but owing to the discovery the aid was stopped. It has, however, been renewed, I think wisely so, as they were really in no better position than the day they started work, as they were confident of the existence of this shoot of gold, but they required aid to prove its extent before they could reasonably hope to induce capitalists to erect machinery to enable them to get returns from the gold won.

No doubt they deserve success, as they have expended a large amount of labour apart from the requirements of the Prospecting Vote. Aid was granted for driving (on the vein they are now working on) 25 feet south and 100 feet north. The 25 feet south was driven, but it was found that a further distance of 36 feet drive and open cutting would have to be done before a barrow or truck-way could be brought in; this work was performed, and the driving north then commenced. After driving 43 feet, payable gold was reported with a width of reef 16 inches. I was shown about 3 dwt. gold obtained from the casing, and some very rich specimens. The best gold appears to be in a soft ferruginous quartz, and I am afraid will be very patchy.

There is another larger reef in the claim, from which a little gold can be obtained from the casing; and Government aid has been granted to sink to a depth of 60 feet in this reef. The shaft at present being 30 feet. The claim is situate about 4 miles south west of Dalmorton.

The Liberator Reef, distant about ¾ mile, east of the Isabella has also got a Government aid to sink 103 feet. This will be a good test for the ground, as it will deepen the present shaft to 150 feet, and as very rich stone was got in the early days, I believe as high as 7 oz. per ton, the owners have a reasonable chance of being recouped for their outlay. The contract for sinking has been accepted, and 7 feet already sunk. The time allowed for the work to be completed is four months from the 7th instant.

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The Calliope Reef, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in a north-west direction from the Liberator, also receiving Government aid, is a well defined reef, 3 feet wide, with a little gold in the casing. A drive has been put in 20 feet.

In September Messrs. Swain and party reported payable gold at Mount Swain, Black Slate Creek, about 10 miles south of Dalmorton, and took up a 20-acre lease. Arrangements were entered into with Mr. A. Cadell, of Vegetable Creek, a gentleman of large mining experience, and well known in mining circles, by which he acquired one half of the property with the option of purchasing the whole, and in the early part of last month the property passed into his hands. During the whole of the time the labour conditions have been strictly observed. Two shafts, respectively 50 feet and 30 feet, have been sunk, and a tunnel driven about 70 feet. This tunnel is expected to cut some of the reef at a depth of from 250 to 300 feet.

Mr. Cadell has two or three other leases working, but, up to the present, without any favourable results.

I believe there are some twenty or thirty gold-bearing veins on the 20-acre block, averaging from 1 or 2 inches to 4 feet. The prospectors informed me the assays were all satisfactory. A good deal of prospecting has been carried on in the vicinity, but up to the present without satisfactory results.

In November two new reefs were discovered by Messrs. Orr and party, viz., the Excelsior and Black Jack. Arrangements were entered into with Messrs. Jenkin and party, of Armidale, and a large amount of ground has been taken up on both reefs. About 9 or 10 tons have been sent to Sydney for a trial crushing, and the owners appear very sanguine as to the result.

The Florida, another new reef owned by Orr and party, is also expected to be heard of in the near future.

The old reefs appear to be blotted out for a time. The Mountain Maid Prospecting Claim, with a reef from 2 to 5 feet, crushed 64 tons for about 1 oz. per ton, and only 10s. cartage to pay, yet the owners applied for and obtained suspension for six months, ostensibly to float and erect machinery, but I think capitalists are arriving at the conclusion that it is scarcely good enough to erect machinery for a suspended claim that has no stone at grass worth speaking of.

The Garden Hill Protection Area has been hung up for nine months under suspension; the crushing of 30 tons I alluded to in my last report only yielded about half an ounce per ton, which was considered very unsatisfactory, as it was expected to yield at least  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz.

The Alice Cornwall Prospectors has also been hung up under suspension, and has since been applied for as a lease.

The Old Sir Hercules has been taken up as an extended claim, and a shaft started.

The Scottish Chief has been hung up for the last nine months under suspension.

All or nearly all of the claims and leases at Mann River have obtained suspension, Cangi the same. In fact, there appears to be a mania to get protection in some form or other.

However, the prospects are brighter than at any previous time during the last sixteen years, and if the labour conditions were enforced, employment would be given to 400 or 500 men, whereas under present arrangements only one-fourth of that number (or even less) manage to find precarious employment.

Prospecting is being vigorously carried on between Dalmorton and Marengo, and if a road was cleared between the two places, it would be a great boon to the miners generally, as a great many get lost in the ranges trying to make their way through. It would also act as a means of communication with Wullamunbi, Baker's Creek, Hillgrove, Armidale, and all parts of the table-land from the Guy Fawkes to Glen Innes.

#### CLARENCE AND RICHMOND DISTRICT—NANA CREEK DIVISION.

(George Geddes, Mining Registrar.)

I AM in receipt of your advice of the 9th instant, and have the honor now to furnish the particulars therein asked for, as follows:—

Number of miners (quartz), 24; number of miners' rights issued, 28.

Mining tenements have been applied for thus:—Ordinary claim, 1; tunnel sites 2; residence site, 1; machine site, 1.

Thirteen gold-mining lease applications, showing an area of 66 acres, have been received at this office during the current year.

The undermentioned claims, viz., Nana Queen, Lady Carrington, Jubilee, Lady Bella, and Nana's Daughter, have been worked, yielding from eleven crushings, the stone weighing  $239\frac{3}{4}$  tons, 289 oz. 12 dwt. 8 gr.

Three other claims, the Waratah, Day Dawn, and Advance Australia, have been worked, but I do not think the owners will give returns of the gold won—certainly not in time for your report.

I have the honor to remit my report upon the state of mining in the Nana Creek Division of the Clarence and Richmond District, for the year 1889.

*Jubilee.*—This, a prospecting claim, is the property of Mr. Alexander Nicholson, and is situated on the Matilda Hill, at Nana Creek. It has been continuously worked by him since 23rd April, 1887, the gold won from it averaging to the present time, 1 oz. 2 dwt. per ton. The reef which averages 2 feet 6 inches in width is found in granite sandstone and clay slate, and its bearing is east and west. On the south side of the hill is a tunnel 200 feet in length entering a chamber 27 feet by 30 feet, and at the 60-foot level there is another chamber 60 feet by 30 feet, in which most excellent stone is to be obtained. For the removal of the quartz, a road from the mouth of the said tunnel, extending about 4 chains, has been constructed, and will be continued a farther distance of 6 chains. There is a 1-acre lease adjacent to the above claim, in which a considerable quantity of work has been done by the lessee, Mr. A. Nicholson. A shaft was sunk to a depth of 37 feet, but failing to find the reef it was left, and another sunk to a depth of 37 feet, in which are two drives at 24-foot level, one to the east 14 feet in length, and the other to the west, 12 feet in length. The cost of the whole of the work is said to be nearly £1,100.

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On the north side of the hill is a tunnel worked under a grant from the Prospecting Vote, made on the 25th April last, to Alexander Nicholson and party, of £200, to drive a distance of about 175 feet, in order to cut the reefs at a depth of 200 feet from the surface. My advice of the 30th November last, indicates that up to the 27th idem, the extent of the drive was 100 feet. The formation is, I am informed, quartzite, and very difficult to be worked.

*Lady Bella.*—This claim is held by Messrs. Forbes and Wood, and is situated about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles in a south-westerly direction from the Warden's office. It is an 8-acre block, for which a lease has been applied, and therein are found two well-defined reefs—one, north and south, the other, east and west; the former for a distance of about 6 chains, and the latter about 11 chains. As traced the ground has been opened in several places, the stone tested, and the whole of it yielded well, so much so, that the owners determined to work the ground systematically. There are three shafts; Nos. 1 and 2 are down 25 feet and 33 feet; these are on the east and west line of reef, and at a distance from the former of about 1 chain, a tunnel is in about 20 feet, with the view to enter the shaft at the 60-foot level. In the tunnel, the reef runs its length, about 15 inches in width. In the latter shaft is a drive at the 14-foot level of 30 feet. The No. 3 shaft, reef north and south about 2 feet 6 inches wide, is sunk to a depth of 12 feet. Stone aggregating 83 tons has been crushed, yielding of retorted gold, 128 oz. 2 dwt. 21 gr. or 1 oz. 10 dwt. 21 gr. per ton. This cannot be considered, as far as the field is concerned, other than a highly satisfactory result, still, the gold being very fine, the proprietors are strongly of the opinion, and from the general appearance of the quartz I consider they are justified in forming that opinion, that were better gold-saving appliances available, the returns would have been largely in excess of that noted. There were two crushings, the last for 96 oz. 15 dwt. from 58 tons, the average being 1 oz. 13 dwt. 8 gr. It looks all out 3 oz. stone, and is taken from ground which has not hitherto been worked.

*Nana's Daughter.*—This claim, originally owned by Messrs. O'Grady and Nordberg, is a 4-acre block, adjoining the eastern boundary of Messrs. Forbes and Wood's claim. A lease of it has been applied for, and it is being worked. The reef is supposed to be the continuation of the Lady Bella reef on its easterly course through a soft blue slate country. A shaft has been sunk on it about 25 feet in depth, from which in the sinking only 21 tons of quartz was taken; this was crushed for the satisfactory average of, Mr. O'Grady informs me, 1 oz. 3 dwt. per ton. The reef is from 3 to 4 feet wide in the shaft, and also in a tunnel further west, it shows good gold. The Lady Bella line of reef is generally admitted to be the best yet opened on Nana. Mr. O'Grady is now sole owner of the claim, he having bought his partner's interest in it. He intends to, without delay, let a contract for further sinking and driving.

*Unnamed.*—This is a 4-acre block situated on the western boundary of Messrs. Forbes' and Wood's 8-acre block, and originally applied for as a lease by Messrs. Nordberg and O'Grady, but the latter's interest therein has now been transferred to his former partner.

*Illabo.*—This abandoned claim, about 2 miles from the Warden's office, on the main Nana Creek Road, has been taken up as a lease of 4 acres by Mr. O'Grady, the present owner of the battery, hitherto known as the Dargue battery, at Nana, with the view of having a trial crushing from what is known as the big "Blow," which is stated to be about 40 feet wide, with, in places, visible gold.

*Victor.*—This is very old abandoned ground in the vicinity of the battery, formerly the Benson. It has been applied for as a 2-acre lease by Mr. O'Grady. The reef runs right under the mill site, and a fair body of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. stone ought to pay. Some cutting has been done already.

*Lady Carrington.*—This is a 2-acre lease, the property of Messrs. M'Vicar and Fauvel. It is distant from Nana Creek in a north-west direction about 2 miles. The main shaft is about 50 feet in depth, and at that level a tunnel has been driven a distance of 141 feet piercing it. The reef, a north-north-east and south-south-east one, averages in width about 10 inches, and is found in a formation of slate and sandstone. At a supposed distance of about 200 feet, and an altitude of 92 feet, from the mouth of the foregoing tunnel, another tunnel is being constructed under a grant made to the claim-holders from the Prospecting Vote, upon the recommendation of the Prospecting Board who visited this field on the 4th April last, by the Secretary for Mines of £200, to assist them to drive a tunnel 200 feet in a north-east direction. When last remitting vouchers for work done, my advice of the 21st December gave the extent of the drive as 50 feet 6 inches on the 20th idem, and the formation black slate, very hard. In addition to the foregoing works, a roadway, in length about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, has been made at considerable expense, to facilitate the getting the quartz from the mine. Two crushings have taken place from this claim, the average returns being slightly in excess of 1 oz. per ton. A detailed list of them will be found below.

*Day Dawn.*—This, an ordinary claim No. 50 on the register, was applied for, on the last occasion by E. F. Sharpe, on the 2nd January last. It has not been surveyed, consequently it is unregistered, nor has any work, I think, been done in the claim. Messrs. Sharpe and Morrow have been engaged at their battery crushing some 16 tons of stone which was at grass on the Nicholson claim. Having abandoned the claim, they, on the 2nd January last, registered the stone for twelve months. No particulars, however, can be got from them as to the quantity of gold won from the crushings. This, with the Nicholson claim, I reported upon last year, likewise the battery they have in use.

*Caledonian.*—This abandoned claim was, on the 21st December, applied for by Messrs. Nelson and Thomas as a 10-acre lease, and I am told by them, that a party from Hillgrove will shortly join them to work the claim.

*Homeward Bound.*—The lease was, for this, I am informed by Mr. L. R. Rudder, granted, and the lessees called upon to execute it, but no notice, even of its approval, reached this office.

*Unnamed.*—A notice of intention to apply for an 8-acre lease was, on the 30th December, posted at this office by Messrs. Nelson and Thomas, and will, for a certainty, be applied for by them on the 9th proximo. It is outside of, and on the southern boundary of the lease applied for by Messrs. L. R. and F. J. Rudder on the 27th April, 1888.

*Nymboi.*—This gold-mining lease No. 131 was transferred by E. F. Rudder and two others, to S. H. Jones, but since his ownership, no labour has been done upon it. A grant, on the 25th April last, was made from the Prospecting Vote, upon the recommendation of the Prospecting Board, by the Secretary of Mines to this person of £75, to assist him to continue the shaft then down 50 feet, a further depth of 50 feet; yet, no further sinking has been done, nor has work of any kind been carried on in connection with the claim under his lease.

*Eureka.*—This old abandoned claim was applied for as a 2-acre lease on the 15th May, 1888, by W. B. Lewis and E. F. Rudder. A transfer has, I understand, been given by them to S. H. Jones of their interest in the claim, and, as in the foregoing case, a sum of £75 was granted to him, to aid him in driving a tunnel from a point (not stated) from main shaft in a south 35° east direction for a distance of 150 feet, and this work, although the aid was, by the Minister for Mines, most generously accorded him, has never been proceeded with.

*New Hidden Treasure.*—A 9-acre lease of the old abandoned Hiddden Treasure has been applied for and renamed by Messrs. H. Feldheim and two others; this was on the 4th November last; and on the 26th December last, Mr. Feldheim with two miners, started for the claim. A new shaft within 30 feet of the old main shaft has been commenced, and is now down about 20 feet. He, on behalf of the Company, intends despatching to Sydney for treatment, 3 tons of quartz, and should the trial prove satisfactory and a sufficient body of stone be found to work upon, machinery will be placed upon the ground.

*New Year's Gift.*—This is a 4-acre lease numbered on the register 132. The principal work done upon this claim, Mr. Anderson informs me, has been in connection with the grant made to him from the Prospecting Vote, on the 25th April last, of £97 10s. to continue his main shaft, then down some 70 feet, a farther depth of 30 feet, and to continue his drive, then in 95 feet, a farther distance of 100 feet. I last measured the work done in the tunnel on the 23rd November last, and when remitting the vouchers, I, on the 25th idem, reported the distance driven under the grant as 87 feet, thus making the length of the tunnel 182 feet. The formation is black slate. The work that Mr. Anderson was engaged in, in the earlier portion of the year was procuring timber for supports, slabbing, &c. He estimates the quantity of quartz he has at grass as 125 tons. Shaft, 66 feet in depth, measured 7th instant.

*The Challenge.*—This is a 4-acre lease numbered on the register 128, the property of Mr. O. Anderson. No work during the year has been done in this claim, he having been engaged, under his grant, in pushing on the work of the tunnel in the New Year's Gift claim.

*Advance Australia.*—This is a 6-acre lease owned by James Wilson and party, and numbered on the register 134. Prior to a grant being made them, they were engaged in sinking a shaft No. 3. They sank it to a depth of 24 feet, then followed the reef on the underlay to a farther depth of 34 feet. On being visited by the Prospecting Board, 4th April last, they were instructed to continue the shaft perpendicularly a farther depth of 125 feet, and crosscut from the bottom of said shaft for a distance of 100 feet. On the 28th August, the shaft had, under the grant, been sunk 47 feet 6 inches. A further grant was made to assist them to continue No. 1 shaft, now standing on the most westerly or "Mundic" reef at a depth of about 70 feet, a farther depth of 30 feet. It has since been sunk a distance of 13 feet. The sum granted is £256 for the entire work. On the 12th July, when Messrs. Wilson and Forbes were engaged drilling out, as they supposed, a miss fire charge, after waiting an hour and a half, the hole 2 feet 4 inches in depth, having been charged at noon, an explosion took place whereby they were so seriously injured, that they had to be conveyed to the Grafton Hospital, and the work of the mine was brought to a stand-still. Forbes, with an eye permanently injured, almost sightless, is able to again resume work, whereas Wilson is so much knocked about internally, as well as externally, that he contemplates entering one of the Benevolent Asylums of the Colony. A crushing of 26½ tons was put through the battery by S. H. Jones at the Little Nymboi River, the yield being, I am informed by him, 16 oz. 5 dwt. 8 gr., and the value £58 19s. 2d.

*Jessie Smith.*—This, a prospecting claim, is situated about 20 miles from Nana Creek. Nothing further than opening a drive to the extent of 45 feet appears to have been done in the early part of the year. On the 30th April, a grant was made to the owners of the claim to extend the said tunnel a farther distance of 100 feet at the rate of £1 per foot. In my advice of the 19th November last, I mentioned that, up to the 6th idem, the extent of the work done under the grant in the drive, was 82 feet 6 inches, that the reef was then on the east side of the tunnel 1 foot 6 inches in width, showing galena, iron pyrites, and manganese in a country of blue diorite.

*Unnamed.*—A gold-mining lease of 6 acres was applied for by George Kelly and four others on the 17th September. The land is situated near the Bosterbrick old station, Blick's River and some 40 miles hence. I cannot report upon the working of the ground by the applicants, as I have no particulars, anent it to hand.

*Unnamed.*—A gold-mining lease of 10 acres situated on the Upper Orara, distant from Coff's Harbour about 7 miles, was, on the 18th November last, applied for by Messrs. J. M'Leod and six others. The distance from the Warden's Office is about 16 miles. Concerning the working of this ground I cannot supply any information. I am, however, informed by Mr. John M'Leod that samples of the stone got from the claim had been sent to Sydney for treatment, and the returns were deemed satisfactory, but no further information was given me.

*O'Grady's Battery.*—This formerly was owned by a Company and was styled the "Dargue Battery." It has now become the property of Mr. T. R. O'Grady, who, now that the recent crushings comprising good and indifferent stone amounting to 137 tons 10 cwt. are over, is making extensive alterations in and about the battery. It is his intention to set up a concentrator. He values his plant at £1,200.

*Jones' Battery.*—This plant, until very recently, was the property of Mr. P. Marcolino and has, already, been fully described in my report for the year 1886. It is distant from the Nymboi about ¼ of a mile and close to the Little Nymboi River.

*Sharpe and Morrow's Battery.*—This has been worked by them solely on their own account, and no information can be got from them, as to what quantity of gold they have realized from any crushings they may have had. Value of plant about £70.

The average of the crushings is, for 1889, 1 oz. 2 dwt. 23 gr. per ton, and it is anything but a bad one. For the years following, the averages were:—1886, 1 oz. 12 dwt. 12 gr. per ton; 1887, 1 oz. 1 dwt. 15 gr. per ton, and 1888, 1 oz. 3 dwt. 18 gr. per ton. From these statements it will be seen that, although a small quantity of stone only is crushed from year to year, still the average is good, and might be much better but for the fact of some parties putting through the battery more than doubtful stone, thus lowering the average of the gold won, irrespective of the loss they entail thereby upon themselves.

Stone will, after the holidays, be raised from a few of the claims with all convenient speed, and the battery (O'Grady's), when the requisite repairs, alterations, and additions have been made, will again be ready to start on any stone that may be brought in for the purpose of being crushed. The alterations now being made will be a decided improvement upon the old plan of working the battery. The weather during the past few months has been most uncertain, and like unto last year, constant thunderstorms have taken place, causing the creeks and rivers to rise. This has been, or rather was, a serious hindrance to some of the miners getting on with their usual work. The lightning was at times too near to be pleasant. Trees were hurled in all directions, many across the roads. The District Superintendent of Roads, &c., has placed two men here to repair the main road cutting to this place, and none too early, for the road has, for some time past, been almost impassable. It is no exaggeration when I state a wheelbarrow could be buried in some of the ruts, made to a depth of 2½ feet by the extreme force of descending waters from several gorges down the wheel tracks. Some teamsters have ventured down, but at very great risk, and not altogether free from accident.

Capitalists from afar, I am aware, are becoming much interested in the working of this field, some of them having applied for leases recently, with the expressed intention of shortly taking up more ground, machinery to be placed thereon should circumstances warrant their so doing.

Value of machinery in the division, £1,520.

#### CLARENCE AND RICHMOND DISTRICT—BALLINA DIVISION.

(*Wm. J. Tippett, Mining Registrar.*)

THERE is very little mining going on in this division, only some alluvial mining at Evans River, and a few scattered parties fossicking on the beaches. The lease of the Black Rock Gold-mining Company has been allowed to lapse.

#### CLARENCE AND RICHMOND DISTRICT—CASINO DIVISION.

(*J. T. Hobbes, Mining Registrar.*)

WITH reference to your reminder of the 16th instant, I have the honor to explain that I have been quite prevented from communicating with you on the subject of information asked for in connection with the compilation of the annual report, owing to the very large amount of work attached to this office, and especially at this season of the year.

I have to state that I am unable to furnish you with any information, there is no mining of any kind going on in this vicinity, the principal workings being at Fairfield, Drake, where there is a resident Mining Registrar, although, in the Land District of Casino scarcely even licenses are applied for, two only being issued last year, and one this year, so far.

I would also mention that having arrived in this district in August last, I have had but little opportunity to go about to make inquiry into the products of the district.

#### CLARENCE AND RICHMOND DISTRICT—GRAFTON DIVISION.

(*William Clarke, Mining Registrar.*)

SINCE my last report the boundaries of my division have been altered, cutting out of it all the portions where any mining was being carried on.

See and party have done a good deal of work on their mineral prospecting area at Coaldale, and are confident of procuring payable coal.

I issued 80 miner's rights, 29 mineral licenses, and 1 business license, and received 4 applications for gold-mining leases.

#### ALBERT DISTRICT—BROKEN HILL, SILVERTON, EURIOWIE, AND MOUNT GIPPS DIVISIONS.

(*A. N. Barnett, Warden.*)

I do myself the honor to forward, for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Mines, my annual report on the Broken Hill and Silvertion Divisions of the Albert Mining District for the year 1889.

The rainfall for the past year was 16.43 inches. This has been one of the best seasons, as far as water supply is concerned, that has been known for many years.

Prospecting, which in this waterless country is only carried on in dry seasons with great hardships and disadvantages, has been of late appreciably stimulated throughout the whole district.

#### *Broken Hill Division.*

In this division the mines on the Broken Hill lode have been worked to immense advantage.

The Proprietary Mine has, during the past twelve months, erected two additional furnaces, which, with eight already in existence, have a reducing power of 3,200 tons of ore per week, averaging about 650 tons of lead and 145,000 oz. of silver, the output being thus double that reached in 1888.

This enormous increase is mainly due to the large reserves of very rich ore which have recently been found to exist in that portion of the Company's ground known as Block 11.

It is expected that the output of this great mine for 1890 will be materially increased when the additional smelting plant now in course of erection is completed.

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The quantity of ore raised last year was 161,500 tons. Of this, 145,041 tons have been smelted, containing 6,236,006 oz. of silver, 25,170 tons of lead, valued in all at £1,317,831 sterling.

This mine now employs 2,140 men, and up to the present time has paid £1,160,000 in dividends, and £5,760,000 in bonuses, to which have to be added the nominal value of shares received from Block 14, British Broken Hill, and Block 10, totalizing in all about £3,840,000.

The Junction, British, Block 14, Central, and Block 10 mines have all discovered large amounts of payable ore during the past year, and the work of development is being rapidly carried on. Block 14 has been dividend paying since April last, and it is expected that the others will shortly be in the same position.

The work in the South Mine has been less fruitful of results during the past twelve months, but a new and systematic method of development, by deep sinking, has been decided upon by the management with every reason to anticipate success.

A large number of prospecting mines are being opened up in the vicinity of the Broken Hill lode, with varying results. In this respect the increased rainfall has been of incalculable benefit.

#### Silverton.

During the past year mining operations have been carried on with greater vigour than ever, owing to the cessation of the drought.

The Umberumberka Mine, which was the first of any consequence on the Barrier, is still employing a large number of men, and although not a dividend-paying concern, is still working to advantage.

A very large amount of prospecting continues to be done all over this district, and mineral leases are being taken up in every direction, the whole of the country being undoubtedly metalliferous in a greater or less degree.

At the Pinnacles, situated about 12 miles from Silverton, the new concentrating plant has been working very successfully since its erection in July last, reducing about 500 tons of ore per week, and employing some 200 men.

The Corona blocks, which have been abandoned for two or three years, are now attracting the attention of the mining community, and an English Company has been formed to work six blocks in the Corona lode, with a capital of £150,000.

A considerable number of abandoned leases in this neighbourhood are being reapplied for and floated into companies for the purpose of more thorough development.

At the Acacia dam a new industry is springing up in the quarrying of limestone, which is being extensively used as flux for the furnaces of the large mines in the Broken Hill lode.

The following figures show the quantities and values of minerals exported from the district during the year ending 27th December, 1889 :—

	Tons.	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Value.
Silver ore.....	42,253	5	2	20	£ 291,534
Argentiferous lead.....	31,544	4	2	18	1,433,679
Tin ore.....	8	19	1	0	86
Copper ore.....	106	8	0	8	1,081
Gold quartz.....	1	14	2	0	17
	73,914	12	0	18	£1,726,397

The above figures show an increase of nearly three-quarters of a million on the exports for 1888.

The amount of work done, and revenue received at the Warden's offices at Broken Hill and Silverton, will be gathered from the following figures :—

	Broken Hill.			Silverton.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January.....	338	7	6	349	2	6
February.....	154	0	0	157	2	6
March.....	172	17	6	164	15	0
April.....	162	0	0	252	15	0
May.....	207	12	6	153	5	0
June.....	223	12	6	217	10	0
July.....	350	0	0	297	10	0
August.....	524	2	6	312	7	6
September.....	316	15	0	290	10	0
October.....	555	17	6	130	5	0
November.....	433	7	6	366	12	6
December.....	556	17	6	372	17	6
	£3,995	10	0	£3,064	12	6

125 cases were dealt with at the Warden's Court, Broken Hill, and sixty at the Warden's Court, Silverton.

#### Miners' Rights, &c., issued.

	Broken Hill.	Silverton.
Miners' rights.....	1,084	65
Mineral licenses.....	152	159
Business licenses.....	3,149	193
Deed fees on mineral leases.....	£50	£198
Stamp duty on transfers, mining tenements.....	200	10

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The value of the machinery at present in use on this field is estimated at fully £220,000.

Several of the reports from the various managers have not yet been received, but will be forwarded in due course.

The work in the Warden's offices at Broken Hill and Silverton is very heavy, and, as will be seen by the above figures, rapidly increasing.

The population of Broken Hill alone being now estimated at fully 17,000 inhabitants.

In conclusion, I may add that, having only been acting as Warden at Broken Hill since the end of August last, I have not been able to report as fully and exhaustively as so large and important a district deserves, but I trust that the information herein afforded will convey a fair impression of the importance of this portion of the Albert Mining District.

#### ALBERT DISTRICT—WILCANNIA DIVISION.

(*Walterus Brown, Warden.*)

I do myself the honor to submit my annual report for the Wilcannia Division of the Albert Mining District.

As I only took charge of this division last month my report must necessarily be brief.

During the past year more interest has been taken in mining in this division than heretofore, and more prospecting has been carried on.

Prospecting has been vigorously carried on, with the result that some very promising prospects have been discovered, notably that at Cawker's Well, where there have been several gold-bearing reefs found, 5 tons of stone from which, crushed in Melbourne, yielded 1 oz. 2 dwt. per ton; and assays have gone as high as 19 oz. per ton; this, of course was from picked stone.

These reefs are situated about 37 miles from Wilcannia and about 12 miles from the River Darling, on the Wienterriga Run.

There is every probability of these reefs turning out sufficiently rich to pay handsomely for working.

The only other locality in this division where any extent of work has been carried on is at Kanoie Peak, on the Mount Browne Road, about 80 miles from Wilcannia. Prospecting has been carried on here for some considerable time, and though some very nice alluvial gold has been found, and some fairly good reefing prospects have been obtained, nothing as yet has been found to return any adequate remuneration; but there is no doubt there are both alluvial gold and gold-bearing reefs in the locality which will ultimately be proved payable. There has only been one lease taken up here, which is known as "The Mystery," on which some really good work has been done, and I am told their prospects have recently very much improved. I expect to hear of payable gold being found in this locality before any great length of time.

During the latter end of last month the discovery of opal was reported about 70 miles from Wilcannia, on the Yungnalgra Plains Run. There is a large extent of country showing it to be opal-bearing, and a good deal of work has been carried on prospecting. Some very nice specimens of opal have been found, but as there is very little commercial value attached to it I attach little importance to the find, as it is not likely to maintain anything of a population.

Many years ago—long before Broken Hill broke out—I expressed the opinion, which I have ever since maintained, that the Albert Mining District was one of the wealthiest in the Colonies, and I am still of the same opinion, irrespective of Broken Hill.

The want of water is a great drawback to this field, and the want of capital for the proper development of it.

Gold and silver is to be found in every portion of the Albert Mining District.

The large amount of gold got in the surfacing, and the great extent of gold-bearing cement and conglomerate formations at Tibooburra, the extensive gold-bearing reefs at Warratta, the payable ground in the deep sinking at Mount Browne and Stringer's Hill, and the gold and silver-bearing reefs at Kooningberry, clearly show the large extent and great variety of the gold-bearing country, and large scope for labour and capital, in those portions of the district which only require development by the securing of plenty of water and the expenditure of capital to prove it one of the wealthiest districts in the Colony. Gold and silver can be obtained in any portion of it, and payable gold has been proved to exist at all depths from the surface down to nearly 300 feet, which probably will continue much deeper.

#### ALBERT DISTRICT.—MILPARINKA DIVISION.

(*E. L. Maitland, Warden.*)

THE past year opened with fair prospects which, unfortunately, have not been realized, the want of water again seriously retarding the success of the field and an appreciable decrease in the population has resulted.

With the exception of 1½ inches in January last, no rain has fallen in sufficient quantity to make surface water, and consequently many of the smaller mining localities are deserted.

At Stringer's Hill but little work has been done, water for puddling being available only during the first few weeks of the year, while that for domestic purpose has been carted either from Mount Browne or Milparinka. The principal returns to hand are Kilgour and party 208 oz. from 109 loads; Crammond and party 36 oz. from 60 loads; Swain and Conway 14½ oz. from 22 loads. For the latter part of the year work in deep ground was abandoned for the time being, as the miners have been obliged to adopt the primitive method of dry-blowing to obtain a livelihood.

A similar state of affairs exists at Mount Browne, and, until a supply of water is available, there is little hope of an improvement. The Mount Browne Prospecting Company, finding their capital insufficient to carry on the work of their claim and purchase more powerful machinery, amalgamated with a Melbourne syndicate. The machinery necessary has been purchased and is now on the ground, the greater portion being erected. The manager expects to have everything in full working order by the end of January. This Company have purchased an adjoining claim, All Nations, for the sum of £500, which they purpose to work by means of a drive from their main shaft. Should this venture prove successful it will give a great impetus to deep sinking in this part of the division.

A little work has been done at Mount Poole payable wash-dirt being found at a depth of from 6 to 12 feet, but, from appearance, is of limited extent.

So far as the rainfall is concerned, Tibooburra and neighbourhood has fared worse than many others of the mining localities in this division, latterly the miners have been obliged to remove their stock, all surface having dried up, and except for a little puddling with soakage water and dry-blowing the last nine months have been almost a blank. As an example of the extreme richness of the auriferous deposits in this part of the field, I may state that recently one miner obtained more than 8 oz. of gold, the result of one week's dry-blowing.

Applications to lease 100 acres at Nuggetty have been made lately. Nuggetty is a low hill situate some 7 miles to the westward of Tibooburra, and appears to be composed of a mass of water-worn gravel and quartz, which, from returns to hand, contains free gold throughout from 3 to 15 dwt. to the load. As the supply of this cement is almost inexhaustible, the lessees have a firm belief that their property is one of the most valuable yet discovered in New South Wales—such is also the opinion of many practical men who have lately examined it, and steps are now being taken to float a Company to thoroughly test its value.

The gold-saving appliances at Warratta having proved wholly inadequate, even so far as the free gold is concerned, nearly all work ceased for a time, but efforts are now being made to bring further capital into the field with a view of purchasing improved machinery. Several parcels of stone forwarded for assay have returned from 3 to 7 oz. to the ton, while from the primitive machinery on the field the return from similar stone has never exceeded 1 oz. On the Elizabeth line of reef Hassall and party are down 60 feet, the reef at that depth being 3 feet wide, showing a little gold on the Warratta line, House and party have sunk 50 feet, and have 100 tons at grass, and are now sinking another shaft to cut the underlay. 2 tons of stone from this claim will shortly be forwarded for treatment in bulk. In the Gladstone, Kissley and party are down 100 feet, but have come upon very unsettled country, so intend sinking another 50 feet.

Some 4 miles to the eastward of Warratta the discovery of a seam of carboniferous shale is reported, but I have not as yet had an opportunity of inspecting the locality. In the event of quartz crushing being carried on to any great extent in this division the want of fuel will be a serious consideration, the value of a discovery of a seam of coal or shale cannot therefore be over-estimated.

The Koorningberry Reefs are a discovery of the past twelve months. A township has been laid out, and at the present time some forty miners are located there. Many leases, both gold and mineral (silver) have been applied for, but so far nothing definite as to the value of this discovery has been proved. The Koorningberry syndicate has sunk their shaft 70 feet, and forwarded 30 cwt. of stone from that level for treatment. The result is being anxiously looked forward to, and will have a great influence on the future of this portion of the field. The Grey Range Syndicate have sunk a similar depth, and are now driving on the reef. In the Alliance lease three shafts, each about 50 feet, have been sunk. The lessees are very sanguine, and are now endeavouring to float a Company to enable them to purchase the requisite machinery.

So far as I have been able to ascertain the quantity of gold won during the past twelve months is, as could only be expected under the circumstances, very much less than that obtained during 1888—probably about one-half; but now that a general rain has fallen throughout the district, ensuring a supply of grass and water during the remainder of the summer, the year 1890 commences with bright auspices for all classes.

#### ALBERT DISTRICT—WILCANNIA DIVISION.

(*A. W. Pratt, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to report that the mining industry of the district suffered considerably from the effects of the drought during the early part of year 1889; the collections at this office during that period only amounting to the sum of £129.

Four leases for gold-mining purposes were applied for, but no mineral leases at all.

#### ALBERT DISTRICT—TIBOOBURRA DIVISION.

(*J. W. Day, Mining Registrar.*)

I HAVE the honor to submit the Mining Registrar's returns for 1890, and this my report for same.

The Tibooburra Division of the Albert Gold-mining District is about 30 miles in extent, 10 miles of which are worked payable for alluvial, one reef only in work, the Gladstone. There are several rich quartz mines in the Milparinka Division immediately on the boundary of this division.

The alluvial hitherto worked is generally shallow, varying from the surface to a depth of 20 feet, though rarely exceeding 3 feet. There are 200 diggers on the field, comprising puddlers, wagesmen, and fossickers.

The revenue from the field for past year was £158, as collected by me from the sale of miners' rights and business licenses. Warden's Court fees and fines were very slight, as the separation of this division from the Milparinka only took place on the 10th of September last, several gold-mining leases taken up at Nuggetty, 6 miles from here, the fees for same were paid to the Warden at Milparinka, making an item of £150 or £200.

Owing to the fact of most of the puddlers and miners being in debt to the business people, it is a matter of great difficulty to ascertain the aggregate result of their working, or the quantity of gold produced. They are mostly reticent about their savings, while some forward their gold direct to the Mint, and will not give any satisfaction when questioned. After considerable trouble I am enabled to submit the returns as shown on attached form as facts, with the presumption of a far greater amount of gold obtained and not accounted for.

Tibooburra



*Silver.*

The only silver won in the district came from the Mount Billagoe Company's claim, as above stated. The other mineral claims have for a considerable time suspended operations.

*Copper.*

Cobar Mine, which has been in operation for the past fifteen years, closed in August last, in consequence of the low price of copper then ruling, but when railway communication is established with this town there is every probability of this important mine resuming work, as fuel will then be procured at a reasonable rate, and copper procured and delivered in Sydney at a much lower rate than hitherto, thus enabling the Company to work at a profit.

C.S.A. has suspended work through the Cobar Mine closing.

Nymagee Mine has been working during the year, but, through the low price of copper, only 250 men were employed and 8,755 tons of ore raised and smelted at the mine, realizing 843 tons of copper, valued at £39,500, as against 12,600 tons raised the previous year containing 1,300 tons of copper, valued at £93,276. The depth of this mine is 634 feet, and the width of the lode from 8 to 22 feet.

New Burra Burra is situated at Hermitage Plains, between Cobar and Nyngan. The owners of this mine have expended a large sum in erecting a furnace, and a quantity of ore was smelted but not yet refined.

*Machinery.*

The Chesney Cobar Company has its own machinery, consisting of a 15-head stamper, Huntingdon mill, Watson and Denny pan, Blake pump, and Knowles pump, valued at £2,978 9s. 5d., and a private company, called the Cobar Quartz-crushing Company, has a 5-foot Huntingdon mill, with crusher and engines complete, also a 4,000-yard tank, valued at £2,500. The former Company crushes for itself and the latter for the public, and 902 tons of quartz passed through this mill, realizing 758 oz. 16 dwt. 19 gr. of gold.

The business transacted in this office was not so heavy as the preceding year. Seventeen wages cases and a number of applications occupied my attention in the Warden's Court. Miners' rights issued, 162; mineral licenses issued, 35; business licenses issued, 14; water rights issued, 10; business sites issued, 1; gold lease applications issued, 19, for 131 acres; mineral lease applications issued, 27, for 890 acres.

In conclusion, I would venture to assert that, when the long-promised railway communication is established, the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company in full swing, and the public become better acquainted with the mining capabilities of this district, new mines will not only be opened up but thoroughly tested, and Cobar become one of the principal mining centres in the Colony.

Rainfall for the year, 19 inches 55 points.

## COBAR DISTRICT.—HILLSTON DIVISION.

(*N. C. O'Neill, Warden.*)

I HAVE the honor to state, for the information of the Honorable the Secretary for Mines, that during last year little progress has been made in mining pursuits in this district. Several gold leases are in existence in the neighbourhood of Mount Hope, but up to the present no gold has been won, and I am informed that altogether there are only eight or nine men employed in connection with the leases in question. In fact, I doubt very much the bona fides of some of the leases, and I think that where work is not being carried on the leases should be promptly cancelled. The Government prospecting party is working on flat ground. Three shafts have been bottomed at a depth of 61, 105, and 122 feet, respectively, the colour of gold having been got in the last-named shaft.

No sort of mining whatever is carried on at Lake Cudgellico, although the surrounding country is decidedly auriferous. People in that locality prefer taking up land for sheep-raising and for agricultural purposes; but, with the development of the district, capital may, by-and-by, be invested in testing the mineral capacity of that portion of the country.

On Yallock run, about 55 miles from the village of Ivanhoe, eight men are prospecting. Fourteen shafts have been sunk at a depth of from 14 to 65 feet. Some of the stuff dug from these shafts was sent to Melbourne, and, on analysis, it yielded 4 oz. of gold, and 57 oz. of silver per ton.

The copper mines at Mount Hope and South Mount Hope have been working during the year. The New Mount Hope Company employed fifty-six men and six boys. The quantity of ore raised was 1,870 tons, producing 260 tons of copper, of the value of £10,400. The value of the plant at this mine is £7,000. The Great Central Company employed ninety men. The quantity of ore raised was 2,000 tons, producing 394 tons of copper, of the value of £15,740. The value of the plant at this mine is £3,000. I understand that this Company is putting on additional hands, and otherwise extending its operations in view of the present satisfactory price of copper.

I notice that during my absence in Sydney in the early part of the year four applications for silver leases were made by persons about Mount Hope. The land embraced in these leases, so I am told, is not being worked, and I have not the slightest doubt that the leasing has been resorted to in order to acquire a monopoly of land in connection with adjacent auriferous land.

I regret that I am a little late in sending in this report, but I have had to contend with some difficulty in obtaining information. For instance, the policeman at Mount Hope, when asked for a confidential report as to mining operations out there, declined to assist me without the express sanction of the Police Department. I did not press the matter, as I was doubtful as to how far my power extended in a matter of this sort.

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INSPECTOR



INSPECTOR OF MINES' REPORT.

In submitting my Annual Report for the year 1889, I have the honor to inform you that the following is a list of the accidents reported on by the Wardens, Coroners, or Mining Registrars, as having occurred during the year in the Metallic Mines of New South Wales :—

No. of Accidents.	Date.	Name of Mine or Company.	Locality.	Persons killed.	Persons seriously injured.	Occupation.	Cause of death or injury.	Fatal.		Non-Fatal.						
								Fall of earth.	Suffocated by gas.	Fell down shaft.	Killed by machinery.	Explosion of shot.	Drilling missed shot.	Fall of earth.	Falling down shaft.	
1	17 Jan.	.....	Tuena	— M'Intyre .	...	Miner	Smothered by gas from shot	1								
2	30 "	.....	Adelong	W. Wellington .	.....	"	Fall of earth .....	1								
3	10 Feb.	Block 14 Mine .	Broken Hill	Thos. Bagwell .	.....	"	Falling down shaft .....		1							
4	16 "	Broken Hill Proprietary.	"	M. W. Throup .	.....	"	Falling down pass ...		1							
5	3 Apl	Burrangong Co.	Young	R Richards .	.....	"	Killed by engine crank ...			1						
6	26 "	Adelaide Mine ..	Drake	H. Franklin .	.....	"	Falling down shaft .....		1							
7	24 May	Bredbo Mine	Bredbo ..	L Scellick .	.....	"	Explosion of shot .....			1						
8	6 June	Broken Hill Proprietary.	Broken Hill	.....	T. Van Poplen .	"	Injured falling down shaft..									
9	11 "	Webb's Consols Silver Mine.	Emmaville	S. Strongman .	.....	"	Falling down shaft ....		1							
10	9 July	Markdale Silver Mine	Binda . . . .	.....	— Longmore ...	Manager	Fall of quartz .....			1						
11	12 "	Advance Australia	Nana Creek	.....	— Forbes.....	Miner .	Explosion—drilling out missed shot.			1						
12	12 "	"	"	.....	— Wilson . . .	"	"			1						
13	15 "	Ocean View .	Nerrigundah	.....	T Kennedy .	"	Dynamite explosion .			1						
14	15 "	"	"	.....	J Swingler .	"	"			1						
15	24 "	Flanagan's Gully	Blayney ..	Thos. Lynch .	.....	"	Falling down shaft ....		1							
16	25 "	United Miners'	Major's Creek	.....	D. Heazlett..	"	Fall of stone .....			1						
17	....	Bushman's Daughter. Proprietary .	Gundagai .	.....	— Thompson ..	"	Falling down shaft . . .			1						
18	1 Sep	S. Cosgrove's ..	"	.....	C. Schotton	"	Explosion of shot .....			1						
19	2 "	Swede's Hill .	Sofala .	L Dupont ..	.....	"	Suffocation by foul air .		1							
20	9 "	.....	Temora	.....	H Parker	"	Fall of earth .....		1							
21	21 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	"	.....									
22	12 Nov.	United Miners'	Major's Creek	.....	W Murphy .	"	Fall of stone .....			1						
23	26 "	Pinnacles .	Broken Hill	W. Reed .	.....	"	Falling down shaft . . .		1							
24	28 "	.....	Trunkey	.....	J. Christensen	"	Fall of earth . . . . .			1						
25	7 Dec.	Britannia Co.	Forbes	.....	C. Murphy .	"	Explosion of shot .....			1						
26	7 "	"	"	.....	L. Ryan .....	"	"			1						
27	24 "	Silver King ...	Broken Hill .	.....	H. Taylor . . .	"	Falling down shaft .....		1							
28	30 "	Sunlight .....	Hillgrove.....	.....	L. Paravicini .	"	Explosion of shot .....			1						
29	30 "	"	"	.....	P. Whalan .....	"	"			1						
30	30 "	Block 14 .. . .	Broken Hill .	.....	J. Downey .....	"	Fall of stone .....			1						
31	....	Lloyd's Copper-mine.	Burranga ..	.....	Jas. Barratt ...	"	Runaway truck .....			1						
								2	2	7	3	1	9	5	2	
										15			16			
												31				

ABSTRACT.

Killed :—5 Gold, quartz.  
 3 " alluvial.  
 5 Silver.  
 1 Tin.  
 1 Copper,

Injured :—12 Gold, quartz.  
 4 Silver.

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Total, 31.

NUMBER of Men employed in the Metallic Mines of New South Wales, and value of Machinery, at 31st December, 1889.

Mining District.	Alluvial Gold.		Quartz Gold.	Silver.	Copper.	Tin.		Bismuth.	Other.	Total.	Value of Machinery.		
	Euro-peans.	Chinese				Euro-peans.	Chinese.				£	s.	d.
Albert .....	356	11	30	4,900	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5,298	228,600	0	0
Bathurst .....	493	87	570	790	85	.....	.....	.....	105	2,067	176,830	0	0
Clarence and Richmond .....	66	...	158	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	242	5,420	0	0
Cobar .....	61	...	.....	14	399	.....	.....	.....	.....	474	60,182	0	0
Hunter and Macleay .....	.....	...	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	7,500	0	0
Laclan .....	582	...	858	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,440	54,480	0	0
Mudgee .....	1,649	80	123	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	6	1,904	21,310	0	0
New England .....	95	6	138	170	.....	316	550	.....	.....	1,275	28,600	0	0
Peel and Uralla.....	454	36	1,461	181	.....	263	96	43	18	2,552	71,394	0	0
Tambaroora .....	320	143	330	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	843	33,450	0	0
Tamut and Adelong .....	422	43	387	520	.....	4	.....	.....	11	1,387	74,447	10	0
Southern .....	565	154	461	12	12	5	.....	4	8	1,221	84,030	0	0
Total .....	5,063	560	4,569	6,587	542	588	646	47	167	18,769	846,193	10	0
Percentage killed .....	·059	...	·10	·076	·18	·17	.....	.....	.....	·08	.....	.....	.....
Percentage injured .....	.....	...	·26	·06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	·085	.....	.....	.....

Table No. 2 gives in addition to the value of mining machinery the number of persons employed and the percentage of persons killed or injured in the metallic mines of New South Wales during the year 1889.

Out of a total of fifteen persons killed during the year five lost their lives in auriferous quartz-mining, three in alluvial gold-mining, five in silver, one in tin, and one in copper mining,—being an increase in the number of accidents during the year, as compared with 1888, of three killed and seven injured, or a total of ten.

During the year the following mining centres have been inspected by me in my capacities of Inspector of Mines and member of the Prospecting Board, exclusive of the diamond drill work:—In the south—Mittagong, Shoalhaven, Goulburn, and Yalwal; in the north—Boonoo Boonoo, Drake, Tooloom, Solferino, Glen Innes, Dalmorton, Inverell, Tingha, Emmaville, Hillgrove, Armidale, Uralla, Moonbi, Bendemeer, Tamworth, Stewart's Brook, Denison Diggings, Copeland, and Dungog; north coast—Casino, Lismore, Ballina, Maclean, Grafton, Nana Creek, Bellinger, Nambucca, and Upper Macleay; western—Locksley, Blayney, Orange, Molong, Cudal, Cargo, Parkes, Canowindra, Alick's Flat and Peak Hill, Tarana, Oberon, and Wiseman's Creek.

#### PROSPECTING VOTE.

In my last annual report I wrote fully on the constitution of the Prospecting Board and mode of distribution, as set forth in the Prospecting Vote Regulations, which regulations have not been altered owing to the fact that it is thought that the system adopted is the fairest and safest in the interest of the general public, and I may add that during the year the results of the Prospecting Vote have been fairly successful.

#### GOLD.

*Boonoo Boonoo.*—This gold-field has in former years employed a large number of miners, but owing to the patchy nature of the reefs, the hard country (granite) in which these reefs occur, and the baser minerals generally associated with the gold, makes the ore refractory and unfit for successful treatment with the ordinary crushing appliances, hence companies have failed, and the miner left the field. In my opinion the patchy nature of the gold deposits in the Boonoo Boonoo quartz-veins will not return large payable results to those who will work and further develop them, but they will in time nevertheless prove payable to a number of miners.

*Drake.*—Owing to discoveries of different minerals, principally gold, silver, and copper, having been made in this district during the year 1888, a large population gathered around, and a flourishing township sprung up; but this year the excitement diminished, and several mines were abandoned.

The auriferous quartz-veins generally occur in lenticular blocks; the gold as a rule is very fine, and associated with iron and arsenical pyrites, and difficult to treat by the ordinary crushing-machine. This may be said of the Adeline, Strauss, and other mines. The Red Rock contains, in addition to pyrites, gold, silver, copper, and zinc blende. It will therefore be seen that the future prosperity of this field must greatly depend on gold-saving and other appliances, which will successfully overcome the difficulty in treating refractory ores.

In alluvial, the basaltic range near Pretty Gully, Tooloom, is well worth prospecting, as coarse gold has been obtained in the gullies draining from said range.

*Solferino*, which has been rich in gold deposits, is now almost deserted, as during the time of my inspection only a few miners were at work at the Garibaldi, Lions, and the Band of Hope reefs; but I have no doubt that if the Garibaldi and other reefs were systematically worked, they would again return payable results for capital judiciously invested. The geological formation is very favourable for heavy gold deposits to occur in them, as they consist of diorite, granite, and altered Devonian slates, but owing to the disturbed nature of the rock formation the gold is likely to occur in patches, hence provision should be made for progressive works ahead, both in sinking and driving.

In the alluvial a new rush took place at a place known as the Malara Scrub, of which Mr. Paul Marcolino was the discoverer. This well-known, energetic, and persevering old miner was also the discoverer of the Solferino Gold-field. Although Mr. Marcolino's party of five made about £9 per week per man, the gold could not be traced to any great extent; the gold, which was coarse, and in the

the sample shown, contained pieces about 8 dwt. The formation consists of pyritous diorite, granite, and conglomerates, with crystalized quartz-veins. The denudations of the pyritous rock and quartz-veins traversing it is probably the source from which the gold was derived.

*Dalmorton.*—Very little mining is at present carried on at this field, although an impetus has been given through aid being afforded to the miners' out of the Prospecting Vote, and one of the parties, Greenway & Co., at the Isabella Reef, have during the year obtained payable gold.

*Hillgrove (Armidale District).*—The following are the names of mines held under lease or on freehold property in the district:—The Ellenora, Garabaldi, Baker's Creek, Baker's Creek South, Baker's Creek North, Primrose, Sunlight, Enterprise, Baker's Creek Extended, Baal Gammon, Golden Gate, Golden Gate Extended, Sunnyside, Carrington, South Baker's Creek, Block 215, Duncan Wade, Key's Block, De Bau's Block, Gleeson's Block, Queen Adelaide, Mount Carrington, Ellenora North, Scholes Block, Lady Carrington, Cosmopolitan, Root Hog, St. Patrick, Centennial, Starlight, Diadem, Never-can-Tell, Flora Bell, Eclipse, and others.

The Ellenora Mine has been fully described by me in former reports, suffice it to say that a new Company has bought the mine and machinery for £30,000 in cash. A whim has been erected since my last inspection, and the main or whim shaft is now somewhat over 300 feet in depth. The quartz-veins in this mine contain gold and antimony; are associated with an intrusive granite dyke, and occur both on the hanging and foot-walls; a part of these bunches of antimony ore are also met with in the dyke rock.

The Garabaldi Company were sinking their main shaft, and erecting extensive crushing machinery.

There are a few other mines on the table-land, but the principal work is now carried on down the falls. The vertical depth of which is 1,500 feet below the surface of the Ellenora Mine.

The Baker's Creek Mine has yielded large returns, no less than £72,000 having been paid in dividends in less than twelve months. The yield of gold has, however, greatly fallen off, principally due to the neglect of keeping progressive works ahead during the time the rich shoots of gold were working. Our mineral deposits generally occur either in shoots or bunches. Companies or miners should therefore keep their progressive works well ahead whilst their mine is paying, and thereby advance their own interest. A tramway has been constructed in connection with this mine from the table-land to the bottom of fall—the distance being 2,600 feet, or at an angle of about 31, as stated before, the perpendicular distance being 1,500 feet. As there is always a great risk of life to persons in ascending or descending in the trucks on this tram-line, I considered it my duty to serve the mining manager with a notice in writing not to allow any person to ascend or descend on fully-loaded trucks, and to limit the number of persons riding on the trucks at the one time.

The Primrose Mine adjoins that of the Baker's Creek on the north-western boundary. A main shaft being sunk, and winding and pumping gear in course of erection, and the prospects of the mine appear good.

North Baker's Creek has also good prospects, and is likely to become a dividend paying mine.

The Sunlight Mine, on the opposite side of the Falls, is situated about 1,000 feet above Baker's Creek. A small 5-stamp battery in connection with this mine has crushed during the year 874 tons of quartz, yielding 1,836 oz. of gold, valued at £6,440. A wire tram is connected with the mine and battery, but, owing to the contour of the country, causes frequent stoppages; but the Company ought at once to erect a better crushing plant, timber shoots, &c., as the prospects of the mine certainly warrant the outlay. The geological indications point to the belief that there are more than one payable vein in the Sunlight property.

At the Lady Carrington, Root Hog, Cosmopolitan, and others, in the granite formation, work is carried on, and the two former Companies intend immediately to erect machinery, and otherwise develop their mining properties. Taking the Hillgrove Gold-field as a whole, its permanency may be considered as assured, although the rugged nature of the country and the consequent difficulties of getting material and appliances from and to the mines will be at all times a stumbling block and cause loss of time and expenditure.

*Uralla.*—A new rush has set in near Uralla, at a place known as Enmore or Melrose, where several quartz-veins have been discovered during the year, some of which contain payable gold. These reefs have, however, not sufficiently developed to give anything like a correct opinion as to their value and permanency.

With the exception of Rice & Company, who obtained payable gold at a depth of 130 feet, with thickness of wash 5 feet, which yielded from 6 to 8 dwt. per ton, and who were assisted from the Prospecting Vote. Few, if any, alluvial claims are at present on payable gold; but I have no doubt whatever that Doherty's Hill will yet profitably employ a large number of miners, and recoup those who persevere to overcome the water difficulties.

At Moonbi, Bendemeer, and Tamworth, there are a few miners at work, but nothing of any consequence has been discovered during the year.

*The Denison Diggings and Stewart's Brook.*—These mines are situated about 40 miles from Scone, near the head of the Hunter River. The formation is Devonian shale, and carboniferous, in which the quartz occurs in fragments or shoots. The principal mine at work on the field is the Fuller's reef, which is being worked by tunnel, and at the time of inspection the tunnel was in 1,348 feet, near the end of which a quartz-vein, carrying rich coarse gold, was exposed to view; the thickness of vein being from 9 inches to 2 feet. No crushing had taken place, but a new crushing plant was in course of erection close to the mine, which consisted of a Huntingdon mill, Frew vanners, &c., and a great deal of interest was taken in the erection, as it was thought that the introduction of this plant would give a great impetus throughout the field. One-twelfth share out of this mine (which is mostly held by working miners) was sold for £900 cash. At Moonan Brook very little work has been done of late.

Mr. Arthur Wall, of Scone, has lately introduced fresh capital, and taken up several leases on different quartz-veins for the purpose of systematically working the same, either by tunnels or shafts. Some of these mines have a good prospect of success.

Stewart's Brook is reached from the Denison by climbing over a mountain range about 1,800 feet in height. The distance from Denison to Stewart's Brook is about 6½ miles. Here, too, the geological formation is Devonian and carboniferous. A large number of miners are prospecting on numerous reefs

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or quartz-veins, several of which will no doubt prove payable if systematically worked, more especially so the Blue Reef, which seems so far to be the premier quartz-reef of the district. The Denison and Stewart's Brook Diggings are likely to sustain a fairly numerous mining population for many years to come, provided a proper system of developing the quartz-veins is adopted. The rugged nature of the country will, however, always be a kind of stumbling-block in bringing the quartz after it has been raised to the crushing and gold-saving plants, as road-making is costly, and cannot be undertaken by individual miners. There is a great probability that the aid granted out of the Prospecting Vote will have a beneficial effect in opening up the mines down to a greater depth, and it is to be hoped that the Vote will be the indirect cause of bringing improved gold-saving appliances into the district; and if this is done, this gold-field will be able to profitably support a flourishing mining population. A resident police officer and mining registrar and warden's clerk are sadly needed, as the population is large and permanent enough for the incurring of the expenditure for appointing and maintaining such officers in the district, as the three offices could be held by the one person.

*Copeland.*—The Lady Belmore Reef is the only one at present on payable gold, but other mines intend starting at an early date. Extensive machinery is to be erected on the left arm, and, considering all circumstances, the year 1890 is likely to bring forth favourable results in the mines recently retaken for future developments. On the Little River, Dungog, there are a few parties of miners at work with various success.

*Nana Creek.*—There are still several parties of miners at work on this field, but the yield of gold has not been large during the year. Several parties were aided out of the Prospecting Vote, and it is fully anticipated that good results will be obtained by some of the parties assisted.

*Lismore and Ballina.*—In these districts few gold deposits have been worked. At Peter's Grass, about 30 miles north of Lismore, a narrow belt of altered Devonian sandstone and slates forms the hills, which is traversed by quartz-reefs; and at Yankee Creek a quartz-reef has been tested which yielded by assays from 5 to 16 dwt. per ton; and about 6 miles west of Ballina a reef was tested by Mr. Coleman, of Lismore, which yielded 15 dwt. per ton.

About half a mile north of the entrance of the Richmond River is the Black Rock Mine, discovered and owned by Mr. Monro. As stated by Mr. Wilkinson and myself in our joint report when we visited the district as a Prospecting Board, the Black Rock is a perpendicular cliff, 30 feet high, facing the ocean, and composed at the base of hard dense basalt, then a bed 4 to 10 feet thick of scoriaceous volcanic agglomerate, overlaid by 15 to 20 feet of hard, dense, columnar basalt. Above this is about 30 feet of soft decomposed laminated basalt. A sample of 14 cwt. yielded at the rate of 9 dwt. 19 gr. of gold per ton; a total of about 7 tons 17 cwt. treated gave an average yield of 12 dwt. of gold per ton. These lodes have a slight dip inland, and could be easily worked. There is no doubt that the gold and platinum in the sand and gravel on the beach, which have for years past been worked to the north and south of Black Rock, have been derived from the denudation of the basalt—the rippling action of the ocean surf tending to throw back the gold with the black sand, and shingle drift about high-water level. One exceptionally rich patch of about 25 yards square, worked by Rowan and party, yielded for about 6 inches in depth of wash 75 oz. of gold. The gold occurs in very minute particles. Only one miner is now working on the beach here. There being abundance of water at hand the sand could readily be worked on a large scale, but this does not appear to have been adopted, probably owing to the patchy occurrence of the gold. On account of the special treatment required larger parcels than those hitherto tried should be operated upon, and should they prove payable—as they probably will—there is a sufficient material to warrant mining operations on an extensive scale. Special appliances will be needed for saving the gold from the basalt, for this rock, when crushed, forms a sludge which will carry off the fine particles of gold. The beach sand within the entrance of the Richmond River, near the North Head, has also proved gold-bearing. From the coast to Lismore, and the head of the Brunswick River, the basaltic rocks show evidences of great volcanic activity during a considerable period.

*Nambucca, Bellinger, and Upper Macleay.*—These districts were visited by me in company with Mr. Wilkinson, as members of the Prospecting Board, and the various gold and antimony mines were inspected. The country consists of hills of slate formation intruded by masses and dykes of granite rock. One of the intrusive granite masses forms a small conical hill, about 3 miles north of Deep Creek, and close to the main road from Nambucca to Fernmount. On the summit of the hill the rock contains arsenical pyrites in segregated patches of various sizes. Some of these have been opened out at the surface, and in a drive from a shaft at a depth of 100 feet one pyritous mass had been proved to be 17 feet wide; it appears to be a pipe load. In its vicinity the rock, which is of a very soft felspathic nature, has mispickel more or less disseminated through it. Samples assayed by the Department yielded from a few pennyweights to 17 oz. to the ton. As there is a large pipe mass, if systematically worked, it might give payable returns. As there are several of these granitic dykes in the locality they ought to be thoroughly prospected. The same may be said of the Bellinger, Bowenville, and Upper Macleay districts. In almost every instance where payable gold has been discovered in these districts, the gold, whether in quartz-veins associated with antimony, or in arsenical pyritous deposits, has been directly associated with granitic dykes. In fact, such is the case throughout the country traversed by us between Kempsey, *via* Bell Brook, Styx River, and on to Hillgrove, in the Armidale district.

*Blayney.*—Several of the mines in the vicinity of Blayney, such as the Brown's Creek mine, the Confidence and others have, for a time at least, stopped their mining operations. At King's Plains three mines were at work of which one, named the Last Chance, applied for aid out of the Prospecting Vote; but, on inspection, I considered the mine payable provided it was systematically worked. The reef occurs in a soft altered felspathic rock, in lenticular blocks, averaging about 3 feet in thickness, and containing fine gold presumably in payable quantities. Some pieces of quartz crushed in my presence, in which no gold could be seen, gave payable results.

*Molong and Cudal.*—At the former locality the mine known as Delany's Dyke is the principal at present working in the district. Here active mining operations are carried on, but at the time of my inspection work on the lower level had been temporarily suspended pending the erection of more extensive crushing and gold-saving appliances. All the mining properties, both north and south of Delany's Dyke Company's Mine, are idle, with the exception of No. 4 North, where probably the dyke may be discovered east of their workings. At Cudal the Boney Rocks Mines are again receiving public attention; they occur in the granite formation, and have formerly given large returns.

*Cargo.*

*Cargo.*—The principal mines at work are the Ironclad, Franks, Dalcouth, and one or two others. At the Ironclad the manager, Mr. Walter March, has erected extensive gold-saving machinery to treat the complex refractory ores occurring in the mine, and it is to be hoped that he will be successful. Gum Flat, which at one time supported a large mining population, has now merged into an agricultural centre, although it cannot be said that it has been thoroughly prospected, as the valley trends in a north and south direction for miles, and in its course receives several tributaries, some of which contained payable gold. This flat ought to be systematically prospected west of M'Guinness' reef, the sinking would probably be deep, but would be comparatively easy. If the inhabitants of Cargo would throw off their present lethargy, and, by a system of co-operation, develop the great mineral resources of their district, Cargo would become a flourishing mining and agricultural district capable of supporting a large population.

*Canowindra.*—The principal mining operations are carried on at the Blue Jacket Hill, Belmore, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles easterly of Canowindra, where the Blue Jacket, No. 1 South, the Perseverance, and Hayes' reefs are at work. These reefs were first discovered during the years 1870 and 1871. The original shareholders during those days crushed from said reefs between 2,000 and 3000 tons of quartz, yielding an average of about 12 dwt. of gold per ton, the gold being of high quality. Owing to these quartz-veins occurring in lenticular blocks, the shareholders of that day considered their reef had run out, and instead of sinking and driving for fresh blocks of quartz they abandoned their holdings, causing this auriferous land to lay idle for several years.

In 1877 the whole of these reefs were fenced in and free selected; during the same year I inspected the Canowindra district, and strongly recommended the reservation of these auriferous reefs, urging that they had not been sufficiently prospected, and that sooner or later they would again be worked with payable results (see Annual Report, 1877, page 162). Had it not been for the Department of Mines in reserving these lands for mining purposes, and had not the fences of the free selectors been removed, the gold obtained from it during the last two years would still be undisturbed; and what now employs a large number of persons, and largely adds to the revenue of the country, would at the most only sustain a few score of sheep, as it is too rocky and unfit for agricultural purposes.

About two and a half years ago the Blue Jacket reefs were reopened under the ownership of Messrs. Mylecharane and Smith, who, up to the time of my inspection, crushed 445 tons of quartz yielding 820 oz. of gold. During my inspection the lowest level obtained in the mine was 220 feet from surface; at this level and about 200 feet north-west of the shaft the vein had faulted, and instead of quartz the hanging-wall rested on a clay vein (or dig) on which 8 feet in length had been driven and which if persevered with, would certainly lead on to the next lenticular block of quartz.

Following the underlay of the main shaft quartz was visible from about 80 feet from the surface down to the 200-foot level, on which level a fault occurs; but a winze, 20 feet south-easterly of whom shaft, again exposed to view a block of quartz from 12 to 18 inches in thickness. In connection with, but about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the mine, on the banks of the Belubula River, is a 5-stamp battery, to which the quartz intended to be crushed has to be carted.

No. 1 South were 105 feet in depth, still sinking on a small vein containing a little gold, but not payable.

A shaft is being sunk on the Perseverance Reef on a quartz-vein, about 3 feet in thickness, containing a small percentage of gold. It is a distinct reef to the Blue Jacket, and is well worth prospecting.

Hayes' Reef is on the Western side of the Belmore Hill, and distinct from the Blue Jacket Reef. The greatest depth obtained at the time of my inspection was 160 feet; thickness of vein, from 6 to 8 inches; and 183 tons quartz crushed yielded 146 oz. 15 dwt. of gold. The country rock in Hayes' Reef is a hard diorite and expensive to work.

From the above it will be seen that payable gold is likely to be obtainable for years to come; but mine owners must keep progressive work well ahead, such as sinking and driving. If such is not done, then it will only be a matter of time before these reefs will be again abandoned, as blanks are sure to be met with, which must be passed through wherever quartz veins or lodes occur in lenticular blocks.

About 3 miles south-easterly of Canowindra is a reef known as the Gospel Oak. This reef occurs in a very hard felspathic porphyry formation. A whim shaft, 150 feet in depth, has been sunk, and a level opened in an irregular mass of quartz-veins, the prospects of which are not encouraging. An excellent 10-stamp battery has been rather prematurely erected in connection with this mine. There are also a few other mines in the neighbourhood in which gold in patches has been obtained.

*Parkes.*—The alluvial workings in the neighbourhood of the Municipality of Parkes are almost nil; but the quartz veins have, during the year, kept up a high yield, the principal being those westerly of Welcome-street, known as the Bonny Dundee, and David Buchanan's Reefs. Out of one small mine alone, that known as Hazelhurst, several thousands of ounces have been won during the year. The full history of this mine has been given by me in former reports. Quails, the Day Spring, and several other quartz-mines are rapidly developing, and should the Huntingdon mills now introduced on the field become a success, then a great increase of the gold from the quartz-veins in the neighbourhood of Parkes may be looked forward to. Suffice it to say that, by the action of the Mines Department, the lands in which these auriferous quartz-veins occur were reserved from sale for mining purposes, to which some few years ago some of the principal townspeople of Parkes demurred, as they said it ought to be thrown open for settlement. Now, however, the general public can see that the officers of the Mines Department, whose duty it was to report on these lands some ten to twelve years ago, and who were treated very uncomplimentary by some of the good folks of Parkes, possessed greater foresight than those who opposed them, inasmuch as by their action a large number of miners are earning good wages out of the land which would probably have been held by one or two persons for speculative purposes. As was reported by me years ago, and on several occasions, Parkes is destined to be a wealthy quartz-reefing district.

*Alick's Flat.*—This new rush is about 15 miles north of Parkes. It derived its name from the fact that the three men who were the prospectors and first discoverers of payable gold on the Flat owned the christian name of Alexander (Alick), namely, Alexander Whitelaw, Alexander Paton, and Alexander Cameron. The lead of gold, which is not very regular, has been traced for fully  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles in Crown lands south of Davey's

Davey's selection, where the sinking averages from 20 to 50 feet in depth. Generally the gold is found in the crevices of the slate rock, and, as a rule, from 6 to 9 inches is taken for wash-dirt. In some of the claims the width of the lead has been traced for 40 feet. Prospects as high as 15 dwt. of gold to the dish have been obtained, but those, no doubt, are isolated patches. My own impression is that there will be few, if any, rich finds at Alick's Flat, but there are likely to be a number of claims yielding miners' wages to those who work them systematically, and, if sufficient water can be stored, a few hundred miners will be able to make a living for a few years to come.

Peak Hill is situated about 16 miles north of Alick's Flat and 12 miles south of Tomingley. It is a high, rugged hill of felspathic rock, containing large masses of iron, ferruginous quartz and quartzite, but time will tell whether these can be worked with payable returns. Every ravine or gully contains more or less payable gold. Some of these gullies are worked only a few feet in width with 2 or 3 feet in depth, the whole thickness, when washed, yielding 1 dwt. to several ounces of gold per ton.

The prospecting claim, Fenton, Hayes, & Co., on the western side of the hill, were averaging about 14 dwt. of gold per ton from 18 inches thickness of wash-dirt and a depth of 12 feet. I saw several samples of gold whilst on the field, some of it coarse, but nearly all had iron attached to it. A thorough prospecting for alluvial may lead to important results.

I beg to reiterate the opinion expressed in my reports about ten years ago, that the whole country between Parkes and Tomingley, a distance of about 50 miles in a north and south direction, and over 10 miles east and west, is highly auriferous, and likely to sustain a large and industrious mining population. There may not be any long continuous leads, but payable patches of gold are likely to be discovered throughout this tract of auriferous country. Gold will also probably be discovered in the granite formation north of Tomingley, towards Narromine.

*Oberon.*—In the Oberon District the Homeward Bound, Luck's All, and a few other quartz mines were at work. The Homeward Bound reef, situated about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles westerly of Oberon, occurs in hornblende granite formation, the vein averages about 9 inches in thickness, and the present workings are about 84 feet below the surface just above the water level, but here the granite becomes hard and the veins occur very irregularly. A 10-stamp battery has been erected on the mine.

At the Luck's All Mine the quartz veins occur very irregularly, and the same may be said of all the quartz veins in the district. A Huntingdon ore crusher and concentrator has been erected at the Luck's All mine. Although Oberon may never become an extensive payable reefing district, there are nevertheless extensive areas of basaltic country containing Tertiary drifts in which payable auriferous deposits may be discovered. Some of these deposits are very favourably situated for tunnelling, but, as all these drifts generally dip into the hills, care must be taken to start the tunnels low enough, so as to have the wash or drift overhead in the deepest part of the channel. As the drift rests on decomposed granite, the driving is not very expensive. Mount Noonan, on the banks of the Fish River Creek, and about 6 miles E.N.E. of Oberon, is well worth prospecting, and should payable gold be obtained, it would be the means of employing a large number of persons.

*Locksley.*—The quartz-veins at Locksley are traversing a hard altered Silurian schist formation, the veins are very irregular and narrow, containing iron and arsenical pyrites; as the veins are not likely to increase in size as depth is reached, I do not think that they can be worked with payable results.

*Yalwal.*—The principal mines at work on this field are the Homeward Bound, the Caledonian, Pioneer, and Eclipse; work has also been started at the Buck, the Victory, and a few other mines. The auriferous workings termed the Yalwal Quartz-reefs, are beds of quartzite, which no doubt obtained their present condition by highly altered metamorphic action upon the slate and sandstone formations. Through the latter formation intrusive dykes of syenitic granite occur; one of these dykes is near the mouth of the Pinnacle Mine tunnel. Diorite also occurs in the immediate neighbourhood of the auriferous rocks. With the exception of a strip of country along Dangera Creek, which is about a mile in width, and in which the auriferous belt of country occurs, the higher hills of the locality are capped with carboniferous sandstone.

This gold-field was discovered and the principal mines opened about seventeen years ago, and have ever since been worked in a very primitive manner, under the wings of false economy without system, unless that of kyhooting or picking out the handiest patches of a mine can be called a system. These mines were also worked without any regard as to the safety of persons employed in or about the said mines.

A considerable amount of work has been done both in the Pioneer and Eclipse Mines; the ground has been taken out fully 60 feet in width; with various yields. At times as much as from 3 to 5 oz. of gold per ton have been obtained on an average of several weeks crushing. Several thousand tons of stuff has been crushed, but owing to the system adopted, and the want of proper gold-saving appliances, nothing under the yield of 10 dwt. of gold per ton, has been considered payable; whereas, considering the large mass obtainable, half of the above mentioned yield ought to give ample returns.

Large quantities of iron and arsenical pyritous stone are lying about the mines, containing gold, but cannot be treated by the primitive appliances at hand.

At the Pioneer and the Homeward Bound, which consists of an open quarry 50 feet in depth by 80 feet in length and 70 feet in width, the whole of the stone obtained from this quarry has been crushed; which yielded about £30,000 worth of gold. Although the whole of the stuff is being crushed it must not be taken for granted that the whole mass is payable, such is not the case, but small veins of rich auriferous quartz which occur in the mass of quartzite are so numerous that they cannot be separated from the latter, hence the whole mass has to be crushed. The mode of procedure is thus:—the auriferous rock is blasted down all around the quartz, broken into small pieces on the bottom, and thrown down a pass into trucks which convey the stuff through a boomerang-shaped tunnel to the drays which in turn take it down a zig zag road, about a mile in length, to the crushing machine. All this extra handling of the stuff is done notwithstanding that nature has provided a splendid machinery site, which could be connected with the workings by about 300 feet of shoots, or by a self-acting tram-line a few hundred feet in length.

Yalwal has the blessing of a Public School with an average attendance of about 40 children. At the time of my inspection the total population was about 100. But if a proper system of working these mines were introduced, there would be room for 300 miners alone for many years to come.

## SILVER.

The White Rock Mine was inspected by me during the year in company with Mr. C. S. Wilkinson, F.G.S., Chief Geologist, and our joint report on the mine is as follows:—About 2 miles south-west from Drake is the White Rock Silver Mine, under the management of Mr. J. Rossiter. Here the apex of an intrusive mass of white felsite rock has come to the surface and occupies an area of about 7 acres. It is surrounded by metamorphosed sedimentary strata of Devonian age; a network of small quartz-veins, with galena, zinc blende, pyrites, and occasionally native silver, traverses it; there are, besides, several larger veins of the same sulphides, varying in thickness up to 16 inches. The ore occurs not only in veins, but also in patches, and to some extent, throughout the mass of the rock which has been quarried, is an open face for about 400 feet on the north bank of a creek which has cut through it. Within about 200 yards to the north the felsite rises to about 100 feet above the bed of the creek; it can therefore be worked for a considerable time from an open face, and by thus excavating the rock bodily, a large quantity of ore can be sorted from it at a comparatively low cost, and sent down to the crushing plant by the self-acting inclined tramway which has been constructed. The manager informed us that nearly the whole of the felsite rock can be profitably treated, but from inspection of it in sight we are of opinion that a considerable portion of it will have to be rejected. However, this can only be determined by actual trial of large quantities of the stuff. The Company were erecting a very extensive crushing, concentrating, and amalgamating plant, and when the first difficulties of treating this complex ore efficiently have been overcome, this mine should give profitable results and employment to a large number of persons.

*Rivertree.*—This silver field was also inspected by Mr. C. S. Wilkinson and myself, and our joint report is as follows:—Rivertree is situated at the junction of Cullen's Creek with the Clarence River, where the formation is granite, surrounded by hills of Devonian strata. There gold and silver-bearing pyrites lead lodes are being opened under the management of Mr. J. W. Archibald, who had erected a small trial furnace for smelting the ore. The western, or "Wangobah" lode, has been sunk upon to a depth of 90 feet, and proved to be 15 feet wide, consisting of felspathic matrix, with quartz, calcite and sulphides of iron, lead, zinc, copper, and antimony. The ore occurs in patches of irregular thickness, and with proper appliances it could be readily concentrated. The lode dips E. 15' S. at 60°, and is seen for about 130 feet long at the surface; it has been traced in places for about a mile in a northerly direction.

About half-a-mile up Cullen's Creek is a lenticular vein, from 6 to 30 inches thick, of porous silicious ore, with carbonate of lead, said to be rich in silver; and three-quarters of a mile east of the junction of Cullen's Creek is another lode, called the "Silvery Wave." It occurs near the junction of the granite and slate formation, strikes N. 35' E., and averages about 3 feet wide. It consists of porous iron ore and quartz, containing nodular masses of argentiferous galena and carbonate of lead, with sulphide of iron and zinc. A shaft has been sunk upon it to a depth of 95 feet. We also saw on the south side of the river several smaller lodes containing lead ore. The lodes of this locality are well worth prospecting, and from them average bulk samples of ore should be sent to efficient works for trial, as their proper development may lead to the establishment of an important mining industry in the locality.

*Emmaville.*—Webb's Mines have been worked continuously during the year, with very slow development until toward the close of the year, when Mr. R. Adams took charge as general manager, and Capt. Dawes, from Nymagee, as underground manager. Since then the number of men has been largely increased, and the mine is now being opened up. 450 tons of ore have been despatched during the year.

Webb's South Mine has continued sinking during the year, and No. 2 West shaft on the main Webb lode is now down to the depth of 210 feet, at which level a cross-cut is about to be started for the lode.

Webb's South Extended No. 2 shaft has been sunk to a depth of 102 feet. In this case suspension of labour has been granted.

*Webb's Consols.*—Work has been carried on during the year. Good ore has been obtained, but heavy rains have greatly retarded progress. The same may be said of Mohan Hill P. Nine-mile.

*Castle Range Silver-mining Company.*—Machinery and reduction works are being erected, valued at £7,000. Eight tons of ore have been sent away for treatment.

Castle Range Extended, Castle Queen, Castle King, Castle Moat, Castle Prince, and others all situated near Deepwater, are more or less developing.

Mr. Thomas Chandler, J.P., a worthy, energetic manager, has the management of some of the above-mentioned mines.

*Wiseman's Creek.*—Work is carried on by E. A. Braker, Esq., J.P., and Sons at the Wiseman's Creek Silver and Copper Mine, formerly known as the South Mine. The geological formation consists of talcose schist, and is in close proximity to the granite formation. The ore occurs in shoots and bunches, and consists of carbonates, oxides, and sulphides of copper, carbonates of lead, galena and zinc blende, and iron and arsenical pyrites.

At present the ore obtained is taken by teams to the Brewongle Railway Station, and thence by railway to Eskbank, where it is smelted into matte, and forwarded to Swansea. Several shipments have already been made. The lode has an easterly underlay with a southerly dip.

A tunnel has been driven on the strike of the strata 300 feet in length. If this tunnel was extended underneath the old workings in a westerly direction it would prove these deposits fully 200 feet below the back or outcrop of the lode.

I also inspected Irwin's silver lode, situated on the right arm of the Bundandah Creek, Yalwal, in granite country. The latter is very hard and expensive to work, and the veins containing the mineral are narrow and irregular, associated with galena, but the prospects of a permanent lode are not encouraging.

In my last annual report I have given detailed descriptions of the principal mines of the Barrier Ranges. These silver mines have during the year given great results as to their yield and permanency, and have fully come up to expectation.

COPPER.

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The principal mine at work near Blayney is the Allendale Copper Mine, situated on an oblong hill about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile westerly of Blayney Railway Station; but the Blayney to Carcoar railway crosses the property, and a siding about 5 chains in length could be constructed for about £700.

This mine was first opened in 1882, the then Company sinking several shafts, driving several tunnels, and raising and smelting large quantities of ore, but owing to the large expenditure incurred by forwarding and smelting the ore at Lithgow, in addition to the low price of copper, work was discontinued and the Company dissolved.

Latterly a Company consisting of local shareholders have again started to further develop the mine, and have obtained favourable prospects as to its payable capabilities. They have sunk a shaft 100 feet in depth and erected a whim; on the bottom of this shaft a lode about 40 feet in width containing yellow sulphides somewhat intermixed with country rock and earthy blue and green carbonates and black oxides of copper ore. The Company have also erected a furnace on the mine; and if a thorough system and economy is adopted in working the mine it ought to yield payable returns.

The geological formation of the Allendale hills is greenstone, or felspar of hornblende porphyry with epidote in the joints (variety of granite), a favourable rock for gold and other minerals.

Owing to the low price of copper, some of the north-western copper mines have temporarily suspended extensive mining operations.

## TIN.

During the year there has been a plentiful supply of water in most portions of the stanniferous districts, notably Vegetable Creek, enabling the tin miner to keep fairly well employed.

Vegetable Creek proper is being turned over and over again by Chinese on tribute, who are making small wages, the yield at per ton of earth becoming very low.

Several parties of tributors worked during the year in the Vegetable Creek Company's property, also in the Wesley and Seventeen-acre, all situated in Rose Valley, with various success, in most cases made wages.

Bailey's is again taken up by a party of tributors, who have sunk a shaft and are driving for the wash.

The Albion Company are opening up their mine, and have very fair prospects of success. Nothing in the way of prospecting has been done during the year on any of the land between the Albion Company and Kangaroo Flat.

Hall Bros., Kangaroo Flat, which mine is still under the able management of Mr. Thomas Chandler, J.P., continues to be worked with payable results. The yield for the year has been 52 tons of tin, in addition to which prospecting works are also carried on by the management.

At the Sugarloaf Mine, two parties of tributors are making wages, and at the Grampian three parties are making small wages. The Basaltic Prospecting Company, although they expended a sum of over £2,000, have so far not been successful; their main tunnel is now in 1,000 feet, the face showing at present 6 feet of cemented wash carrying a little tin all through it. The Company deserves every possible encouragement in their praiseworthy endeavour to discover a lead of payable tin.

Y. Water-holes, for many years the scene of industrious European miners, is now almost totally handed over to Chinese, who work on tribute or royalty and seem to eke out a living. There are still a few parties at work at the Gulf and table-land.

The Red Hill Company at the Nine-mile have employed a good number of men during the year, have erected steam-pumping machinery and otherwise tested their land by boring. Through this Company's energy a great impetus has been given to tin-mining in the locality. Jereny and party adjoin the Red Hill Company and have good prospects.

Prospecting for the deep lead is vigorously carried on in this part of the district.

## TIN LODES.

Very little work has been done at the Butler's during the year, and at the Torrington lode a few parties are making small wages under tribute. At the Dutchman's new machinery has been erected, and work has been vigorously carried on during part of the year. The Ottery lode has also been worked during the year, but the Dalcouth lode is now idle.

Tin-mining in the Tingha District and that of Inverell has not been as prosperous as in former years, although Chinese working on tribute seem to make a fair living, and some nice tin has also been obtained by Europeans at the Gil Gais and other parts of the district, but unfortunately the furnaces erected near Stannifer have been closed.

## ANTIMONY.

This mineral is likely to be worked in the Upper Nambucca, the Macleay, and Upper Macleay districts, where it occurs in bunches, some of which are large enough to yield payable returns.

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W. H. J. SLEE, F.G.S.,  
Inspector of Mines.

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SUPERINTENDENT



## SUPERINTENDENT OF DRILLS' REPORT.

Superintendent of Drills to The Under Secretary for Mines, reporting on the working of the Diamond-drills and Water-augers for the year 1889.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Diamond-drill Branch, Sydney.

In submitting my annual report on the working of the Diamond-drills and Water-augers for the year 1889, I do myself the honor to attach to said report the following appendices:—

*Diamond-drills.*

*Appendix A.*—Return showing the locality, strata, depth bored, percentage of core extracted, value of diamonds used during the year, and rate per foot, exclusive of office salaries, store wages, and rent, also Superintendent of Drills' travelling expenses.

*Appendix B.*—Summary of diamond-drills, showing the number of feet bored, total working cost to the Department, average cost per foot, and amount receivable for the year 1889.

*Appendix C.*—Balance-sheet for Diamond-drill.

*Appendix D.*—No. 1 to 13, sections of boring during the year 1889.

*Water-augers.*

*Appendix E.*—Return showing the locality depth bored, and rate per foot, exclusive of office salaries, store wages, and rent, also Superintendent of Drills' travelling expenses.

*Appendix F.*—Summary of water-augers showing the number of feet bored, total working cost to the Department, and average cost per foot during the year 1889.

*Appendix G.*—Balance-sheet for Water-augers.

*Appendix H.*—No. 1 to 4 sections of borings during the year 1889.

*Appendix I.*—Map of New South Wales showing position of wells and bores as published last year, with additions.

It is again my pleasing duty to chronicle another successful year in the working of the diamond-drills. Successful in every way as to the number of feet bored, the total cost per foot, the total earnings of the drills, wear and tear of diamonds, the percentage of core saved, and the otherwise general results obtained.

Several important bores at greater than the average depths of former years were completed during 1889, and others are still in progress.

With No. A drill two bores were completed at Joadja, 256 feet 8 inches, and 490 feet 11 inches respectively. With No. 3 drill a bore 1,300 feet in depth was completed at Lochend, near Cockle Creek, and with the same drill a bore was completed at Buttai, near East Maitland, 1,243 feet 5 inches in depth. No. 4 drill completed a bore at Woodford 1,394 feet 8 inches in depth, of which the last 709 feet 7 inches were bored during the year. The same drill completed a (4-in. diameter) bore at Fassifern 528 feet 9 inches in depth, after which No. 4 drill was despatched from Fassifern to Moorebank Estate Liverpool, for the purpose of completing a bore, commenced and discontinued by Mr. Coghlan, at the depth of 1,485 feet 2 inches, at which depth Mr. Coghlan lost his diamond bit and core-lifter coupling which formed an obstruction that had to be removed before boring could be commenced. The obstruction above referred to was successfully removed and brought to the surface, and the depth reached at the end of the year was 1,972 feet 10 inches, or 487 feet 8 inches since boring commenced with Government drill. Two bores (4-inch diameter each) were put down with No. 7 drill, one at Kahibah (Red Head) to a depth of 895 feet, the other at Joadja to the depth of 241 feet 5 inches. In the early part of the year a bore was also completed at Fassifern with No. 8 drill. This bore was started on the bottom of a pit 476 feet 8 inches in depth from surface, and completed at the depth of 1,153 feet 9 inches, of which 294 feet 5 inches were bored during 1888, and 882 feet 8 inches in the early part of 1889. Boring is still carried on with No. 11 drill at the Brisbane Block S.M.C. Broken Hill, which at the end of the year had reached the depth of 1,880 feet, of which 758 feet were bored during the year 1889. The strata passed through in this bore is hard quartzite and gneiss, and very destructive to diamonds. With No. 13 drill two bores were completed, and a third partly put down—the first bore at Ash Island, at a depth of 1,102 feet 4 inches, 393 feet 8 inches of which was bored during 1889; the second bore was put down at Glenoak, Langsland Estate, William's River, to a depth of 501 feet; and the third bore commenced with No. 13 drill, at Ravensworth (Northern Railway), which reached the depth of 529 feet by the end of the year.

From the above facts it will be seen that the average depth of the bores is considerably deeper than the average depth of bore-holes of any previous years since the Diamond-drill Branch was called into existence. This explains, without any further comments from me being necessary, that although 438 feet 5 inches less have been bored during the year 1889 than during the year 1888, more actual work has been accomplished in lowering and raising the boring-rods to and from such great depths as the majority of the bores attained during the year.

The total depth bored by diamond-drills during 1889 was 7,853 feet 14 inches, or 438 feet 5 inches less than in 1888.

The average cost per foot of boring, exclusive of office salaries, store wages, and rent, also Superintendent's travelling expenses, is 11s. 11½d., or 3s. per foot more than in 1888. The total working or field cost, exclusive of all office salaries, store wages, and rent, also Superintendent's travelling expenses, amounts to £4,701 11s. 2d.; but the total cost, inclusive of all office salaries and all other expenditure in connection with the Diamond-drill Branch, amounts to £5,604 16s. 10d., or at the rate of 14s. 3¼d. per foot; whereas the total earnings during the year amount to £7,722 8s. 1d., or 19s. 8d. per foot.

Percentage of core saved during the year is 89·33, or 6·1 more than during the year 1888, which was 83·32.

The loss of wear and tear of the diamonds in the bore-hole, and the cost of diamonds at per foot bored, has been 1s. 3½d., or 3d. per foot more than in 1888, which loss is principally due to two bores—that of Woodford and that of Broken Hill. In the Woodford bore several iron bands were met with in boring which caused several of the diamonds to fracture; and the tough quartzites and gneiss bored through at Broken Hill not only retard progress, but grind down the very best carbons and boarts (obtainable in the European and American markets) in a very short time to such small size as to unfit them for further use in boring operations.

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In the face of the extra expenditure, caused by deeper borings, I am still able to report that, after deducting 5 per cent. for wear and tear of diamond-drill plant, there is still a fair profit remaining, proving beyond doubt that the Government diamond-drills can be worked without loss to the State; whilst it must be acknowledged by all that by the assistance of the diamond-drill the mineral resources of New South Wales have been very extensively but cheaply developed, and the better the diamond-drills become known, and the more they are brought into general use, the greater will they be appreciated.

The clerks in my branch, including Mr. J. S. Leigh, who has charge of the diamond-drill store, have given satisfaction, as they are doing their best to further the interest of the Department and public alike, and expedite the work entrusted to them,—more especially so, as a great deal of extra work has to be done in the Branch on account of the whole of the correspondence in connection with the several Prospecting Votes being done in it, which the returns of letters registered and written during 1889 proves, and which will still farther increase year by year, as it is impossible to have the vote distributed, and the prospecting work in connection therewith completed, within the limits of the year. Mr. M'Culloch has so far faithfully performed single-handed, the clerical work in connection with the above-named vote, although his undoubted energy is often taxed to its utmost strength; and through the latter not being able to do hardly any of the drill-work, Mr. N'Neil's work has been greatly increased but satisfactorily performed.

In conclusion, I beg to state that, although the diamond-drills have been self-supporting, the cost of the average rate per foot has been reduced during the year; and I hope, by strict economy, the employment of the most trustworthy men obtainable, and by good results to those who use these diamond-drills, to make them more popular; to recommend a lower rate for boring at per foot than hitherto, and, thereby, bring the use of the Government diamond-drills within the reach of persons of small means, who, on account of the cost of boring, have hitherto been unable to use them.

#### *Water-augers.*

The water boring on the west of the river Paroo, on the Wanaaring to Milparinka Road, has not progressed as favourably during the year 1889 as during the previous year, owing principally to the machinery in use, which consists of the Tiffin and Wright and Edward's water-augers, or boring machine. The former machine was only guaranteed to bore 300 feet, and the latter is not much better or more powerful. The consequence is that several breakages occurred during the year, which caused loss of time and expenditure. The depth of both bores, that at the 121-mile and that at the 106-mile, are now so great, the former being at the end of the year 1,025 feet 1 inch, and the latter 1,112 feet 11 inches, that I recommended the discarding of the iron rods at the 106-mile, and replacing them with wooden poles, boring rods, and connections to suit, which alteration also necessitated the strengthening of the derricks, and meant, for the time at least, the suspension of boring operations, and as the men's wages, during the time they had to fix and erect the new rig, went on, the cost on the rate of per foot boring was considerably increased on the year's work. No doubt these necessary alterations will have the effect of considerably reducing the rate of per foot during next year; nevertheless, as this is the first time that Tiffin machines have been rigged with wooden-pole rods, I am anxiously waiting results. If, as I think, the wooden-pole rig will prove a success, even on such slow machines as the Tiffin, or Wright and Edward's, as compared with the Canadian wooden-pole rigged machines, a considerable progress may be looked forward to during next year. The item of carriage alone has considerably increased the rate of boring per foot, and as the depths obtained on the Wanaaring to Milparinka Road are now 1,112 feet 11 inches and 1,025 feet 1 inch respectively, the tapping of artesian water may be looked forward to at any moment. Good fresh water has already been tapped in both bores, which stand within 200 feet from surface; but, as the object in starting these bores was to obtain artesian water, and as the bottom of the bores is still in the cretaceous formation, they will have to be continued until artesian water is tapped or the bed rock is reached, either of which may be looked forward to within the next 300 to 400 feet, or within the first six months of 1890.

Slow progress has also been made with No. 10 auger, at Tibooburra. The strata, which is cretaceous, had to be drilled through inch by inch, for which purpose I had especial tools, such as heavy steel chisel, drills, &c., made, as those belonging to the machine were totally unfit for the work required of them. At the end of the year the Tibooburra bore was down 349 feet 6 inches, had tapped a very large supply of good wholesome water, and, still being in the cretaceous formation, I have great hope that artesian water will be tapped before the depth of 500 feet is reached, which, if accomplished, would be an incalculable boon, and beneficial to the whole of Central Australia.

Considering all the difficulties to contend against, such as the severe drought through the principal part of the year, the long distance to which goods have to be forwarded, tools, ropes, &c., required during boring operations, and the great carriage rate which has to be paid for goods, especially those urgently required, which are taken by coach from Bourke to Wanaaring, a distance of 120 miles, or, in the case of the Tibooburra bore, from Silverton, by coach, to Tibooburra, a distance of over 200 miles, for which the rate of carriage charged is 6d. per pound, and, if the depth of the bores is considered, the rate per foot is not excessive.

Total number of feet bored during the year is 1,448 feet 9 inches, or 513 feet 3 inches less than during the year 1888.

Total cost of boring at per foot, inclusive of carriage, but exclusive of office expenditure, is 28s. 2½d., but, inclusive of all office salaries and all other expenditure to the Government, is 32s. 7½d. per foot, or 5s. 1d. more per foot than during the year 1888. This increase in the cost of the rate at per foot is entirely due to the greater depth of the bores and the difficulties above described.

Before I close this report I beg to express my regret in having lost during the year the services of Mr. D. C. Carmicheal, late foreman of the boring at Wanaaring Road. He is one of the few men who, having the ability and practical knowledge, has also the energy and perseverance to use these qualities to bring to a successful issue any work he undertakes. He left the Service on his own account, to better his pecuniary position, and I have no doubt that if Mr. Carmicheal goes on for himself as he has done for the Government, he must succeed, which I sincerely trust he will do.

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## APPENDIX A.

DIAMOND-DRILLS work, showing average cost per foot, exclusive of office salaries, store wages, rent, and Superintendent of Drills' travelling expenses.

No. of Drill.	Bore.	Locality.	Strata.	Depths bored.			Days occupied.								Rate bored per hour.	Per-centage of core obtained.	Cost.		Remarks.	
				At 31 Dec., 1888.	During 1889.	Total.	Moving.	Erecting.	Boring.	Repairing.	Reaming.	Delays.	Holidays.	Total.			Amounts.	Per foot.		
				ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.										£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
A	2	Joadja .....	Carboniferous .....	.....	256 7	.....	2	2	19	4	..	2	2	31	20-25	65-93	.....	.....		
A	3	Do .....	do .....	.....	490 11	747 6	9	3	50	4	..	3	3	72	14-72	76-66	232 7 8	0 6 2½	Bored for kerosene shale. See section diagram 1.	
	3	1	Lochend .....	do .....	864 9	435 3	1,300 0	..	..	72	15	2	7	6	102	9-06	98-18	220 2 4	0 10 4½	Bored for kerosene shale. See section diagram 2.
	3	1	Buttai .....	do .....	.....	1,243 5	1,243 5	9	13	136	19	..	20	6	203	13-71	93-64	404 14 6	0 6 6½	Boring for coal. See section diagram 3.
	4	1	Woodford .....	do .....	685 1	709 7	1,394 8	..	..	34	37	47	..	4	122	31-30	94-66	650 1 2	0 18 3½	Boring for coal. See section diagram 4.
	4	1	Fassifern .....	do .....	.....	528 9	528 9	1	16	54	2	..	1	..	74	14-68	77-27	348 15 8	0 13 2¼	Boring for coal. See section diagram 5.
	4	1	Liverpool .....	do .....	1,485 2	487 8	1,972 10	8	8	41	10	8	..	4	79	17-34	92-50	321 16 7	0 13 2¾	Boring for coal. See section diagram 6.
	7	1	Kahibah .....	do .....	.....	895 0	895 0	14	22	119	35	2	10	6	208	11-28	88-17	398 0 8	0 8 10¼	Boring for coal. See section diagram 7.
	7	1	Joadja Creek .....	do .....	.....	241 5	241 5	10	7	21	..	..	3	2	43	17-24	49-60	91 5 10	0 7 6¼	Boring for coal. See section diagram 8.
	8	2	Fassifern .....	do .....	294 5	382 8	677 11	..	..	38	2	..	7	2	49	15-10	97-45	*226 3 3	0 11 9¾	Boring for kerosene shale. See section diagram 9.
	11	1	Broken Hill .....	Gneiss, mica, and garnetiferous schist ..	1,122 0	758 0	1,880 0	..	..	199	86	15	4	9	313	5-71	97-50	1,133 9 10	1 9 10¾	Boring for coal. See section diagram 10.
	13	1	Ash Island .....	Carboniferous .....	708 8	393 8	1,102 4	..	..	48	13	..	9	3	73	12-30	97-46	221 1 10	0 11 2¼	Boring for silver lode. See section diagram 11.
	13	1	Glenoak .....	Principally arcose, with carbonaceous shale, conglomerate, and volcanic sandstone.	.....	501 0	501 0	3	10	79	11	..	7	2	112	9-51	96-00	241 12 8	0 9 7¾	Boring for coal. See section diagram 12.
	13	1	Ravensworth .....	Carboniferous .....	.....	529 11	529 11	3	6	60	10	..	..	3	82	13-25	87-20	205 19 2	0 7 9¼	Boring for coal. See section diagram 13.
					7,853 10	.....	59	87	970	248	74	73	52	1,563	12-14	89-33	4,701 11 2	0 11 11¾		

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APPENDIX B.

SUMMARY of Diamond-drills, showing number of feet bored, total working cost to Department, average cost per foot, and amounts receivable for 1889.

No. of Machine.	Locality.	Bored.	Wages.	Carriage.		Travelling expenses.	Repairs.	Diamonds used.	Stores issued.	Fuel, water, and sundries.	Proportion of balance of general account.	Proportion of balance of general stores issued.	Office salaries.	Store wages.	Rent.	Superintendent of Drills' travelling expenses.	Total.	Cost per foot.	Amount receivable in full.	Amount conceded by the Minister.	Total amount receivable, less Ministerial concessions.	Amount receivable per foot.
				Railway.	Other.																	
A	Joadja, 2nd bore	256 7	164 12 4	2 1 5	0 4 7	0 17 6	6 2 6	27 0 0	6 18 6	.....	23 4 3	1 6 7	31 18 0	15 12 9	9 12 5	1 2 3	290 13 1	.....	603 11 6	147 5 6	456 6 0	.....
A	Do 3rd	490 11																				
3	Lochend	435 3	149 16 0	6 7 11	0 3 4	.....	3 5 2	18 9 1	23 1 9	0 8 3	23 4 3	1 6 7	31 18 0	15 12 9	9 12 5	1 2 3	284 7 9	.....	642 19 8	.....	642 19 8	.....
3	Buttai	1,243 5	238 8 0	22 12 11	1 13 9	.....	1 3 6	25 14 2	14 19 2	1 1 4	46 8 6	2 13 2	63 16 0	31 5 6	19 4 10	2 4 6	521 5 4	.....	1,043 5 0	.....	1,043 5 0	.....
4	Fassifern	528 9	227 1 8	25 11 7	1 1 3	0 7 6	6 0 0	31 6 7	37 12 6	1 6 6	17 8 2	0 19 11	23 18 6	11 14 7	7 4 4	0 16 8	392 9 9	.....	527 11 0	.....	527 11 0	.....
4	Woodford	709 7	400 6 8	3 16 10	0 9 0	0 8 6	6 3 6	171 11 7	36 11 6	.....	29 0 4	1 13 3	39 18 6	19 11 0	12 0 6	1 7 9	722 18 11	.....	727 19 5	71 19 1	656 0 4	.....
4	Liverpool	487 8	214 13 4	32 1 9	1 11 8	0 5 6	7 9 6	.....	45 18 6	1 8 3	17 8 2	0 19 11	23 18 6	11 14 7	7 4 4	0 16 8	365 10 8	.....	744 9 3	.....	744 9 3	.....
7	Kahibah	895 0	291 2 4	9 18 10	1 19 5	1 9 0	3 17 5	.....	40 1 9	0 10 2	46 8 7	2 13 2	63 16 0	31 5 6	19 4 10	2 4 6	514 11 6	.....	786 7 1	.....	786 7 1	.....
7	Joadja Creek	241 5	64 10 8	0 15 6	0 16 3	1 6 3	.....	3 1 9	8 9 11	.....	11 12 2	0 13 4	15 19 0	7 16 5	4 16 2	0 11 1	120 8 6	.....	182 13 0	.....	182 13 0	.....
8	Fassifern	382 8	164 0 4	3 18 11	0 14 7	0 9 6	3 16 9	16 19 2	23 18 6	.....	11 12 2	0 13 4	15 19 0	7 16 5	4 16 2	0 11 1	255 5 11	.....	410 18 11	.....	410 18 11	.....
11	Broken Hill	753 0	737 16 0	.....	18 16 9	17 17 6	56 18 6	126 9 0	24 12 2	27 7 5	69 12 9	3 19 9	95 14 0	46 18 3	23 17 2	3 6 8	1,308 5 11	.....	966 11 9	.....	966 11 9	.....
13	Ash Island	393 8	154 18 8	3 5 11	7 8 9	0 6 0	0 7 6	20 11 2	15 15 9	.....	17 8 2	0 19 11	23 18 6	11 14 7	7 4 4	0 16 8	264 15 11	.....	517 5 4	.....	517 5 4	.....
13	Glenoak	501 0	176 0 0	.....	3 2 4	.....	0 2 0	19 6 2	11 9 1	0 19 6	29 0 4	1 13 3	39 18 6	19 11 0	12 0 6	1 7 9	314 10 4	.....	383 19 10	.....	383 19 10	.....
18	Ravensworth	529 11	126 2 8	6 0 11	0 11 3	0 17 3	0 17 6	36 9 9	16 11 9	.....	17 8 2	0 19 11	23 18 6	11 14 7	7 4 4	0 16 8	240 13 3	.....	404 0 11	.....	404 0 11	.....
		7,853 10	3,209 8 8	116 12 6	33 12 11	24 4 6	96 3 10	496 18 5	306 0 10	33 1 5	359 16 0	20 12 1	494 10 11	242 7 11	149 2 4	17 4 6	5,604 16 10	0 14 3	7,941 12 8	219 4 7	7,722 8 1	0 19 8

Comparative statement diamonds used per foot.....

- 1883 = 3/8
- 1884 = 2/0 1/2
- 1885 = 1/5 1/2
- 1886 = 7/8 1/2
- 1887 = 1/6 1/2
- 1888 = 1/0 1/2
- 1889 = 1/3 1/2

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APPENDIX C.  
BALANCE SHEET, Diamond-drills, 1889.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Value of plant and machinery in the field at 1st January .....				12,597	13	7	By Amount receivable for boring during year .....			7,646	5	3
Value of stock in store, 1st January .....	516	5	0				Amount receivable for tubing and stores .....			76	2	10
Value of plant purchased through store .....	524	7	0							7,722	8	1
Value of stores purchased through store .....	362	19	3							21	1	0
Working expenses (exclusive of office salaries, store wages, rent, and Superintendent's travelling expenses) .....	4,701	11	2	1,403	11	3	Amount for tubing sold .....			3	0	0
Office salaries .....	494	10	11				Amount for Diamond fractures sold .....			4	6	0
Store wages .....	242	7	11				Value of plant and machinery in field at 31st December .....	12,597	13	7		
Rent .....	149	2	4				Less 5 per cent. for depreciation ..	628	17	8		
Superintendent's travelling expenses .....	17	4	6				Value of plant issued and not used .....			11,968	15	11
Value of diamonds, on hand 1st January .....	868	16	4	5,604	16	10				543	7	0
Value of diamonds at drills, 1st January .....	546	16	4				Value of diamonds on hand 31st December .....			928	2	2
Value of diamonds purchased during year .....	504	7	6				Value of diamonds at drills .....			493	0	2
Amount receivable in excess of expenditure .....				1,920	0	2	Value of stock in store at 31st December .....					
				689	8	0						
				£	22,215	9 10				£	22,215	9 10

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APPENDIX D.

DIAGRAMS Nos. 1 to 13.

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DIAMOND-DRILL SECTIONS.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF DRILLS' REPORT.

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*Section of Bore N° 2*  
*N° A. Diamond Drill*  
*at Joadja*

Borehole 3" Diam	Nature of Strata	Thickness of Strata		Depth from Surface	
		ft	in	ft	in
	Coarse sandstone with ironstone bands and quartz pebbles.....	51	8		
	Shaly Sandstone.....	3	4		
	Soft sandstone with quartz pebbles.....	11	2		
	Shaly sandstone.....	12	0		
	Sandstone with ironstone bands & conglomerate.....	7	6		
	Grey shaly sandstone.....	21	5		
	Grey shale.....	18	8		
	Shaly sandstone.....	16	11	142	8
	Coal & bands.....	2	0		
	Hard splint coal & bands.....	5	8		
	Clay band.....	1	0		
	Hard splint coal & bands.....	6	10		
	Hard clay band.....	3	6		
	Hard splint coal & bands.....	24	5		
	Shaly sandstone.....	28	6		
	Shale.....	4	0	218	7
Coal & bands.....	3	6			
Sandstone.....	6	4			
Coarse sandstone with quartz pebbles.....	23	2	251	7	
Coal.....		9			
Black stony coal.....		9			
Clay band.....	1	4			
Black stone.....		2			
Shaly band.....	2	2			
Total Depth.....				256	7

Section of Bore No. 3  
 N. A. Diamond Drill  
 at Joajja

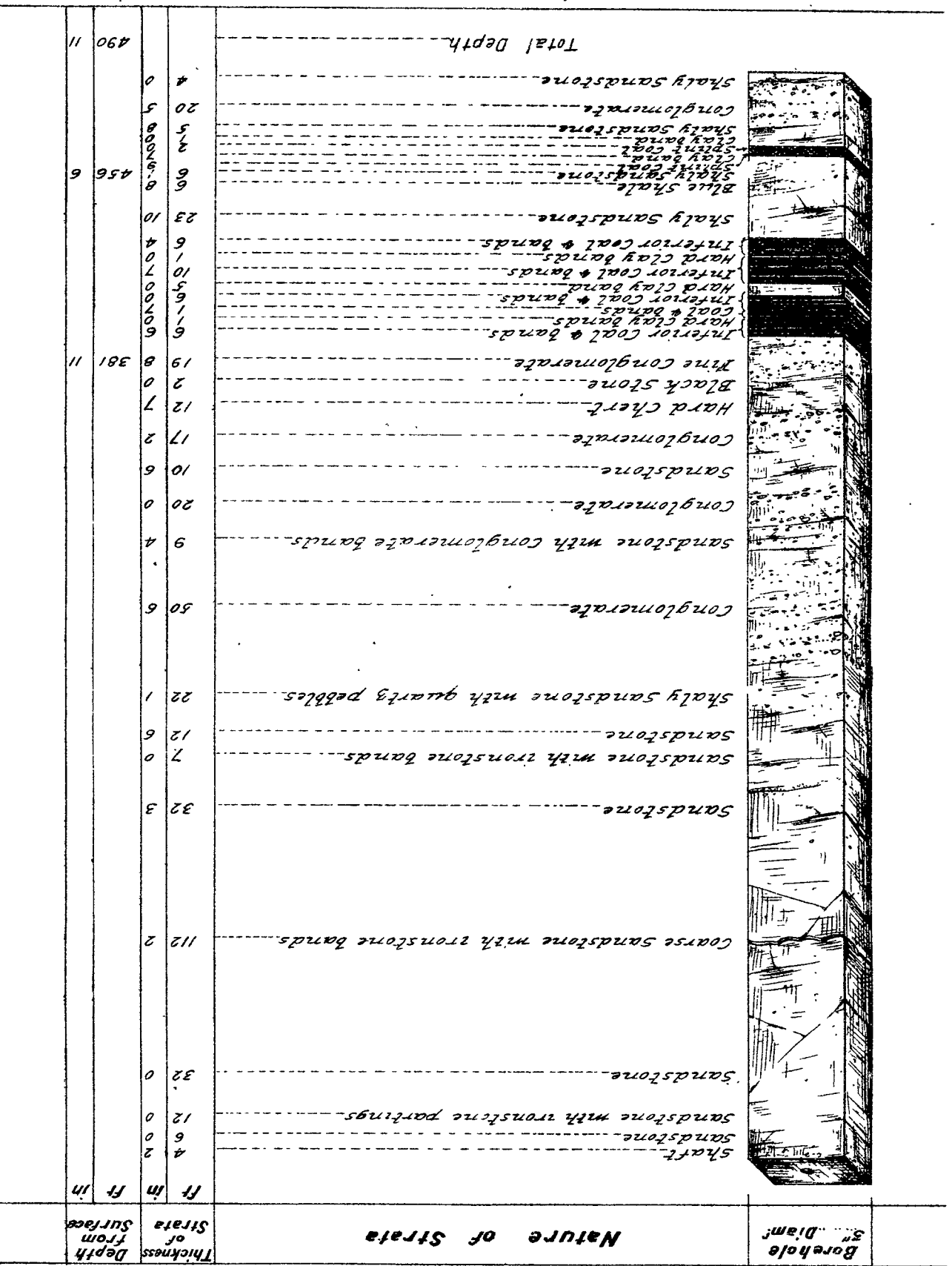



Diagram 2



*Section of Bore N° 1  
N° 3 Diamond Drill  
at Lockend*

Borehole 3" Diam'	Nature of Strata	Thickness of Strata		Depth from Surface		
		ft	in	ft	in	
	Depth of Bore 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1888.....			864	9	
	Shaly sandstone.....		6			
	Blue shale.....	26	9	892	0	
	{ coal band } coal seams.....	4	1			
	Black shale & coal piping.....		2	3		
	Black shale & sandstone.....		30	10		
	Hard sandstone and conglomerate.....		10	1		
	Hard sandstone.....		44	8		
	Hard sandstone & dark shale partings.....		14	4		
	Dark shale.....		18	11		
	Dark shale & clay.....		22	0		
	Dark shale.....		38	10		
	Shale and sandstone.....		29	8	1107	8
	Coal & bands.....		2	0		
	Shale & sandstone.....		3	1		
	Grey shale.....		12	7		
	Dark shale.....		1	0		
	Coal shale & coal.....		1	10		
	Dark shale.....		1	3		
	Shale & sandstone.....		35	10	1166	6
{ coal band } coal seams.....		2	6			
Shaly sandstone.....		4	6			
Chert.....		2	8			
Coal & shale.....		1	7			
Shale and sandstone.....		26	5			
Dark shale.....		88	10			
Shale & fine sandstone.....		4	11			
Total Depth.....				1300	0	


**Section of Bore N° 1**  
**N° 3 Diamond Drill**  
**at Buttai, E. Maitland**

Borehole 3" Diam?	Nature of Strata	Thickness of Strata		Depth from Surface		Enlarged Sections
		ft	in	ft	in	
	Standpipe	10	0			
	Sandstone	7	10			
	Shaly Sandstone	3	3	85	3	
	Coal	2	0			
	Clay	2	0			
	Hard dark sandstone	2	0			
	Conglomerate	2	0			
	Chert	2	0			
	Shale	2	0			
	Coal	2	0	131	8	
	Shale	2	0			
	Shaly sandstone, clay, black shale and sandstone	129	10			
	Black shale	14	2	283	6	
	Coal	2	0			
	Shale & sandstone, black shale & clay bands	126	6			
	Hard rock	4	0			
	Clay	4	0			
	Black shale	30	1			
	Black & brown shale & coal pipes	30	0	441	9	
	Coal shale & coal pipes	30	0			
	Black shale	30	0			
	Black shale	30	0	445	0	
	Sandstone, black shale, clay & sandstone	39	5			
	Coal & bands	3	0			
	Grey shale	3	0			
	Ironstone & grey shale	3	0			
	Ironstone & grey shale	3	0			
	Coal shale	3	0	505	9	
	Black shale, sandstone, clay and dark shale	77	8			
	Conglomerate	1	3			
Shale & coal pipes	1	10				
Shale & sandstone, conglomerate & shale	31	6				
Sandstone	13	3	630	4		
Sandstone, conglomerate & shale	13	3				
Coal seams (see enlarged section)	4	3				
Shale & sandstone	16	1				
Shale & coal	16	6				
Sandstone & shale	24	8				
Conglomerate	2	2				
Sandstone & shale	7	11	683	11		
Coal seams (see enlarged section)	49	2				
Black shale, ironstone & clay	9	1				
Sandstone & shale	30	3				
Hard sandstone	7	4	779	9		
Coal	2	2				
Clay	2	2				
Coal	1	3				
Shale & sandstone	1	19				
Black & grey shale	10	5				
Sandstone & shale	10	5				
Coal	5	8				
Sandstone & shale	57	10				
Do do & ironstone	132	4				
Fine sandstone	16	3				
Shale & sandstone, black shale & sandstone	71	6				
Soft brown shale and coal pipes	12	5				
Sandstone & shale	12	5				
Conglomerate	18	7				
Shale & sandstone	18	7				
Dark shale & coal pipes	9	9				
Dark shale	9	9	1132	3		
Coal shale & clay	20	10				
Sandstone & fine conglomerate	20	10				
Shale & sandstone	18	10				
Coal shale	18	10				
Sandstone & shale	18	10				
Shale & sandstone	18	10	1167	11		
Coal	5	5				
Shale & sandstone	5	5				
Coal	5	5				
Shale & sandstone	5	5				
Coal	5	5				
Shale & sandstone	5	5				
Sandstone depth bored in 31 Dec 1899	10	16	1243	5		
Shale & sandstone	10	16				
Shale & coal pipes	10	16				
Shale & sandstone	22		1296	5		
Coal	22					
Dark shale	22					
Band	22					
Shale	1					
<b>Total Depth</b>			1300	0		

Coal seams at 630-4

	Coal	ft	in
	Dark shale	0	3
	Clay	0	0
	Coal	0	0
	Coal	0	0
	Black shale & coal	0	0
	Black shale & coal pipes	0	0
<b>Thickness</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	

Coal seams at 683-11


	Coal & shale	0	8
	Dark sandstone	0	0
	Clay	2	0
	Coal	0	10
	Sandstone, iron & clay	0	0
	Black shale & coal	0	0
	Sandstone	0	0
	Coal	1	0
	Sandstone & shale	1	2
	Coal	1	2
	Sandstone & shale	4	3
	Coal	0	4
	Dark shale	3	5
	Coal & bands	2	5
	Shale & sandstone	3	1
Coal & shale	0	11	
Coal	0	6	
Shale & coal	1	5	
Sandstone & shale	5	0	
Chert	6	9	
Black shale & coal	1	9	
Coal	0	6	
Clay	0	4	
Coal	1	0	
Coal	1	0	
Coal	1	0	
Shale & coal	2	0	
Sandstone & conglomerate	2	11	
Sandstone & shale	1	5	
Clay	0	3	
Coal	0	3	
<b>Thickness</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2</b>	

*Section of Bore N° 2  
N° 4 Diamond Drill  
at Woodford*


Borehole 4" Diam <sup>s</sup>	Nature of Strata	Thickness of Strata		Depth from Surface	
		ft	in	ft	in
	Depth of Bore 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1888.....			685	1
	Conglomerate and Sandstone.....	30	0		
	Do. Do. with shale bands.....	57	4		
	Conglomerate.....	50	2		
	Conglomerate, sandstone & shale.....	101	0		
	Shaly sandstone.....	14	0		
	Sandstone, shale & conglomerate.....	201	10		
	Sandstone and shale.....	54	8	1194	1
	Coal.....	0	7		
	Coal & bands.....	2	0		
	Dark shale and sandstone.....	17	7		
	Fine conglomerate.....	6	11		
	Splint Coal.....	3	4		
	Shaly sandstone.....	1	10		
	Chert.....	15	8	1242	0
	Coal.....	1	1		
	Sandy shale.....	13	10		
	Dark shale.....		10		
	Coal & bands.....	4	3		
	Sandy shale.....	11	4		
	Kerosene shale.....	3	1		
	Dark shale with coal partings.....	7	6		
	Sandy shale.....	3	0	1286	11
	Splint Coal.....	1	8		
	Sandy shale.....	6	8		
	Spalling clay.....		8		
	Kerosene shale.....	1	10		
	Dark shale.....	2	6		
Kerosene shale.....	4	5			
Coal & bands.....		5			
Dark shale with coal pipes.....	14	1			
Dark shale and chert.....	14	2			
Dark shale with clay partings.....	13	4	1346	3	
Coal shale.....	0	6			
Sandstone.....	1	4			
Hard band.....	2	1			
Coal.....	0	1			
Sand.....	0	2			
Coal.....	1	0			
Coal.....	0	9			
Dark sandy shale.....	9	8			
Sandstone.....	16	4			
Dark shale & sandstone.....	5	6	1384	4	
Coal.....	0	3			
Soft chert.....	0	3			
Splint Coal.....	1	3			
Chert.....	2	2			
Splint Coal.....	1	2			
Soft chert.....	1	1			
Coal & iron bands.....	1	1			
Hard fireclay.....	1	8			
Coal seams.....	6	6			
Coal seams.....	10	4			
Total Depth.....			1394	8	




*Section of Bore N° 1  
N° 4 Diamond Drill  
at Moore Bank, Liverpool*

Borehole 2 1/2" Diam.	Nature of Strata	Thickness of Strata		Depth from Surface	
		ft	in	ft	in
	Depth of Old Bore.....			1485	2
	Sandstone and shale.....	168	2		
	Sandstone and shale & fine conglomerate.....	25	4		
	Sandstone and shale.....	23	6		
	Sandstone.....	27	6		
	Chert.....	2	6		
	Shale & sandstone.....	10	6		
	Chert.....	2	0		
	Purple shale and chert.....	12	8		
	Shale and sandstone.....	42	6		
	Sandstone and chert.....	16	8		
	Sandstone.....	26	6		
	Sandstone & shale.....	11	9		
	Shale, sandstone & fine conglomerate.....	13	0		
	Sandstone & shale.....	64	1		
Sandstone and conglomerate.....	11	0			
Sandstone and shale.....	16	2			
Sandstone and shale & conglomerate.....	13	10			
	Depth bored to 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1889.....			1972	10


**Section of Bore N<sup>o</sup> 1**  
**N<sup>o</sup> 7 Diamond Drill**  
**at South Redhead**  
*(Scottish Australian Co.)*

Borehole 4" Diam <sup>t</sup>	Nature of Strata	Thickness of Strata		Depth from Surface		Enlarged Sections
		ft	in	ft	in	
	Shaft	37	10			
	Soft shale, coal band & clay band	6	6			
	Sandstone, soft shale bands and hard grey sandstone	27	4			
	Chert	4	0			
	Sandstone and Chert	13	4			
	Coarse coal Thin bedded Shale Sandstone Coal seam	11	9 89	0		
	Hard broken shale	36	5			
	Chert	7	6			
	Coal seam Thin bedded Shale Sandstone Coal seam	8	5 144	8 1/2		
	Soft chert, hard shale, broken sandstone & dark shale	51	14			
	Dark shale	24	0			
	Dirty coal & band	2	3			
	Dirty coal & band	2	10			
	Chert shale sandstone	4	8			
	Coarse conglomerate, sandstone	24	8			
	Sandstone & shale	21	0			
	Dark shale	9	10			
	Coal seam Thin bedded Shale Sandstone Coal seam	7	10 302	10		
	Blue shale	1	2			
	Shale & sandstone	11	0			
	Sandstone shale with coal partings and clay bands	11	4			
	Shaly sandstone	3	10			
	Shaly sandstone, dark shale with coal pieces	41	11			
	Dark shale and sandstone	11	10			
	Dark shale	11	4	401	5	
	Coal seams (See enlarged section)	14	3			
	Shaly sandstone, dark shale, sandstone and dark shale	10	7			
	Chert & hard black bands	4	0			
	Thin bedded Coal grey shaly sandstone	3	5 467	7		
	Coal grey shaly sandstone	4	0			
	Thin bedded Coal seam	5	4 484	0		
	Dark shale	4	10			
	Dark shale with sandstone bands and coal pieces	7	0			
	Dark shale and sandstone bands	20	3			
	Blue shale	13	3			
Coal & bands	1	3				
Shale & sandstone bands	39	10				
Dark shale & clay partings	17	0				
Shaly sandstone	5	8 595	2			
Coal seams (See enlarged section)	9	0				
Sandstone	18	0 8				
Hard freestone with conglomerate bands	41	7				
Do do with shale partings	38	7				
Shaly sandstone & shale	15	8				
Hard grey stone & shale	42	0				
Soft dark shale	33	5				
Black shale with greystone bands	30	10				
Dark shale & sandstone partings	4	0				
Chert	11	8				
Coal & bands	14	8				
Shaly sandstone & dark shale	10	6				
Coal & bands	8	0				
Grey shale, sandstone, chert	7	6				
Sandstone & shale	8	0				
Dark shale & sandstone bands with coal pieces	7	6				
Do do with pieces of coal	6	0				
Shaly sandstone and shale						
Total Depth			855	0		

Coal Seams at 401-5

	Black shale with coal seam	0	2
	Coal split & bituminous	0	11
	Thin bedded shale	0	18
	Dirty split coal	0	6 1/2
	Coal split & bituminous	0	1
	Thin bedded shale	0	1 1/2
	Band yellowish white chert	0	1 1/2
	Shaly & coal seam	0	1 1/2
	Coal split & bituminous	0	3 1/2
	Band black & brown shale	0	4 1/2
Coal seam & shale	1	6	
Thin bedded shale	0	0 1/2	
Coal seam bituminous	2	9	
Band black & brown shale	0	2 1/2	
Coal seam bituminous with 1/4" & 1/2" bands	3	3	
Band dark grey shaly shale	0	2	
Coal	0	2	
Thickness		11 4	

Coal Seams at 595-2

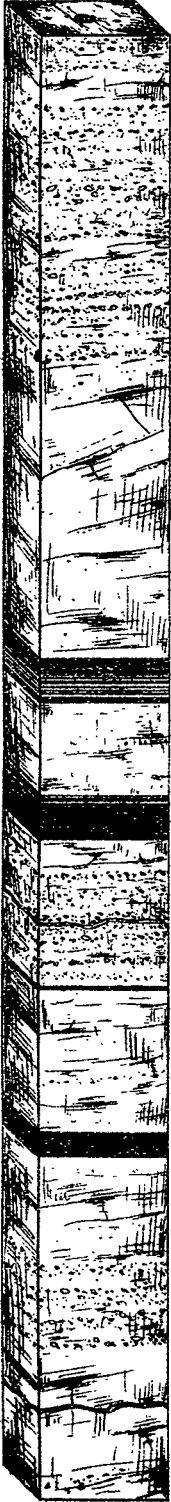
	Split coal	0	3 1/2
	Coarse coal	0	3 1/2
	Band	0	3 1/2
	Coarse coal	0	3 1/2
	Coarse coal	0	3 1/2
	Thin bedded shale	0	1 1/2
	Coarse coal	0	3 1/2
	Coal seam	0	1 1/2
	Coal seam	0	1 1/2
	Coal seam	0	1 1/2
Band	0	1 1/2	
Coarse coal	0	1 1/2	
Jerry	0	1 1/2	
Shale	0	1 1/2	
Shale	0	1 1/2	
Jerry	1	1 1/2	
Thickness		5 8 1/2	

(Fig 70/1)

*Section of Bore N° 1  
N° 7 Diamond Drill  
at Joadja Creek*

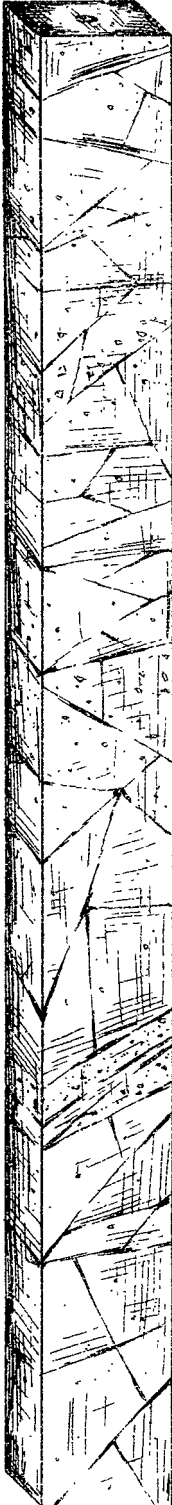
Borehole 4" Diam.	Nature of Strata	Thickness of Strata		Depth from Surface		
		ft	in	ft	in	
	Shaft.....	16	0			
	Shaly sandstone and blue shale.....	11	6			
	Reddish sandstone with ironstone bands.....	31	0			
	Grey sandstone.....	24	0			
	Grey sandstone & conglomerate with ironstone bands.....	24	2			
	Reddish sandstone with ironstone bands & grey shale.....	13	10			
	Course grey sandstone with conglomerate bands.....	52	1			
	Grey shale.....	10	0			
	Sandstone & fine conglomerate with shale partings and coal pipes.....	12	6	195	1	
	Shale Hard splint coal Shaly band Stone band Hard splint coal Shale Hard coal Shale Hard coal Shale band Hard coal	} Coal seams	9	11		
	Dark shaly sandstone		9	1		
	Chert		7	8	221	9
	Hard splint coal with shale partings Splint coal Bluish splint coal Hard splint coal Hard splint coal Bluish splint coal Fire clay Splint coal Hard splint coal Shale Splint coal Dark shale	} Coal seams	19	8		
		Depth bored to 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1889.....			241	5

*Section of Bore N° 1  
N° 8 Diamond Drill  
at Fassieferrn*

Borehole 4" Diam.	Nature of Strata	Thickness of Strata		Depth from Surface	
		ft	in	ft	in
	Depth of Bore 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1888			771	1
	Conglomerate	7	11		
	Shale with Coal pipes and fossil leaves	3	3		
	Grey shale	3	6		
	Conglomerate	30	11		
	Blue shale	1	1		
	Ironstone	2	4		
	Sandstone & shale	2	5		
	Conglomerate	23	9		
	Blue shale	1	11		
	Chert rock	4	3		
	Shale	6	4		
	Chert	3	11		
	Grey shale	3	7		
	Shale & sandstone	3	7		
	Grey sandstone	20	0		
	Shale	4	5		
	Chert	4	10		
	Shale & sandstone	4	7		
	Chert	1	1		
	Shale & sandstone	13	10	908	6
	Coal & shale	8	0		
	Chert & coal bands	7	2		
	Coal & clay bands	1	9		
	Shale & sandstone	6	7	936	7
	Chert	4	7		
	Coaly shale	8	7		
	Coal & bands	3	11		
	Coal	1	11		
	Clay	2	11		
Coal, sand	2	11			
Grey shale	5	9			
Conglomerate	57	6			
Ironstone		3			
Coal		6			
Shale & sandstone	7	4			
Sandstone	6	0			
Shale & sandstone	6	9			
Sandstone	5	8			
Blue shale	4	2	1039	4	
Xerose shale	4	3			
Bright bituminous coal	4	7			
Black shale & coal	2	10			
Blue shale	4	0			
Shale & sandstone	13	4			
Sandstone	6	4			
Conglomerate	13	0			
Grey sandstone	63	11			
Sandstone and shale	5	9			
Total Depth				1153	9



*Section of Bore N° 1  
N° II Diamond Drill  
at Broken Hill*

Borehole 3" Diam.	Nature of Strata	Thickness of Strata		Depth from Surface	
		ft	in	ft	in
	Depth of Bore 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1888.....			1122	0
	Schist.....	25	0		
	Schist and gneiss.....	77	0		
	Quartz & gneiss.....	28	0		
	Garnetiferous gneiss.....	107	6		
	Schist.....	8	0		
	Hornblende rock.....	26	6		
	Gneiss.....	56	0		
	Garnetiferous Quartzite.....	18	0		
	Mica Schist.....	3	6		
	Do. Do. & quartzite.....	2	6		
	Gneiss.....	22	2		
	Schist.....				
	Gneiss.....	47	0		
	Schist.....	38	0		
Gneiss.....	71	9			
Soft Schist.....	8	6			
Gneiss with soft bands of schist.....	6	3			
Schist.....	5	6			
Gneiss.....	199	6			
Gneiss with quartz bands.....	8	0			
Depth bored to 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1889.....			1880	0	

Section of Bore N° 1  
N° 13 Diamond Drill  
at Glen Oak, Seaham

Borehole 3" Diam.	Nature of Strata	Thickness of Strata		Depth from Surface	
		ft	in	ft	in
	soil, subsoil & rubble	3	9		
	gritty buffaceous sandstone, rusty grey colour in upper 4 feet, greenish grey in lower 6 feet	10	14		
	Andesite tuff, coarse, with occasional zinc pebbles	5	5	39	9
	Crumbly buffaceous sandstone, rusty grey	5	7		
	Andesite tuff, hard, coarse, greenish grey, containing fossil Rhacopteris in abundance	5	7		
	Andesite tuff, coarse, hard, greenish grey	3	7		
	Crumbly green shale crumbling in lower part	3	2	61	2
	Crumbly shale, hard pinkish grey and greenish grey with abundant Rhacopteris	3	2		
	Tuffs hard pinkish grey shales with bands of greenish shale	1		64	10
	Andesite tuff, coarse, gritty & pebbly, pebbles up to 1/2 inches in diameter	30			
	Andesite tuffs and buffaceous sandstone varying from fine to coarse, with 1/8 of purple buffaceous shale at top of this thickness	34	4	131	1
	Fine buffaceous shales with Rhacopteris varying from grey to dark grey	7			
	Greenish tuff with bands of greenish shale	4			
	Green shale & fine tuff	4			
	Pinkish grey and greenish grey tuff varying from fine to coarse	4			
	Grey & pinkish grey hard tuff	4			
	Pinkish grey tuff	3			
	Pinkish grey tuff with bands of black shale	3		159	11
	Coaly shale, fine hard grey	2			
	Andesite tuff, coarse, greenish grey	1		163	5
	Black carbonaceous sandy shale	1			
	Gap	1			
	Pinkish grey arkose tuffs with one inch dark carbonaceous band	1			
	Pinkish grey tuff hard, varying from fine to coarse	18		191	9
	Pinkish grey & greenish grey buffaceous shale with abundant Rhacopteris	3			
	Purple, fine, tuffs	8			
	Coarse pinkish grey & greenish grey Andesite tuffs	5			
	Gap	5			
	Andesite tuff, like preceding	3			
	Purple buffaceous shale	3			
	Andesite tuff, coarse, pinkish grey	3			
	Andesite tuff, fine brick red, hard	2		216	3
	Carbonaceous sandy tuff	5			
	Andesite tuff, coarse, greenish grey	5			
	Fine reddish purple & green tuff	2			
Andesite tuff, coarse, greenish grey	2				
Fine purple and green buffaceous shale	1		238	0	
Sandy buffaceous shale	1				
Hard dark grey shales with Rhacopteris	30				
Andesite tuff, coarse, pinkish grey & pinkish grey with bands of purple and green buffaceous shales	30				
Gap	6				
Coarse gritty tuffs	2				
Dark sandy shales with fossil plants	14				
Coarse tuffs, greenish grey & pinkish grey	5		298	4	
Green shale	5		298	9	
Coarse gritty & conglomeratic tuffs	3				
Dark carbonaceous shale with pebbles of porphyritic rocks mixed through it	3				
Coaly shale	1		303	9	
Dark carbonaceous tuff	1				
Hard dark grey shale	1				
Andesite tuff, coarse, with 3/4 inch of coaly shale, containing a layer of coal 1/4 of an inch thick	1		303	9	
Hard grey buffaceous shales with minute foaly partings	1				
Coarse greenish grey tuff with small pebbles	1				
Hard dark shale	1				
Andesite tuff, coarse, greenish grey	1		322	9	
Dark carbonaceous sandy tuffs	1				
Black shale with coal pebbles	1				
Andesite tuff, coarse, pinkish grey tuff	1				
Gap	11				
Pinkish grey & dark grey, very hard tuff	11				
Pinkish grey buffaceous sandstone, a little softer than preceding	3				
Gap	3				
Soft sandy tuff	20				
Hard greenish grey & pink tuff	20				
Gap	3				
Fine green tuff passing downwards into conglomeratic tuffs	6				
Gap	6				
Conglomeratic tuffs & conglomerates coarse in places passing downwards into fine pink tuff	24	11			
Gap	3				
Volcanic Conglomerate	3	10			
Volcanic Sandstone	13	6			
Conglomerate	5	0			
Volcanic Sandstone	8	0			
Volcanic shale	5	9			
Volcanic Sandstone	9	10			
Volcanic sandstone with purple shale partings	18	4			
Volcanic Sandstone	3	3			
Conglomerate	22	7			
Volcanic Sandstone	7	8			
Volcanic Conglomerate	7	8			
Total Depth				501	0



APPENDIX E.

WATER-AUGER work, showing average cost per foot, exclusive of office salaries, store wages, rent, and Superintendent of Drills' travelling expenses.

X-84	No. of Machine.	No. of Bores put down.	Locality	Days occupied.								Depths.			Rate bored per day.	Cost of Carriage.	Working cost, exclusive of Carriage.	Working cost, inclusive of Carriage.	Cost per foot.		Remarks.	
				Moving.	Erecting.	Boring.	Repairing.	Baling.	Delays.	Holidays.	Conserving water.	Total.	At 31 Dec., 1888.	Bored during year 1889.					Total.	Exclusive of Carriage.		Total
1	..		Milparinka to Wanaaring Road—										ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2	1		91-mile .....			6	1	..	3	1	..	11	71 11	0 8	72 7	....	.....	32 2 11	32 2 11	.....	.....	The 91-mile bore had to be temporarily abandoned on account of severe drought.
3	1		106-mile .....	4	..	153	142	6	..	4	4	313	655' 1	457 10	1,112 11	2 11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	109 0 1	937 12 8	1,046 12 9	.....	.....	See section diagram 1. Good fresh water stands within 117 feet from surface.
and			.....																			
7	1		121-mile .....	1	7	183	25	8	3	4	..	231	502 10	522 3	1,025 1	2 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 12 8	451 2 4	452 15 0	.....	.....	See section diagram 2.
			.....																			
			.....	5	7	342	168	14	6	9	4	555	.....	980 9	.....	2 10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	110 12 9	1,420 17 11	1,531 10 8	1 9 0	1 11 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
11	2		Tibooburra .....	13	8	154	34	..	15	4	..	228	.....	349 6	349 6	2 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	13 19 6	418 9 0	432 8 6	.....	.....	See section diagram 3.
11	..		Milparinka .....			51	8	..	..	1	..	60	99 9	118 6	218 3	2 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	.....	79 2 2	79 2 2	.....	.....	See section diagram 4.
			.....	18	15	547	210	14	21	14	4	843	.....	1,448 9	.....	2 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	124 12 3	1,918 9 1	2,043 1 4	1 6 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 8 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	

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APPENDIX F.

SUMMARY of Water-augers, showing number of feet bored, total working cost to Department, and average cost per foot, for 1889.

No of Auger.	Locality.	Feet bored.	Wages.	Carriage.		Travelling expenses.	Repairs	Stores issued.	Sundries.	Proportion of balance of general account.	Proportion of balance of general stores issued.	Office salaries.	Store wages.	Rent.	Superintendent of Drills' travelling expenses.	Total.	Cost per foot.	Remarks.
				Railway.	Other.													
1	Milparinka to Wanaaring Road:	ft. in.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	Strata.
	91-mile bore .....	0 8	16 3 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 1 2	.....	12 8 6	0 10 3	7 19 6	3 18 2	2 8 1	0 5 6	46 14 2	.....	Cretaceous (boring for artesian water).
3 and 7	106-mile bore.....	457 10	681 8 0	40 7 3	68 12 10	0 13 1	0 10 0	36 13 10	63 2 11	149 1 6	6 3 4	95 14 0	46 18 3	28 17 2	3 6 8	1,221 8 10	.....	
	121-mile bore .....	522 3	307 3 4	0 4 8	1 8 0	.....	.....	27 10 5	.....	111 16 1	4 12 6	71 15 7	35 3 8	21 12 11	2 10 0	583 17 2	.....	
		980 9	1,004 14 4	40 11 11	70 0 10	0 13 1	0 10 0	67 5 5	63 2 11	273 6 1	11 6 1	175 9 1	86 0 1	52 18 2	6 2 2	1,852 0 2	37 9½	
11	Tibooburra.....	349 6	366 1 4	0 6 0	13 13 6	16 0 6	15 5 0	16 5 8	4 16 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	432 8 6	.....	Cretaceous (boring for artesian water).
11	Milparinka .....	118 6	68 18 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79 2 2	.....	
		1,448 9	1,439 14 4	40 17 11	83 14 4	16 13 7	15 15 0	83 11 1	78 2 11	273 6 1	11 6 1	175 9 1	86 0 1	52 18 2	6 2 2	2,363 10 10	32 7½	

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APPENDIX H.

Nos. 1 to 4.

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WATER-AUGER SECTIONS.

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Appendix H.

Diagram 1

Section of Bore N<sup>o</sup> 1N<sup>o</sup> 2 Water Auger

at 106 Mile Post

road Milparinka to Wanaaring

Thickness of Strata		Nature of Strata	Borehole	Height Water rose from point of tapping	Quality	Depth Water tapped	
ft	in					ft	in
655	1	Depth of Bore 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr 1888					
15	5	Blue sandy clay..					
52	11	Greenish blue sandy clay..					
	2	Limestone.....					
18	1	Greenish sand & black clay.					
	3	Gypsum.....					
6	11	Gypsum & iron pyrites & green sandstone.....					
55	8	Sand & clay.....					
50	2	Blue clay.....					
14	9	Sand & clay.....					
	7	sandy cement.....					
	4	Hard rock.....					
15	2	Limestone.....					
21	11	sandy cement.....					
3	10	Limestone.....					
38	1	sandy clay.....					
4	0	Limestone.....					
29	2	sandy cement.....					
39	0	Blue sandy clay.....					
10	3	sandy cement.....					
31	0	Black shale.....					
5	4	sandy clay.....					
15	3	Blue clay.....					
10	4	sandy clay.....					
5	0	Blue clay.....					
2	3	Black shale.....					
1112	11	Depth bored to 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1889					

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Note - Water tapped during 1888 stands at 117 feet from surface.

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*Section of Bore N° 1*  
*N° 3 Water Auger*  
*at 121 Mile Post*  
*road Milparinka. to Wandaring*

Thickness of Strata		Nature of Strata	Borehole	Height Water rose from point of tapping	Quality	Depth Water tapped		
Fr.	in					ft	in	
	10	Depth of Bore 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1888						
	5	Limestone						
12	1/4	Blue sandy clay						
	6 1/2	Limestone						
2	6 1/2	Blue sandy clay						
3	3	Limestone						
5	1	Blue clay						
10	7	Grey sandy clay						
4	9	Cement band & boulders				FRESH	550	0
2	10 1/2	Boulders						
26	11	Cemented sand				FRESH	570	0
2	0	Hard limestone rock						
31	6	Sandstone						
31	9	Sandy clay						
3	6	Boulders						
94	10	Sandy clay						
92	9	Black shale						
22	7	Sandy clay						
8	1 1/2	Hard rock						
2	0	Sandy clay						
4	0	Hard rock						
9	3	Sandy clay & hard rock						
5	4 1/2	Hard rock						
10	10	Sandy clay						
10	9	Sandy clay & boulders						
12	0	Black shale & boulders						
51	7	Sandy clay						
14	6	Jayers hard rock & Sandy clay						
45	6	Black shale						
1025	1	Depth bored to 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1889						

Note.- Water bearing strata bored through at from 550 ft. to 570 ft.,  
 Water rose 500 feet, supply, 250 Gallons per hour.

*Section of Bore N<sup>o</sup> 2  
N<sup>o</sup> 11 Water Auger  
at Tibbooburra*

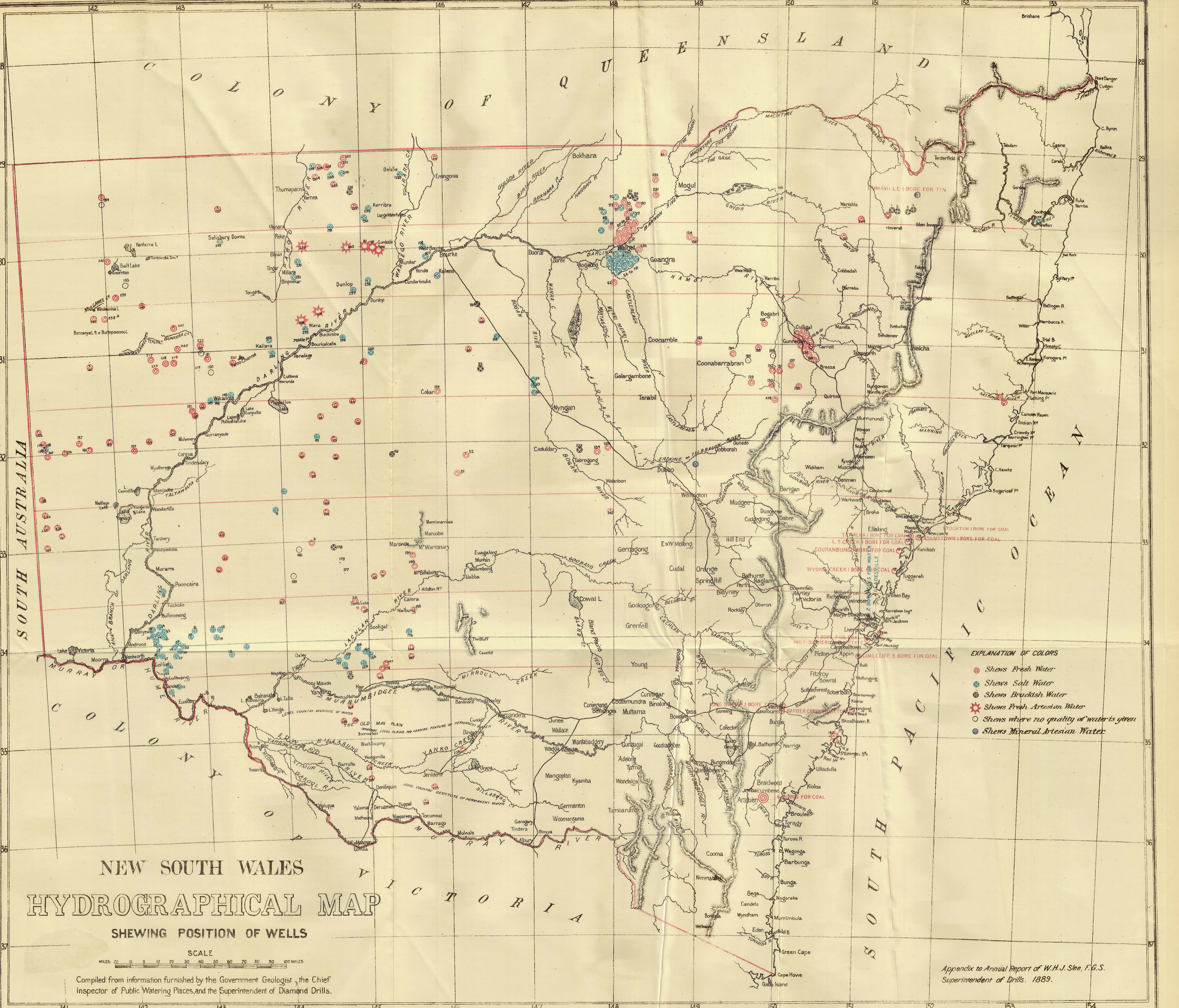
Thickness of Strata		Nature of Strata	Borehole	Height Water rose from point of tapping	Quality	Depth Water Tapped	
Ft	in					Ft	in
53	0	Depth of Bore 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr 1888					
1	0	rare brown clay					
1	4	grey granite					
5	6	sandstone					
1	0	sandstone & drift					
5	8	yellow & blue clay					
15	0	Do Do with sand					
10	0	sandstone					
36	6	Blue clay & sandstone					
1	3	Blue clay with quartzite					
19	3	Blue clay & conglomerate					
20	0	Blue clay with sand				FRESH	150 6
20	3	Fine drift				FRESH	170 6
5	6	soapy sandstone					
37	9	stiff blue clay					
1	6	conglomerate & quartzite					
4	8	stiff blue clay					
19	4	sandstone					
6	0	white clay					
7	0	cretaceous clay					
3	3	quartzite					
12	3	sandstone					
23	6	chocolate clay					
8	3	blue clay with sand					
8	3	coarse drift					
5	0	sandstone					
10	6	fine drift					
349	6	Depth bored to 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr 1889					

Note - Fresh Water slight soakage at 150 ft 6 ins.  
Do Do tapped at 170 ft 6 ins, rose 50 feet. Supply good.

*Section of Bore N<sup>o</sup> 1  
N<sup>o</sup> 11 Water Auger  
at Milparinka*

Thickness of Strata		Nature of Strata	Borehole	Height Water rose from point of tapping	Quality	Depth Water tapped				
ft.	in					ft	in			
99	9	Depth of Bore 31 <sup>st</sup> Decr. 1888		rose 74 feet						
24	0	Blue cretaceous clays								
	9	quartzite								
10	0	cretaceous clays								
5	0	sandstone						SALT	134	0
1	3	quartzite								
21	6	grey sandstone								
	6	quartzite								
10	0	sandstone								
9	0	sandstone conglomerate								
4	6	cretaceous clay								
1	10	quartzite								
12	9	cretaceous clay								
2	2	sandstone						SALT	202	0
15	3	Hard blue slate								
218	3	Total Depth								

*note. - salt Water tapped at 134 feet, rose 74 feet. Supply, 20000 galls. per day  
Do Do 202 feet, small supply.*



**EXPLANATION OF COLORS**

- Shows Fresh Water
- Shows Salt Water
- Shows Brackish Water
- ★ Shows Fresh Artesian Water
- Shows where no quality of water is given
- Shows Mineral Artesian Water

**NEW SOUTH WALES  
HYDROGRAPHICAL MAP**

**SHEWING POSITION OF WELLS**

**SCALE**  
MILES 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Compiled from information furnished by the Government Geologist, the Chief Inspector of Public Watering Places, and the Superintendent of Diamond Drills.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF DRILLS' REPORT.

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Number of Well.	County.	Parish.	Name of Run.	Depth of Well.	Size of Well.	Water struck at feet from surface.	Water stands at feet from surface.	Yield per day in gallons.	Quality.	Height above sea.
1	Arrawatta		King's Plains	70	ft. 5½ x 5½	65	65	Never-failing	Brackish	
2	"		"	90	8 x 4		9	"	"	
3	"		Swamp Oak	45	6 x 4		21	"	"	
4	"		"	40	6 x 4		4	"	"	
5	"		Byron	21	4 x 4	20	15	"	Slightly brackish	
6	Macquarie		Cutarbat	50	Circumference 8		25		Fresh and hard	
7	"		Huntington	101	Circumference 8		71		Hard	
8	Manara		Kilfera	189	5 x 2½	80	80	50,000	Good stock	
9	"		"	162	5 x 2½	50	60	Unlimited	Salt	
10	Franklin		Moolbong	110	6 x 3		100	20,000	Good and fresh	
11	"		"	250		115 & 250		Unlimited	Fresh	
12	Windeyer		Buckalow	150	6 x 4	130	110	24,000	Slightly brackish	
13	Taila		Malee Cliff	70	5 x 3					
14	"		"	18	5 x 3½	15	12	3,000	Slightly brackish	
15	"		Bedura							
16	Wentworth		Gall Gall							
17, 18, 19	Taila		O. B. Turlee							
20	Wentworth		Gall Gall C.	75 to 150					Salt	
21, 22	"		West Perengi, A.							
23 to 27	"		Wamberran							
28 to 34	"		Outer Tapio							
35 to 37	"		Octer Tilato							
38	Menindie		Burta	280	6 x 3	250	250	Not tested	Good stock	
39	Windeyer		Mallara	64	6 x 3	64	20	"	Salt and poisonous	
40	Perry		Moorara	100	6 x 3	82	82	17,500	Good stock	
41	"		Pan Ban	100	6 x 3	80	80	Unlimited	Fair stock	
42	"		North Pan Ban	78	6 x 3	78	75	8,000	"	
43	Rankin		Barnato	150	6 x 3	135	135	5,000	Good stock— Slightly sweet.	
44	"		"	200	6 x 3	190	140	7,000	Good stock	
45	Woore		Fulham	175	5 x 2½	169	168	3,296	"	
46	"		Moama	170	6 x 3	170		3,000	Very brackish	
47	"		Baden Park	200	6 x 3			6,000	Good stock	
48	"		Emerald	140	6 x 3	126			"	
49	Booroondara		Paddington	200	8 x 4			5,000	Brackish	
50	Woore		Warfield	220	6 x 3			6,000	Good stock	
51	Blaxland		Bedooba	300		300	115		Good and fresh	
52	Mouramba		Priory	230	8 x 4				Good stock	
53	Canbeligo		Booroomugga	100	6 x 3½					
54	"		Girilambone	155½	Bore	155	128		Good stock	
55	"		"	120	"	116	105		Very salt	
56	"		"	100	"					
57	Rankin		Donald's Plains A.	160	6 x 3		133	4,000	Fresh	
58	"		Mount Manara							
59	Booroondara		Donald's Plains I.	90	4 x 2½			Limited	Fresh	
60	Cowper		Coronga Peak	120	6 x 3			"	Good stock	
61	Finch		Goendoobline	50	6 x 6	33	35	Not tested	Fresh	
62	Leichhardt		Polly Browan	20	6 x 5	18	10	1,000	Good and fresh	



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WELLS.

Nature of surrounding country.	Strata.	Remarks.
N., granite ridges; E. S., and W., ridges and plain.	Black soil, granite, rotten slaty bottom.	This well is only used in time of drought.
Forest, plain, and ridges, chiefly white gum timber.	Black soil, rotten granite and pipeclay.	Water stands 5' from the top in wet seasons.
N., barren ridges; E. and W., do.; S., forest and ridge.	Top brown soil, then basalt to bottom	
Black soil plains and open forest country.	Black soil 15', basalt 6'.	In a wet season overflows.
Undulating, ridges running into rocky mountains.	Black alluvial soil, pipeclay, and slate rock.	The well is believed to be down to the level of river water. The water is hard, but used for household purposes.
Low ranges, with creeks running to river.	Soft slaty rock	Sunk on a low ridge, believed to be down to level of river water; used for household purposes.
Salt-bush plains, lignum, S. side		Salt at 80'; got much better as we went deeper; last spring struck almost fresh, 100' open shaft, 89' bore, 3 1/2" diameter.
Salt and cotton bush, dark clayey soil.	Gypsum, sandstone, and clay	Salt at 50'; improved slightly when bored; open shaft 100', bore 62'.
Broken plains	Alluvial	Selection of site for well a matter of chance in some parts of Riverina. Good stock water is obtained at a depth of 100' to 130'; in other parts two wells within 1 mile of each other salt water was obtained; midway between another shaft was put down and good water obtained.
S., mallee and porcupine grass; W., N., and E., black oak.	Alluvial, 120' pipeclay and drift 30'.	This well is in a sandy box swamp, and gives one of the best supplies in the district; other shafts have been tried in the Mulga country and failed to strike water; two of them sunk 220'.
Pine ridges, mallee, porcupine grass, and saltbush.	Loamy soil 15', drift sand 55'.	This well is covered by the Murray water when in flood.
Red sandy soil or clay on saltbush plains.		One well on Gall Gall, C, we pumped for a considerable time in the summer, hoping the water would improve, but it did not do so.
Red sandy soil in belar or oak scrub		Have several soakage wells, with good stock water, all at shallow depths of not more than 20', all sunk in the beds of dry creeks where the flood waters back up, and all within 5 miles of the river; the supply is not good, and are only made useful by making large chambers and drives at bottom of shaft.
Red sandhills in mallee		
Red clayey soil in box flats		
White clay flats, with box timber		
Salt and cotton bush, light scrub, and undulating.	Hard clay, with gravel 100', alluvial 80', pipeclay and mica 30', soft sandstone rock and clay 70'.	Open shaft 200', bore 80'. This well is to be sunk to full depth of bore, when the supply is expected to increase. A Tiffen borer was used.
Sandhills and oak ridges, like decomposed limestone.	Pipeclay and drift	A good many trial shafts have been sunk on this run, salt water being struck in drift under 100' in all of them.
Open salt and cotton bush plains, with oak clumps, &c.	Alluvial 82', fine drift 18'	Have sunk fifty trial shafts on different parts of run, from 80 to 100'; salt water struck in all; unfit for use.
Open saltbush plains, with oak ridges, &c.	Clay throughout	50,000 gallons per day have been obtained, but the supply seems practically inexhaustible; slightly brackish.
Sandstone ridges; red clay flats; mulga pine; beefwood.	Alluvial 20', fine drift 58'	Cool, cloudy weather seems to increase the supply.
Pine sandhill; mulga and belar ridges	Alluvial gravel, cement and sandstone rock.	There is a 30' drive in this well.
Loamy flats, rocky ridge, and malee sandhills.	Gravel and cement 100', sandstone 60' cement and blue clay 40'.	" " "
Box flats and pine sandhills	Loam, clay, and cement 167'; drift 8'	8 miles from this well a trial shaft was sunk 188'; no water struck; half-a-mile from the above well a shaft 6' x 3' was sunk to a depth of 96', then a bore 130 = 226', no water being struck; boring still going on.
Red clay flats and pine sandhills	Alluvial 100', sandstone flags 70', water in blue clay.	
Open mulga, with ridges of malee	Cement and sandstone.	The sandstone rock in this well required to be blasted; it is intended to put a drive in this well to increase the supply.
Ironstone rises; box flats; mulga; &c.	Hard sandstone 69', chalk 1', hard sandstone 70'.	
Red flats and pine sandhills	Alluvial pipeclay, cement, and sandstone rock.	
Undulating	Pipeclay and cement, hard sandstone.	This well was sunk before present owners bought station. There are two long drives at bottom, not required for use.
Undulating barren and box flats and ironstone rises.	Blue slate	
Undulating ridges; volcanic hills	Cement and hard sandstone, water in sandstone.	
	Red clay 3', red sandy drift 4', coarse red drift 6', red clay 7', white sandy rock 10', pipeclay 3', white sandy rock 12', fireclay 4', white sandy rock, with occasional thin strata of fire and pipe clay 51'.	This well is not yet finished.
	Hard sandstone, rock, cement, quartz, and gravel.	
	Quartz, gravel, and hard sandstone.	A shaft put down here would make 6,000 gallons per day
	Hard slate, quartz, and hard rock, &c.	
	Pipeclay and cement	This well is in the bed of Tiltagoona Creek.
Cottonbush, mulga rises, and sandstone hills.		Government well condemned as being unfit for stock. A well half-a-mile to the N.W., good water, supposed to be soakage.
Undulating, red, volcanic hills and mulga.	Pipeclay, cement, and layers of drift	This well has never been used for stock purposes, owing to a 10,000-yard tank full of water in the vicinity.
Sandy pine ridges, then open box flats		Not required to be used.
Buthar and pine timbers, small clear patches of saltbush.	Sand	
	White loose sand	This well was cleared out in the dry time, and it watered the whole of the stock on the place in the summer of 1881 and 1882.

Number of Well.	County.	Parish	Name of Run.	Depth of Well.	Size of Well.	Water struck at feet from surface.	Water stands at feet from surface.	Yield per day in gallons.	Quality.	Height above sea.
63	Finch.....	.....	Gingie .....	25	ft. ft. 7 x 7	20	20	Limited.....	Good .....	...
64 to 78	Leichhardt ...	.....	Euroka .....	45 to 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	Saline .....	...
79	Finch.....	.....	Dungalear .....	120	.....	100	80	.....	Salt, unfit for stock	...
80 to 88	„ .....	.....	„ .....	20 to 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fresh.....	...
89	„ .....	.....	Llanillo .....	45	6 x 4	.....	.....	.....	„ .....	...
90	„ .....	.....	„ .....	45	6 x 4	.....	.....	.....	Salt .....	...
91	„ .....	.....	„ .....	55	6 x 4	.....	.....	2,000	„ .....	...
92	„ .....	.....	„ .....	45	6 x 4	.....	.....	.....	„ .....	...
93	„ .....	.....	„ .....	40	.....	.....	.....	1,000	Fresh.....	...
94	„ .....	.....	„ .....	60	.....	.....	.....	1,000	„ .....	...
95	„ .....	.....	„ .....	35	6 x 4	.....	.....	600	.....	...
96	„ .....	.....	„ .....	35	6 x 4	.....	.....	600	.....	...
97	„ .....	.....	„ .....	38	4 x 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
98	„ .....	.....	„ .....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	Salt .....	...
99	„ .....	.....	„ .....	50	6 x 4	.....	.....	.....	„ .....	...
100	Cowper .....	.....	Glenariff .....	109	.....	.....	49	.....	Fresh .....	...
101	„ .....	.....	„ .....	209	.....	.....	101	.....	Brackish .....	...
102	„ .....	.....	„ .....	330	.....	.....	.....	.....	Salt .....	...
103	Killara .....	.....	.....	144	.....	.....	Artesian	60,000	Fresh .....	...
104	Landsborough .....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	„	20,000	„ .....	...
105	Mossgiel .....	.....	.....	360	.....	.....	180	.....	„ .....	...
106	„ .....	.....	.....	312	.....	.....	.....	.....	„ .....	...
107	Gunderbooka .....	.....	.....	194	Bore	72' 6"	10	.....	Salt .....	...
108	„ .....	.....	.....	133	„	198	33	.....	„ .....	...
109	Barrona.....	.....	.....	114	„	80	Artesian	440	Fresh.....	...
110	„ .....	.....	.....	201	„	192	„	.....	„ .....	...
111	„ .....	.....	.....	474	„	427	„	.....	„ .....	...
112	Pottinger .....	.....	.....	53	„	40	.....	.....	„ .....	...
113	„ .....	.....	.....	25	„	23	.....	.....	„ .....	...
114	„ .....	.....	.....	23	„	23	.....	.....	„ .....	...
115	„ .....	.....	.....	41	„	28	.....	.....	„ .....	...
116	„ .....	.....	.....	60	„	57	.....	.....	„ .....	...
117	„ .....	.....	.....	41	„	38	.....	.....	„ .....	...
118	„ .....	.....	.....	30	Bore	27	.....	.....	„ .....	...
119	„ .....	.....	.....	48	„	38	.....	.....	„ .....	...
120	„ .....	.....	.....	34	„	24	.....	.....	„ .....	...
121	„ .....	.....	.....	132	„	70	.....	9,600	„ .....	...
122	Murchison .....	.....	Bingera.....	80	„	80	.....	.....	„ .....	...
123	Couralie .....	Near Moree ...	.....	130	.....	130	90	.....	„ .....	...
124	Denham .....	.....	Gorion .....	174	.....	174	78	24,000	„ .....	...
125	„ .....	.....	„ .....	188	.....	164	90	576	„ .....	...
126	Yancowinna... ..	Near Silverton	.....	40	.....	40	.....	.....	„ .....	...
127	Delalah .....	.....	Elsinora .....	390	Bore	370	.....	Unlimited..	„ .....	...
128	Clarence .....	.....	.....	184	.....	126	.....	.....	Salt .....	...
129	Pottinger .....	.....	.....	78	.....	.....	54	.....	Fresh.....	...
130	„ .....	.....	.....	82	.....	77	62	.....	„ .....	...
131	„ .....	.....	.....	81	.....	81	4	.....	„ .....	...
132	„ .....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	„ .....	...
133	„ .....	.....	.....	136	.....	.....	85	.....	„ .....	...
134	„ .....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	35	.....	„ .....	...
135	„ .....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	28	.....	„ .....	...
136	„ .....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	60	.....	„ .....	...
137	„ .....	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	41	.....	„ .....	...
138	„ .....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	„ .....	...
139	Robinson .....	.....	.....	640	.....	579	.....	.....	„ .....	...
140	North'berland .....	Awaba .....	Teralba .....	568	Bore	197	Artesian	.....	„ .....	22
141	Mootwingee... ..	.....	Morden.....	153	„	153	100	.....	„ .....	...
142	St. Vincent.....	.....	.....	850	„	.....	Artesian	.....	„ .....	...



Number of Well	County.	Parish.	Name of Run.	Depth of Well.	Size of Well.	Water struck at feet from surface.	Water stands at feet from surface.	Yield per day in gallons.	Quality.	Height above sea.
143	Cumberland	Gladesville		442	ft. ft. Bore	336	8		Fresh	27
144	"	"		365	"		8		"	27
145	Young			255	"	218	70		Salt	
146	"			128	"	121	105	1,440	Fresh	
147	"									
148	Young			35					Salt	
149	"		Netallie	104					"	
150	"			135					"	
151	"			135				19,200	Fresh	
152	"			404				720	"	
153	Tandora		Glenlyon	240				20,000	"	
154	"			40					"	
155	Yancowinna			150					"	
156	"								"	
157	"			80					"	
158	"	Silverton		100		93			"	
159	"	"		100					"	
160	"	"		100				4,200	Fresh	
161	"	"		14					"	
162	Waradgergy		Mundagal	110			65	20,000	"	
163	"		"	108			65	20,000	"	
164	"			70			65	40,000	"	
165	"		Illiliwah	137		137	60		"	
166	"		Ulonga	121			86		Salt	
167	"		"	75			65		"	
168	"		"	75			65		"	
169	"		"	110			75		"	
170	"		"	87			75		"	
171	"		"	100			80		"	
172	"		"	110			60		"	
173	Urana		T. S. Reserve	141			111	7,500	1st-class stock	
174	Denison		"	131			112	7,500	"	
175	Waradgergy		"	90			75	7,500	Brackish	
176	Nicholson		"	94			67	8,000	Salt	
177	Waljeers		"	130			110	10,000	Sweet	
178	Mossgiel		"	140			90	Unlimited	Brackish	
179	Walgiers		"	130			101		1st-class stock	
180	Baroona		Kerribee	200		180			Fair stock	
181	"		Wanga Wana	400		20			Salt	
182	Killara		Killara	734					"	
183	Baradine	Baradine Township		122			108		Fresh	
184	White		T. S. Reserve	76			30	14,400	"	
185	Pottinger		"	101					"	
186	"		"	97					"	
187	Manara		"	126			97		Fresh	
188	"		"						"	
189	"		"						"	
190	Young		"						"	
191	Yungnulgra		"						"	
192	"		"						"	
193	Yantara		"						"	
194	Tonkowoko		"						"	
195	Blaxland		"	167			161	Unlimited	Fresh	
196	"		"	136			118	10,000	"	
197	Sturt		"	107			56		"	
198	Nicholson		"	106			100		"	
199	Franklin		"	135					"	



## APPENDIX J—continued.

## INDEX to Wells and Bores—continued.

No	Locality	District	Strata	Remarks
200	Youngarina Springs	Albert	.	Well 6 ft deep; estimated 800 to 1,000 gals. good water per diem.
201	McCrae's Well, Brongum yarra	"	.	Well 27 ft deep; 8 or 9 ft in rock; good supply for stock; too brackish for domestic purposes
202	Buckley's Well, Yantabulla	"	Bottom on sandy drift	Well 40 ft deep; water fairly good, but slightly impregnated with soda, daily yield about 150 gallons.
203	Ruddle's Well, Warroo Station	"	.	Well 20 ft deep; water rose 10 ft; very salt.
204	Tyngamie Spring	"	.	Well 40 " excellent water, estimated at about 10,000 gallons per diem.
205	Bindingabba, Moolait Block	"	.	Well 94 ft deep; watered 12,000 sheep through drought; excellent quality.
206	"	"	.	Well 120 ft deep, water excellent; rose 90 ft in shaft.
207	Kilfera, on Kilfera Block	"	.	Well 150 " supply 100 gals per diem, good water.
208	Kenmare Block	"	.	Well 38 " bore 197 ft, water salt
209	"	"	.	Well 35 " water very salt, very bitter, no supply.
210	Kilfera Block	"	.	Well 160 " said to contain powerful mineral poison.
211	Polygonum Hut	Daring	.	On road Boolgal to Wilcannia.
212	Barrigan Well	Albert	.	On the "Border Run"
213	Wanganilla	Murrumbidgee	.	On South Wanganella Block.
214	Pietty Pine	"	.	Lower Denihquir Run.
215	Beefwood Well, on "The Wells' Block	County Yungnulgra, Albert District.	.	
216	New Well, on Block Byjerk South, Paroo River.	County Landsborough, Albert District	.	
217	Well	County Yungnulgra, Albert District	Coolawundy	Well 157 ft deep; good water.
218	Well, Block Germono East	County Yungnulgra	Coparto	Well 50 " water rises to 20 ft
219	Junction Well, Germono East	Albert	.	Well 80 " good water rises to 50 of surface.
220	Danbery Well, Danbery North Block	"	.	Good stock water
221	Minamithtoo Well, Dal koorba North Block	"	.	300 ft deep; good water rose to 65 ft. from surface
222	Parkungi Block	Albert	.	298 " good water rose to 80 ft. from surface.
223	Well	"	Poolamacca	236 " good water.
224	Thackunga Well	Albert	.	236 " "
225	Wanga Well	"	.	270 " "
226	North Ita Well	"	.	240 " "
227	Melang West Well	"	.	20 " "
228	Mosedevil Station	Liverpool Plains	.	Artesian fresh water
229	Myalmundi	Narromine	.	194 ft deep; good water.
230	Gap Well (45 miles west of Cobai)	South Warrego	.	Salt.
231	Top Well, Newcombe	Muggaue Back B Block	.	70 ft deep; good water.
232	Dungle Well (5 miles north of previous well).	"	.	70 ft, good for stock; at 75 ft, salt.
233	Walgett Wells	Town of Walgett	.	40 to 50 ft, good water in black soil flats.
234	Triangi Well	Narromine	.	350 ft, good water, equal to 5,000 to 6,000 gals per day.
235	Chapman's Well	"	.	350 ft, water brackish.
236	Randwick Asylum	Randwick	.	Fresh water
237	Bingagong Well	Yanko Creek	.	120 ft. deep, fresh water rose 52 ft in shaft.
238	Goree Well	"	.	172 " good water rose 105 ft
238a	Packsaddle	Albert	Blue clay on drift	102 " 14,000 gals in twenty four hours, brackish
239	"	"	.	Supply unlimited; 250 ft deep
240	Tarella	"	Shaly clay and slate	250 ft deep; water obtained by driving 10,000 gals. in twenty four hours
241	"	"	Conglomerate cement	Untested fresh, rose 60 ft in shaft
242	Packsaddle	"	.	Trial shaft 40 ft, salt, large supply.
243	Cobbham	"	.	Supply large; fresh water.
244	Big Plain Well	"	.	Fresh water
245	Bulgian Ira Well	"	.	Fresh water
246	Old Gunbar Well	"	.	Salt water
247	Gunbar Road (13 miles from Hay)	"	.	Fresh water
248	" " "	"	.	Fresh water.
249	75 miles west of Bourke	"	.	Artesian water, 950 feet deep.
250	101½ miles west of Bourke	"	.	Artesian water, 952 feet deep
251	Tibooburra	Whillaburah	Cretaceous	Fresh water, good supply, rose from 300 ft to 70 ft. from surface
252	Sahsbury Downs	"	.	
253	Kallara	"	.	
254	"	"	.	
255	Mara	"	.	
256	Buckniba	"	.	Incomplete.
257	Dunlop	"	.	
258	"	"	.	
259	Keiibra	"	.	
260	Beladic	"	.	

W. H. J. SLEE, F.G.S.,  
Superintendent of Drills.

## APPENDIX K.

REPORT of the Examiner of Coal-fields for the Colony of New South Wales,  
for the year 1889.

IN accordance with the provisions contained in the 26th section of the Coal Mines Regulation, 39 Vic. No. 31, I have the honor to submit reports from Messrs. Dixon and Bates, Inspectors of Collieries for coal-mines at work, and opening out in the Counties of Northumberland, Durham, Gloucester, Buckland, and Pottinger, called Northern District; and Mr. Rowan, Inspector of Collieries for coal-mines at work and opening out in the Counties of Cumberland, Camden, Cook, and Roxburgh, called the Southern and Western Districts—with this my general report for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

The information I have the honor to submit, with respect to the condition and progress, &c., of the different coal and boghead mineral mines during the year 1889, is as follows:—

*Number of accidents in 1887, 1888, and 1889.*

In 1887 there were ninety-four fatal and forty-five non-fatal accidents; eighty-one of the fatal accidents occurring through the Bulli disaster.

In 1888 fifteen fatal and forty-three non-fatal accidents.

In 1889, the year under notice, there have been forty-one fatal and fifty-seven non-fatal accidents. Eleven of the fatal ones happened from falls of coal; 12th to 22nd inclusive, from a crush at the A.A. Company's Hamilton Pit; 23rd to 26th inclusive, from over-winding and falling down the South Burwood sinking shaft; 27th and 28th, from falls of stone from roof of mine; 29th and 30th, from a stone falling and striking sinkers in sinking shafts; 31st and 32nd, through being jammed by skips; 33rd, through being thrown from a trolley; 34th, through being thrown amongst skips; 35th, from falling down a sinking shaft; 36th, through being knocked down by a locomotive; 37th, from an explosion of powder; 38th, through being crushed between trucks; 39th, from being injured by a fly-wheel; 40th, from a fall of timber and clay; and 41st, from an explosion of fire-damp at Monkwearmouth Colliery.

Twenty-four of the non-fatal accidents occurred from falls of coal; 25th to 29th inclusive, from a stone falling and striking sinkers whilst sinking shafts; 30th to 34th inclusive, by injuries received from loaded skips; 35th to 38th inclusive, by explosions of fire-damp at the Durham and Monkwearmouth Collieries; 39th and 40th, inclusive, from explosion of a shot; 41st to 43rd inclusive, from powder explosions; 44th and 45th, through falling from pit-top; 46th, through being knocked down by a truck; 47th, being knocked down by a trolley; 48th, by a loaded waggon; 49th, from a fall of stone; 50th, through a blow from a hauling rope; 51st, through falling from pit top; 52nd, from a fall of top-band coal; 53rd, from a fall of stone roof; 54th, from a hauling chain; 55th, by a blow from a prop; 56th, through falling off a skip; and 57th, by a steel drill.

All the above fatal and non-fatal accidents have been inquired into, the scene of them inspected, inquests attended and reports made thereon and forwarded for your information.

The names and occupations of the persons who died from injuries received, and those who have been seriously injured, as well as the names of the Collieries where the accidents occurred, are given in the following summary.







The returns of the collieries raising coal and shale (boghead mineral) which have been collected and forwarded to me by the Mining Department show the following figures for the year 1889:—

## COAL RETURN.

	Northern District.	Southern District.	Western District.	Total.
	Tons. cwt. qr.	Tons. cwt. qr.	Tons. cwt. qr.	Tons. cwt. qr.
Tons of round and small coal raised .....	2,624,347 3 0	701,572 0 0	329,713 3 0	3,655,632 6 0
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Value of round and small coal raised ..	1,261,224 16 5	290,164 18 0	81,459 1 1	1,632,848 15 6
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons employed above ground .....	1,343	467	118	1,928
Persons employed under ground .....	6,216	1,598	535	8,349

## PETROLEUM OIL CANNEL COAL OR BOGHEAD MINERAL RETURNS.

*Western and Southern Districts.*

Tons of boghead mineral or petroleum oil cannel coal .....	40,561
Value of boghead mineral or petroleum oil cannel coal raised.....	£77,666 15s.
Persons employed above ground .....	26
Persons employed under ground .....	112

## COKE RETURNED.

Newcastle District .....	16,626 tons, valued at £26,601 12s
Illawarra District, Bulli Company.....	1,489 „ „ 1,675
„ Australian Coke Company, near Kembla .....	4,456 „ „ 4,456
	22,571 tons £32,732 12s.

## COMPARATIVE statement of Returns for 1888-89.

	Men above ground.	Men below ground.	Tons of round and small coal.	Value.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.				
Australian Agricultural, Newcastle, Wallsend, Newcastle Coal, Lambton, Co-operative, Brown's Duckenfield, New Duckenfield, South Waratah, Ferndale, Wickham and Bullock Island, Hetton, Burwood, Stockton, Maryville, Pride of Ferndale, Goose, Brookstown, Hillside, Linwood, West Burwood, Great Northern, West Wallsend, New Lambton, C Pit, Thornton, Sunderland, Bloomfield, Thornley, Rathluba, South Greta, Greta, New Anvil Creek, Rix's Creek, Ellesmere, New Park, Rosedale, Dulwich, Gladstone, Springfield, Black Jack, Centenary, Clay Cross, Monkwearmouth, Fern Valley, Rosehill, East Lambton, Ebbw Vale, South Wallsend, Summerhill, Northumberland, Teralba, Young Wallsend, Durham, East Greta, Gartlee, Leconfield, and Morriset. ....	1,343	6,216	2,624,347 3 0	1,261,224 16 5
Total in 1889 .....	1,343	6,216	2,624,347 3 0	1,261,224 16 5
„ 1888.....	1,137	5,736	2,067,042 4 0	1,022,022 8 10
Increase in 1889 .....	206	480	557,304 19 0	239,202 7 7
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.				
Metropolitan, Coal Cliff, North Illawarra, Bulli, South Bulli, Osborne, Wallsend, Illawarra Coal Co., Mount Kembla, Wollongong Coal Co., Mittagong, Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Co., Great Southern .....	467	1,598	701,572 0 0	290,164 18 0
Total in 1889 .....	467	1,598	701,572 0 0	290,164 18 0
„ 1888.....	432	1,244	796,806 10 0	338,039 12 3
Increase in 1889 .....	35	354	.....	.....
Decrease in 1889 .....	.....	.....	95,234 10 0	47,874 14 3
WESTERN DISTRICT.				
Katoomba, Main Camp, New South Wales, Shale and Oil Co., Oakey Park, Vale, Zig Zag, Vale of Clwydd, Lithgow Valley, Eskbank, Eskbank Old Tunnel, Hermitage, Coerwull, Lidsdale, Carlo's Gap, and Rawden .....	118	535	329,713 3 0	81,459 1 1
Total in 1889.....	118	535	329,713 3 0	81,459 1 1
„ 1888.....	110	642	339,594 9 0	95,136 3 0
Decrease in 1889 .....	.....	107	9,881 6 0	13,677 1 11
Increase in 1889 .....	8	.....	.....	.....

From these returns we find that in the Northern District, in the year under notice, there has been an increase of 557,305 tons in the quantity of coal raised, and £239,202 7s. 7d. in the value of it, whilst in the previous year (1888), when there was a strike of thirteen weeks, there was a decrease of 176,749 tons, and in the value of the coal raised £12,165.

In the Southern District there has been a decrease of 95,234 tons, and in the value of £47,874, whilst in the previous year (1888), there was an increase of 420,228 tons, and in the value of £167,355. For the large increase in the output of coal in 1888, the Southern collieries were indebted to the Northern District thirteen weeks' strike.

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In the Western District there has been a decrease of 9,881 tons, and in value of £13,677, whilst in the previous year (1888), there was an increase of 37,457 tons, and in value of £16,100. Last year's (1888) larger increase occurred through the Northern District strike.

The following table shows comparisons between the year under notice and two preceding years, as regards the exports of coal to foreign and intercolonial ports; the quantity used for home consumption; total output and value; tons of round and small coal raised for each person employed in and about the collieries; value of round and small coal raised for each person so employed; and the quantity of coal raised for each life lost.

Years.	Exports to Intercolonial Ports.			Exports to Foreign Ports.			Total Exports.			Home consumption.
	Quantity.	Average per ton.	Value.	Quantity.	Average per ton.	Value.	Quantity.	Average per ton.	Value.	
	Tons.	£ s. d.	£	Tons.	£ s. d.	£	Tons.	£ s. d.	£	Tons.
1887.....	1,077,270	0 10 5-89	565,084	713,172	0 11 1-08	395,455	1,790,442	0 10 8-70	960,539	1,132,055
1888.....	1,039,764	0 10 10-25	564,293	884,108	0 11 3-77	500,179	1,923,872	0 11 0-79	1,064,472	1,279,570
1889.....	1,310,228	0 10 4-22	678,290	1,077,474	0 11 1-88	601,071	2,387,702	0 10 8-58	1,279,271	1,267,930
	3,427,262	0 10 6-57	1,807,577	2,674,754	0 11 2-29	1,496,705	6,102,016	0 10 9-90	3,304,282	3,679,555

Years.	Total Output and Value.			Coal raised per each person employed in and about the Mines.			Value of Coal raised per each person employed in and about the Mines.			Tons of Coal raised per each life lost.		
	Quantity.	Average per ton.	Value.	Quantity.	Average tons per each person employed.	Persons employed.	Value.	Average value per each person employed.	Persons employed.	Quantity.	Average tons per each life lost.	Lives lost.
	Tons.	£ s. d.	£	Tons.	Tons.	Number.	£	£ s. d.	Number.	Tons.	Tons.	Number.
1887.....	2,922,497	0 9 2-57	1,346,440	2,922,497	365	7,998	1,346,440	168 6 1	7,998	2,922,497	31,090	94
1888.....	3,203,442	0 9 1-06	1,455,197	3,203,442	344	9,301	1,455,197	156 0 1	9,301	3,203,442	213,562	15
1889.....	3,655,632	0 8 11-10	1,632,848	3,655,632	355	10,277	1,632,848	158 17 8	10,277	3,655,632	89,161	41
	9,781,571	0 9 0-80	4,434,485	9,781,571	354	27,576	4,434,485	160 16 2	27,576	9,781,571	65,210	150

## NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Number of persons employed in and about the mines .....	7,559
Number of persons employed under ground.....	6,216
Quantity of coal raised in tons .....	2,624,347
Number of non-fatal accidents .....	47
Number of lives lost by accidents .....	32
Persons employed per each non-fatal accident.....	160
Persons employed per each life lost .....	236
Tons of round and small coal raised per each non-fatal accident.....	55,837
Tons of round and small coal raised per each life lost .....	82,010
Tons of coal raised per each person employed in and about the mines .....	347
Tons of coal raised per each person employed under ground .....	442
Value of coal raised .....	£1,261,225 0 0
Value of coal raised per each person employed in and about the mines.....	166 17 0
Value of coal raised per each person employed under ground .....	202 17 11

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Number of persons employed in and about the mines .....	2,065
Number of persons employed under ground.....	1,598
Quantity of coal raised in tons .....	701,572
Number of non-fatal accidents .....	8
Number of lives lost by accidents .....	7
Persons employed per each non-fatal accident .....	258
Persons employed per each life lost .....	295
Tons of round and small coal raised per each non-fatal accident.....	87,696
Tons of round and small coal raised per each life lost .....	100,224
Tons of coal raised per each person employed in and about the mines .....	339
Tons of coal raised per each person employed under ground.....	439
Value of coal raised .....	£290,165 0 0
Value of coal raised per each person employed in and about the mines.....	140 10 3
Value of coal raised per each person employed under ground .....	181 11 7

## WESTERN DISTRICT.

Number of persons employed in and about the mines .....	653
Number of persons employed under ground.....	535
Quantity of coal raised in tons .....	329,713
Number of non-fatal accidents .....	2
Number of lives lost by accidents .....	2
Persons employed per each non-fatal accident.....	326
Persons employed per each life lost .....	326
Tons of round and small coal raised per each non-fatal accident.....	164,856
Tons of round and small coal raised per each life lost .....	164,856
Tons of coal raised per each person employed in and about the mines .....	504
Tons of coal raised per each person employed under ground .....	616
Value of coal raised .....	£81,459 0 0
Value of coal raised per each person employed in and about the mines.....	124 14 11
Value of coal raised per each person employed under ground .....	152 5 2

The following table shows comparisons between the year under notice and the preceding year, as regards the proportion the accidents and deaths bear to the persons employed, the quantity and value of the coal for each person employed in and about the mines and under ground, in the Northern, Southern, and Western Districts.

	Northern District		Southern District		Western District.	
	1888	1889	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Number of persons employed in and about the mines	6,873	7,559	1,076	2,065	752	653
Number of persons employed under ground	5,736	6,216	1,244	1,598	642	585
Quantity of coal raised in tons	2,067,042	2,624,347	796,806	701,572	339,594	320,713
Number of non fatal accidents	32	47	7	8	4	2
Number of lives lost by accident	9	32	5	7	1	2
Persons employed per each non fatal accident	214	160	239	258	188	326
Persons employed per each life lost	763	236	335	295	752	326
Tons of round and small coal raised per each non fatal accident	64,595	55,837	113,829	87,696	84,898	164,856
Tons of round and small coal raised per each life lost	229,671	82,010	159,361	100,224	339,594	164,856
Tons of coal raised per each person employed in and about the mines	300	547	475	339	451	504
Tons of coal raised per each person employed under ground	360	422	640	439	523	616
Value of coal raised	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Value of coal raised per each person employed in and about the mines.	1,022,022 8 10	1,261,225 0 0	338,039 12 3	290,165 0 0	95,136 0 0	81,459 0 0
Value of coal raised per each person employed under ground.	148 14 0	166 17 0	201 13 10	140 10 3	126 10 2	124 14 11
	178 3 6	202 17 11	271 14 0	181 11 7	148 3 8	152 5 2

The following statistical return, furnished by Mr W. R. Logan, the Collector of Customs at Newcastle, shows that the greatest increase in the export of coal from that port has been:—To Victoria, 144,871 tons; South Australia, 107,161; Chili, 44,606; Hong Kong, 42,873; Java, 38,206; Tasmania, 28,071; Philippine Isles, 27,573; Singapore, 21,178; and New Zealand, 18,165; and the greatest decrease to the United States, 18,236; and South America, 14,822.

NEWCASTLE.—New South Wales export of Coal during the years 1888 and 1889.

Countries	1888	1889	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Victoria	666,947	811,818	144,871	
New Zealand	138,007	156,172	18,165	
South Australia	74,250	181,411	107,161	
Queensland		5,319	5,319	
Tasmania	33,514	61,585	28,071	
Western Australia	11,814	14,780	2,966	
Hong Kong	36,953	79,826	42,873	
Java	32,288	70,494	38,206	
New Caledonia	9,108	10,838	1,730	
Singapore	17,879	39,057	21,178	
Mauritius	7,081	15,422	8,341	
Fiji	7,259	10,966	3,707	
United States	314,593	296,357		18,236
India	34,643	62,216	27,573	
Philippine Islands	33,084	45,026	11,942	
Peru	9,186	23,044	13,858	
Sandwich Islands	21,418	27,081	5,663	
Mexico	2,193	9,601	7,408	
Chili	100,631	145,237	44,606	
Solomon Islands		1,428	1,428	
South Sea Islands	3,632	3,642	10	
Africa	400	487	87	
Ceylon	1,685	2,438	753	
Macassar		3,740	3,740	
Haiphong		933	933	
Yokohama		1,003	1,003	
Sumatra		5,449	5,449	
Guam		3,328	3,328	
Penang	1,130	1,654	524	
Bankok		725	725	
United Kingdom		480	480	
New Guinea	485			485
Indo China	1,367			1,367
Queensland	5,074			5,074
South America	14,822			14,822
New Hebrides	894			894
Total increase for 1889 is 511,220 tons.	1,580,337	2,091,557	552,098	40,878

EXPORT of Coke from Newcastle for the year 1889.

South Australia	11,460	8,313		3,147
Victoria	2,606	13		2,593
New Caledonia		35	35	
Haiphong		33	33	
Tasmania		13	13	
New Zealand		31	31	
United States	398			398
United Kingdom	150			150
India	4			4
Total decrease for 1889 is 6,180 tons.	14,618	8,438	112	6,292

## DECENNIAL RETURN.—Port of Newcastle.—Foreign and Intercolonial Ports.

Year.	Vessels cleared outwards for Foreign and Intercolonial Ports.		Total value of Imports from Foreign and Intercolonial Ports.	Quantity and value of Coal exported to Foreign and Intercolonial Ports.		Total value of Exports (inclusive of Coal) to Foreign and Intercolonial Ports.	Total amount of Revenue collected.						
	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.		Tons.	Value.								
1880	1,023	516,480	£ 527,905	s. 0	d. 0	673,393	£ 372,378	s. 0	d. 0	477,486	£ 57,883	s. 4	d. 6
1881	1,121	654,543	482,845	0	0	899,369	343,931	0	0	407,212	77,543	10	7
1882	1,143	737,772	632,073	0	0	1,080,446	527,575	0	0	618,586	76,799	12	7
1883	1,305	926,956	658,601	0	0	1,359,505	722,428	0	0	1,440,752	87,844	12	0
1884	1,433	1,066,462	788,653	0	0	1,505,395	835,070	0	0	1,699,047	108,720	0	0
1885	1,388	1,076,346	930,200	0	0	1,552,136	832,495	0	0	1,927,626	108,834	18	6
1886	1,335	1,097,382	843,474	0	0	1,544,694	828,189	0	0	1,398,728	119,131	15	0
1887	1,334	1,154,439	781,796	0	0	1,658,336	886,921	0	0	1,788,664	117,543	7	10
1888	949	815,516	758,586	0	0	1,580,337	852,083	0	0	2,067,460	126,036	7	9
1889	1,277	1,126,892	924,150	0	0	2,091,557	1,102,722	0	0	1,894,321	132,018	0	1

RETURN showing the quantity raised, price per ton, and value of the boghead mineral or petroleum oil (cannel coal), commonly called kerosene shale, from 1865 to 1889 inclusive.

Year.	Tons.	Average price per ton.	Value.	Year.	Tons.	Average price per ton.	Value.
1865	570	£ 4 2 5·47	£ 2,350 0 0	1878	24,371	£ 2 6 11·49	£ 57,211 0 0
1866	2,770	2 18 10·48	8,154 0 0	1879	32,519	2 1 10·96	66,930 10 0
1867	4,079	3 14 9·21	15,249 0 0	1880	19,201	2 6 7·03	44,724 15 0
1868	16,952	2 17 7·11	48,816 0 0	1881	27,894	1 9 2·59	40,748 0 0
1869	7,500	2 10 0·00	18,750 0 0	1882	48,065	1 15 0·00	84,114 0 0
1870	8,580	3 4 3·18	27,570 0 0	1883	49,250	1 16 10·77	90,861 10 0
1871	14,700	2 6 3·91	34,050 0 0	1884	31,618	2 5 7·85	72,176 0 0
1872	11,040	2 11 11·91	28,700 0 0	1885	27,462	2 8 11·62	67,239 0 0
1873	17,850	2 16 6·55	50,475 0 0	1886	43,563	2 5 10·79	99,976 0 0
1874	12,100	2 5 1·48	27,300 0 0	1887	40,010	2 3 10·43	87,761 0 0
1875	6,197	2 10 2·22	15,500 0 0	1888	34,896	2 2 2·26	73,612 0 0
1876	15,998	3 0 0·00	47,994 0 0	1889	40,561	1 18 3·55	77,666 15 0
1877	18,963	2 9 0·82	46,524 10 0				

*Complaints made of deficient ventilation, &c.*—I have, as usual, inquired into sundry complaints made with respect to deficient ventilation and non-compliance with the requirements of the provisions of the Coal-mines Regulation Act, 1876. Proceedings, where necessary, have been taken to enforce the provisions of the Act, and reports furnished thereon.

NUMBER of Men Employed at New Mines sinking and in course of development in the Northern District in 1889.

Company.	Locality.	Men employed		Total.	Remarks.
		Above ground.	Below ground.		
East Lambton .....	New Lambton .....	15	.....	15	Sinking.
Burwood Extended .....	Charlestown .....	2	4	6	"
South Burwood .....	" .....	8	27	35	"
New Wallsend .....	West Wallsend .....	16	36	52	"
North Stockton .....	Hexham .....	10	30	40	"
Wallarah .....	Swansea .....	6	12	18	Opening out mine by adit.
Maitland Coal Co. ....	West Maitland .....	10	21	31	Sinking.
Richmond Vale Coal Co. ....	East Maitland .....	10	20	30	"
		77	150	227	

NEW SHAFTS BEING SUNK AND MINES OPENING OUT OR IN COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT DURING THE YEAR 1889.

*West Maitland Coal Company.*

On January 10th, Mr. G. O. Hyde notified for himself and Mr. W. B. Bradley of having commenced operations near West Maitland, adjoining South Greta Colliery Company's property, to open a coal-mine, and let a contract to sink a shaft 14 feet diameter—probable depth 400 feet.

*Burwood Extended Coal-mining Company.*

On January 21st, Mr. Wilson Rennie, Colliery Manager, notified that he was preparing to unwater a shaft sunk to a depth of about 260 feet, and to continue until the borehole coal seam is tapped for the purpose of opening and developing the mine.

*Wallarah*

*Wailarah Coal Company.*

On March the 13th, Mr. Thomas Parton notified on behalf of the above-named Company of having opened a coal-mine by adit at Catherine Hill Bay, near Swansea, Lake Macquarie.

*South Wallsend Colliery, late Lymington Wallsend Colliery.*

Mr. J. Johnson notified on 28th March that the above-named Colliery Company were opening the tunnel over and above the shaft, situated at Cardiff, late Winding Creek.

*Sunderland Colliery.*

Mr. Matthew Tulip, on 4th April, gave notice that he had commenced to sink a shaft on the boundary of J. and A. Brown's land, situated about 600 yards east by south direction from the pit at present worked.

Mr. Thomas H. York, on April 23rd, notified his intention to mine for coal on the Gearie Station, parish of Micketymulga, county Lincoln, No. 162, standing in the name of Mackenzie on parish map (Railway Station), Mary Vale. Shaft sunk 63 feet, final depth 163 feet.

*Northumberland Coal and Land Company, Fassifern.*

Mr. James Pease on May 20th, gave notice that he proposes to work the upper coal seam, and also continue the sinking of the shaft simultaneously.

*Dunkirk Colliery, New Lambton.*

On May 20th, Mr. T. G. Griffiths notified his intention of reopening the old Dunkirk Mine at once.

*East Lambton, New Lambton.*

Mr. T. G. Griffiths notified, on August 12th, of having commenced to sink a shaft at south end of the old Waratah workings to work a 37-acre block of coal owned by Alexander Brown. Also, boundary coal owned by the Waratah Company at New Lambton.

*Fern Valley Colliery, near Adamstown.*

On August 5th, Mr. Henry Evans notified having commenced to open out a tunnel at the back of the New Lambton C pit, and were in about 12 to 15 yards.

*Thornley Colliery, Four-mile Creek.*

Mr. George Fishburne, on August 18th, notified having commenced opening up the bottom coal seam at this mine.

*Gartlee Colliery, Teralba.*

Mr. Andrew Sneddon, for himself and brother, notified, on September 11th, of having opened a tunnel at Teralba, near Railway Station, for the purpose of mining for coal.

*Heddon Greta Coal and Shale Company, near West Maitland.*

On October 25th, Mr. H. Trenchard notified, on behalf of the above-named Company, of having commenced to open a new mine for the purpose of mining for coal on mineral lease No. 14, parish of Stanford, 3,200 acres; mineral lease No. 29, parish of Heddon, county of Northumberland, 350 acres; also freehold grant to J. H. Garvin, 640, same parish. Working five men and one horse. Have driven one tunnel into coal and sunk two shallow shafts on the coal.

*Rose Hill Colliery.*

Mr. T. J. Evans notified, October 30th, that he had commenced a tunnel on the Waratah estate, Dark Creek, near North Lambton, with a view of working coal.

*Buttai Estate, near East Maitland.*

On November 7th, Mr. Donald Shaw notified that it was his intention to put a small tunnel, about 10 feet, in the outcrop of two coal-seams on Mrs. Price's land.

*Brown's Colliery, Minmi.*

On October 18th, Mr. William Brown notified having commenced sinking a shaft on the Minmi estate to the north-east of the No. 12 shaft, distance 34 chains, for the purpose of a down cast shaft.

*Morna Point, Port Stephens.*

On December 4th, M. G. J. Barry notified, on behalf of himself and others, to start a shaft for the purpose of sinking for coal and shale on land applied for at Morna Point.

*South Greta, Farley.*

On December 7th, Mr. E. S. Wight notified that operations would be commenced on the 9th to draw the water out of an old shaft known as the A pit, Stony Creek, on this property, with a view of examining the coal-seams at this point, sunk by the Honorable Bourne Russell a number of years ago.

COAL-MINES ABANDONED, OR OPERATIONS SUSPENDED, DURING THE YEAR 1889.

*East Waratah Colliery.*

Mr. Thos. G. Griffiths notified, on 31st May, that he would, on the morrow, close the tunnel known as East Waratah Colliery.

*New Duckenfield Colliery.*

Mr. M. Yates notified, on July 25th, that he had closed the above-named colliery, situated at New Lambton.

*Maryville Colliery.*

Mr. W. B. Bradley notified, on August 23rd, that this colliery has been finally closed and all the shafts filled in.

*Clay Cross, Lambton.*

Mr. Isaac Burnley notified that, on September 3rd, the Clay Cross Colliery was abandoned; rails and materials taken out.

*Sunderland Colliery.*

On September 5th, Mr. Matthew Tulip notified having abandoned the pit previously worked by him at Four-mile Creek in connection with this colliery.

*Great Northern Shale and Oil Company's Mine, near Murrurundi.*

On September 9th, Mr. Thos. Affleck notified that he had stopped work at the above mine, Dough-boy Hollow, pending negotiations with lessors, and will remain closed until further notice.

*South Greta Colliery.*

On October 18th, Mr. Brentnall, secretary, notified the Department that the directors had given instructions to temporarily suspend operations at the above-named colliery.

CHANGING NAME OF COLLIERY.

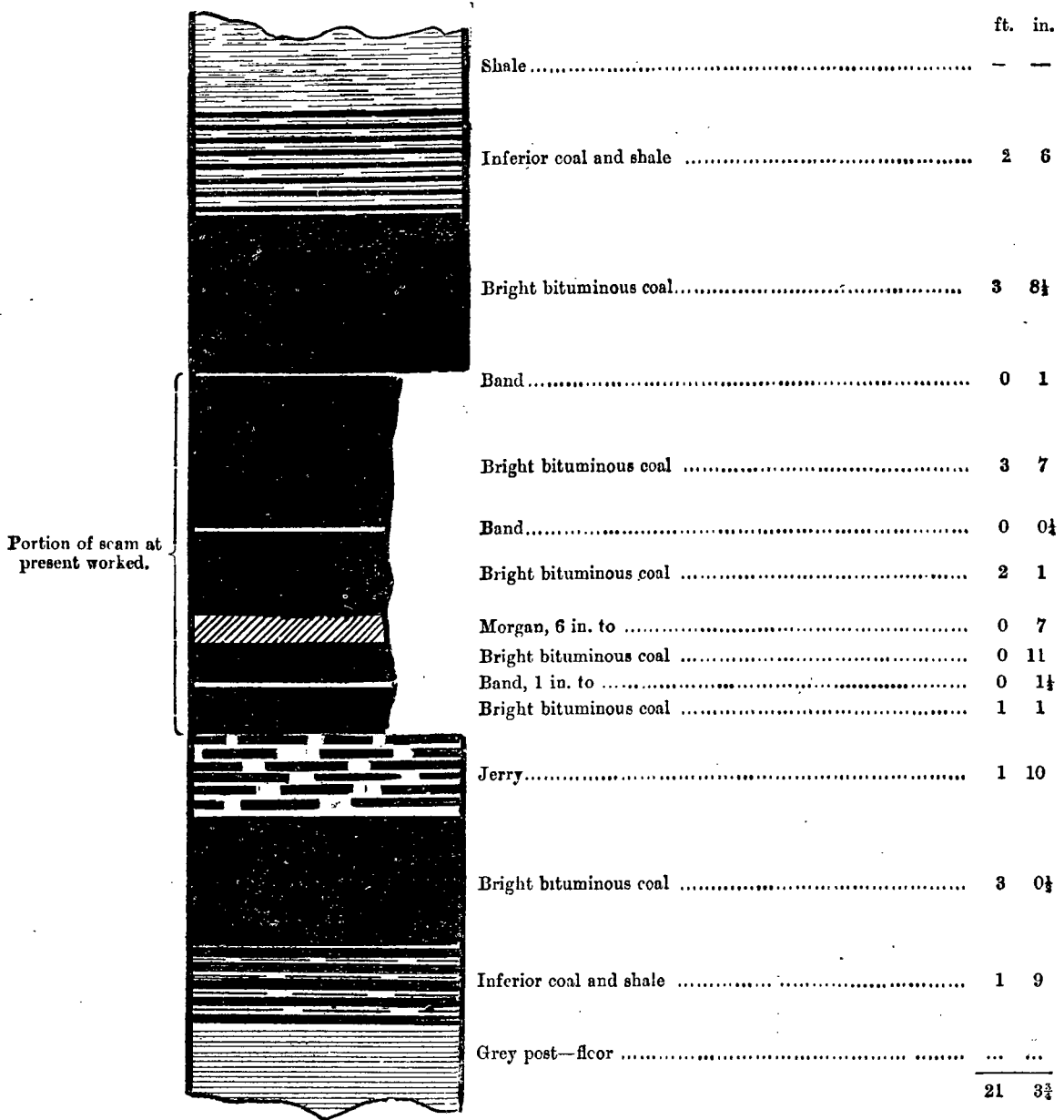
*Great Southern Colliery, late Berrima Colliery.*

On October 19th, Mr. Edward T. Kennedy notified, on behalf of the Great Southern Colliery Company (Limited), that the name of "Berrima Colliery" has been changed to the Great Southern Colliery.

AN account of Strata bored through by Messrs. Sands and Wildes' diamond rock drill on Mr. Justice Windeyer's estate at Tomago, about 3 chains from the Hunter River, and about 2½ miles south-east from the Old Tomago Pit. Furnished to the Examiner of Coal-fields by Mr. Wilson Rennie, of the Burwood Extended Coal Mining Company, who was in charge of the borings.

Name of Stratum.	ft.	in.	Name of Stratum.	ft.	in.	Name of Stratum.	ft.	in.
Surface soil .....	2	0	Fine conglomerate .....	28	9½	Post and shale .....	4	0
Clay and sand .....	5	0	Post and shale .....	5	8	Grey post .....	6	5
Very soft clay and sand .....	22	0	Dark shale .....	32	3	Dark shale .....	5	2
Dark sand .....	30	0	Indurated clay .....	0	1	Shale and streak of coal .....	0	6
Sand and pebbles .....	7	8	Dark shale .....	0	6	Dark shale .....	3	1
Blue shale and clay .....	4	4	Band .....	0	0½	Post and shale .....	23	8
Rotten rock red .....	3	0	Dark shale .....	1	9	Dark shale .....	0	1
Blue shale .....	3	0	Coal and jerry .....	1	0	Coal .....	0	1
Black shale and post .....	28	0	Post and shale .....	19	0	Post and shale .....	6	4
Post and shale .....	7	0	Dark shale .....	2	0	Rough sandstone .....	1	8
Gravel .....	0	2	Grey post .....	4	8	Dark shale .....	0	4
Dark shale .....	5	10	Post and shale .....	0	10	Rough sandstone .....	4	0
Light shale .....	5	6	Dark shale .....	2	6½	Blue shale .....	0	2
Coal smutty .....	0	6	Grey post .....	3	3	Rough sandstone .....	1	9
Post and shale .....	1	0	Dark shale .....	21	8	Post and shale .....	8	9
Post and shale .....	13	4	Coal .....	0	5	Coal .....	0	6
Coal .....	0	3	Post and shale .....	4	7	Post and shale .....	9	3
Post and shale .....	9	4	Dark shale .....	14	7	Post and shale .....	32	0
Rough sandstone and shale .....	2	0	Grey post .....	7	10	Post and shale .....	41	4½
Post and shale .....	5	6	Chert .....	3	10	Dark shale and streaks of coal .....	10	2
Dark-blue shale .....	6	9	Grey post .....	6	1	Coal .....	1	0
Coal .....	0	8	Post and shale .....	62	8½	Band .....	0	2
Dark shale .....	2	2	Dark shale .....	12	0	Coal .....	1	2
Rough sandstone .....	4	0	Grey post .....	19	0	Indurated clay .....	0	8
Dark shale .....	1	10	Post and shale .....	17	9½	Coal .....	3	11
Coal .....	0	6	Post .....	3	1			
Indurated clay .....	0	3	Post and shale .....	6	8			
Coal .....	0	4	Post .....	5	9			
Dark shale .....	0	4	Post and shale .....	26	5			
Post and shale .....	3	8	Grey post .....	3	3			
						Total depth sunk .....	660	5

SECTION showing the thicknesses and character of the Borehole Coal-seam at the A.A. Co.'s new winning, taken in the north-east cross-cuts, by the Examiner and Mr. Paul Turnbull, at a distance of 28 chains from new winning shaft, and 11½ chains from the western boundary of the Company's "ocean leasehold."



ACCOUNT of strata and coal-seams sunk through the Borehole Coal-seam at the Australian Agricultural Company's new winning pit, adjacent to Darby-street, Newcastle, in county of Northumberland. Furnished to the Examiner of Coal-fields by Mr. Turnbull, the Company's Colliery Manager.

A DESCRIPTION of the Borehole seam at this colliery, and the appliances for developing and working it, are given in my 1889 report. Since then a considerable area of the seam has been worked, and on a late inspection of the mine I found that the scheme for opening out and working it is a most judicious one, and that it is the best laid-out colliery in New South Wales, and one such as consulting viewers and managers of new collieries opening out would do well to adopt.

Strata.	ft.	in.	Strata.	ft.	in.	Strata.	ft.	in.
Surface made up .....	10	3	Hard blue rock .....	6	6	Coal .....	1	4
Red loam and clay .....	27	7	Whinstone .....	1	6	Slate .....	0	8
Slate and blue rock .....	20	4	Hard rock .....	7	3	Hard slate .....	4	0
Coal.....	2	4	Blue rock .....	3	0	Ironstone .....	0	2
Clay.....	0	8	Soft slate .....	1	2	Freestone .....	4	1
Coal.....	2	6	Jerry .....	0	6	Ironstone .....	0	1
Blue rock .....	11	0	Coal.....	1	0	Freestone .....	6	8
Freestone .....	6	0	Soft slate .....	0	2	Hard rock .....	2	2



Strata.	ft. in.	Strata.	ft. in.	Strata.	ft. in.
Black rock	0 2	Soft slate	0 2	Freestone	0 7
Freestone	3 6	Freestone	0 8	Black slate with white stripes	7 0
Ironstone	0 2	Hard black slate	0 4	Black slate	6 6
Black slate	0 7	Freestone	0 8	Light slate	0 5
Freestone	5 6	Black slate	7 3	Black slate	5 0
Ironstone	0 2	Grey rock with black stripes	14 0	Soft black slate	3 0
Freestone	1 3	Freestone	4 0	Coal	2 0
Black slate	1 3	Black slate	13 0	White slate	0 0½
Light slate	4 11	Freestone	2 4	Coal	0 3
Coal	1 1	Black slate	3 2	Slate	0 1½
Fireclay	0 1	Freestone	1 2	Coal	0 4
Coal	0 10	Black slate	7 6	Slate	0 1
Soft slate	1 8	Freestone	0 10	Coal	4 0
Freestone	1 6	Black slate with white stripes	3 2	Slate band	0 1
Brittle shale	3 2	Freestone with white stripes	4 0	Coal	3 6
Coal and dirt	0 4	Black slate	1 2	Slate band	0 1
Hard slate	3 6	Freestone	3 6	Coal	1 8
Coal and dirt	0 10	Black slate	0 5	Morgan	0 6
Hard slate	7 6	Freestone	0 3	Coal	1 0
Freestone	0 8	Black slate	0 1	Slate band	0 1
Black slate	0 1	Hard ironstone	0 2	Coal	1 1
Freestone	0 9½	Black slate white stripes	4 0	Jerry	1 6
Black slate	0 1	Freestone	1 6	Coal	3 0
Freestone	1 0	Very dark slate	1 8	Coal and shale	1 9
Black slate	0 1	Freestone	1 4	Grey post floor	.....
Freestone	0 6	Black slate	1 0		
Black slate	0 1	Freestone	0 11		
Freestone	0 6	Black slate	0 11		
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ACCOUNT of strata and coal-seams sunk through the Borehole Coal-seam at the South Burwood Colliery, Redhead, in the parish of Kahibah, county of Northumberland. Furnished to the Examiner of Coal-fields by Mr. Harper, one of the proprietors.

THE first coal-seam, sunk through at a depth of 165 feet 10 inches, is the one formerly worked at the old Coal and Copper Co.'s tunnels at the Glebe, known as the "Burwood Coal-seam," notwithstanding the opinions advanced by some, who have actually given it as their opinion that the "Dirty Seam," sunk through at a depth of 400 feet 7 inches, is the "Burwood Seam."

A branch railway, about 4½ miles in length, is being constructed from the Homebush Railway at Adamstown past the Burwood Colliery, and through the South Burwood and Burwood Extended coal properties. Arrangements have been made by the South Burwood Co. to have their coal taken by it to the harbour of Newcastle.

The South Burwood Co. expect to have a branch line, of about 1 mile in length, constructed in June next, to connect their shafts with the Redhead branch railway, and to be shipping coal from the colliery.

This Company hold a portion of their land on mineral leases from the Crown, at a royalty of 6d. per ton on large and 3d. per ton on small coal raised.

Strata.	ft. in.	Strata.	ft. in.	Strata.	ft. in.
Brownish white clay..	48 0	Soft white chert .....	1 4	Sandstone and shale..	33 3
Grey conglomerate ...	107 0	Black flinty chert in		Coal.....	0 6
Hard light shale .....	2 0	beds.....	8 8	Shaly sandstone.....	22 0
Coal, with five bands	3 4	Coal.....	0 6		
Coal, in layers of		Shale .....	0 3		
bands .....	4 6	Coal.....	0 3	Coal.....	0 11
Coal, full of bands.....	1 0	Shale .....	1 5	Band.....	0 0½
Black shale and flint..	0 9	Coal.....	2 2	Coal.....	0 7¾
Grey sandstone .....	4 5	Fireclay bands.....	0 3		
Bastard coal, brassy ..	1 6	Coal .....	0 11½		
Chert rock, in beds		Fireclay bands.....	0 2½	Black shale .....	5 2
full of joints .....	41 6	Coal, with bands.....	1 6	Strong shale, with post	
Bastard coal and mixed		Band.....	0 0½	girdles .....	71 5
chert .....	4 9	Coal.....	2 9½	Coal .....	0 5
Coal, fine quality .....	1 6	Band.....	0 3	Band .....	0 1
Band .....	0 2	Coal.....	3 0	Coal .....	2 4
Coal, fair.....	0 6	White sandstone.....	1 8	Band.....	0 0½
Band .....	0 1	Sandstone and shale		Coal.....	3 3
Coal, fair.....	1 6	(strong) .....	50 9	Band .....	0 1
Coaly shale .....	3 11	Brassy coal.....	4 0	Coal.....	1 0
Hard blue shale and		Beds of chert and		Morgan.....	0 10
grey sandstone.....	25 1	shale .....	22 6	Coal band .....	0 4
Coal.....	0 2½	Spint coal .....	0 6	Coal, little tops.....	0 7
Hard blue shale.....	2 8	Coal.....	4 3	Jerry coal and shale...	1 2½
Coal and shaly band...	8 11	Fireclay .....	0 4	Coal (bottoms) .....	0 5
Grey shale, hard, with		Coal.....	0 4	Shale and sandstone...	5 6
sandstone beds (flinty)	45 11½	Fireclay .....	0 1	Grey conglomerate ...	7 0
Coarse conglomerate...	21 6	Coal.....	1 4	Shale and sandstone...	3 6
Sandstone and shale ..	40 6	Shale band.....	1 0		
Bastard coal .....	3 0	Coal, with two bands	1 3		
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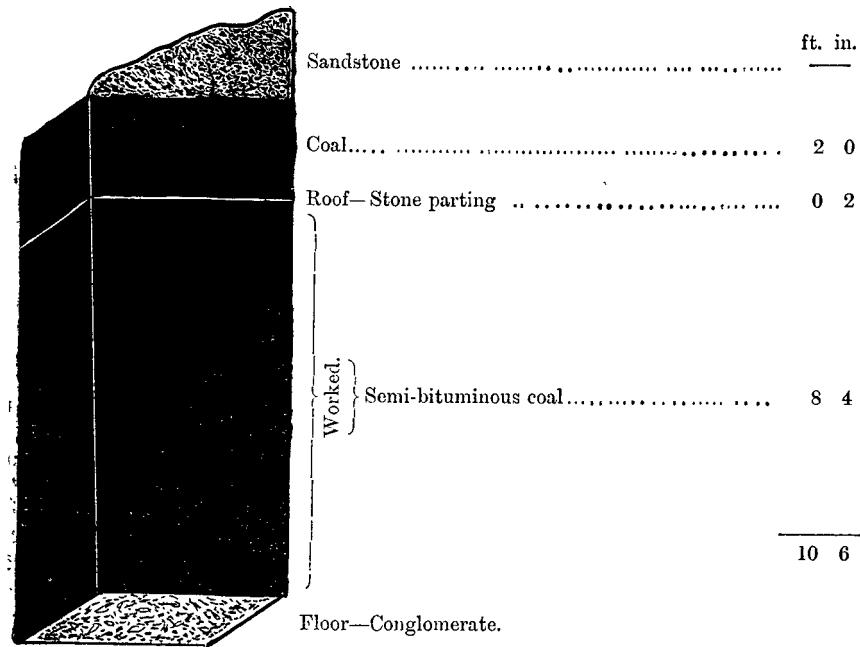
Burwood coal-seam.

Dirty coal-seam.

Yard coal-seam.

Coal under Yard seam at A. A. Co.'s new winning pit.

A. A. Co. or Borehole coal-seam.



The above is a section of the Wallarah Coal-mining Company's No. 1 coal-seam, opened out by an adit, by Mr. Thomas Parton, F.C.S., at Catherine Hill Bay, near Lake Macquarie. It is a semi-bituminous coal, and dips about 1 in 30 to the south-west. The Company have 1,200 acres of freehold land, with a frontage of about 3 miles to the ocean, the lake forming a portion of the eastern boundary. The existence of several coal-seams cropping out in the gullies and cliffs, facing the sea, has long been known, and some years since the No. 3 was worked from a tunnel on the sea-beach, close to where the present Company have erected a substantial and well-constructed wharf, 1,060 feet in length, the planking being 30 feet above high water, so as to enable vessels of 3,000 tons to coal at the shoots.

There are two shoots, which can be adjusted to suit the state of the tide or the size of the ship, and it is estimated that 1,000 tons can be shipped in eight hours. The depth of water at the shoots is from 25 to 28 feet at low water, and as this amount exists for nearly 600 feet, there is ample room for a large steamer.

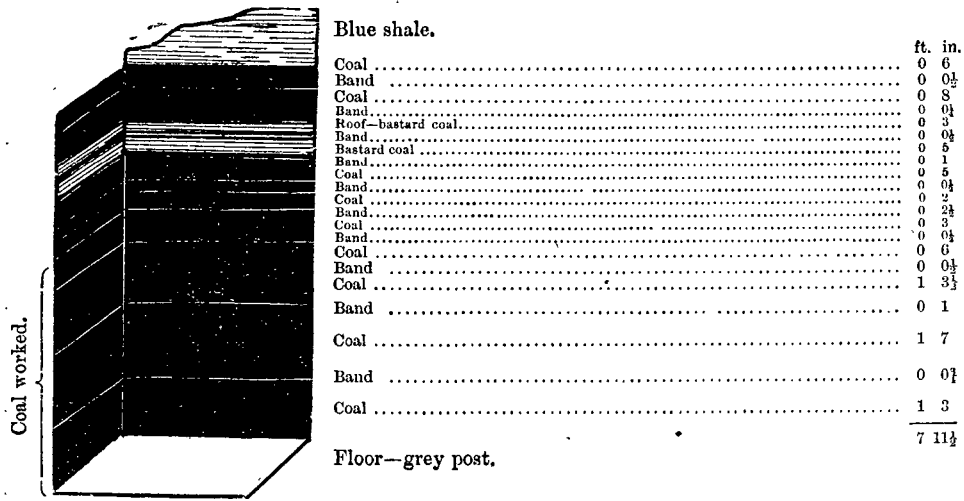
A railway  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles long connects the colliery with the wharf, and is one of the best-laid lines in the Northern District; the rails are steel, weighing 70lb. to the yard. The Company have 100 hopper-shaped iron waggons, made to hold 10 tons. Two of Fowler's best locomotives haul the coal (which is 250 feet above sea-level) from the mine to the wharf. The Chairman of the Directors is Mr. W. Lund, one of the large steamship owners of England, and the Hon. S. A. Joseph is also a large shareholder.

AN account of Strata and Coal-seams sunk through the Borehole Coal-seam on Black's 2,560 acres of land at Cackle Creek, near the Sydney and Newcastle Railway, Teralba. Furnished to the Examiner of Coal-fields by Mr. Hepple, Manager:—

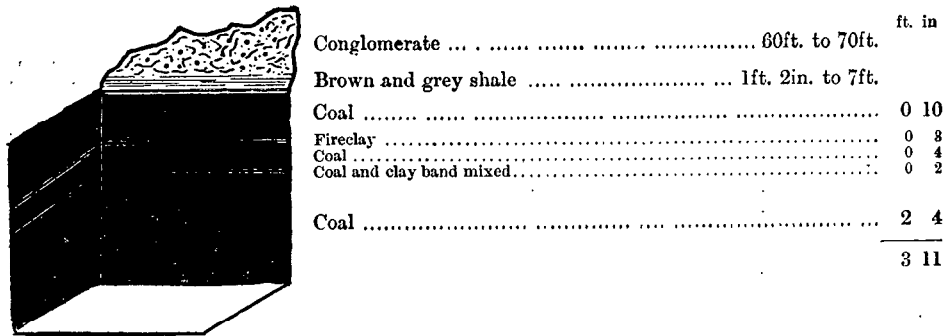
Strata.	ft. in.	Strata.	ft. in.	Strata.	ft. in.
Soil and gravel .....	6 0	Blue metal, with glossopteris...	3 10	Post .....	0 10
Clay .....	4 0	Clean coal .....	1 2	Grey metal.....	1 1
Sandstone and clay bands.....	5 6	Band .....	0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Post, with fossils .....	0 4
Blue metal .....	0 11	Clean coal .....	1 0	Blue and grey metal .....	7 1
Grey metal .....	1 6	Black shale band .....	0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Blue shale .....	0 7
Sandstone .....	22 4	Clean coal .....	0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal.....	0 7
Shale and coal bands.....	9 2	Band .....	0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fireclay .....	0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bastard post .....	3 0	Coal.....	0 1	Blue shale .....	0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Coal, with bands .....	0 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Stone band .....	0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fireclay .....	1 10
Pipeclay—water .....	0 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal.....	0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal, good .....	0 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Coal and bands .....	1 8	Blue shale .....	0 2	Fireclay .....	0 2
Pipeclay .....	2 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Grey metal.....	0 11	Coal, good .....	0 3
Coal, with bands .....	2 6	Grey post .....	2 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Stone band .....	0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Post.....	6 10	Grey, dark, and grey metal ...	3 7	Coal and bands .....	0 4
Slate .....	0 2	White post, with glossopteris...	6 0	Coal, good .....	1 0
Clean coal .....	1 10	Ironstone band .....	0 6	Stone band .....	0 1
Chalky rock .....	1 9	Blue shale .....	0 6	Coal and bands.....	0 4
Grey metal .....	1 1	Grey metal.....	3 0	Coal, good .....	0 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Post .....	2 10	Grey post .....	4 0	Stone band .....	0 2
Grey metal.....	5 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	White post.....	19 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal, good .....	0 10
Freestone .....	5 11	Fireclay .....	0 7	Hard black shale, with glossopteris...	8 0
Grey metal post ..	3 4	Chert .....	3 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal.....	1 0
Sandstone .....	14 0	Black band .....	0 2	Coal.....	2 5
Black metal .....	0 11	Good coal .....	0 9	Coarse coal, with shale bands..	0 1
Grey metal .....	1 9	Grey metal, with post beds ...	5 2	Fireclay .....	0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Post and sandstone .....	5 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Post .....	0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Black shale .....	0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Grey metal.....	0 11	Grey metal.....	0 3	White chert .....	10 0
Pipeclay and chert .....	2 11	Post .....	2 4	Whinstone .....	0 9
Black shale and coal .....	1 4	Good coal .....	0 9	Felspar and greenstone mixed	0 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pipeclay and chert .....	0 8	Blue shale, with glossopteris...	4 10	Black shale—fossiliferous .....	4 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Black shale and coal .....	1 10	Post.....	0 2	Iron bands .....	0 5
Pipeclay and chert .....	1 10	Grey metal and blue shale .....	1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Blue shale .....	2 0
Black shale and coal bands.....	1 9	Post .....	1 10	Post rock .....	2 0
Coal and bands .....	1 2	Blue metal.....	0 6	Grey shale and post.....	2 10 $\frac{1}{2}$



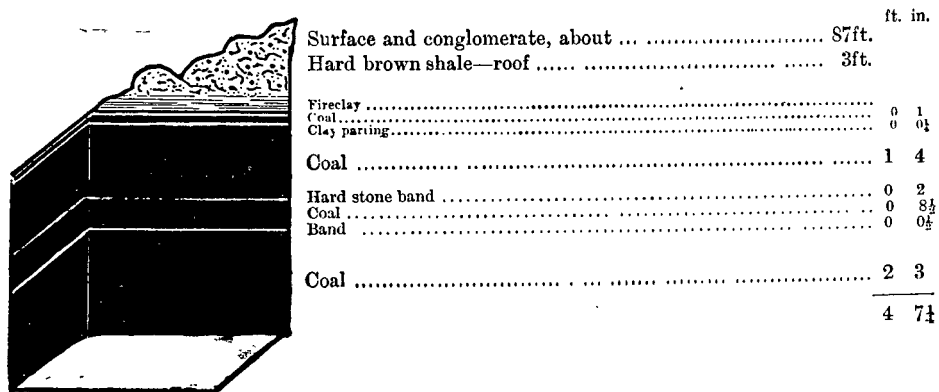
SECTION showing the thickness and character of the Borehole Coal-seam sunk through and worked at the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery, situated 1 mile from the West Wallsend Colliery, near Minmi, in the county of Northumberland, taken by myself and Mr. Inspector Dixon. The colliery is recently opened out, and is situated about 6 miles from the Homebush and Waratah Railway, near Cockle Creek. 1,227 tons of coal, valued at £593, were raised in the year under notice.



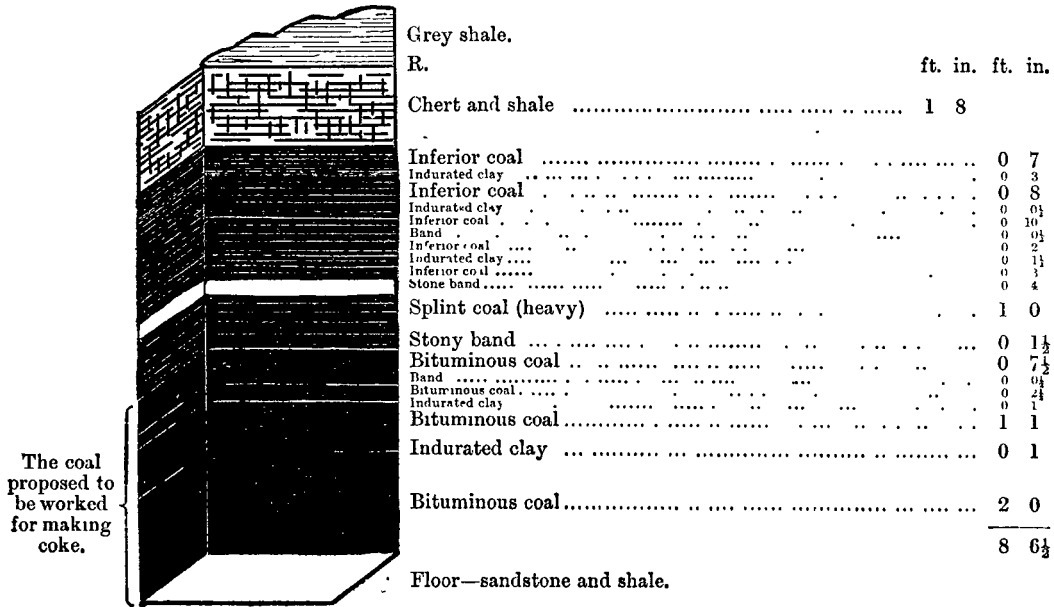
SECTION of the seam of coal, lying above the Burwood seam, worked at the West Burwood Colliery, on E. C. Merewether's property, at the Glebe, near Newcastle. Taken by Mr. Inspector Dixon and myself.



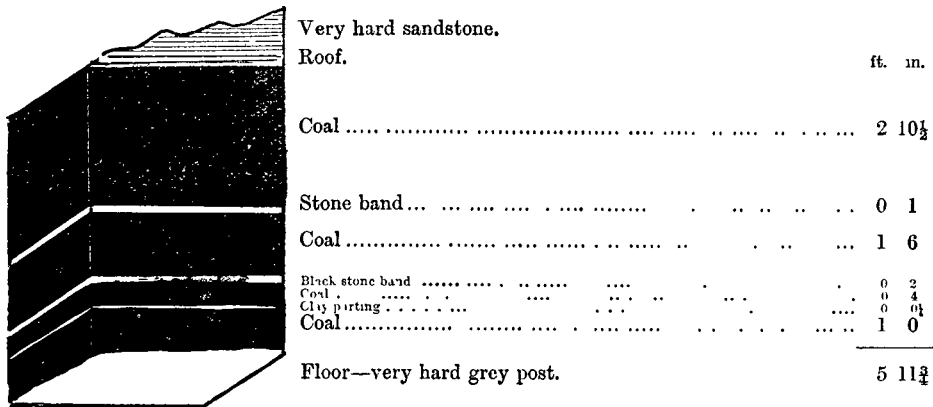
SECTION of the seam of coal, lying above the Burwood seam, worked at Fern Valley Colliery, on Messrs. Brown and Dibbs' property, near the New Lambton C Pit, in the Newcastle District. Taken by Mr. Inspector Dixon and myself.



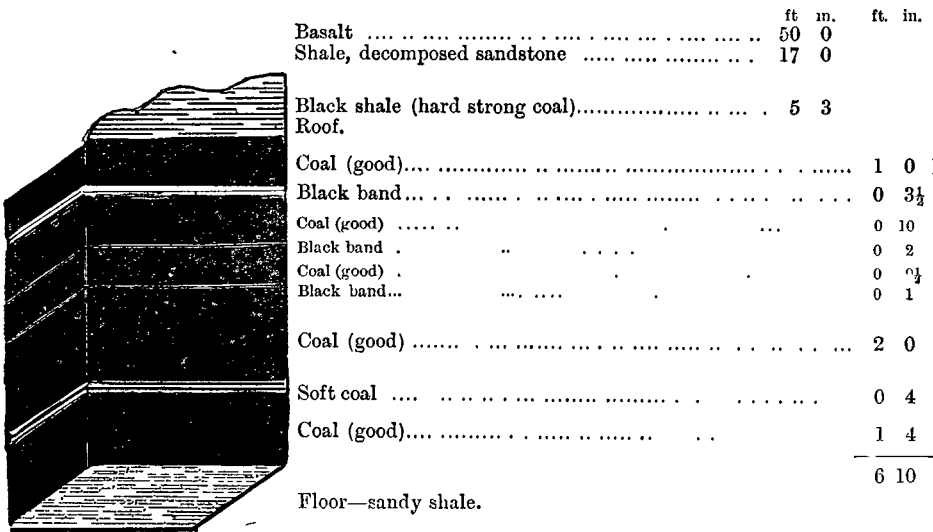
SECTION showing thickness and character of the bituminous coal-seam lying 60 feet above Deihm's Kerosene Vale coal-seam, opened out by an adit by the Cullen Bullen Coal Company, at Cullen Bullen, in the county of Roxburgh. The Company are thinking of making coke from the 3 feet 1 inch of bituminous coal at the bottom of the seam.



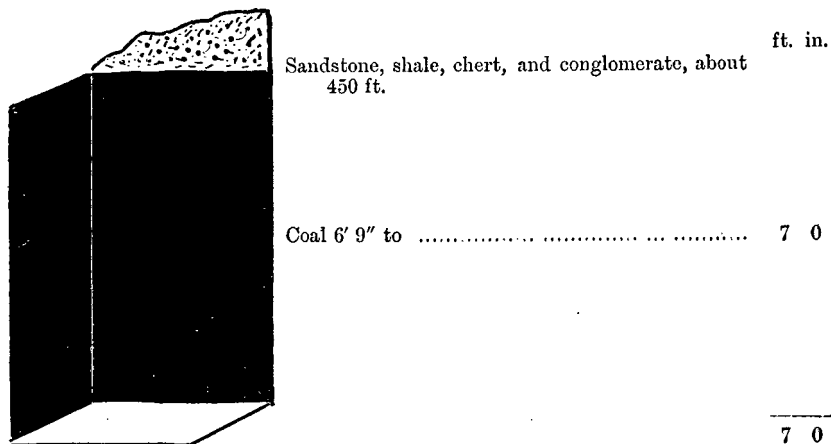
SECTION showing the thickness and character of the coal-seam worked by Mr. Melvill at the Black Jack Colliery, in the county of Pottinger, near Gunnedah, taken by Mr. Inspector Dixon and myself. The coal is of good quality, and is worked from a shaft at a distance of about 7 miles from Gunnedah. 2,156 tons, valued at £1,050, was used for railway locomotive purposes in the year under notice.



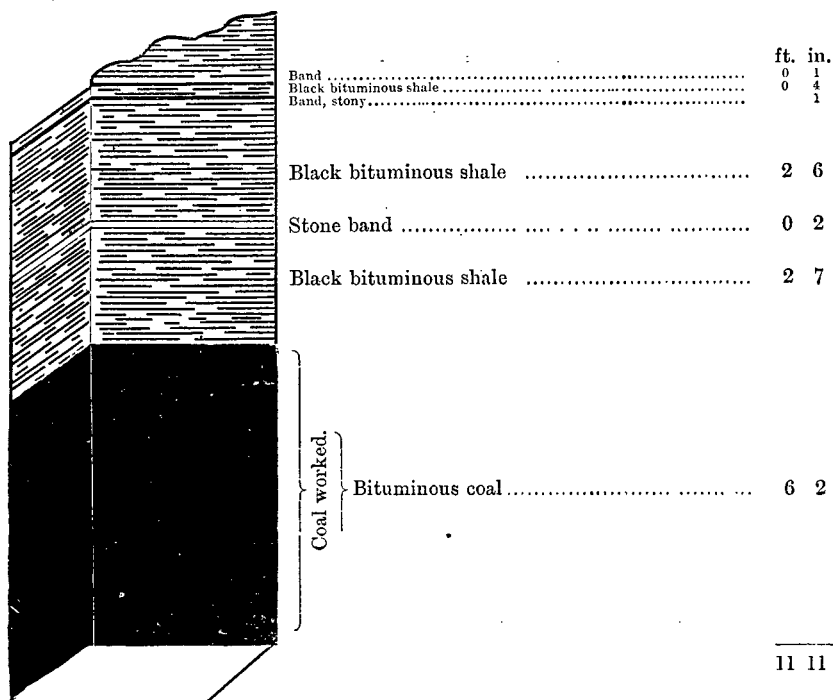
SECTION showing the thickness and character of the coal-seam worked at the Springfield Colliery by Mr. Prior, at Black Jack, in the county of Pottinger, near Gunnedah, taken by Mr. Inspector Dixon and myself. The coal is of excellent quality, and is worked from an adit situated about 7 miles from Gunnedah. 1,861 tons, valued at £912, was used for railway locomotive purposes during the year under notice.



SECTION showing the thickness and character of the coal-seam worked at the Gladstone Colliery by Mr. M'Cosker, in the county of Pottinger, near Gunnedah. The coal is of excellent quality, and is worked from an adit situated about 5 miles from Gunnedah. 703½ tons, valued at £324, was used for railway locomotive purposes during the year under notice.



SECTION showing the thickness and character of the coal-seam newly opened out and worked by the Centenary Coal Co. at Curlewis, in the county of Pottinger. The coal is of excellent quality, and is worked from an adit situated 2 miles 4 chains from the Curlewis Railway Station. The Company have secured the Government railway contract for 1889. The seam has a slight dip north 60 west, and is about 1,220 feet above sea-level.



In conclusion, I have only to add that there were 104 collieries under inspection, and that notices have been received of 16 opening out and 8 abandoned; and that the year's returns show an increase in the Northern District of 557,305 tons of round and small coal raised, and £229,202 in value; in the Southern a decrease of 95,234 tons, and £47,874 in value; and in the Western District a decrease of 9,881 tons, and in the value of £13,677.

I have, &c.,  
 JOHN MACKENZIE, F.G.S.,  
 Examiner of Coal-fields

The Half-yearly Report on the Collieries in the Northern District in New South Wales, and Accidents therein investigated by the Inspectors of Collieries during the six months ending 31st December, 1889.

The Examiner of Coal-fields, Sydney,—  
Sir,

Newcastle, 30 January, 1890.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 26 in the Coal Mines Regulation Act 1876, we have the honor to transmit to you this our six-monthly report on the state of the various collieries in the Northern District for the half-year ending December 31st, 1889.

The total number of collieries under inspection in the Northern District during the term embraced in this report is 67.

Two collieries, East Waratah and Brookstown are not included, as they are finally abandoned, but the following collieries have been added, viz., East Greta, Gartler, East Lambton, Fern Valley, Rosehill, Morisset, and Burwood New Winning.

In addition to the above one shale mine has been under inspection.

PRESENT STATE OF MINES.

*A.A. Co's. No. 2 and Hamilton Pits.*—About 320 men, &c., are now employed in this colliery on the day shift, and the total quantity of air circulating in the mine is about 100,000 cubic feet per minute. The districts are in accordance with the Act and none of them are overcrowded, and the provisions of the Act are also complied with in other respects.

*A.A. Co's. New Winning.*—About 210 men, &c., are employed in this colliery on the day shift. The total quantity of air circulating in the mine per minute is about 64,000 cubic feet. The workings are divided into separate districts none of which are overcrowded. The Act is also complied with in every other respect.

*Wallsend Colliery.*—About 800 men, &c., are employed in this mine in the day-time, and the total quantity of air circulating in the mine per minute is about 190,000 cubic feet. The face workings are divided into 17 splits or districts, each district being supplied with a separate and distinct current of air. None of the districts have more men than the Act requires. The Act in other respects also is complied with.

*Newcastle Co's. A and B Pits.*—About 440 men, &c., are employed in this colliery during the day-time, and the total quantity of air circulated in the mine per minute is about 86,000 cubic feet. The number of districts and number of men in each district are in compliance with the provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, and the Act is also complied with in every other respect.

*Co operative Company.*—About 370 men, &c., employed in this mine during the day; and the total quantity of air circulating in the mine per minute is about 100,000 cubic feet. The face workings are divided into six separate and distinct districts, and the provisions of the Act are complied with.

*Lambton Colliery.*—There are about 400 men, &c., employed in this mine, and about 80,000 cubic feet of air per minute is circulated for the several districts. The face workings are divided into eight districts, and the number of men in each is in keeping with the provisions of the Act. The Act in other respects also is complied with.

*Burwood Colliery.*—About 310 men, &c., are employed in this colliery on the day shift; and the total quantity of air circulating in the mine is about 80,000 cubic feet per minute. The workings are divided into separate and distinct districts, none of which are overcrowded. The provisions of the Act are also complied with in every other respect.

*Burwood Sinking Pit.*—This pit is in connection with the Burwood Colliery, and when completed will be the third shaft. About 8 men are engaged in the bottom in one shift. The surface arrangements are very good, and the special sinking pit rules in force are fully carried out.

*Stockton Colliery.*—About 250 men, &c., are employed in this mine during the day-time. The total quantity of air circulating in the mine is about 84,000 cubic feet per minute. The face workings are divided into separate and distinct districts; and none of the districts have more men than the Act allows. The provisions of the Act are also carried out in other respects.

*Wickham and Bullock Island Colliery.*—About 310 men, &c., are employed in this colliery during the day-time; and the total quantity of air in circulation in the mine is about 60,000 cubic feet per minute. The districts, and number of men in each district, are in compliance with the provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, and the Act is also complied with in every other respect.

*Hetton Colliery.*—About 160 men, &c., are employed in this colliery during the day-time; and the total quantity of air circulating in the mine is about 19,000 cubic feet per minute. The workings are divided into districts, according to the provisions of the Act, and none of the districts are overcrowded. The second opening to the day or surface has been completed during the past half-year; and the Coal Mines Regulation Act is complied with in every respect.

*Port Waratah Colliery.*—Work at this mine has been suspended for some time, and at present the shaft is nearly full of water.

*Ferndale Colliery.*—About 100 men, &c., are employed at this colliery during the day-time, and are supplied with about 12,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The provisions of the Act are complied with.

*Pride of Ferndale Colliery.*—About 8 men, &c., are employed in this mine. The ventilation is satisfactory, and the provisions of the Act are complied with.

*Brown's Colliery.*—About 270 men, &c., are employed in this mine during the day-time. The total quantity of air introduced into the mine per minute is about 50,000 cubic feet. The face districts are according to the Act, and the provisions of the Act in other respects also are complied with.

*Duckenfield Colliery.*—About 220 men, &c., are employed in this colliery during the day; and the total quantity of air circulating in the mine is about 50,000 cubic feet per minute. The mine is divided into separate districts, none of which are overcrowded. The Act is also complied with in other respects

*South Waratah Colliery.*—About 140 men, &c., are employed in this colliery during the day-time. There are two separate and distinct districts, neither of which is overcrowded. The total quantity of air circulating in the mine per minute is about 20,000 cubic feet. The Act is also complied with in every other respect.

*Linwood Colliery.*—About 40 men, &c., are employed in this mine during the day-time. The ventilation is satisfactory, and the provisions of the Act are complied with.

*New Lambton C Pit.*—About 25 men, &c., are employed in this mine during the day-time, and are supplied with about 25,000 cubic feet of air per minute in two separate and distinct currents. The provisions of the Act are complied with.

*Ebbw Vale Colliery* (formerly New Lambton C Pit Tunnel). About 15 men, &c., are employed in this mine, and are supplied with about 9,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The Act is complied with in other respects also.

*West Burwood Colliery.*—About 28 men, &c., are employed in this colliery during the day shift. The quantity of air circulating in the workings is according to the requirements of the Act, and the Act is also complied with in other respects.

*Fern Valley Colliery.*—This is a colliery newly opened out, and at present there are only 5 men employed. The ventilation is satisfactory, and the Act complied with in every respect.

*Rosehill Colliery.*—This mine is also newly opened, and at present there are only 2 men employed. The provisions of the Act are complied with.

*East Lambton Colliery.*—This is a new colliery in the vicinity of New Lambton. The work of opening out from the bottom of the pit has only lately been commenced. There are about 6 men employed under ground in one shift. The provisions of the Act are complied with.

*Summerhill Colliery.*—About 17 men, &c., are employed in this mine. The ventilation is good, and the provisions of the Act complied with in other respects also.

*Hillside Colliery, Burwood.*—This colliery has been under inspection during the greater portion of the six months, but is now abandoned.

*Hillend Colliery.*—Work at this colliery has been temporarily suspended during the past six months, but operations are about to be resumed.

*Thornton Colliery.*—About 7 men, &c., are employed in the two tunnels in connection with this mine. The ventilation is good, and the provisions of the Act complied with.

*Goose Colliery.*—About eight men, &c., are employed in this mine. The ventilation is satisfactory, and the Act complied with.

*South Burwood Colliery.*—The main or borehole seam of coal has been reached by this shaft during the past six months. But at the present time all work in the shaft is suspended until the erection of the permanent headgear, &c., has been completed.

*Durham Colliery.*—A second shaft in connection with this colliery has been commenced during the six months, and everything in connection with it appears to be in good order. The work in the main shaft, which is sunk to the borehole seam, has not been continuous. Sinking pit, special rules are in use at the second shaft, and sinking pit rules only at the main shaft when headings have been driven, but the attention of the manager has been drawn to this matter.

*Burwood Extended Colliery.*—In connection with this colliery, the borehole seam has been reached by the No. 1 shaft during the six months, and headings turned away in the seam. Only 5 men are employed below in one shift, and the ventilation is satisfactory. The No. 2 shaft is 20 feet in diameter, and has now reached the depth of about 380 feet from the surface. The provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Act are complied with.

*Morisset Colliery.*—Only 2 men are employed in this mine. The ventilation is good and the provisions of the Act complied with in other respects also.

*Northumberland Colliery.*—Sinking operations are for the present suspended. Two tunnels are being driven to open up a seam of coal near the shafts, and about 20 men employed. The ventilation is satisfactory, and the provisions of the Act are carried out in other respects also.

*Great Northern Colliery.*—Work at this colliery is at present temporarily suspended, the pumps are kept going, and the mine is maintained in good order for resuming work.

*Gartlee Colliery.*—This is a new mine near Teralba. A tunnel has been driven, and about 4 men are employed under ground. The provisions of the Act are complied with.

*South Wallsend Colliery.*—All work at the main shaft at this colliery is suspended. In the tunnel in connection with this colliery, about 40 men, &c., are employed. The quantity of air circulating is in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Act in other respects also is complied with.

*Teralba Colliery.*—All work at this sinking shaft is at present temporarily suspended.

*West Wallsend Colliery.*—This colliery has been idle for several months past owing to a labour dispute. But everything in and about the colliery is kept in good order for the resumption of operations.

*Monkwearmouth Colliery.*—About 11 men, &c., are employed in this colliery on one shift of eight hours, and supplied with about 4,500 cubic feet of air per minute in one current. The coal is drawn from the No. 1 or upper pit. The work of erecting machinery, pit-head gear, and screens is being proceeded with at the No. 2 or lower pit, and will be shortly completed. The provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Act are complied with.

*Killingworth Colliery, New Wallsend.*—Sinking operations are still being carried on at this colliery, and the main shaft has been sunk to the depth of about 470 feet. Special rules for sinking are in force, and their provisions are carried out.

*Young Wallsend Colliery.*—The under ground work in connection with this colliery has been suspended for some months past, for the erection of the permanent machinery, pit-head frame, screens, &c. But as the whole of the plant is now nearly completed, it is expected that operations in the mine will very shortly be resumed. The provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Act are complied with in every particular.

*New Duckenfield Colliery.*—This colliery has been under inspection during the six months, but is now abandoned.

*Clay Cross Colliery.*—This colliery has been under inspection during the half year, but is now abandoned.



*Maryvale Colliery.*—This colliery has been under inspection during a portion of the half-year, but is now also abandoned.

*North Stockton Colliery.*—About 30 men are employed at this new winning. The provisions of the Act are complied with.

*Thornley Colliery.*—There are 10 men employed in this mine. The ventilation is good and the Act complied with.

*Bloomfield Colliery.*—Nine men are employed under ground in this mine. The ventilation is satisfactory and the provisions of the Act complied with.

*Sunderland Colliery.*—There are only 2 men employed in this mine. The ventilation is good and the provisions of the Act are complied with.

*Rathluba Colliery.*—All work in this mine is at present suspended.

*Buttai Colliery.*—All work is at present suspended.

*Richmond Vale Colliery.*—There are about 25 men employed in connection with this new winning. The provisions of the Act are complied with.

*Maitland Coal Company.*—About 30 men are employed at this new winning, and the provisions of the Act are complied with.

*South Greta Colliery.*—This colliery has been under inspection during the greater portion of the half-year, but work is at present suspended.

*East Greta Colliery.*—This is a new colliery near West Maitland. Two men are engaged in driving a tunnel. The ventilation is satisfactory, and the provisions of the Act complied with.

*Greta Colliery.*—In this colliery about 260 men are employed on the day shift. The total quantity of air introduced into the mine per minute is about 60,000 cubic feet. The face workings are divided into four separate and distinct districts, each district being supplied with a separate and distinct current of air. None of the splits have more men than required by the Act. The Act in other respects also is complied with.

*Leconfield Colliery.*—There are about 15 men employed in the two tunnels in this colliery. The ventilation is good and the Act complied with.

*New Anvil Creek Colliery.*—A shaft is being sunk at this colliery for ventilating purposes, and work in the mine is temporarily suspended. The Act is complied with.

*Ellesmere Colliery.*—About 30 men are employed in this mine. The ventilation is satisfactory and the Act complied with.

*The Park Colliery.*—About 15 men are employed in this colliery. The ventilation is good and the Act complied with.

*Elliott's Colliery.*—Only 2 men employed under ground at this mine. The ventilation is good and the Act complied with.

*Rosedale Colliery.*—Two men are employed in this mine. The ventilation is satisfactory and the Act complied with.

*Dulwich Colliery.*—Only 2 men occasionally employed at this mine. The ventilation is good. No cause of complaint.

*Gladstone Colliery.*—Only 5 men at present employed in this mine. The ventilation is good and the Act complied with in other respects also.

*Springfield Colliery.*—There are about 5 men, &c., employed in this colliery. The ventilation is good, and the Act complied with in every respect.

*Black Jack Colliery.*—About 5 men were employed in this colliery during a portion of the six months, but at present all operations are suspended. The provisions of the Act are fully complied with.

*Centennial Colliery.*—About 4 men are employed in this mine, and the provisions of the Act are carried out.

*Great Northern Shale Company's Mine.*—Operations in connection with this mine have been suspended for months past, but it is expected that work will be resumed again very shortly. The provisions of the Act are complied with.

#### ACCIDENTS IN MINES.

The accidents investigated by us in the Northern District during the six months ending December 31st, 1889, are forty-five in number. Of this number thirty-five were fully reported on at the time, and ten were found to be of a minor character, and full reports were not written thereon.

Of the thirty-five accidents in the annexed tabulated list, fourteen proved fatal—six from falls of coal, four from overwinding and falling down shaft, one by injuries received from fly-wheel of engine, one by fall of timber and clay, one by loaded skip, and one by the ignition of fire-damp.

The majority of the non-fatal accidents were caused by falls of coal, and four by the ignition of fire-damp.

The first of the fatal accidents happened to a miner named William Wear, by a fall of coal in the Newcastle Co.'s Colliery, on July 18th. On the following day, the District Coroner, G. C. Martin, Esq., held an inquest on the body of deceased. Inspector Dixon attended the inquest, and heard all the evidence, and fully agrees with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The second fatal accident happened to a miner named Christopher Elgey, by a fall of coal in the Newcastle Co.'s Colliery, on July 30th. The day following, the District Coroner, held an inquest on the body of deceased. Inspector Dixon attended the inquest, and heard all the evidence, and fully agrees with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The third fatal accident happened to a labourer named Giovanni Ghio, by injuries received by fly-wheel of engine, at Rathluba Colliery, on August 5th, and the injured man died at the Maitland Hospital, on August 7th. The District Coroner, A. Vindin, Esq., held an inquest on the body of deceased. Inspector Bates attended the inquest, and heard all the evidence, and fully agrees with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The fourth fatal accident happened to a wheeler named Alexander Sneddon, by a fall of timber and clay, at Summerhill Colliery, on August 14th. On the same day, the District Coroner, G. C. Martin, Esq., held an inquest on the body of deceased. Inspector Dixon attended the inquest, and heard all the evidence, and fully agrees with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The fifth fatal accident happened to a miner named James Flannigan, by a fall of coal, at New Lambton C Pit Tunnel, on August 16th. On the following day, the District Coroner, held an inquest on the body of deceased. Inspector Bates attended the inquest, and heard all the evidence, and fully agrees with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The sixth fatal accident happened to a miner named Carl Schneider, by a fall of coal, in A. A. Co.'s No. 2 Pit, on August 21st. The injured man died on September 4th. Inspector Bates attended the adjourned inquest, held by the District Coroner, on September 6th, heard all the evidence, and fully agrees with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The seventh fatal accident happened to a miner named William Williams, by a fall of coal, in Stockton Colliery, on September 25th. On the following day, the District Coroner, held an inquest on the body of deceased. Inspector Bates attended the inquest, and heard all the evidence, and fully agrees with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The eighth fatal accident occurred to a wheeler named Joseph Henry Dyson, by injuries by loaded skip, on November 21st, at Stockton Colliery. The injured man died on November 25th. On November 26th, the District Coroner, held an inquest on the body of deceased. Inspector Bates attended the inquest, and heard all the evidence, and fully agrees with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The ninth fatal accident resulted in the death of four sinkers, named Augustus White, John Whitehead, Patrick Ryan, and Edward King, by being overwound, and falling down the South Burwood sinking shaft, on November 21st. The District Coroner held an inquest on the bodies of deceased, on November 22nd. Inspector Dixon attended the inquest, and heard all the evidence, and fully agrees with the verdict of "accidental death," through falling down the shaft. The cause being overwinding.

The tenth fatal accident occurred to a miner named Frederick Fletcher, by a fall of coal, in the Stockton Colliery, on December 3rd. On the following day, the District Coroner held an inquest on the body of deceased. Inspector Bates attended the inquest, and heard all the evidence, and fully agrees with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The eleventh fatal accident occurred to a miner named Lewis Walters, by the ignition of fire-damp, in Monkwearmouth Colliery, on December 6th. The injured man died on December 13th.

The first of the non-fatal accidents occurred to an engine man named Michael Gray, by a fall from platform at Burwood Colliery, on 6th July, and resulted in broken arm and dislocation of shoulder.

The second occurred to a miner named W. J. Moody, by a fall of coal at the Newcastle Co.'s Colliery, on 12th July, and resulted in a compound fracture of the right thigh.

The third occurred to a miner named Hugh Johnston, by explosion of powder at Greta Colliery, on 29th July, and resulted in severe burns to face and hands.

The fourth was a fracture of thigh to a wheeler named John U. Metcalfe at Wallsend Colliery, on 8th August.

The fifth was caused by a fall of coal, and resulted in injury to hip to a miner named Richard Hooper at Wallsend Colliery, on 11th September.

The sixth occurred to a miner named Thomas Parry, by a fall of coal at Stockton Colliery, on 17th September, and resulted in injury to right side of body.

The seventh occurred to a trapper named William Hepple, by being run over with loaded skip at Co-operative Colliery, on 20th September, and resulted in severe injury to left leg, necessitating amputation.

The eighth occurred to a miner named John Robinson, by the ignition of fire-damp at Durham Colliery, and resulted in severe burns. A miner named James Jarvis was also severely burned at the same time.

The ninth occurred to a miner named James Young, by fall of coal in A.A. Co.'s pit, and resulted in fracture of pelvis.

The tenth occurred to a miner named John Lord, by fall of coal in the A.A. Co.'s pit, on 14th October, and resulted in injuries to neck and chest.

The eleventh was injuries to chest and hips to a miner named William Dunn, at the Co-operative Colliery, on 17th October, by fall of coal.

The twelfth occurred to two sinkers named John Henderson and George Wilson, by explosion of shot in the North Stockton sinking shaft, on 19th October.

The thirteenth was slight injury to the head to a sinker named Richard Edwards at Richmond Vale sinking shaft, by a stone falling down the shaft, on 4th November.

The fourteenth occurred to a miner named James Skilling, by fall of coal at Greta Colliery, on 12th November, and resulted in severe internal injuries, broken leg, and scalp wound.

The fifteenth occurred to a miner named William Smailes, by blow from prop at Burwood Colliery, on 21st November, and resulted in fracture of collar-bone.

The sixteenth occurred to a miner named William Hunter and a wheeler named Robert Hume, by ignition of fire-damp in the Monkwearmouth Colliery, on 6th December, and resulted in severe burns.

The seventeenth occurred to a driver named Robert Allen, by a loaded skip in the Wickham and Bullock Island Colliery, on 7th December, and resulted in fracture of left leg.

The eighteenth and last non-fatal accident occurred to a driver named Thomas Burrige at the A.A. Co.'s new winning, on 10th December, by a fall off skip and fracture of left leg.

The usual tabulated list of accidents is hereto appended.

We have, &c.,

JOHN DIXON,  
THOS. L. BATES,  
Inspectors of Collieries.

TABLED LIST of fatal and non-fatal accidents in the Northern Collieries of New South Wales, investigated by the Inspectors of Collieries during the half-year ending 31st December, 1889.

No.	Date.	Colliery.	Person killed or injured.	Occupation	Remarks on cause and extent of injuries.	Non-fatal.										Fatal.	Total			
						Fall off platform.	Fall of coal.	Explosion of powder.	Injury by skip.	Ignition of fire damp.	Fall of stone in shaft.	Blow from prop.	Fall of coal.	Injuries by fly wheel.	Fall of timber & clay.	Injured by skip.		Ignition of fire-damp.	Overriding.	Non-fatal.
1	1889, July 6	Burwood	Michael Gray	Engineman	Arm broken and shoulder dislocated by fall from platform.	1													1	
2	" 12	Newcastle Co.	W. J. Moody	Miner	Compound fracture of right thigh by fall of coal	1													1	
3	" 18	"	William Wear	"	Fatal injuries by fall of coal								1						1	
4	" 29	Greta	Hugh Johnstone	"	Severe burns by explosion of powder			1											1	
5	" 30	Newcastle Co.	Christophe Elgey	"	Fatal injuries by fall of coal								1						1	
6	Aug. 5	Rathluba	Giovanni Ghio	Labourer	Fatal injuries by fly-wheel of engine; died Aug. 7th.														1	
7	" 8	Wallsend	John U. Metcalfe	Wheeler	Fracture of thigh by fall of coal	1													1	
8	" 14	Summerhill	Alex. Sneddon	"	Fatal injuries by fall of timber and clay									1					1	
9	" 16	New Lambton C pit tunnel	Jas. Flannigan	Miner	Fatal injuries by fall of coal									1					1	
10	" 21	A. A. Co.'s No. 2 pit.	Carl Schneider	"	Fatal injuries by fall of coal, died Sept. 4th.									1					1	
11	Sept. 11	Wallsend	Richd. Hooper	"	Injury to hip by fall of coal	1													1	
12	" 17	Stockton	Thos. Parry	"	Injury to right side by fall of coal	1													1	
13	" 20	Co-operative	Wm. Hepple	Trapper	Left leg injured by skips, afterwards amputated.			1											1	
14	" 21	Durham	Jno. Robinson	Miner	Severe burns by ignition of fire damp				1										1	
15	" 21	"	Jas. Jarvis	"	Severe burns by ignition of fire-damp				1										1	
16	" 25	Stockton	Wm. Williams	"	Fatal injuries by fall of coal									1					1	
17	Oct. 7	A. A. Co.	Jas. Young	"	Fracture of pelvis by fall of coal	1													1	
18	" 14	"	Jno. Lord	"	Injury to neck and chest by fall of coal	1													1	
19	" 17	Co-operative	Wm. Dunn	"	Injury to chest and hips by fall of coal	1													1	
20	" 19	North Stockton	Jno Henderson	Sinker	Burns on face by explosion of shot														1	
21	" 19	"	Geo. Wilson	"	"														1	
22	Nov. 4	Richmond Vale	Richd. Edwards	"	Injury to head by fall of stone in shaft					1									1	
23	" 12	Greta	Jas Skilling	Miner	Scalp wound, leg broken, by fall of coal.	1													1	
24	" 21	Stockton	Josh. Hy. Dyson	Wheeler	Fatal injuries by skip, died Nov. 25th														1	
25	" 21	South Burwood.	Augustus White	Smelter	Fatal injury by overwinding and falling down shaft														1	
26	" 21	"	John Whitehead	"	Fatal injury by overwinding and falling down shaft.														1	
27	" 21	"	Patrick Ryan	"	Fatal injury by overwinding and falling down shaft.														1	
28	" 21	"	Edward King	"	Fatal injury by overwinding and falling down shaft.														1	
29	" 21	Burwood	Wm. Smailes	Miner	Fracture of collar-bone by blow from prop.							1							1	
30	Dec. 3	Stockton	Fredk. Fletcher	"	Fatal injuries by fall of coal														1	
31	" 6	Monkwearmouth	Lewis Walters	"	Fatal injuries by ignition of fire damp; died Dec. 13th														1	
32	" 6	"	Wm. Hunter	"	Severe burns by ignition of fire-damp							1							1	
33	" 6	"	Robt. Hume	Wheeler	"							1							1	
34	" 7	Wickham and Bullock Island.	Robt. Allen	Driver	Fracture of left leg by loaded skip								1						1	
35	" 10	A. A. Co.'s New Winning.	Thos. Burrridge	"	Fracture of left leg by fall from skip								1						1	
						1	8	3	3	4	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	421	14

The Half-yearly Report of the Inspector of Collieries on the state of the Collieries in the Southern and Western Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, and accidents therein, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1889.

The Examiner of Coal-fields,—  
Sir,

Wollongong, 22 February, 1890.

In compliance with the requirements of clause 26 in the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1876, I have the honor to transmit to you this my six-monthly report on the state of the various collieries for the half-year ending 31st December, 1889.

The total number of collieries under inspection in the Southern and Western Districts during the last six months is thirty-five.

Western District	16 coal-mines and 2 shale-mines.
Berrima	3 coal-mines and 1 shale-mine.
Southern	13 coal-mines.
Making in all 35 collieries.	

PRESENT STATE OF MINES.

Western District.

*Cullen Bullen Colliery.*—About 67 men are employed under ground, and served with 20,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The south side of the colliery is worked on the "double stall" system. The bords 20 yards wide, with a "pack wall" on each side, and chocks built every 5 yards apart. The pillars between each of the bords are about 11 yards in thickness. The Act in all respects complied with,

*The Vale Colliery.*—About 92 men are employed under ground, and served with 10,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The colliery is worked in two shifts, with 46 men on each shift. The second way to the day is now completed by means of a shaft; an engine is also ready for raising and lowering persons if required. The Act in all other matters complied with.

Oakey

*Oakey Park Colliery*.—During the last six months an average of four men has been employed. An air-shaft is being sunk, 8 feet in diameter. It is now down 100 feet, and is expected to reach the seam at a depth of 314 feet. The Act complied with.

*Hermitage Colliery*.—During the last six months extensive alterations have been made, viz., the main haulage way repaired, and the entrance to the mine built with brick-work, and an engine placed at the outside to draw the coals from the various stations in the mine. The Act complied with.

*Coerwull Mine*.—Only 2 men employed getting a few tons of coals weekly. The Act complied with.

*Rawden Colliery*.—Only 3 men employed during the last six months, on account of dull sale for the coal. The Act complied with.

*Irondale Colliery*.—Four men employed, and served with 10,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The Act complied with.

*Zig-Zag Colliery*.—About 40 men are employed under ground, and served with 15,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The bords are kept well timbered, and the ventilating current well sustained round the workings. The Act in all respects complied with.

*Vale of Clwydd Colliery*.—About 36 men employed under ground, and served with 8,000 cubic feet of air per minute. During the last six months the left-hand cross-cut has been opened out (where a heavy fall of "tops" had taken place), the sides and roof have been renewed with fresh timber and props. The mouth of the shaft has also been secured with substantial planking. The Act complied with.

*Esk Bank Colliery*.—During the last six months the mode of under ground haulage has been changed, viz., the tail-rope system being adopted; formerly the coals were drawn out of the mine by horses. About 20 men are employed, and served with 16,000 cubic feet of air per minute.

*Old Tunnel*.—Six men employed, and served with about 6,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The Act in all respects complied with.

*Lithgow Valley Colliery*.—About 30 men employed underground, and served with 18,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The intake and return air-ways, and second way to the day, in good order; the ventilation well conducted throughout the colliery. The Act in all respects complied with.

*Main Camp (Hartley Vale)*.—Twelve men are employed underground, and served with 20,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The Act in all respects complied with.

*N. S. Wales Shale Mines (Hartley Vale)*.—No. 3 tunnel, 20 men are employed taking out pillars, and served with 13,000 cubic feet of air per minute. New tunnel, 24 men employed. This tunnel is worked on the long-wall system; the places are well built with "pack walls." The Act in all respects complied with.

*Katoomba Shale Mines*.—Three tunnels have been opened out on the long-wall system. About 35 men are employed. The places are exceptionally well built with pack walls, and a strong current of air passing every working place. The Act in all respects complied with.

*Katoomba Colliery*.—About 40 men are employed, and served with 9,000 cubic feet of air. The intake and return air-ways, and second way to the day, in good order. The Act complied with.

*Retort Coal Mine (Hartley Vale)*.—During the last six months work has been suspended, owing to a dispute between the Company and the contractors.

*Carlo's Gap Colliery*.—During the last six months work has been suspended, owing to no sale for the coal.

#### BERRIMA DISTRICT.

*Australian Kerosene Oil Company's Shale Mines (Joadja Creek)*.—About 60 men are employed under ground, and served with 14,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The air current is brought in straight line with the working places, the long-wall system being the mode of working. Intake and return air-ways and second way to the day in good order. The Act in all respects complied with.

*Great Southern Colliery (late Berrima)*.—During the last six months the colliery has been taken on tribute by Mr. Kennedy, manager. About six men are employed, and served with 6,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The Act complied with.

*Mittagong Colliery*.—About 8 men are employed, and served with 7,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The intake and return air-ways and all other requirements of the Act complied with.

*Herd's Prospecting Mines (Joadja Creek)*.—Two men prospecting for shale.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

*Metropolitan Coal-mining Company (Helensburgh)*.—About 65 men are employed under ground, divided into three shifts, each shift of men supplied with 9,500 cubic feet of air per minute. The miners and wheelers are working with locked safety lamps, and every precaution is being taken by the management to ensure safety. The air-shaft is sunk to a depth of 1,020 feet, and will reach the seam at a depth of 1,060 feet; after which a large fan is to be erected capable of discharging 300,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The Act in every respect complied with.

*Coal Cliff Colliery*.—About 80 men are employed under ground, and served with 17,000 cubic feet of air per minute in three separate splits. The intake and return air-ways and second way to the day in good order. The Act complied with.

*North Illawarra Colliery*.—About 160 men employed under ground, and served with 35,000 cubic feet of air per minute, in four separate splits. About twenty bords are working on the "double stall" system. The centre pack walls are well built. The Act in all respects complied with.

*Prospecting Tunnel, North Illawarra*.—Three men driving a heading in order to test the thickness of the coal.

*Bulli Colliery*.—About 100 men employed under ground, and served with about 30,000 cubic feet of air per minute in two separate splits. The men in the Hill End District are working with locked safety lamps; 4-foot seam, 10 men employed, and served with 10,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The intake and return air-ways in good order. The Act in all respects complied with.

*Bellambi Colliery*.—About 72 men employed under ground, and served with 15,000 cubic feet of air in two separate splits. The colliery is well ventilated, and the Act complied with in all other matters.

*South*

*South Bulli Colliery.*—About 120 men are employed, and served with 15,000 cubic feet of air per minute in three separate splits. A new air-shaft is being put down, and will reach the seam at a depth of 80 feet from the surface, at the bottom of which a furnace will be built, which will prove a great benefit for the ventilation of the colliery. The Act complied with.

*Corramal Colliery.*—About 10 men have been employed, and served with 10,000 cubic feet of air per minute. About the end of December last the Company sold out their interest to the owners of the Southern Coal Company. Extensive alterations are being made to increase the output of coal. The Act in all respects complied with.

*Mount Pleasant Colliery.*—About 112 men are employed, and served with 16,000 cubic feet of air per minute in two separate splits. The bords are exceptionally well timbered. The Act in all respects complied with.

*Osborne Wallsend Colliery.*—About 140 men are employed, and served with 30,000 cubic feet of air per minute in three splits. About 20 men are on pillar work. Great care is taken with the propping and drawing of props where the men are extracting the pillars. The Act in all other matters complied with.

*Mount Kembla Colliery.*—About 160 men are employed under ground, and served with 28,000 cubic feet of air per minute, in four separate splits. A new air-shaft is sunk to a depth of 300 feet, and intended to reach the seam at 370 feet.

When the shaft is down and the furnace built the ventilation will be greatly increased throughout the colliery. The Act in all respects complied with.

*Southern Colliery.*—About 10 men are employed under ground driving headings to further prove the thickness and quality of the coal. All the requirements of the Act are complied with.

*Biggar's Prospecting Mines (Dapto).*—About 4 men employed prospecting for a seam of "black band ironstone."

ACCIDENTS IN MINES.

During the last six months, ending 31st December, 1889, I have investigated six separate accidents included in this list. The first fatal accident happened to a shunter named Charles Winchester by a loaded truck at Cullen Bullen Colliery, on 15th July last. The District Coroner, T. H. Neil, Esq., held an inquest on the body of deceased at Cullen Bullen on the day following the accident. I fully agree with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The second fatal accident happened to a miner named Robert Moore, by a fall of stone from the roof in Bellambi Colliery on 4th September. The District Coroner, C. F. Smith, Esq., held an inquest as touching the death of deceased on 11th September, at the Royal Hotel, Bulli. I attended the inquest and heard all the evidence, and fully agree with the verdict of "accidental death," as returned by the jury.

The first non-fatal accident happened to a shift-man named Isaac Nixon, who had his leg broken by a fall of coal in the Mount Kembla Colliery on 3rd September.

The second non-fatal accident happened a miner named Albert Auston, who had his back hurt by a fall of stone from the roof at Coalcliff Colliery on September 13th.

The third non-fatal accident happened to a sinker named J. Hofferman, who received a nasty cut on the head by a stone falling in the Metropolitan Sinking Shaft on 9th November last.

The fourth non-fatal accident happened to a token-boy named William Hockings, who had his leg broken by a full skip on the surface incline at Katoomba Colliery on 21st November last.

I have also examined a few other accidents which were not of a serious nature, and are not included in this list. The usual tabulated list of accidents is hereto appended.

I have, &c.,

JAMES ROWAN,

Inspector of Collieries.

TABULATED LIST of fatal and non-fatal accidents in the Southern and Western Districts of New South Wales Collieries investigated by the Inspector of Collieries during the half-year ending 30th June, 1889.

No	Date.	Colliery	Sufferer.	Occupation.	Remarks, &c., on the nature and extent of injuries.	By a truck	By a fall of coal	By a trolley	By a trolley.	By a stone.	On the incline.	Killed in a shaft.	By a stone in the shaft.	By a fall of coal.	By a fall of stone	Killed by a skip.	Fatal.	Non-fatal.
1	Jan. 19	Australian Shale Mines.	Andrew Scobie	Labourer ..	Scalp wound by a truck on the front of the incline	1												
2	" 22	Vale .....	Thomas Stoko	Miner	Killed by a fall of top coal		1											
3	Feb. 6	Southern ..	Dennis Coffee	Labourer ..	Killed by a trolley on the incline			1										
4	" 6	" "	John Stapleton	Fettler	Knee cap smashed by a trolley				1									
5	" 8	South Bulli	Andrew Tressider	Miner	Killed by a fall of top coal		1											
6	" 14	Mount Kembla	George Dichbourn	"	Killed by a fall of stone from the roof					1								
7	" 14	" "	P. Dichbourn	"	Back hurt by a fall of stone						1							
8	April 29	" "	William Addy	"	Killed on the tram line (surface)							1						
9	" 30	Metropolitan	Francis M'Namara	Sinker	Killed by a fall of stone in the shaft								1					
10	May 8	" "	Richard Hammond	"	Arm hurt by a fall of stone in the shaft									1				
11	" 21	North Illawarra	William Black ..	Miner	Scalp wound by a fall of coal										1			
12	" 21	Cullen Bullen	A. Jones	"	Two ribs broken by a fall of stone											1		
13	June 11	Mount Kembla	William Richardson	Token boy	Killed at the screens by empty skips												1	
						12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	6

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No.	Date.	Colliery.	Sufferer.	Occupation	Remarks, &c., on the nature and extent of injuries.	Fatal, by a loaded truck.	Leg broken by a fall of coal.	Killed by a stone from roof.	Back hurt by a fall of stone.	Hand hurt in a sinking shaft.	Leg broken at the screens.	Fatal.	Non-fatal.
2	July 15	Cullen Bullen	Chas. Winchester	Shunter	Killed between trucks	1							
3	Sept. 3	Mount Kembla	Isaac Nixon	Shiftman	Leg broken by a fall of coal		1						
4	" 4	Bellambi	Robert Moore	Miner	Killed by a fall of stone from the roof			1					
5	" 13	Coal Cliff	Albert Auston	"	Back hurt by a fall of stone from the roof				1				
6	Nov. 9	Metropolitan	J. Hofferma	Sinker	Head and hand hurt by a stone in the shaft					1			
6	" 21	Katoomba	Wm. Hockings	Token-boy	Leg broken by a full skip at the screens						1		
						1	1	1	1	1	1		4

APPENDIX L.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Report of Progress for 1889 by the Geological Surveyor-in-Charge.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report of progress of the Geological Survey Branch during the year 1889:—

Attention to the departmental work of this branch at the head office in Sydney has occupied a considerable portion of my time. However, as a member of the Prospecting Board, with Mr. W. H. J. Slee, F.G.S., the Inspector of Mines, I visited the Tenterfield, Drake, Rivertree, Poverty Point, Solferino, Lismore, Ballina, Nana Creek, Coaldale, and several other mining localities of the Clarence District; also the Lower and Upper Macleay, Nambucca, Bellinger, Kempsey, Hillgrove, Inverell, Cope's Creek, and Cameron's Creek Districts. In Appendix No. 1 A will be found a brief description of the mines and country inspected by us.

I visited the two diamond-drill bores which had been put down at Narrabeen by Mr. J. Coghlan to 1,950 feet and over 1,200 feet deep respectively, and from which "natural gas" issued in sufficient quantity to be collected and used on a small scale for domestic purposes. It is said to have been first noticed on drawing the boring-rods from a depth of 1,650 feet, the strata penetrated being the Narrabeen Series. At a depth of 90 feet, however, below recent alluvial deposits, an estuarine bed of shells was passed through, from which it is not improbable that the gas emanates: this could be readily proved by plugging the bore immediately below the shell bed, or by boring afresh. Dr. Helms has kindly furnished me with the following result of his analysis of the gas:—

In 100 volumes—	CO <sub>2</sub>	0.00
	O	0.433
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	1.501
	N	43.368
	H	6.413
	CH <sub>4</sub>	46.012
	CO	2.273
		100.000

It is probable that the Coal Measures underlie the Narrabeen Series in this locality within a workable depth from the surface.

I also inspected the old quarry at Pymont where inflammable gas issues from fissures in the sandstone rock; it evidently results from the decomposition of the organic matter in the town-rubbish with which the quarry has been partly filled. (See Appendix No. 1 B.)

On the South Metropolitan Company's property, near Otford, in a private diamond-drill bore, the same seams of coal that have been sunk through in the Metropolitan Coal Company's shaft were passed through. The boring through the seams was witnessed by Mr. Stonier and myself. (See Appendix No. 1 C.)

When at the Melbourne Exhibition, I delivered a lecture on the "Mineral Resources of New South Wales," drawing attention to the large display of minerals made by this Colony at the Exhibition.

Regarding the discovery of platinum *in situ* in a lode near Broken Hill. (See Appendix No. 1 D.)

In company with the Inspector of Mines I witnessed a successful trial of Mr. Charles Phillip's patent dry concentrator for separating gold from tailings in the dry state. (See Appendix No. 1 E.)

Mr. Geological-Surveyor David has been engaged during the year chiefly upon a geological examination of the Hunter River Coal-field—a work of great importance in reference to the further development of the Northern Coal-field. Mr. David has traced the extension of the Greta Coal Measures from West Maitland to near Port Stephens, thence to Morna Point on the coast—a distance of about 42 miles. In these measures it is believed that not only coal but also kerosene shale will be found. During the year the further opening up of the seam near West Maitland, which was discovered by Mr. David in 1888, has proved it to be of the great thickness of over 32 feet, with only a few bands. For further particulars regarding Mr. David's examination of the coal and iron ore deposits of this field see his progress report herewith. (Appendix No. 2.)

In Mr. Geological-Surveyor Anderson's progress report (Appendix No. 3) will be found reference to his inspection of the Fiery Creek Gold-field, near Cooma; the bismuth lodes east of Ben Lomond, in New England; the Kookarabookra Gold-field in the same district; the deep lead formations at Tumarumba, a geological map of which has been published; and the artesian water-bearing Cretaceous formation in the Upper Darling district,—the first of a series of maps of this country, embracing Bourke, has been issued.

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Both Mr. David and Mr. Anderson assisted the Prospecting Board in dealing with applications for aid out of the Prospecting Vote in various parts of the Colony.

On 5th November, Mr. G. A. Stonier, Field Assistant, was appointed Acting Geological Surveyor. He has shown much ability in carrying out his duties, and his energy in furthering the work of the Department is deserving of commendation. He examined the mineral samples sent to this office for determination during the absence of Mr. Carne at the Melbourne and New Zealand Exhibitions. Mr. Stonier also inspected and reported on the Mogood Gold-field, near Ulladulla (*Appendix No. 4A*); the tin-bearing deposits at Mandama, near Temora (*Appendix No. 4B*); Peak Hill (*Appendix No. 4C*); Forbes, Melrose, Adelong, Belubula, and Rock Flat, near Cooma.

From the progress report (*Appendix No. 5*) of Mr. Robert Etheridge, jun., it will be seen that in addition to his examination of fossils specially submitted, he has completed the sorting of the supplementary palæontological collections, preparatory to their further systematic classification when larger museum accommodation has been provided.

Under Mr. Etheridge's editorship, Memoir No. 3 of the Palæontological Series, on the "Palæozoic and Mesozoic Flora," by Dr. Ottakar Feistmantel, has almost been completed in the Government Printing Office, and will soon be issued.

Volume No. 1, in three Parts, of the "Records of the Geological Survey of New South Wales," has been completed, and the first Part of the second volume is being prepared for publication.

Mr. J. E. Carne, F.G.S., Curator and Mineralogist, was occupied for some time in preparing and arranging the mineral exhibits from New South Wales at the Melbourne and New Zealand Exhibitions; the able and satisfactory manner in which he performed his duty is very praiseworthy. The representation of the mineral resources of New South Wales at the New Zealand Exhibition is perhaps the most complete that has yet been made at any previous exhibition. Apart from these larger displays small collections of minerals have been prepared out of our large collections, and distributed partly as exchanges to other colonies and countries, and to the Schools of Arts and public institutions in New South Wales. These must have a good influence in making known the mineral wealth of our Colony. Of the numerous samples of minerals sent by the public to the Department for examination 3,287 were sent on for assay or analysis to the Laboratory. Reference to these subjects will be found in Mr. Carne's Progress Report (*Appendix No. 6*.)

I would again urge the necessity for the erection of a suitable Museum building being erected as soon as possible. Without it the valuable collections, which the Department now possesses, and which are rapidly increasing, cannot be arranged, and they are, therefore, not open for public inspection.

From the progress report (*Appendix No. 7*) of Mr. Mingaye, Assayer and Analyst, it will be seen that a considerable amount of useful work has been done by the Laboratory officers. The 3,287 samples received for assay or analysis during the year were all completed by the 7th January following.

Various important improvements have been made at the different caves, under the supervision of Mr. W. S. Leigh, the Superintendent of Caves, (*see* Mr. Leigh's progress report—*Appendix No. 8*.) By permission of the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Mr. E. C. Cracknell, Mr. J. S. Fitzmaurice, Electrician, supervised the purchase and erection of the new dynamo for the additional lighting of the Jenolan Caves.

Mr. A. H. Taylor was appointed Clerk and Draftsman on the 1st January, and Mr. P. T. Hammond as Clerk on 1st February.

#### APPENDIX M.

Prospecting Board—Progress Reports by C. S. Wilkinson and W. H. J. Slice.

Sir,

Drake, 12 March, 1889.

Having dealt with the applications at Boonoo Boonoo, Drake, Tooloom, Pretty Gully, and Rivertree Mining Districts, for aid out of the Prospecting Vote, we proceed to-morrow to the Timbarra, Solferino, Tabulam, Casino, Lismore, and Grafton districts.

The formation at Boonoo Boonoo is wholly granitic, and is traversed by auriferous and argentiferous quartz-reefs. Very little work, other than prospecting, is at present carried on, owing to the patchy nature of the metalliferous portions of the reefs; the association of the gold with sulphides of silver, lead, zinc, iron, and copper, renders it difficult to save by the ordinary crushing appliances. Although the reefs are with few exceptions small, we believe that they will afford profitable employment to numerous miners. There are at present two batteries on the field—one at the Lady Mary Claim, which is idle, and a larger plant at the Golden Crown Company's mine. From the latter mine some rich specimens of gold in quartz were shown to us. A little alluvial gold-mining is also carried on in the creeks. We next proceeded to the Fairfield District, of which Drake is the central township. Within 2 miles of Drake several reefs have been opened, which will doubtless become of considerable importance. The Adeline is the nearest mine to the town; it embraces a well-defined reef of a permanent character. As yet it has only been worked from near the surface, but the manager, Captain B. Bryant, is sinking a shaft to work the reef from the 100-foot level. The reef is from 2 to 6 feet thick, and has yielded some rich returns; it is very ferruginous from the oxidation of pyrites which, with other sulphides, will be found in large quantity in their undecomposed state below the water level; the gold is in very minute particles, in fact, as fine as flour, and consequently it is difficult to save. There are other reefs near this, and in the adjoining claim the Kelly Gold-Mining Company are raising very pyritous gold-bearing ore from a shaft 70 feet deep. At Mount Pleasant and at Sawpit Gully, immediately north of it, occur several reefs of a very promising character. In the Great Northern Company's property an auriferous copper lode from 2 to 4 feet wide is being worked.

Mr. W. J. Beglehole, the manager, informed us that 30 tons of the ore sent to Waratah for treatment yielded copper to the value of £14 and gold £4 per ton. From Scott's line of reef in the same Company's ground 1,200 tons crushed averaged 4 dwt. 14 gr. of gold per ton, and it has been estimated that the amount of gold lost in the tailings, owing to the finely divided gold in the stone, is greater than that saved in the crushing. The reef varies in thickness up to 14 feet, and will probably continue to a great depth. The reef on the Strauss Mine, which is said to have yielded up to 17 dwt. of gold per ton, has been from 3 to 10 feet wide; a long tunnel has been driven to intersect the reef at a lower level, but as yet it has not been successful. At Wann's mine, the White Rock Consols, a bed of pyritous agglomerate

has been excavated 30 feet wide and 23 feet deep; 90 tons from it are said to have yielded 94 oz. of gold and silver bullion valued at £181. There appears to be a large extent of this ore. At Mount Gladstone a reef from 2 to 3 feet thick has been worked to a depth of 70 feet. We were informed that 60 tons crushed from it gave a return of 11 dwt. of gold per ton. A tunnel is being driven by J. Watt and party to cut the reef at a greater depth. In the gully near this Dr. Watson is prospecting a lode of copper and iron pyrites 2 feet 6 inches wide. In the Mascotte Mine, 2 miles south-east from Drake, a good reef is being worked for silver and gold. The lowest depth reached is only 100 feet. From returns supplied by Captain Bryant the average yield is at the rate of about 1 ounce of gold and 45 ounces of silver per ton—one parcel, of 2 tons, sent to Clunes, in Victoria, having yielded at the rate of 2 oz. 5 dwt. of gold and 69 oz. of silver per ton.

About 2 miles south-west from Drake is the White Rock Silver Mine, under the management of Mr. J. Rossiter. Here the apex of an intrusive mass of white felsite rock has come to the surface, and occupies an area of about seven acres. It is surrounded by metamorphosed sedimentary strata of Devonian age. A net-work of small quartz-veins, with galena, zinc blende, pyrites, and occasionally native silver traverse it; there are besides several larger veins of the same sulphides, varying in thickness up to 16 inches. The ore occurs not only in veins but also in patches, and to some extent throughout the mass of the rock, which has been quarried in an open face for about 400 feet on the north bank of a creek which has cut through it. Within about 200 yards to the north, the felsite rises to about 100 feet above the bed of the creek. It can, therefore, be worked for a considerable time from an open face, and by thus excavating the rock bodily, a large quantity of payable ore can be sorted from it at a low cost, and sent down to the crushing-mill by the self-acting inclined tramway which has been constructed. The Manager informed us that nearly the whole of the felsite rock can be profitably treated; but from inspection of it *in situ* we are of opinion that a considerable portion of it will have to be rejected. However this can only be determined by actual trial of large quantities of the stone. The Company is erecting a very extensive crushing, concentrating, and amalgamating plant, and, when the first difficulties of treating this complex ore have been efficiently overcome, this mine should give profitable results, and employment to a large number of persons. We were informed that various parcels of the ore, amounting to 163 tons 10 cwt. 3 qr., that had been sent to Europe and elsewhere for treatment, produced silver to the value of £1,207 13s. 7d.

Near the White Rock, north-west from it, Mr. Besant has sunk a shaft 116 feet deep to test some ferruginous jasperoid reefs containing pyrites, galena, blende and a little gold. The alluvium in the gully immediately below the outcrop of the reefs has been worked for gold, which has probably been derived from these reefs.

At Red Rock, 9 miles northerly from Drake, a large area of siliceo-felspathic rock has been proved gold-bearing, and is likely to be extensively worked. Several different companies are at work. The "Great Red Rock Company" is sinking a main shaft, which is now 170 feet deep, and so far has proved two beds of ore-bearing rock—one 14 feet thick, the other 8 feet and not through it—containing galena, zinc blende, copper and iron pyrites, with gold and silver. The Manager, W. Beglehole, informed us that 1,211 tons of the oxidized ore taken from an open cutting near the surface, and crushed at a local mill, yielded at the rate of 6 dwt. 10 gr. of gold per ton, and that assays showed a loss of 13 dwt. of gold per ton in the tailings. A parcel of 11 cwt. of the ore, sent to Sandhurst for treatment, yielded on assay 1 oz. 3 dwt. 16 gr. of gold and 1 oz. 19 dwt. 6 gr. of silver per ton.

At Long Gully, 7 miles south from Drake, a ferruginous quartz-vein has been opened to a depth of 40 feet, containing bunches of zinc blende rich in gold, associated with galena, copper and iron pyrites.

In the same locality—Mathieson and party, at Long Creek, and R. B. Clarke and Lodge, on the range to the south-east, have discovered some irregular veins of the above-mentioned sulphides.

About 3 miles easterly from Drake Mr. T. Kelly and Bigley and party are prospecting some promising gold-bearing veins.

At Mount Rossitter, 6 miles E.S.E. from Drake, Mr. J. Rossiter is testing some massive beds of altered conglomerate containing gold and silver-bearing pyrites; and about 2 miles further Mr. W. Coghlan has discovered a large outcrop of ferruginous conglomerate, from the surface of any part of which free gold in minute particles, it is said, can be washed. A dyke of diorite runs alongside the conglomerate.

From the foregoing it will be seen that in this district there are numerous ore deposits containing gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, &c. The gold hitherto worked in them is as a rule in a very fine state of division in iron-oxides or gossan-quartz from the upper portions of the reefs, and on this account cannot all be saved. When more efficient gold-saving appliances than those now in use on the field have been introduced steady and profitable yields may be anticipated. But the future prosperity of the mining industry in this field will mainly depend upon the successful treatment of the pyrites, and other sulphide ores, which will be the chief source of the gold and silver in all the reefs below the water level, and which can be more readily concentrated than the oxidized ores from nearer the surface.

Our next progress report will refer to the Lunatic, Pretty Gully, Tooloom, Rivertree, Timbarra, and Solferino districts.

Sir,

Lismore, 25 March, 1889.

In continuation of our former progress report, we have the honor to submit the following reference to the mining districts visited by us:—

About 7 miles north from Drake a Company is sinking a deep shaft on the Lunatic Reef, under the management of Mr. A. Ashbury. This reef strikes N. 10° W., and has been traced for a considerable distance. It was worked some years ago, but is now almost idle. In places the reef narrowed, and the gold in it proved to be in "shoots" associated with iron and copper pyrites and metallic arsenic; with the latter some rich patches of gold were obtained. About a quarter of a mile south from Ashbury's shaft the same reef has been worked from a shaft 116 feet deep now abandoned. About 200 yards to the west is the Old Antimony Reef, which T. Horton, Peter Gray, and party are now sinking upon to a depth of 35 feet. It is from 6 to 18 inches thick, and contains a large amount of antimony oxide and sulphide, besides some gold and pyrites. It appears to be a permanent reef. 1½ miles easterly from this are the two Victoria Reefs, one of which Mr. W. H. Pascoe is prospecting. In his shaft, 32 feet deep, the reef is 20 inches thick in soft felspathic rock; from the quartz raised 15 oz. of gold are said to have been



been picked out. About  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles N.E. from Lunatic is the Perseverance Reef, which was formerly worked to a depth of 175 feet, but the shoot of gold was lost, and the reef abandoned. It has again been taken up by R. Hooton and party. The reef averages about 8 inches thick in blue pyritous slate and conglomerate, and contains gold, arsenical pyrites, antimony, and calcite. It is said that 119 tons raised from a shaft two claims to the south yielded 2 oz. of gold per ton. Half a mile west is the Golden Star Reef which is about to be worked by E. Martin and party. Diorite occurs near this reef; Pretty Gully, or Farley, is an old diggings 15 miles north from Drake. Messrs. Pearson and M'Laughlan and party have erected an 8-head stamper battery driven by a water wheel, for crushing the stone from their claim on the Lincolnshire Reef. This reef traverses conglomerate rock, shows free gold, and is from 6 to 30 inches thick, dipping E.N.E. They are about to cross-cut at the low level for another reef about 10 feet to the west from near the surface. Withers and party are prospecting a porous pyritous quartz reef 2 miles southerly from Pretty Gully. Other reefs occur in the locality, and some alluvial mining has been carried on in the "Two-mile," "Four-mile," and "Stockyard" Gullies, where the gold has been derived from the denudation of hills capped with carboniferous conglomerates. Mr. Smith, a prospector, obtained near here some carboniferous marine fossils, *Spirifer vespertilio*, &c.

Immediately to the north, between Pretty Gully and the Clarence River, is a high basaltic range, the basalt overlying Tertiary drift, the bed of the ancient stream, which, in the Tertiary period, drained the Clarence Valley. On the north slope of this range, at an elevation of 1,100 feet above the Clarence River, Messrs. Lay and Haeger, of the Tooloom and Rivertree Gold-mining Company, have put down a shaft 220 feet deep, and then drove 138 feet into the hill until heavy water stopped them. A little coarse gold was obtained, and as the slate bed rock continued dipping, they have commenced to sink a new shaft on the top of the range about 300 yards to the south-west, and may strike the lead at a depth of nearly 400 feet. It is to be hoped that this enterprising work will meet with the success it deserves. A deep lead undoubtedly exists here and extends for a considerable distance, and should it prove payable it will give employment to a large number of miners. At the end of the range, about 3 miles to the east, Messrs. Lay and party are also driving under the basalt, and have struck a coarse drift containing a little gold resting on a false bottom of carboniferous shale. Coarse gold is said to have been obtained in the gullies draining from this range. It has probably been derived from the denudation of both the Tertiary lead and the underlying carboniferous conglomerates.

On the opposite or north side of the Tooloom branch of the Clarence River, at an elevation of 1,250 feet above the river, pebble-drift crops out from under the basalt, but there is only a small extent of it. Near this, Hansen and party have sunk a shaft 230 feet deep in carboniferous sandstone and conglomerate. Excepting in patches this is not likely to prove payable. Some gold has been obtained in the recent alluvial in the gullies draining from it. Near the Tooloom River Mr. Paine lately took up an abandoned pyritous reef about 2 feet thick in altered felspathic sandstone. In one small portion of the reef he obtained 110 oz. of gold, some rich specimens of which, consisting of gold intermixed with quartz crystals, were shown to us.

At Rivertree, near the junction of Cullen's Creek with the Clarence River, where the formation is granite surrounded by hills of Devonian strata, three gold and silver-bearing pyritous lead lodes are being opened under the management of Mr. J. W. Archibald, who has erected a small trial furnace for smelting the ore. The Western or "Wongabah" lode has been sunk upon to a depth of 90 feet, and proved it to be 15 feet wide, consisting of felspathic matrix with quartz, calcite and sulphides of iron, lead, zinc, copper, and antimony. The ore occurs in patches of irregular thickness. With proper appliances it could be readily concentrated. The lode dips E.  $15^{\circ}$  S. at  $60^{\circ}$ , and is seen for about 130 feet long at the surface. It has been traced in places for about a mile in a northerly direction. About half a mile up Cullen's Creek is a lenticular vein, from 6 to 30 inches thick, of porous siliceous ore with carbonate of lead, said to be rich in silver; and three quarters of a mile east of Cullen's Creek is another lode called the "Silvery Wave." It occurs near the junction of the granite and slate formations, strikes N.  $35^{\circ}$  E., and averages about 3 feet wide. It consists of porous iron ore and quartz, containing nodular masses of argentiferous galena and carbonate of lead, with sulphides of iron and zinc. A shaft has been sunk upon it to a depth of 96 feet. We also saw on the south side of the river several smaller lodes containing lead ore that Messrs. Smith and Green have taken up, and we were shown samples of ore, consisting of quartz and gossan, containing sulphides of iron, lead, and zinc, said to give on assay good returns of gold and silver, from some lodes higher up Cullen's Creek; they are probably the continuation of the Rivertree lodes. The lodes of this locality are well worth prospecting, and from them average bulk samples of the ore should be sent to efficient works for trial, as their proper development may lead to the establishment of an important mining industry here.

From Rivertree we returned by the bridle-track down the Clarence Valley, crossing the river seventeen times in a distance of 12 miles owing to steep spurs from the ranges abutting upon the river on either side of it.

Leaving the river the track ascends the Tooloom Range, about 1,300 feet high, the flat top of which is formed of a great thickness of chocolate-coloured basaltic soil. The southern side of the range is covered with "brush"—a dense growth of splendid timber-trees, palms, ferns, &c., matted together, with vines and creepers which, with their rope-like stems, hang in festooned masses from the branches of the high trees. Mr. Easton has made a large clearing in this "brush," and the luxuriant growth of oranges and other fruits, grass, &c., upon it afford evidence of the richness of this basaltic soil for agricultural purposes.

From Drake we next proceeded to Timbarra, where, at the Table-top Mine, Messrs. Dixon and Rhodes are working auriferous granite, and have on the ground a small battery for crushing it. The granite has disseminated through it minute crystals of pyrites besides patches of pyrites up to a foot in diameter, and thin strings of quartz. Where the rock is soft it is stained yellow and red from the iron oxides, resulting from the decomposition of the pyrites, and it is this ferruginous rock which yields the most gold; two crushings of it are said to have yielded at the rate of 9 dwt. of gold per ton. As the granite is only pyritous in irregular patches, and the gold is evidently associated with the pyrites, a little also being visible in the small quartz strings, so the occurrence of payable stone must be very irregular and uncertain. There are, no doubt, many similar patches of auriferous granite in this locality, for over a considerable area gold has been profitably worked in the alluvial in the gullies draining from the granite hills.

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About  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Mr. Maher's post office store, Timbarra, two ferruginous quartz-veins, 18 and 6 inches thick respectively, cross the main road to Poverty Point. They traverse porphyritic granite and should be prospected.

At Surface Hill, Poverty Point, the granite for about 100 yards wide, N. and S., and 300 yards long, E. and W., has been proved gold-bearing. A portion of it, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres, has been excavated, and ground-sluiced to a depth in places of 30 feet, where the granite is decomposed and soft, leaving the undecomposed rock standing in large kernel-like masses here and there. The granite, like that at the Table-top Mine, is gold-bearing where it is pyritous, and the gold is in minute free particles in the soft rock where the pyrites has decomposed into iron oxides. The manager, Mr. Robert Nicholson, informed us that this stone, when crushed, yielded from 2 to 5 dwt. of gold per ton, and that assays of it gave at the rate of 9 dwt. per ton—the loss in crushing being doubtless due to the minuteness of the particles of gold. A few small gold-bearing quartz-veins, up to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick, traverse the granite, which is said to be richer within a foot or so from these veins; probably the granite was originally permeated with thermal water, holding gold and sulphides in solution, issuing through these vein fissures. Molybdenite also occurs in the rock. On breaking the hard undecomposed granite, small crystals of pyrites are seen disseminated through it; and as the bulk of the gold-bearing rock is of this pyritous character, it will require, for successful treatment, crushing, concentrating, and roasting. Six similar auriferous granite areas are said to have been proved, in a belt of country, from the Big Hill workings, 1 mile south of Poverty Point, to Table-top, 12 miles distant on the north; also on a branch of M'Lean's Creek, Mr. Thomas Horton, sen., has opened an irregular mass of soft ferruginous granite to a depth of 30 feet, and crushed over 1,000 tons of it with a yield of 7 dwt. of gold per ton. The undecomposed fine-grained felspathic rock alongside it contains patches of arsenical pyrites and molybdenite. This is well worth opening further as Mr. Horton is about to do. There are probably other similar auriferous masses of granite in the locality, as the alluvial in one of the long gullies between here and Poverty Point, has been payably worked for gold.

After being hospitably received for the night at Mr. Stuart's homestead on the Timbarra or Rocky River, we next inspected the gold discovery recently made in the Malara Scrub, 7 miles distant on a high range. The discoverer is Mr. Paul Marcolini, of Grafton, the well-known, energetic, and fortunate prospector in the Solferino gold-field. His present claim consists of a patch of alluvial ground near the head of the gully, where it flows over pyritous dioritic and granitic rock and altered conglomerate; with crystalline quartz veins. Mr. Marcolini informed us that since the beginning of the year each man working had made £9 per week. The gold occurs in fine particles and in coarse pieces up to 8 dwt. The source of it has not yet been found, but the gold has probably been derived from the decomposition of the pyritous rock itself, and from quartz veins traversing it. The payable ground is confined to a small area, so far as that surrounding it has been proved, but a large extent of similar formations exists in the adjacent country which should be prospected. The ranges are covered with thick forest and dense undergrowth of scrub, through which it is difficult to penetrate. The old Malara diggings are situated 3 miles south-west from Marcolini's claim. Between this and Lionsville, near Solferino, the main range is largely formed of diorite and granite; but at Lionsville altered Devonian slates with dykes of granite appear. Here, in the altered sedimentary rocks, several lines of reef have been more or less worked:—the Lions, Garibaldi, Band of Hope, Lombardy, John Bull, and others. In some of them very rich shoots of gold have been obtained, but owing to the patchy occurrence of the gold in them the working of the reefs has been very irregular. In order that they be properly mined, progressive works, both in sinking and driving, should be carried ahead, so that the position of the shoots of gold might be ascertained, and the raising of payable stone, as well as prospecting, simultaneously carried on. A tunnel is now being driven to meet the old shaft on the Lions reef, that it may be more conveniently worked. An application for aid from the Government Prospecting Vote was made for further opening up the Garibaldi Reef, but after inspecting the reef, we cannot recommend that aid be granted, as we consider it to be a payable reef if more vigorously and systematically worked; at present only two men, Mr. Mark Udusich, the manager, and another are at work.

From Solferino we proceeded to Tabulam, where the Clarence series coal-measures, with seams of coal, are the prevailing formation, but about 5 miles to the west, the granite and altered sedimentary metalliferous formations of the Drake district form the hills, and here, on the Plumbago Creek, occur in close proximity large deposits of white marble limestone and iron ore, which will no doubt become of value in connection with the future working of the complex gold and silver-bearing ores of this promising mining field.

We beg to express our acknowledgements of the valuable assistance rendered us by Mr. Warden Graham, P.M., Mr. J. P. Curran, Mining Registrar, Mr. Archibald, of Rivertree, and other mining men of Drake, especially Mr. Thomas Horton, jun., who accompanied us through the principal parts of this mountainous district.

Sir,

Grafton, 8 April, 1889.

From Tabulam we proceeded *via* Casino to Lismore, passing over country composed of the "Clarencæ series" coal-bearing formation, with more or less extensive areas of basalt. In the road cuttings up the Sandilands Range the outcrops of several seams of coal may be seen. Casino is situated on the coal formation, and in the banks of the Richmond River near the town the general character of the strata of this series is well shown.

From Casino to Lismore the formation is chiefly basaltic, and the hills for miles around Lismore also consist of volcanic rocks, though to the north about 12 miles the sandstones with coal seams occur, and to the south Tertiary beds of white pipeclay (locally called meerschauum), containing impressions of fossil leaves, of which Mr. E. Coleman, of Lismore, procured for us a good collection for the Mining and Geological Museum. The decomposition of the volcanic rocks has produced the very rich soil for which this district is so noted; and which, as might be expected under the forcing influence of a semi-tropical climate and a large rainfall, supports a most luxuriant growth of vegetation—a dense "brush," or jungle of ferns, palms, and trees of all sizes, including splendid timber-trees. When cleared, this land is most productive, especially on the alluvial flats, for sugar-cane, corn, fruits, and grass, as may be seen in some of the well-cultivated farms scattered throughout the district. In fact, there are few, if any, other parts of the Colony where the soil offers such prospects of rich reward to the industrious farmer. At present the

the farmers have no regular outlet for their produce in consequence of the uncertainty of the steamers being able to cross the bar at the Richmond River Heads; when the proposed improvements to the bar have been carried out, this large and promising field for settlement will progress rapidly.

About 30 miles north of Lismore, at a place called Peter's Grass, a narrow belt of altered Devonian sandstones and slates form the hills, and is traversed by quartz-reefs.

On Yankee Creek, Messrs. Wetherspoon and party have opened one of these reefs, from which 1 ton crushed at the Mint yielded 5 dwt. of gold, and two samples yielded on assay at the rate of 16 dwt. per ton. Another ferruginous reef near this the party will prospect. About 3 miles N.N.E. from here Mr. Withers has also found a ferruginous quartz-reef, and some alluvial gold is said to have been obtained in the gullies. This is a locality well worth prospecting.

The road from Lismore to Ballina crosses a belt of Devonian sandstones and slates with quartz-reefs. One reef crosses the road at the foot of the hill, about 6 miles west of Ballina; and another reef occurs on the property of Mr. Coleman, about 9 miles west of Ballina. This reef runs in lenticular blocks up to 1 foot thick in siliceous blue slate; 1 ton crushed at the Mint is said to have yielded 15 dwt. of gold. At Ballina we received an application from Mr. J. S. M'Cullagh to inspect the seam of coal discovered 2 miles from Wardell. On visiting the place we found the prospecting shaft had fallen in and the seam could not be seen, but from the description given it contains too many bands to be profitably worked.

The Richmond River, below Wardell, flows through alluvial flats a few feet only above sea-level, consisting of an estuary deposit of marine shells, covered with fresh water alluvium, forming rich agricultural soil. The town of Ballina, which is immediately within the river entrance from the ocean, is situated on the flat; but the North Head of the entrance consists of a small hill of dense black basalt and blown sand. About half-a-mile further north is the Black Rock, a perpendicular cliff 30 feet high, facing the ocean, and composed at the base of hard dense basalt, then a bed, 4 to 10 feet thick, of scoriaceous volcanic agglomerate, overlaid by 15 to 20 feet of hard dense columnar basalt; above this is about 30 feet of soft decomposed laminated basalt. Mr. Munro informed us that from the lower agglomerate bed several parcels had been treated in Sydney—one of over 3 tons yielding at the rate of 2 dwt. 10 gr. of gold per ton, and another of 19 cwt. yielded 18 dwt. 11 gr. of gold per ton; a total of about 7 tons 17 cwt. treated gave an average yield of 12 dwt. per ton. These beds have a slight dip inland, and could be easily worked. There is no doubt that the gold and platinum in the sand and gravel on the beach, which has for years past been worked to the north and south of Black Rock, have been derived from the denudation of the basalt, the rippling action of the ocean surf tending to throw back the gold with the black sand and shingle drift about high-water level. One exceptionally rich patch of about 25 yards square, worked by Bevan and party, yielded, from about 6 inches of wash, 75 oz. of gold. The gold occurs in very minute particles. Only one miner is now working on the beach here. There being abundance of water at hand, the sand could readily be worked on a large scale; but this does not appear to have been attempted, probably owing to the patchy occurrence of the gold. Special appliances will be needed for saving gold from the basalt, for this rock when crushed forms sludge, which carries off the fine particles of gold. On account of the special treatment required larger parcels than those hitherto tried should be operated upon; and should they prove payable, as they probably will, there is sufficient material to warrant mining operations on an extensive scale. The beach sand within the entrance to the Richmond River, near the North Head, has also been proved gold-bearing. From this coast to Lismore and the head of the Brunswick River the basaltic rocks show evidence of great volcanic activity during a considerable period.

Sir,

Glen Innes, 15 April, 1889.

From the Richmond we proceeded to the Clarence River District, and first inspected the coal prospecting operations about 4 miles north-west of Chatsworth, for which Messrs. Watt and party had applied for aid from the Prospecting Vote. A shaft has been sunk 129 feet deep, passing through several small seams of coal, the thickest being 2 feet 3 inches of bituminous and splint coal. As the strata sunk through in the shaft seen outcropping at the surface, and there are no indication of a thicker seam, we could not recommend further sinking.

At the request of Mr. See, Mayor of Maclean, Mr. Jamieson, and others, we also inspected their coal prospecting works situated on the eastern slope of the Look-out Hill, where two shafts and a bore had been put down without success. Here an outcrop of coal is seen in a gully, showing coal with numerous bands, but as the whole thickness of the seam is not exposed, owing to a covering of alluvial deposit, we advised that it be sunk upon to prove if a workable thickness of coal existed, as the importance of obtaining a workable seam of coal in this district would be great.

At Grafton, Mr. S. See, the Mayor of the City, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. W. A. Smith, and other gentlemen interested in mining, informed us of the different parts of the district which it was proposed the Prospecting Board should visit. We proceeded to the Nana Creek Gold-field, and inspected the various claims for which application for aid had been made, viz.:—the Jubilee, Lady Matilda, Lady Carrington, Eureka, Waratah, Nymboi, New Year's Gift, Advance Australia, Jessie Smith, and Homeward Bound Reefs.

From several of these rich parcels of quartz have at times been crushed; but as the gold occurs chiefly in small shoots the returns are said to be poor compared with the labour incurred. Consequently, quartz-mining (there is no alluvial mining) on this field is at a low ebb, and only a few miners are now at work. We believe, however, that it will revive when the gold-bearing shoots in the reefs have been proved to continue to greater depths, as it is now proposed to do. Encouragement will then be afforded for working the reefs on a larger and more systematic scale than is possible by the few miners at present engaged. The Jessie Smith Reef is situated about 19 miles from Nana Creek. It averages about 9 inches thick, has been traced for about 300 yards, and has been opened by a small shaft and tunnel. A trial crushing of 2 tons is said to have yielded 12 dwt of gold per ton. The gold occurs in the reef in small shoots; unless these are proved on further prospecting to be larger, the reef could not be profitably worked. We saw numerous other unworked reefs cropping out in this gold-field. The formation is Devonian slates and sandstones, with diorite at the Nymboi Reef, and basalt at Bald Nob. The country consists of steep rugged ranges, densely timbered with splendid trees, and the soil is in places of the richest description. This land will be valuable land for agricultural settlement when it has been opened by roads to places where farmers could find a market for their produce.

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On M'Guire's Creek, which crosses the road to Nana Creek, there is an outcrop of coal. The seam is 16 feet thick, with numerous bands; but, as the thickest layer of coal is only 9 inches, the seam would not be workable. The bottom of the seam, however, is not exposed, being covered by alluvial *débris*.

We next visited Mylne's Gap, near Coaldale, about 30 miles north-west from Grafton, where Mr. S. See and Mr. Whyman have had a shaft sunk, in which a seam of coal has been proved 37 feet thick, inclusive of numerous bands, but, as the top was in coal *débris*, the actual thickness of the seam has not been ascertained. On account of bands, the coal, if worked, would yield much ash, but it might be useful for local purposes, where this would not be a serious disadvantage. It is of a bituminous character, and portions of the seam contain inferior cannel coal. We have taken samples for analysis. The unproved upper portion of the seam, and two other seams which are seen outcropping at the surface higher up the range, should be prospected. About 10 miles further to the north-west, on Gordon Brook, we inspected the claim which is being prospected for copper by Messrs. Fisher and party. There is here no sign of a copper lode, the serpentine rock containing only small veins of copper ore of no value. Near Copmanhurst, Messrs. Fisher, Hicks, and party are prospecting for coal. They have sunk 5 feet into a seam of coal of fair quality, but containing too many bands to be profitably worked. They intend to sink deeper, as coal of workable thickness may occur in the lower untried portion of the seam, which is probably the equivalent of the Coaldale seam, and also of that near Maclean. This being so, the seam may pass under the city of Grafton, at a depth of from 500 to 600 feet. A detailed geological survey of the Clarence coal series would reveal the most suitable localities in which to prospect for coal by means of the diamond drill.

From Grafton we proceeded to the Dalmorton Gold-field, and inspected the Liberator and Isabella Reefs, for which aid out of the Prospecting Vote had been applied. These reefs are of a promising character, and are well worthy of being prospected. They occur in altered slate formation. Very little mining is at present carried on in this field. We were informed that Mr. Campbell had opened a payable reef, averaging 14 inches thick, and traced for 450 feet. It is situated about 4 miles south-south-west from Dalmorton.

Sir,

Nambucca, 12 October, 1889.

We have the honor to inform you that, in reference to the applications for aid out of the Prospecting Vote, we have inspected the gold and antimony mines situated between the Nambucca and Bellinger Rivers. The country consists of hills of slate formation, intruded by masses and dykes of granite rocks, and traversed by innumerable quartz-reefs. One of the intrusive granitic masses forms a small conical hill, about 3 miles north of Deep Creek, and close to the main road from Nambucca to Fernmount. On the summit of the hill the rock contains arsenical pyrites in segregated patches of various sizes. Some of these have been opened out at the surface, and in a drive from a shaft at a depth of 100 feet one pyritous mass has been proved to be 17 feet wide. It appears to be a "pipe-lode." In its vicinity the rock, which is of a very soft, felspathic nature, has mispickel more or less disseminated through it. Samples of the pyrites assayed by the Department have yielded from a few dwt. to 17 oz. of gold per ton. As there is a large quantity of the ore, if systematically worked, it should give payable returns. As yet the mispickel has only been found on the Nambucca Gold and Pyrites Company's lease, but the granitic formation extends into the adjoining leases of Friedlander, McNally and party, and Christisen and party, who are sinking prospecting shafts, but as yet without successful results. Gold is reported to have been found by assay in Nelson's claim, about a quarter of a mile to the south. About half a mile to the north-west, in the lease of Messrs. Lark and Becke, a quartz reef, from 2 inches to 15 inches wide, containing arsenical pyrites, occurs, associated with a small granitic dyke. It has a promising appearance. In the slate ranges about 3 miles northerly is Anderson's Reef, which has been sunk upon to a depth of 70 feet, and is from 20 to 24 inches wide. It contains oxide and sulphide of antimony, with native antimony, which Mr. Anderson informed us yielded, on assay, at the rate of 14 oz. of gold per ton. About 1 mile southerly Messrs. Powell, Buchanan, and party are also prospecting two antimony lodes, which afford encouraging prospects, the ore occurring with quartz in intrusive granitic dykes. As we observed many of these dykes in this locality, we believe that when they are prospected other auriferous antimony lodes will be found, and probably lead to the profitable employment of many miners. We also inspected some pyritous reefs, for which aid had been applied, near Mount Piggott, but found that they would not warrant aid being recommended, though the formations of the country—slate and granite—are favourable for the occurrence of payable reefs. From here we proceeded to inspect the antimony reefs in the Bowraville District. We have collected average samples for assay from the various reefs examined, in order to obtain reliable information regarding them.

Sir,

Kempsey, 18 October, 1889.

We have the honor to submit the following progress report upon the country inspected by us in the Nambucca district. Particulars regarding each mine for which aid out of the Prospecting Vote had been applied have already been forwarded to you.

The town of Bowra is situated at the head of the navigable water of the Nambucca River, and several antimony reefs have been in the locality. About  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles northerly from Bowra is O'Donnell's Reef. It is a well-defined breccia quartz-reef, from 2 to 5 feet thick, containing sulphide of antimony and pyrites. A shaft has been sunk upon it to a depth of 80 feet. It now requires a bulk sample of several tons of the stone raised to test its value, and the reef should also be opened a little further to the south on its strike, south  $15^\circ$  east.

On a branch of the Buccra-Bendinni Creek, about 18 miles westerly from Bowra, Mr. P. McHugh and party are prospecting a quartz and antimony reef, which is from 3 inches to 3 feet wide. It is a true fissure reef, striking from north  $20^\circ$  east to north-east, formed along the line of a fault in the strata, and will be a permanent one. We saw two other parallel faults within a distance of half a mile, in which antimony will probably be found.

In the parish of Medlow, 13 miles south-westerly from Bowra, Mr. D. Graham and party have discovered a quartzite-reef crossing a creek flowing into Taylor's Arm Creek. It varies from 3 inches to 3 feet thick, and contains sulphide of antimony. In places the antimony ore occurs in solid masses, 3 inches thick. In others it is more or less scattered through the quartzite in small crystalline particles. It is nearly vertical, striking north north-east to north-east, and could readily be worked by tunnelling into the side of the hill. A few small antimony veins branch off from it on the west side. A smaller quartzite-reef occurs about 100 yards further down the creek.

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As the antimony ore occurs in bunches irregularly distributed in the reefs their value can be better tested by raising bulk samples from different points along the course of the reefs than by sinking deep shafts, as the reefs are not likely to change in character in depth. The country consists of broken ranges, some attaining an elevation of over 3,000 feet above sea-level. They are composed of altered shales and sandstones traversed by quartz-veins and granitic dykes, but the latter are not so numerous as those in the country between the Nambucca and Bellinger Rivers. The geological formation is favourable for the occurrence of other similar antimony reefs. There is little doubt but that the reefs of this district will afford profitable employment to many small parties of miners, and that large quantities of antimony will be produced. It is reported that the antimony ore nearly always yields, on assay, some gold and silver. We have collected characteristic samples for assay from each reef inspected, as a guide to ascertaining their value.

Sir,

Hillgrove, 28 October, 1889.

We have the honor to furnish you with the following particulars of the places visited by us in dealing with the application for aid out of the Prospecting Vote.

About 2 miles south of Nambucca, Messrs. M'Kav and party have opened a breccia quartz-reef 12 feet wide to a depth of 45 feet, in slate formation, with a granite dyke near it on the west side. Mr. W. Sutton is prospecting for the reef about 10 chains to the north, and has struck several small pyritous veins, of which we obtained samples for assay. The results hitherto obtained can scarcely be considered payable. About a mile to the south, on Mr. Smith's property, a similar pyritous quartz reef, 18 inches wide, has been proved to a depth of 20 feet; and about 2 miles further south Messrs. A. Rudder and party have prospected a reef 2 feet 6 inches wide, to a depth of 30 feet, containing arsenical, iron, and copper pyrites, with blende and galena, which occur in bunchy veins. These reefs have been sufficiently opened to test their nature, and now bulk samples of several tons of the ore should be sent for treatment to determine its actual value, as assays of small samples are unreliable for this purpose. On Grant's Creek, in the same parish of Warrell, Mr. R. Hayes is prospecting a reef of granular quartz about 9 inches thick, containing pyrites and molybdenite; it dips north north west at 23 degrees in hard quartzite. In the same locality is Grant's Reef, which is a well defined reef over 15 feet thick, dipping north-west at 45 degrees, consisting of breccia quartz and quartzite containing pyrites; it has been opened to a depth of 40 feet, and is said to yield on assay 2 dwt. of gold to the ton; but it would be a more reliable test to have several tons treated. Mr. Hayes has sunk 10 feet deep into a similar reef further north-east, which is probably a continuation of this reef. Campbell's Reef, near the Yarrahappini Range, traverses hard granite in a direction north 15 degrees west. The mine had fallen in, but the stone from it shows nodules of limonite formed from the decomposition of pyrites, and is not of a promising character. We next inspected the Moonebah Reefs, about 10 miles west of Kempsey, where Messrs. Campbell and party have sunk 42 feet upon a felspathic quartz reef varying in width up to 30 inches, and containing arsenical and iron pyrites and a little galena. It traverses altered sandstone, and dips west 15 degrees north at 50 degrees. A bulk sample of the stone should now be sent for treatment, to determine whether the ore be payable or not. In the vicinity, two other reefs containing similar pyritous stone have been opened by Mr. Verge and Mr. E. Becke. Leaving Kempsey *en route* to New England, we stayed for the night at the Carangula mines, which are at present idle, but the manager, Mr. Becke, informed us that the Company would soon resume operations. They have hitherto been the chief antimony-producing mines in the Colony, and have only been worked to a depth of 193 feet. An able description of the characteristics of the lodes, by the late Mr. Lamont Young, was published in the Annual Report of the Department for 1880. It is worthy of further mention that the auriferous antimony lodes recently examined by us in the Bellinger and Nambucca Ranges are precisely similar to those of Carangula, in their occurrence in altered sedimentary strata, believed to be of Devonian age, and associated with intrusive dykes of very felspathic granite of the same description as that in which the Ellenora Reef at Hillgrove occurs. This is a very important feature to note, for the ranges extending from the New England table-land almost down to the coast appear to consist chiefly of the same geological formation; and as we have now observed evidence of the wide-spread disturbing effects of the intrusive metalliferous granite, we may anticipate the discovery of many other auriferous antimony lodes in this extensive district.

Sir,

Inverell, 2 November, 1889.

We have the honor to furnish you with the following particulars of the country visited by us in dealing with the application for aid out of the Prospecting Vote.

Westerly from the Carangula antimony mines, and about 40 miles up the Macleay River from Kempsey, near Tyne's selection at Pee Dee, we inspected the lode applied for by T. Russell. This is a siliceous lode about 10 feet wide, containing masses of pyrites irregularly distributed through it. It has not been tested, but this can readily be done, as it is exposed in a cliff and a bulk sample of several tons could at a small cost be raised from it. On the top of the cliff the lode is covered by the ancient river boulder deposit which may contain payable gold in patches. On the table-land, 3,100 feet above sea-level, and 10 miles west-south-west from the Long Flat Station on the Macleay River. Mr. Collas has sunk two shafts in felspathic granite containing arsenical and copper pyrites, and molybdenite, samples of which we took for assay. In the bed of a gully draining from the reef, Mr. M'Maugh has discovered small quantities of stream-tin and gold with topaz. The alluvial deposits here are not extensive, the altered slate and granite cropping up in the bed of the gully in places; but about 1 mile north, near the Carri Cattle Station Hut, are several long alluvial flats which appear to be favourable for the occurrence of payable deposits of tin ore. Mr. M'Maugh intends to prospect this locality; the country north from here to the Macleay River also deserves attention. Leaving the river at its junction with George's River we ascended the high range leading up to the eastern edge of the New England table-land, and inspected near the Styx River a pyritous quartz-vein which has been opened to a depth of 10 feet by Mr. Smith: it is not of a promising nature. At Long Point, about 4 miles south-east from Hillgrove, Messrs. Becke and party are prospecting an antimony reef which crops out on the eastern face of a steep range. It pinches out near the top of the range but widens lower down, and dips north-north-east at 60 degrees in jointed granite. Being associated with an intrusive dyke of granite like that which accompanies the Ellenora and other auriferous antimony reefs at Hillgrove, this reef should be prospected.

Since

Since our former visit to Hillgrove the reefs have been considerably worked, and afford additional evidence of the permanency of mining on this field which, with other discoveries likely to be made, will become of great importance. On Cameron's Creek Gold-field, Herbert Park, about 11 miles north-west from Hillgrove, the Devonian sedimentary formation is also intruded by dykes of granite which, like those of Hillgrove, have gold and antimony bearing reefs associated with them. Several of these reefs are being prospected. One has been sunk upon by Messrs. G. Jenkins to a depth of 119 feet; it varies from 3 to 9 inches thick, and contains pyrites and free gold. From another shaft at a depth of 92 feet, 4 tons of quartz are said to have yielded  $5\frac{1}{2}$  dwt. of gold per ton; but from a branch vein from the reef at 40-foot level, two parcels of 1 cwt. each treated in Sydney, yielded respectively at the rate of 2 oz. 19 dwt., and 6 oz. of gold to the ton. It is probable that further driving along the reef will prove the rich portions to run in shoots. The reef has a well-defined polished slickenside wall and appears to be a permanent one and worthy of being further tested. Another important feature regarding mining in this locality is the Tertiary drift under basalt. One of these ancient river deposits, where it crops out on the slope of a hill about a mile and a half east of Herbert Park House, and nearly 100 feet above the present river, has been more or less worked for gold. This lead, covered by basalt, extends for a considerable distance in an easterly direction. A Company has just taken up a large area of it to work, and if successful it will no doubt lead to other similar enterprises.

The Under Secretary for Mines.

We have, &c.,  
 { C. S. WILKINSON.  
 { W. H. J. SLEE.

#### APPENDIX N.

Sir,

15 January, 1889.

In company with Mr. J. E. Carne, I have examined the old quarry at Pymont, where a current of inflammable gas is issuing from fissures in the rock at the base of a sandstone cliff. The spot is on the south-west side of James-street and Quarry-street. Within a space of 25 feet the rock has been fissured in several places, and from these the gas on fire is issuing at times in a flame 2 feet long and 6 inches in diameter. Where the opening in the rock is large and where narrow it flows out 12 inches high for 4 feet along the fissure. I am of opinion that the gas is either a product of the decomposition of the organic matter in the refuse deposit with which the old quarry and Black Wattle Swamp have been filled, or it comes from the carbonaceous beds in the formations below. I believe that the former is the more probable source. The sandstone rock, which is under the deposits of *débris*, is traversed by vertical and nearly horizontal fissures, and it is no doubt that through these the gas finds its way to the opening whence it now issues. A dyke of igneous rock 15 feet wide intersects the sandstone formation about 200 yards northerly from this point. The odour of the gas is not that of ordinary coal gas.

I would suggest that steps be taken to have the nature and occurrence of the gas fully investigated.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary for Mines.

C. S. WILKINSON,  
 Geological Surveyor-in-Charge.

#### APPENDIX O.

Geological Survey Branch, Department of Mines,  
 Sydney, 21 November, 1889.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions I have witnessed the boring through of the upper or main seam of coal in the property of the South Cumberland Coal-mining Company at Oxford. This bore, which has been put down by a diamond drill  $2\frac{3}{8}$  inches in diameter, is situated at the junction of Gardiner's Creek with Port Hacking Creek, and about 115 chains south-easterly from the Metropolitan Coal Company's shaft.

Mr. Sands, the manager in charge of the drill, informed me that the bore had reached a depth of 660 feet 10 inches, and he showed me the core obtained, which consists of sandstones, conglomerates, and shales of the Hawkesbury and Narrabeen series, similar to those passed through in sinking to the Metropolitan Company's seam, which was reached at a depth of 1,098 feet, and is the same seam that this bore has now pierced. According to these depths, therefore, the seam has a general dip of 1 in 23 to the north-west. The manager stated that the drill had already bored 3 inches into the coal, though on drawing the rods no core of it was obtained; the bottom of the core of the overlying bed of clay-shale showed 4 inches of hard, black, coaly shale, with a few streaks of bituminous coal. The rods, with the ordinary drill-barrel attached, were lowered in my presence, and the boring proceeded, with the following result:—

Thickness bored.	Core obtained.	
Ft. in.	ft. in.	
3 4 .....	1 0 .....	Consisting of broken pieces of core (the largest piece being $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long) of semi-bituminous coal—see Analysis No. 1. There were two small loose fragments of rock on top of the core of coal.
3 5 .....	1 $2\frac{1}{2}$ .....	Broken pieces of core (largest piece 3 inches long) of less bituminous coal—see Analysis No. 2. There were three loose fragments of sandstone core on the top of the core of coal.
	0 $1\frac{1}{2}$ .....	
0 7 .....	0 $5\frac{1}{2}$ .....	Shaly band.
2 9 .....	0 4 .....	Solid core of hard, stony coal—see Analysis No. 3—with three loose fragments of sandy shale on top.
	2 $5\frac{1}{2}$ .....	Stony coal.
	1 2 .....	Hard white dolerite.
1 11 .....	0 3 .....	Hard, stony coal—bottom of seam, on black shale.
	0 2 .....	Hard, stony coal—bottom of seam, on black shale.

From the above it will be seen that the core obtained is much less than the thickness bored. This is, doubtless, owing to the *ordinary core-barrel*, and not the "*special barrel*," having been used, also to the loose fragments of rock-core which, on lowering the rods, had fallen from the sides of the bore on the coal, and ground it up during the process of boring; so that there can be little doubt that the missing core

core consisted of coal ground up and carried away by the strong current of water used in drilling. A sample of the disintegrated coal, collected from the surface of the water flowing from the bore whilst drilling through the coal, was analyzed with the result given in No. 4 in the following list.

No. 1. Sample of semi-bituminous coal core from upper portion of seam.

Proximate Analysis.	
Hygroscopic moisture .....	·46
Volatile hydrocarbons .....	17·99
Fixed carbon .....	68·90
Ash (white in colour) .....	12·65
	100·00
Sulphur in coal .....	trace.
Specific gravity .....	1·439
Coke.....	81·55 per cent.

The coke not much swollen, the grains of coal only being firmly fritted together.

No. 2. Sample of the upper portion of altered coal.

Proximate Analysis.	
Hygroscopic moisture .....	1·18
Volatile hydrocarbons .....	10·02
Fixed carbon .....	62·15
Ash .....	26·65
	100·00

Sulphur in coal .....

·411 per cent.

No true coke formed, only a loose powder being left after the ignition of the coal. Colour of ash—white

No. 3. Sample of lower portion of altered coal, nearer the dolerite.

Proximate Analysis.	
Hygroscopic moisture .....	·97
Volatile hydrocarbons .....	7·58
Fixed carbon .....	25·00
Ash .....	66·45
	100·00

Sulphur in coal .....

·411 per cent.

No true coke formed, only a loose dark powder being left after the ignition of the coal. Colour of ash—light grey.

No. 4. Sample of coal drillings collected from surface of water flowing from bore.

Proximate Analysis.	
Hygroscopic moisture.....	·95
Volatile hydrocarbons .....	19·20
Fixed carbon .....	69·35
Ash.....	10·50
	100·00
Sulphur in coal.....	·178 per cent.
Coke .....	79·85 „
Coke not well swollen, firm, but dull in colour.	Ash—light grey.

This sample contained small pieces of wood, therefore the ash found would be lower in a sample of the clean coal.

These analyses show that the coal from the upper portion of the seam (sample No. 1) is of better quality than that from the middle portion (Nos. 2 and 3). The latter has been altered by the intrusion, in a molten state, of an igneous rock, *dolerite*. The alteration in the coal is first noticeable in the 1 foot 2½ inches of core (sample 2). The top piece (3 inches long) of this core was not broken up, notwithstanding that upon it, in the core barrel, were found three loose worn fragments of sandstone core. It is probable, therefore, that the whole thickness bored from the bottom of the first layer of hard coaly shale to the top of this 14½ inches of core of altered coal, after allowing, say, 3½ inches for waste in boring the latter, represents the thickness, viz., 5 feet 3 inches, of good semi-bituminous coal of the same quality as that indicated in the analysis of sample No. 1. This would seem to be confirmed by the analysis, No. 4, of the dust coal collected from the drill water.

It is evident from the analyses Nos. 2 and 3 that the altered coal immediately above and below the intruded dolerite rock would not be of commercial value, owing to the high percentage of ash.

I understand that in a bore put down on another estate about a mile distant to the south, the coal was also found to be injured by contact with the igneous rock; but no such alteration in the coal has been observed to the north in the Metropolitan Company's Colliery, where the coal seam varies from 9 feet 11½ inches to 11 feet 7 inches. It is, of course, impossible without boring in other places to indicate the extent to which the seam has been affected by the intrusion of the dolerite; but it is probable that the seam will gradually improve in a northerly direction from this bore. The bore was continued through black clay, shales, &c., to a depth of 710 feet 8 inches, when the manager reported that a second seam of coal had been struck. My assistant, Mr. G. A. Stonier, witnessed the boring through of this seam, and reported as follows:—

On my arrival, the engineer informed me that the seam had already been pierced 9 inches.

The "special barrel" was lowered, and a distance of 3 feet 6½ inches bored. On the rods being drawn there was found to be a core consisting of—

Ft.	in.	
0	3	Course sandstone.
2	6	Semi-bituminous coal.
0	1	Inferior coal.
Total .....		2 10

It is probable that the 3 inches of sandstone had fallen from the sides of the bore, and that at starting, the drill was resting upon it, hence it should be deducted from the 3 feet 6½ inches bored, and will then reduce the first boring to 3 feet 3½ inches. Assuming that the length of core not accounted for was coal, ground up while boring, and then removed by the water pumped down the bore-hole, the thickness of the seam would be 3 feet 11½ inches, made up as follows:—

Ft.	in.	
0	9	Bored through by engineer previous to my arrival.
2	6	Coal core brought to surface.
0	8½	Coal ground up and washed away, as described above.
Total.....		3 11½

The barrel was again lowered, and a total distance of 2 feet 5½ inches bored, consisting of carbonaceous sandy clay shales. A good deal of coal-dust was brought up when pumping the bore-hole clean for the second boring."

The following is an analysis of an average sample of the coal-core from this seam:—

Proximate analysis.	
Hygroscopic mixture .....	1.00
Volatile hydrocarbons.....	18.35
Fixed carbon.....	68.10
Ash .....	12.55
100.00	
Coke .....	80.65 per cent.
Specific gravity .....	1.432
Sulphur in coal .....	.535 per cent.
Coke:—Not much swollen, dull in colour, covered with numerous excrescences. Ash—light grey in colour.	

From the foregoing it will be seen that the two seams of coal proved in various parts of the Southern Coal-field have been struck in this bore, the upper, or main seam, at a depth of 660 feet 10 inches, the other, or "Four foot" seam, at 710 feet 8 inches, and that the upper seam, has, to some extent, been altered by intrusive dolerite. To what extent this igneous rock may have affected the seam cannot be indicated without further boring in other places; but, in a shaft sunk about 115 chains north-westerly from this bore, the seam has been opened free from it. Though the core of coal obtained did not equal the thickness bored, it is believed that the upper seam contains a thickness of 5 feet 3 inches, and the lower seam 3 feet 11½ inches of marketable coal of similar quality, as the analysis show, to that wrought in the collieries in the Southern Coal-field.

I have, &c.,  
C. S. WILKINSON,  
Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

The Under Secretary.

#### APPENDIX P.

Geological Survey Branch, Department of Mines, Sydney, 27 September, 1889.

MEMORANDUM.—Amongst some mineral samples lately forwarded by Dr. Belgrave to this Department for examination, from a newly discovered lode in the Broken Hill District, were three in which the analyst, Mr. Mingaye, detected the presence of *platinum*. Sample No. 1, ochreous felspathic rock, yielded on assay, platinum at the rate of 1 oz. 9 dwt. 9 gr. per ton, gold a minute trace, no silver; No. 2, compact ferruginous claystone, yielded platinum 6 dwt. 12 gr. per ton, gold a minute trace, no silver; No. 3, ferruginous felspathic rock, with green carbonate of copper, yielded platinum a strong trace (under 5 dwt. per ton), no gold or silver, a small quantity of platinum metals, iridosmine, iridium, &c.

This discovery is of interest as it is the first recorded instance of the occurrence in New South Wales, of platinum *in situ* in a lode. Platinum has been found in *alluvial deposits* in the Bathurst, Clarence and Richmond Districts, but not in payable quantity.

The lode in which it occurs near Broken Hill should be further prospected. In other lodes also it should be sought for, as it occurs in silvery-looking metallic particles in a *free state*, like gold; its presence can readily be detected by pulverizing the ore or lodestuff and washing it in the ordinary way in a tin dish. The specific gravity of platinum is about the same as that of gold, from 16 to 19. Manufactured platinum is valued at from 25s. to 30s. per ounce.

C. S. WILKINSON,  
Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

The Under Secretary.

#### APPENDIX Q.

Report on Mr. C. Phillips' Patent "Dry Concentrator," by C. S. Wilkinson, and W. H. J. Snee.

MEMORANDUM.—We have inspected the working model of the "Dry Concentrator," patented by Mr. Charles Phillips. It consists of an inclined table about 12 feet long and 2 feet wide, upon which lies an endless canvas belt of the width of the table. This belt passing over rollers at the ends of the table, is made to travel up the incline. The gold-bearing material to be treated, falls upon the belt from a hopper placed between the middle and upper end of the table. The quartz and other light particles roll down the incline, while the gold and other heavy minerals are carried up by the belt, and collected by a single contrivance, near the end of the incline; as the belt travels, a sharp jiggling motion is imparted to the table in a longitudinal direction by a short eccentric.

In our presence Mr. Phillips put into the hopper about 1 cwt. of ordinary tailings of crushed quartz and ironstone, with which he mixed about 3 dwt. of gold, consisting of scaly and round particles from a pin's head in size down to fine dust. This was passed through in seven minutes, and the gold was found collected with a little of the heavier sand at the top of the table. A sample of the tailings that had passed down was then washed, and not a trace of gold detected. The machine worked satisfactorily.

The slope or incline of the table has to be adjusted according as the material to be operated on is fine or coarse; that is, it would not treat at one time stuff consisting of sand and pebbles mixed; such would



would have to be first sized by screening. To work on a large scale with mixed material, Mr. Phillips proposes to have three machines placed side by side, the table of each being adjusted at a different incline or slope, according to the size of the material. But the ordinary tailings from crushing machines do not require further screening, and can therefore be put through one machine,

We consider the "Dry Concentrator" to be very efficient for separating free gold from dry tailings or sand. A large machine of this kind is now being constructed at Messrs. Nelson's Works, Hay-street, for treating the ferruginous quartz ores containing fine gold, at the Junction Reefs Mine, on the Bellubula River, near Carcoar.

C. S. WILKINSON.  
W. H. J. SLEE.

#### APPENDIX R.

Progress Report for 1889, by Geological Surveyor T. W. Edgeworth David.

Sir,

East Maitland, 5 February, 1890.

I have the honor to furnish you with the following progress report of the work done by me during 1889:—

From January until February 16th I was absent on leave. From February 20th to February 22nd I was at Ash Island, near Hexham, at the Government diamond-drill bore, while the drill was proving the Tomago coal seams (*Appendix No. 2K*). From February 28th to March 2nd I was at Bathurst reporting on the underground water supply for that city. My report thereon forms *Appendix No. 2A*. From March 11th to March 31st I was partly at Ællalong, near Maitland, reporting on the occurrence of natural salt, and partly at Port Stephens, reporting on suitable sites for prospecting for coal in that district. My report on the salt at Ællalong forms *Appendix No. 2B*. From April 9th to April 13th I again visited the Government diamond-drill bore at Ash Island, and completed a section of the core. From April 30th to May 11th I was employed in continuing my geological examination of the Port Stephens District. From May 21st to May 23rd I was at the Government diamond-drill bore at Woodford, in the Blue Mountains, witnessing the boring through of a coal seam, and taking a complete section of the whole core. From June 11th to June 15th I was again at Port Stephens. From July 11th to July 13th I was absent at South Redhead, near Charlestown, Newcastle, witnessing the boring through of the Burwood coal seam with the Government diamond-drill.

From July 17th to July 20th I was engaged at the Government diamond-drill bores at Fassifern, near Lake Macquarie and Buttai, near Maitland, witnessing the boring through of certain seams, and measuring complete sections of the cores. On July 26th and 27th, in company with Mr. R. Etheridge, I inspected, at Maitland, Mr. J. Waterhouse's valuable collection of fossils from the Coal-measures, and selected therefrom a number of unique specimens, most of which Mr. Waterhouse has generously presented to the Mining and Geological Museum.

From August 1st to August 6th I was engaged in tracing the outcrop of the Greta coal seams, from Greta towards Black Creek, and in making a further examination of the Buttai bore. From August 12th to August 25th I was engaged in making a geological examination of the district near Clarencetown and Port Stephens. From October 3rd to October 12th, I was employed, at Maitland, completing my field work for the first sheet of the Geological Map of the Hunter River Coal-field.

From October 17th to October 21st, I was engaged in examining and reporting on the Peak Hill Gold-field, near Tomingley. My report thereon forms *Appendix No. 2D*. From October 28th to November 8th, and from November 14th to November 29th, and December 4th to December 23rd, I was engaged in geological field work, partly at Maitland, partly at Port Stephens, Stroud and Ward's River, and partly at Ællalong and Barraba, near Maitland, and at Wybong Creek, near Scone. My second report on the salt at Ællalong and the landslip, near Barraba, forms *Appendix No. 2C*; and my report on the deposit of iron ore at the Ironstone Mountain, Port Stephens, forms *Appendix No. 2E*. I have also furnished, from time to time, four progress reports (*See Appendices No. 2G to No. 2J*) on the Port Stephens District, all of which, together with my report on the Stroud and Ward's River Coal-fields, are embodied in my general report on the Port Stephens District, which forms *Appendix No. 2E*. During my examination of the Stroud and Ward's River Coal-fields, I had the advantage of the co-operation of Mr. R. Etheridge, the Palæontologist to the Geological Survey. Mr. R. Etheridge has also traversed with me most of the typical sections of the coal-measures at Maitland, collecting information for his memoirs on the fossils of the coal-measures. I have also furnished a report which forms *Appendix No. 2L*, on the probable depth of the coal-measures at Euroka Creek, near Penrith.

*Summary.*—During the course of the year I have, in accordance with instructions, furnished eleven reports, six of which relate to coal, two to salt, one to water supply, one to gold, and one to iron. Complete sections have been measured by me of the cores from the important bores for coal at Ash Island, Buttai, and Woodford. A general geological examination has been made of the Port Stephens District, and additional important information has been gained with reference to the coal-measures in the Maitland District. As a practical result from the assistance given to coal-mining in these districts, by the above geological examinations and reports, coal-mining near Maitland is being commenced on a far larger scale than it ever was before, a syndicate, with a large capital, having taken over the Silkstone Mine, at Deep Creek, where the occurrence of the Greta seam, as discovered by my party, was first reported by me to you in August, 1886; and four syndicates having subsequently leased large areas of reserved Crown lands, as well as freehold, and proved the coal along the line of outcrop indicated on the plan accompanying the geological report. In one place the upper seam is 30 feet thick, with only three small bands, and contains coal of excellent quality throughout, while only 50 feet below the floor of the upper seam is a second seam 12 feet thick, with a few small bands, also containing coal of excellent quality. Quite recently the same Greta seam has been proved at a point about 3 miles towards the dip from the above-mentioned outcrop, at a depth of 690 feet, by the Richmond Vale Company. As a further instance of the practical utility of the detailed geological examination of the coal-measures, the fact may be mentioned here that in consequence of the information gained by a geological examination of the Maitland district the Geological Survey was enabled to predict when the Ash Island bore was in progress, and the Tomago seams had all been passed through, that if the bore were continued a certain depth the Rathluba measures and coal seams would be reached—a prediction which was fully verified by the results of the bore, the Rathluba seam being subsequently struck at a workable depth, and proving equal to, if not better

better in quality than, the overlying Tomago seams. The Geological Survey was also enabled to choose a site for a diamond-drill bore between Raymond Terrace and Fullerton Cove, in which the main Tomago seam has lately been struck at a depth of only 327 feet, under a thickness of no less than 212 feet of alluvial deposit. The success in selecting the site for this bore was chiefly due to the kind permission given to the Geological Survey by Mr. R. Thomas, the consulting engineer to the Newcastle and Stockton Land and Coal Company, to examine the core from a previous bore put down by the same Company in the same neighbourhood. The geological examination of the Port Stephens District has also led to the tracing, by means of surface evidence of the Greta coal-measures into areas covered by blown sand and alluvial, where their existence was not before suspected. Aid has, accordingly, been granted out of the Prospecting Vote for last year to enable a syndicate to bore for the Greta coal-measures under these alluvials, near Morna Point, Port Stephens, and it is hoped that the result of these prospecting operations will be the discovery not only of the Greta coal-measures, but also of kerosene shale; and even if the first bore should fail to strike coal or kerosene shale, it should afford sufficiently definite information to admit of the next bore being so placed as to be successful.

The unsuccessful bore for coal at Langland's Estate, near Clarencetown, has quite confirmed your views that, so far as at present known, no payable coal-seams occur in those strata in New South Wales, in which *Rhacopteris* or *Lepidodendron* predominates. The proprietor was from the first advised by the Geological Surveyor not to bore in this locality. An adverse geological report was also given with reference to boring for the supposed rock-salt, near Aellalong. Bores, however, were put down, in spite of the advice given, but so far have not met with success.

The geological examination of the bed of iron ore at the Ironstone Mountain, Port Stephens, shows that deposit to be of considerable extent and some thickness, and analyses of the ore (made from samples selected by myself), by the Government Assayer and Analyst, show that it is fairly rich in metallic iron, but on account of the titaniferous iron and quartz sand associated with the magnetic iron, the ore will doubtless require a special method of treatment to overcome these somewhat refractory minerals. If, however, the difficulty of smelting the ore successfully can be got over, this is likely to prove a payable deposit, on account of its proximity to limestone, coal, and water carriage. Aid has been granted out of the Prospecting Vote for 1889, in accordance with the recommendations of the Prospecting Board, to enable the present proprietors to further prospect this ore deposit.

The geological examination of the Maitland district has entirely proved the correctness of your choice of Maitland as the type district to be worked out in detail, in order to arrive at a clear and comprehensive understanding of the succession and characteristics of the palæozoic coal-measures of New South Wales.

Probably nowhere else in Australia could better or more typical sections of the different palæozoic coal-measures and their associated strata be found than in the Maitland district, and my work here has been rendered comparatively easy through your pre-arrangement of the order in which the different portions of it should be taken, and through the information with which you supplied me at the outset.

Beginning with the lowest strata at the crown of the great anticline between Maitland and Greta, the first part of the work lay within an area sufficiently limited to be quickly grasped as a whole in its more important bearings, while the repetition of beds on opposite sides of the denuded anticline afforded ample opportunity for comparison and verification of measurements.

Following the natural order of geological succession, the work was extended from the lower and older into the higher and younger strata in a circle constantly widening around the base of the anticline, until the work gradually extended into districts where the coal-measures were only gently inclined or undulating over wide areas, and where, but for the knowledge gained in the type district, any attempt to reduce the apparently chaotic mass of sandstones and shales to anything like order would certainly have proved a task of great difficulty, perhaps resulting in partial failure. Now, however, several areas of the Hunter River coal-fields, likely to be of immediate importance, have been roughly mapped with tolerable accuracy, and the type district of Maitland has been carefully studied and mapped, and upon the completion of the field work, on which I am now engaged, the preparation of the geological maps, sections, and report will be expedited as much as possible.

While not engaged in field-work, I was employed at the office writing the report, which form the appendices, examining specimens of minerals brought for determination by the public to the Geological Survey Office, during your temporary absences, and dealing with various official papers, referred to me for report.

I have, &c.,

T. W. EDGEWORTH DAVID,  
Geological Surveyor.

The Geological Surveyor-in-Charge.

#### APPENDIX No. 2A.

Report on the advisability of employing the Government diamond-drill to bore from the bottom of the well-shaft at the Bathurst Waterworks, as proposed by the Municipal Council of Bathurst.

Sir,

Bathurst, 1 March, 1889.

In accordance with your instructions I have to-day examined the well-shaft at the Bathurst Waterworks, from the bottom of which the Municipal Council of Bathurst propose to bore with one of the Government diamond-drills, with a view to augmenting the present somewhat scanty supply of water for the city. The population of Bathurst is about 10,000, and the ordinary daily consumption of water is about 50,000 gallons in winter, and about 130,000 gallons in summer, but occasionally as much as 250,000 gallons have been used in twenty-four hours. At present, however, in consequence of the Macquarie River having ceased flowing, the water supply has had to be reduced to 60,000 gallons daily.

There are three natural sources of water supply at Bathurst, independent of artificially stored rainfall—(1) the Macquarie River; (2) the alluvial flats through which this river and its small local tributaries, such as Queen Charlotte's Vale Creek flow; and (3) the granite, which is the prevailing rock at Bathurst, and being decomposed to a considerable depth is capable of absorbing large quantities of water.

Until the erection of the present waterworks on the Macquarie River, a large proportion of the Bathurst water was derived from wells sunk in the decomposed granite. A remarkable instance of a well of this kind still in use is that owned by Mr. Webb. This well is situated on a flat from 40 to 45 feet

above

above the level of the bed of the Macquarie River, and near the base of a small granite hill. It is about 43 feet deep and 6 feet in diameter, and is sunk chiefly in decomposed soft granite. It yields about 30,000 gallons of water daily. Another remarkable instance of a well in granite, yielding large supplies of water, is the Locomotive Well, near the Bathurst Railway Station. Mr. J. Turton, Locomotive Inspector, informed me that the well can yield 150,000 gallons a day, and from 60,000 to 80,000 gallons are daily pumped from it, the water being of excellent quality. This well is 52½ feet deep, 10 feet in diameter at the top, and 5 feet at the bottom. In this case, however, the well was sunk for the first 16 feet in alluvial soil, with 6 feet of quick sand, and from 2 to 3 feet of river gravel next to the granite.

The strongest supply of water was derived from a fissure, 6 inches wide, in the soft granite, and filled with fine white sand. This fissure was struck at a depth of 35½ feet from the surface, and after it was tapped the supply of water rose suddenly from 30,000 gallons to 150,000 gallons of water daily.

The water in this fissure in the granite probably percolates from the overlying gravels and running sands, the adjoining alluvial flat, known as Queen Charlotte's Vale.

As the supply of water in the Macquarie River at Bathurst had practically failed in consequence of the prolonged drought, and in view of the hitherto almost uniform success which had attended the sinking of wells in the granite, it was resolved to sink a large well shaft close to the north bank of the Macquarie, at the Bathurst Waterworks.

A round well, having a diameter of 14½ feet, was accordingly sunk to the depth of 63 feet; two horizontal tunnels were also commenced from the present bottom of the well—one extending south-west about 18 feet, and the other south about 12 feet. At present the inflow of water into this well is equal to about 1,000 gallons per hour.

The following is a descending section of the formations met with in sinking the shaft:—

- 17 feet (about). Yellow sandy clay, with a little gravel.
- 23 feet. Granite, very soft and decomposed at the surface, but becoming harder downwards.
- 8 feet. Granite, requiring shooting; for the most part moderately hard, but very hard at the east side of the shaft.

The shaft is already 25 feet below the bed of the river, and is only 130 feet distant from the nearest point of the river bed. Its present yield of water is therefore small as compared with that of smaller and less favourably situated shafts. The reason for this is probably that a hard bar of granite, almost quite impervious to water, intervenes between it and the river-bed. This bar can be seen in the bank of the river next the well. The water at present percolating into the well is wholly derived from joints in the granite. Nearly all these dip W.S.W., their strike being N.N.W. and S.S.E. As the course of the river is almost parallel here with the strike of the joints, it follows that it is only those joints which outcrop in the bed of the river or under its alluvials which can form lines of water passage, the water soaking along them in a N.N.W. and S.S.E. direction, but not being free to pass to the E.N.E. or W.S.W., which latter is the direction in which the well-shaft lies with reference to the river at the nearest point.

At present the Municipal Council are somewhat uncertain as to the best means of improving the water supply in their well-shaft. They propose to do it by one of two methods—

- (1) By deepening the well-shaft; and
- (2) By tunnelling.

They are desirous however, before deepening their shaft further, of employing the Government diamond-drill to bore from the bottom of the shaft, to ascertain (*a*) whether the granite is softer at a greater depth than it is at the bottom of the shaft, and (*b*) whether there are any more joints in the granite likely to act as fresh feeders of water.

As regards (1), it would appear that if the Municipal Council are resolved on deepening their present shaft, then it would certainly be advisable for them to employ the diamond-drill to ascertain whether or not they would be justified in incurring such an expense.

Up to the present the sinking of the well (inclusive of bricking down to 43 feet), as I am informed by the Town Clerk Mr. Williamson, has cost considerably over £800, or about £13 per foot. If therefore, the shaft were sunk 50 feet deeper the cost would probably not be less than £650, whereas a diamond-drill bore could be put down to the same depth at a total cost, approximately calculated, of about £140 or £150. If therefore, the diamond-drill bore proved that further deepening of the shaft was useless, the loss would be, say, £150 instead of £650, and if the results of the bore justified the deepening of the shaft the bore-hole could probably be utilized to assist in removing the rock by blasting, &c. As regards (2), it appears to me that tunnelling offers greater chances of success than deepening the shaft. A tunnel from the present bottom of the shaft would pass below the bed of the Macquarie River, at the nearest point within a distance of 130 feet, and would intersect the joints in the granite at right angles, and if good supplies of water were not obtained within that distance, a further extension of the tunnel for a short distance under the river bed could not fail to attain the desired end, the total cost of such a tunnel at £3 per foot would amount to say, £390. It would probably be more advantageous to drive a tunnel as originally proposed, in a S.S.E. direction for about 80 feet from the present bottom of the shaft, and then bend the tunnel more easterly so as to pass around and beyond the southern limit of the belt of hard granite seen in the bar in the river bed, and underneath the large deep water-hole, now filled with sand above the bar. If the total length of this tunnel were 200 feet the cost might be £600, and I think it could not fail to strike strong supplies of water.

*Summary.*—It would probably be better for the Municipal Council of Bathurst to employ the Government Diamond-drill, than to continue deepening their shaft. The drill however, if employed will probably show that the granite does not become softer at a depth, and that the joints are closer together at a depth, and consequently of less water value than they are nearer the surface.

The best and cheapest course in the end, in my opinion, would be to tunnel at once from the bottom of the well shaft, which is already 25 feet below the bed of the river in a S.S.E. direction for 80 or 100 feet, then in a more easterly direction for, say, another 100 feet, until the end of the tunnel is well underneath the large deep water-hole on the western side of the extensive alluvial river flats, for draining water out of which this large water-hole should act as a natural sun p.

I have, &c.,

T. W. E. DAVID,

Geological Surveyor.

The Under Secretary.

## APPENDIX 2B.

Preliminary Report on the occurrence of salt at Ællalong, near Maitland.

Sir,

West Maitland, 14 March, 1889.

I have the honor to report that, in compliance with your verbal instructions, I inspected on March 12th and 13th the locality, where a considerable area of ground has recently been taken up for the purpose of mining for rock salt at Myall Range, near Ællalong. The occurrence of salt here is said to have been long known to the aborigines; and Mr. Keene, the late Examiner for Coal-fields, on one occasion, in company with Mr. Close, inspected this locality where the salt occurs, so that the discovery is by no means a recent one, though the attention which has lately been called to the matter has led to the salt being traced by Mr. Twine and others for a much greater distance than previously. The salt is found about half-way up the northern slope of Myall Range, close underneath the upper of two massive beds of sandstone, both of which contain abundant marine fossil shells belonging to the Upper Marine series (the formation which overlies the Great Coal-measures). The strata, for a short distance above and below the upper massive sandstone bed, being comparatively soft, the latter stands out in bold relief forming a conspicuous gently sloping rock shelter which dips E. 40° S. at 5°.

The lower part of this massive sandstone is much softer than the upper and consequently becomes more readily disintegrated by the action of the weather, the process of disintegration being no doubt accelerated by the salts contained in this bed. Hence the origin of the overhanging ledges of rock and numbers of small picturesque caverns by which it is everywhere characterized in this locality.

The salt occurs principally on the floors of these small caverns and of the shelter rocks, where it forms a crust from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 in. thick, resting immediately on the rock and covered by a few inches of fine loose sand derived from the disintegration of the layer of soft sandstone. This salt is evidently of secondary origin, and there can be no doubt that its source is the stratum of soft sandstone immediately above it, which is salt-bearing for a thickness of 3 to 10 feet. Whenever this bed is sheltered it shows an efflorescence of salt 1-20th of an inch thick, and it is where there has been most disintegration combined with a maximum of shelter that the secondary deposits of salt are most extensive. The largest patches, however, are not more than about 20 feet long by from 2 to 4 feet wide, averaging about an inch in thickness. The water in the gullies above this bed is quite fresh, while the water below is very salt, especially after heavy rain. This fact, taken in conjunction with the impervious nature of the upper part of the massive sandstone above the salt, proves that the salt must have been derived from the porous saliferous sandstone and has not a source somewhere higher up the mountain.

Under the guidance of Messrs. Twine and Hall I was enabled to follow the line of outcrop of this saliferous sandstone for over  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles and found it to be more or less salt-bearing at intervals for the whole of that distance.

After a careful examination I have come to the conclusion that it does not represent the edge of a deposit of rock salt, as has been supposed by some, the bed of salt being assumed to have perished away at the outcrop, or not to outcrop at all, so as to leave no trace of its presence except the efflorescence and secondary crust. There was no evidence, however, of any such perishing of a supposed stratum of rock salt having taken place and no evidence of brine springs, which latter, I think, is a very strong argument against the theory of this salt efflorescence being the outward sign of a bed of salt inside the mountain. If such a bed existed it could not fail to give rise to brine springs, or at all events to a constant ooze of briny water, along the particular horizon where the bed might exist. I think therefore that the crusts of salt on the floors of the caverns and shelter rocks, and the efflorescence of salt on the side of the caverns are derived simply from the salt which is contained in the interstices of the porous saliferous sandstone, and which is partly set free by its disintegration and partly dissolved out of it by the action of moisture. I do not know exactly what percentage of salt is contained in the saliferous sandstone, but it would certainly be too low to admit of the sandstone being profitably quarried for the purpose of extracting its salt. If however brine springs exist having their source in this particular stratum, it is conceivable that the water may be sufficiently saturated with salt to pay for the cost of evaporation, and it would be worth while to search for indications of brine springs within the area occupied by this formation, as it is one of the most favourable in New South Wales for the occurrence of rock salt, being the latest to the east of the Cordillera, of the groups of marine rocks, and so representing a period when in this part of New South Wales, oceanic conditions were being replaced by terrestrial and these are precisely the conditions which lead to the formation of rock salt through the isolation of portions of the ocean, and the subsequent evaporation of their contained salt water. Hence deposits of rock salt may possibly be found in this formation, but from the entire absence of the deposits of gypsum, which invariably accompany rock salt beds in other parts of the world, I do not think there is much likelihood of much deposits being extensive.

I would not advise the employment of the diamond-drill to bore for the supposed bed of rock salt at the spot proposed as shown on the accompanying plan and section; and if any further money is expended on the venture, I might perhaps be allowed to suggest that it would probably be better to institute a further search for brine springs than to bore as proposed.

My thanks are specially due to Mr. Twine, for much information and assistance.

I have, &c.,

T. W. E. DAVID,  
Geological Surveyor.

## APPENDIX No. 2C.

Second Report on the occurrence of salt near Ællalong, with description of the landslip near Barraba, and note on the occurrence of salt near Scone.

Sir,

Camp, East Maitland, 14 December, 1889.

In accordance with your instructions, with reference to the attached application for aid out of this year's Prospecting Vote, made by the Ællalong Salt Mining Company (Limited), I have re-examined their property, and inspected the site of the landslip near Barraba, (originally attributed by some to the dissolving

dissolving away of an underlying bed of rock salt), and have also visited Toll's Gap, and the Wybong Creek, near Scone, where salt was said to occur under somewhat similar circumstances to those which obtain at Ællalong, and I have now the honor to submit the following report:—

1. *The landslip at Coongewai Creek, near Barraba.*—Through the kindness of Mr. Frederick Dodds, of Barraba, and Mr. Walter Twine, I was enabled to visit the scene of this landslip on 6th December. Its approximate position is shown on plan No. 1 herewith, for which I am indebted to Mr. W. Twine, while the shape and extent of the slip is shown on plan No. 2 herewith, compiled from my own notes. At first sight the landslip has somewhat the appearance of a subsidence, as in two places, as shown on plan No. 2, the ground has subsided for a width of from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 chain, and for a distance of from 3 to 4 chains, and a depth of from 1 to 8 feet, while there is no evidence lower down the hill of the turf having been broken, as might have been expected had an actual lateral displacement of the slipped material taken place. A close examination, however, showed that although the turf was not broken at the foot of the slip, it showed evidence of having been considerably bulged along certain definite lines, and the trees also on these lines showed confirmatory evidence of the lateral thrust and bulging to which the ground had here been subjected, being inclined at an angle of 70 degrees down the slope of the hill.

There is evidence in the gullies, which traverse the area of the landslip, of the presence of a soft sandy clay, or perhaps loose sand, lying at no great depth below the surface; and close below the point where the landslip commenced the ground is boggy and swampy.

In my opinion, therefore, this landslip is merely of a superficial character, and is due to the fact that during heavy rainfall the soft clayey sands, when charged with rain water, became semi-fluid, and gravitated down the hill, sliding over the underlying rocks of the coal-measures (or possibly an intervening bed of rubble), and merely bulging up, without breaking, the turf and subsoil at lower levels. There did not appear to me to be any evidence whatever of a deep-seated subsidence such as would be caused by the dissolution of a bed of rock salt.

The water draining from the gullies below the landslip was only slightly brackish at the time of my visit, but is said to be much more so in dry seasons. As, however, it is rather the rule than the exception for water draining from the marine beds of the coal-measures in New South Wales to be brackish, this fact is not necessarily of any special significance.

2. From the scene of the landslip, accompanied by Mr. W. Twine, I proceeded to Mr. W. Bridge's selection (the position of which is shown on plan No. 3, kindly supplied me by Mr. Twine), and examined the part of the gully where, in dry seasons, the water is said to be very salt. It was at the time of my visit only brackish. It lies at a lower level than the saliferous sandstone of the neighbouring Myall Range, described in my previous report, and probably its salinity is due to some source similar to that of this sandstone, though at present independent of it, and not to any bed of rock salt.

3. *Salt near Scone.*—In accordance with your instructions, I yesterday examined the country on Wybong Creek, half-way between Scone and Merriwa, where it was reported that a bed of rock salt occurred. Some land was taken up here many years ago, near Toll's Gap, about 8 miles from Scone, on the Merriwa Road, for mining for salt by Dr. Creed. I was informed also by Mr. E. Elliott, of Buttai, near East Maitland, that near Bradley's (now R. Palmer's) selection on, Wybong Creek, there was a patch of salt of several inches in thickness, which was used for salting purposes for some years by some of the surrounding selectors. Both at Toll's Gap and at Palmer's I found the same saliferous sandstone prevailed which occurs at Ællalong, and as at Ællalong it is characterized by its massiveness, by the bold contour line which its almost level outcrop makes in the hills, and by its weathering out into picturesque caverns and rock shelters. The salt here, as at Ællalong, occurs in small saucer-shaped incrustations lying on the floors of the small caverns, and the few tons which may occur in this manner are probably the result of a long process of percolation of rain-water through the saliferous sandstone, and of its evaporation at the sides and floors of the caverns, the small quantity of salt thus deposited having probably taken a great many years to accumulate, and representing the concentrated extract from possibly an acre or so of the saliferous sandstone. In my former report the statement was made by me that the saliferous sandstone was probably on a geological horizon, situated near the top of what is known as the permo-carboniferous Upper Marine series. The evidence, however, near Scone, suggests that possibly this view may have to be modified, and the saliferous sandstone relegated to the base of the Hawkesbury series. At Ællalong the Muree Rock of the Upper Marine series almost immediately underlies the saliferous sandstone, but I have not yet discovered marine fossils above it, and there may therefore be an unconformity here, which brings the Hawkesbury sandstone to rest immediately on the Upper Marine series, as is the case at the head of the Clyde River in the Illawarra Coal-field.

In view of the evidence above quoted, it appears to me that the suppositions as to the probable existence of a bed of rock salt at Ællalong rest on too slender a basis to justify the expenditure of any money out of the Prospecting Vote for further testing this ground, and I would therefore recommend that this application for aid be refused.

My thanks are specially due to Mr. Walter Twine for his sketch plans, and also to Mr. Frederick Dodds for his kind assistance.

I have, &c.,

T. W. E. DAVID,  
Geological Surveyor.

#### APPENDIX No. 2D.

##### Report on the Peak Gold-field.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 23 October, 1889.

In accordance with your instructions I have visited the Peak Gold-field, and have now the honor to furnish you with the following report:—

The Peak is situated in the Tomingley Division of the Mudgee Gold-field, and is about 44 miles distant by road in a south-south-westerly direction from Dubbo, and is about the same distance from Molong (46 miles in a direct line).

The number of men on the field at the time of my visit was estimated to be about 1,600, and is continually increasing. The discovery of gold at the Peak is probably one of the most important which has been made in New South Wales for some years. Nothing however has been found up to the present to justify any further rush, as out of the total population of 1,600, probably only about 100 are at present working, and a much smaller proportion are actually getting gold.

Reports

Reports on this field have already been furnished first by Mr. G. A. Stonier, assistant Geological Surveyor, then by Mr. W. H. J. Slee, F.G.S., the Inspector of Mines, and lastly by Mr. E. F. Pittman, Assoc. R.S.M., the Chief Mining Surveyor.

### 1. *General Physical and Geological Features.*

The Peak lies in a belt of auriferous country, which, commencing at Parkes, trends north by west successively through Alick's Flat, the Ten-mile Ridge, the Peak, the New Rush (Macdonald's Flat), the Myall, and Tomingley, a total distance of 40 miles. The further extension of this belt in a northerly direction has still to be discovered.

The Peak is about 3 miles southerly from the New Rush, and 8 miles southerly from the Myall Gold Mines, and about 5 miles north-north-westerly from the Ten-mile Ridges mines. It is, therefore, situated in the auriferous belt midway between gold mines, some of which have already proved productive. From the Myall Mines as much as £10,000 worth of gold have been obtained in a single year, though last year the production fell to £3,000 worth of gold.

Travelling from Dubbo to the Peak the road for the first 6 miles passes over sandstones similar to the Sydney sandstones, which probably overlies a concealed coal-field, and near the town of Dubbo are covered by a thin capping of basalt. Reference has already been made to this concealed coal-field by Mr. C. S. Wilkinson, F.G.S., and Mr. E. F. Pittman.\* Beyond the boundary of the sandstone hard felsites succeed for a short distance, then a belt of slate, and at 10 miles from Dubbo granite commences, which, with the exception of a dyke of diorite at  $14\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Dubbo, extends without interruption to at least 24 miles southerly from Dubbo. For this distance the country is flat or undulating, with low hills, the most prominent of which mark the line of water-parting between the Macquarie and Bogan Rivers. Here and there in the flats which intervene between the low hills of granite are thin patches of granitic detritus recemented so as to form an arkose sandstone, through which in places fresh water springs have broken out, as at the old changing station at 15 miles on the road from Dubbo, and at  $20\frac{1}{2}$  miles. This sandstone may belong to the cretaceous formation, though possibly it may be of Tertiary or even Pleistocene age. Its occurrence here, if of cretaceous age, may have an important bearing on the future of the deep leads in this district, as will presently be explained.

From the 24-mile mark to Tomingley, 32 miles from Dubbo, the underlying formations are hidden by red soil flats.

At Tomingley the bed rock comes to the surface in a low hill of slate, somewhat talcose, of a greenish grey to mauve and reddish-purple colour. These slate rocks are traversed by belts of a very hornblende diorite, and reefs of white gold-bearing quartz.

The reefs strike about north 8 degrees west, and underlie to the east. They have been worked to a depth of about 190 feet. The gold is mostly free, but a little iron pyrites was found at about 70 feet below the surface. At the Myall Gold Mines, about 4 miles southerly from Tomingley, and 36 miles from Dubbo, the formation is very similar. The diorite dykes, however, contain a good deal of pyrites, and I was informed that pyrites was found to be tolerably abundant in the reefs at only 20 feet below the surface. The Myall reefs have been sunk on to a depth of 116 feet, and are said to still carry good gold at that level, and to have averaged nearly 1 oz. to the ton, while the yield of the Tomingley reefs is stated to have been at the rate of about half an ounce to the ton.

From the Myall to the New Rush (Macdonald's Flat), 41 miles from Dubbo, the country is mostly flat, with gentle undulations here and there, composed of slate or schist, with a thin capping of red soil, and angular quartz shed from underlying quartz reefs. At about half a mile before the New Rush is reached, and about 8 miles from Tomingley, is a well marked run of made ground, which, as suggested to me by the Warden, Mr. Caswell, appears to be a promising spot to prospect for alluvial gold. The flat is about quarter of a mile wide, and the bed rock, by which it is sharply bounded, is traversed on both sides of the lead by quartz-reefs, which, on the south side, are known to be auriferous. As this lead appears to intersect the belt of auriferous country nearly at right angles, its channel should have received a large quantity of disintegrated reef material, and the lead is therefore well worthy of attention. At the New Rush the formation appears to be somewhat similar to that at the Myall, but up to the present no important development has taken place there.

From the New Rush towards the Peak the road next passes over red soil flats, with bed-rock occasionally showing, and at about 1 mile northerly from the Peak a large mass of dark green diorite, which outcrops strongly at the surface in hard blocks, nearly bare of vegetation. Between this belt of diorite and the Peak is a stretch of alluvial ground, under which a deep lead is nearly certain to be found.

The Peak, as described in Mr. G. A. Stonier's report, is an isolated hill, about  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles long, and rising about 200 feet above the level of the surrounding red soil country. All this country is timbered with pine and a species of ironbark, and is scrubby in places.

The Peak is distant about 4 miles in a direct line from the Bogan River, and 2 miles from the Ten-mile Creek.

The formation consists of a sandy talcose schist, much mineralized in places with oxides of iron, evidently resulting from the decomposition of iron pyrites, and traversed by large reefs of gold-bearing ferruginous quartz. The cleavage of the schists strikes about north 8 degrees, west, and south 8 degrees east, and dips easterly. The general trend of the hill is nearly due north and south, while the strike of these reefs is inclined to the west of north, varying from north 10 degrees west, to west 43 degrees north.

As the principal reefs outcrop on the north-west slope of the hill in a south-easterly direction, cross over its summit, and descend along the south-eastern slope, the best alluvial gold has consequently been obtained on the north-western and south-eastern slopes.

### 2. *Reefs.*

The reefs are of two kinds—(a) Reefs of white quartz, with little or no iron; and (b) reefs largely composed of oxides of iron, quartz, however, still predominating.

(a) The principal of the white quartz reefs is the one which strikes through Gorman and Porter's lease application, and is at least 9 feet wide. It strikes north 10 degrees west, and dips east 10 degrees north

\* Annual Report, Dept. of Mines, 1880, p.p. 239 and 243.

north at 50 degrees. As to its gold-bearing character I am unable to speak until the completion of the assays of my samples. Mr. Pittman, however, informs me that he saw a speck of free gold in a similar white quartz-reef at the head of the gully, near Rix's alluvial claim.

Near the head of Woodward's Gully is a reef, 2 feet thick, of brecciated white quartz, with a good deal of oxide of iron cementing the fragments. This reef has probably resulted from the fracturing of one of the white quartz-reefs along the line of crush, which extends in a north-west and south-east direction, which has produced the ferruginous reefs, and which is probably due to the intrusion of masses of diorite to the north and east of the Peak, which, like the Myall diorites, are probably pyritous in places.

(b) The ferruginous reefs are composed of cellular quartz permeated by oxides of iron, and they enclose portions of the country rock, which are also much silicified and mineralized.

These reefs are principally developed in Madden's and Williams' lease applications. Their general strike varies from north 30 degrees west to west 40 degrees north, and the underlie will probably be to the east, as the cleavage of the schists dips easterly, as do the white quartz-reefs.

These reefs are said to show free gold in places, but for the most part the gold is fine. Their principal development is near the north-west corner of Madden's application. The reef here is about 13 feet wide, and is composed of spongy quartz, hematite, and ferruginous schist with some stalactitic iron ore. As described by Mr. Slee in his report, this reef shows evidence of a great deal of secondary action, much of the quartz and iron originally contained in the reef having been redissolved and reprecipitated.

A number of samples were taken by me from this reef for assay, but the results are not yet known.

About a chain easterly from the preceding reef is a second reef of ferruginous quartz at least 2 feet wide, the full width having not yet been proved.

One sample taken from this reef by Mr. Pittman yielded by assay 14 oz. 18½ dwt. per ton.

On the boundary between Williams' and Madden's lease applications are several reefs of ferruginous quartz and quartzose country rock, which give approximately the following section, measured along the surface, commencing at the west side of the westernmost reef:—

6 feet.	Ferruginous quartz and quartzose schist, said to show free gold.
9 feet.	Talcose schist.
6 feet.	Quartzose talcose schist.
27 feet.	Talcose schist.
3 feet.	Talcose schist, veined with quartz and charged with iron.

None of these ferruginous reefs are bounded by well-defined walls, but merge gradually into the country rock. A sample taken by Mr. Pittman from one of these ferruginous reefs in Williams' application yielded merely traces of gold and silver.

The fact, however, of these reefs occupying the summit of the hill, as pointed out by Mr. Pittman, is strong evidence in favour of the strength of these reefs, and argues that they are possibly the main reefs in the hill rather than the big reef at Madden's shaft. It is evident that these reefs are the oxidized caps of pyritous gold-bearing quartz-veins, only from the experience of the Myall mines it is certain that at no great depth, say, within 100 feet from the surface, probably less, they will make into gold-bearing pyritous reefs.

These reefs have probably been formed by the crushing of the talcose schist, and perhaps of the older white quartz-reefs, by the intrusive masses of diorite, and their mineralization was probably chiefly due to this cause. There is, therefore, every reason to suppose that they will continue to be gold-bearing to considerable depths. As regards their average yield of gold nothing positive can be asserted at present, as the reefs have simply been trenched at the surface but not sunk upon, and no bulk trials of the stone have been made.

The assays of the samples selected by Mr. Pittman show that the gold in these reefs probably runs in shoots, as has been the experience in most of the gold reefs of New South Wales.

Rich patches will therefore probably be found in the reefs here and there, with areas of barren veinstone intervening. The best indirect evidence, however, as to the probable payability, at all events of the oxidized portions of the reef, is afforded by the richness of some of the small alluvial leads, the gold in which has been derived from these reefs.

Whether or not the reefs can be advantageously worked when the sulphide ores are reached is a matter that can only be decided by actual test when the reefs are further prospected.

The treatment of these pyritous ores will of course necessitate the employment of costly machinery.

There are, however, sufficient oxidized ores to furnish material for work on a moderately large scale for a considerable time.

### 3.—Alluvial.

(a) *Shallow alluvial.*—About nine small leads have been worked on the north-west slope of the Peak and two on the south-east slope. Although these leads have been rich in places, they have not extended more than about 10 chains each in length. They consist of rubble, derived from the wearing away of the rock and vein material of which the Peak is composed, and chiefly occupy the bottoms of the small gullies which radiate from the Peak, at the foot of which they pass gradually under the deep alluvials of the surrounding plains. The rubble varies in thickness from a foot or so up to 15 feet. At the Prospectors' Claim it is 14 feet thick, and in places is so firmly cemented by iron that it requires hammer and gad, and even powder, to break it up. The wash, which is a rubble of talcose schist and quartz, in fragments from 3 inches up to 1 foot in diameter, and similar to the overburden, averages 1 foot in thickness, and has yielded half-an-ounce of gold to the load of wash for a width of 18 yards measured along the working face, which, however, may not be exactly at right angles to the trend of the lead, though very nearly so.

At present it has to be carted to the Ten-mile Creek, a distance of two miles at a cost of 3s. per load. About 76 oz. of gold have already been obtained from the small portion of this claim which has been already worked, as I am informed by one of the holders, Mr. Ring. Some of the gold is coarse and angular, as though recently shed from the reef, while other fragments of gold are much waterworn.

Several pieces of alluvial gold have been won from this claim, weighing from a few pennyweights up to 15 pennyweights.

Since the heavy rain which fell on October 18th and 19th a small quantity of water had been caught in the dams hastily constructed across the gullies, sufficient to admit of the wash on the upper part of this shallow lead being treated by the old-fashioned method of cradling.

On Milane and Apps' claim, at the upper end of the Prospectors' shallow lead, and at a higher level than the Prospectors' claim, the gold is very much waterworn and shotty, varying from the size of small shot up to that of buck-shot. This wash has averaged 7 to 8 dwt. to the load for a width of 12 feet and a thickness of 1 foot, the depth of sinking being from 1 to 3 feet.

A similar shallow lead, worked by Gibson and others further north, also on the western slope of the Peak, yield water-worn gold with quartz as well as iron oxide adhering to the specimens. Most of the alluvial gold has a little iron oxide sticking to it, which was evidently originally associated with the gold when in the reefs, and is not a secondary coating formed subsequently.

This proves that the alluvial gold has been largely derived from the ferruginous quartz-veins. At Rix's claim, on the south-eastern slope of the Peak, the reputed largest nugget has been found, weighing 1 oz. 12 dwt. 3 gr.

Adjoining the preceding lead on the south is Aldridge's shallow lead. The sinking here is from 4 to 5 feet deep, and as much as 24 oz. of gold are said to have been obtained here from two loads of wash. Owing to the cleavage of the schists dipping to the east, and the drainage of the hill being also easterly at this locality, the surface of the schists has been worn into a succession of small bars, which have acted as effectual catches for the alluvial gold.

The yield above quoted is of course exceptional.

(b) *Deep Alluvial.*—Up to the time of my visit nothing more than traces of gold had been met with in the deep ground. A shaft had been sunk to the east of the Peak to a depth of 130 feet, showing that the bed-rock has a considerable dip in this direction.

To the west of the Peak also a shaft is being sunk, with Government aid, to test the deep ground, but had not been bottomed up to the time of my leaving the field. There is every probability that good deep alluvial gold will eventually be found, both to the east and west of the Peak. One of the most promising sites to be tested is the one to which Mr. Stonier has already called attention, viz., the strip of alluvial on the east of the Peak, between it and the diorite, which bounds the alluvial ground still further east.

Another promising site for deep alluvial gold is the lead to which Mr. Warden Caswell called my attention, situated 8 miles from Tomingley, and which I have already described.

As regards proving the alluvial ground on the west of the Peak, the most natural course would appear to be to follow the shallow leads downwards until they gradually make into the deep alluvial ground, and become confluent in a single large lead. Contrary however to expectation, all the nine shallow leads, worked on the west slope of the Peak, have so far been lost as soon as they reached the edge of the flat; and here the question suggests itself as to whether they may not have been cut off, and the contents of the leads have been redistributed by the waters of the cretaceous ocean.

The cretaceous ocean is known to have extended a long way inland from Bourke, at least as far as Nevertire, and probably for a considerable distance beyond Nevertire towards the Peak, as would appear from the occurrence of outlayers of Cretaceous-Tertiary (?) sandstone between Dubbo and Tomingley, as has been already mentioned.

If therefore the lower parts of the gullies and valleys which once emanated from the Peak, and which are now covered by alluvials, were at one time within reach of the wash of the waves, and had their auriferous gravels redistributed by marine action, the leads in the deep ground, if they exist, will partake rather of the character of a beach wash than of a river drift, and the gold in them will therefore not be quite so concentrated as it might otherwise have been. The future of the deep ground here depends therefore largely on the question as to what is the configuration of the surface of the bed-rock under the alluvials. If there are distinct old river valleys the channel of the leads will of course be well defined, but if through marine erosion the old hills and valleys have been reduced to a tolerably uniform level so as to leave merely successions of wide shallow basins intervening between the areas of slight elevation where the bed-rock now shows at the surface above the alluvial, the gold will of course be more widely scattered, and may not be sufficiently concentrated to be advantageously worked.

That considerable depressions however exist in the bed-rock has already been proved by the 130-foot shaft sunk in the alluvial to the east of the Peak, and also by the deep shaft now being sunk with Government aid on the west side of the Peak.

On the whole, however, I think it probable that the bed-rock under the deep alluvials will be found to partake more of the nature of an old sea-floor, than of that of a silted-up system of hills and valleys.

Wide basins will be found at intervals, their length perhaps coinciding with that of the old valleys which were excavated by the former representatives of the Bogan and Macquarie Rivers.

It is certain that a large amount of alluvial gold must have been shed from the denuded portions of the Peak gold-reefs, and as much of the gold in these reefs is fine, and nearly all the gold hitherto obtained from the shallow alluvial beds is coarse, it is evident that a large quantity of fine gold must have been swept beyond the shallow leads, where the coarse gold was dropped, into the deep alluvials to the east and west of the Peak.

To discover these channels or basins will be a work of time, and it can only be done practically by systematic sinking or boring.

As the cleavage of the schists runs about north by west, and the trend also of most of the reefs is also from north by west to north-west, it is probable that most of the channels in the deep ground will also have a general north-north-westerly trend, like the Bogan River in the neighbourhood of the Peak. As a general rule, therefore, it would be as well for systems of prospecting shafts to be sunk in lines running from west-south-west to east-north-east. It is, however, a question of great public importance to know whether payable deep alluvial gold exists in this district, for not only local interests are involved in the solution of this question, but also the whole future of alluvial mining along the wide stretches of similar flat auriferous country, which extends from Parkes to Narromine, a distance of 64 miles.

If therefore any parties of miners would undertake to prospect systematically such areas of alluvial ground in the neighbourhood of the Peak, as might be approved of by the Prospecting Board, I would venture to suggest that it would be a legitimate object upon which to expend a further portion of the Prospecting Vote. In accordance with Mr. Slee's recommendations, two parties have already been aided out of the Prospecting Vote for this year, to test the deep alluvials, one on the east side, and the other on the west side of the Peak; and if their prospecting operations are successful, a great impetus will be given to deep alluvial mining; but until something more definite is known about the character of the deep ground any further rush to the field is to be deprecated.



I would also venture to suggest that, with a view to assisting such systematic prospecting, a geological sketch map should at once be prepared, to show the probable approximate trend of the different runs of deep ground. Such a map could be got ready in a few weeks, and pending its publication a tracing of it might be forwarded to the office of the Warden's Clerk, to serve as a reference map for the use of the miners.

4.—*As to the appointment of a Warden's Clerk, and the securing of a suitable site for his office.*

Mr. Warden Caswell informs me that he has recommended that Senior Constable Bell, who now discharges the duties of Warden's Clerk at Tomingly, be removed to the Peak, to act as Warden's Clerk there. Temporary office accommodation might be offered by the police-tent.

5.—*Water supply.*

Mr. Boulton, of the Public Watering Places Branch of this Department, has examined the country in the neighbourhood of the Peak, with a view to recommending a suitable water supply; as his report deals fully with this important question, any reference to it by me is unnecessary.

My thanks are especially due to Mr. Warden Caswell, who accompanied me from Dubbo to the Peak, and supplied me with much useful information.

I have also to express my indebtedness to the reports already furnished by Messrs. Pittman, Slee, and Stonier, from which much of my information was borrowed, and to which the present report is merely supplementary.

I have, &c.,

T. W. EDGEWORTH DAVID,  
Geological Surveyor.

APPENDIX No. 2E.

Preliminary Report on the Magnetic Iron Ore Bed of the Ironstone Mountain, Port Stephens.

Sir,

Geological Branch, Department of Mines, Sydney, 9 January, 1890.

In accordance with your instructions, I have geologically examined the bed of magnetic ironstone at the above locality, on the church and school lands, leased by Messrs. Brackenridge and Watson, and on 24th December, furnished a report thereon in connection with an application for aid by this party out of the Prospecting Vote for 1889 to enable them to further test the iron ore on this property. In accordance with my suggestions and the Prospecting Board's recommendations, which have been approved by the Minister, aid has been granted to this party to make six open cuttings, each 4 feet wide and 20 long, to follow the ore bed in straight to the dip, and also to make twenty-five trenches for the purpose of ascertaining the true thickness and quality of the ore bed, both at the outcrop and also for a short distance in towards the dip. Until the completion of these prospecting works it would be premature to furnish a detailed report on this ore bed, as, owing to its outcrop being for the most part partially concealed by rubble, no estimate can be formed of its true thickness; and besides, samples taken from the outcrops of iron ore beds are usually somewhat richer in iron than those taken from a depth, owing to the iron in the surface stone having become somewhat concentrated through the action of rain water and the atmosphere, which leads to a constant dissolving and reprecipitation of the iron near the surface. In this process the lighter impurities in the ore, such as sand and clay, are partially removed, while the solution of iron sinks into the ore bed, following it a short distance down towards the dip, and consequently enriching it.

The analysis, therefore of the samples collected by me from the surface of the ore bed will probably prove a trifle richer in metallic iron than those which, it is hoped, may be obtained from the ore bed at a depth upon the completion of the above-mentioned prospecting works, which, if properly carried out, would necessitate the breaking down and removal of several hundred tons of the iron ore. These same works should decide the question as to whether there are two beds of iron ore in the locality, or only one bed, which may have had its outcrop repeated by a strike fault, in the manner suggested on the accompanying sketch plan, No. 2.

The iron ore bed outcrops in the Ironstone Mountain about 3 miles west of the Karua Wharf, on the Karua River, which may here be considered an arm of Port Stephen, being tidal and navigable for small craft up to this point.

There is a fall of between 300 and 400 feet from the various outcrops of the ironstone bed here to sea-level.

The greater part of the country intervening between the Ironstone Mountain and the Karua Wharf is either flat or undulating, becoming rocky and broken only in the immediate vicinity of the ironstone. There is abundance of good timber in the locality, so that there would be little difficulty in constructing a tram line or railway line from the mountain to the Karua River.

The formation in which the ironstone occurs is the "Rhacopteris Beds," which are probably of lower carboniferous age, and are certainly older, and underlie the Greta coal measures, and have never yet themselves been proved to contain productive coal seams.

The outcrop of the bed was traced by me for over a quarter of a mile, being bounded on the north by an intrusive felstone, while to the south it apparently thins out, though it is more than probable that the prospecting trenches will prove it to extend still further in this direction.

It is also nearly certain that its continuation still further north will be discovered on the north side of the dyke of felstone, as the same bed of iron ore is known to occur near Booral and to the west and east of Stroud, the bed dipping under Stroud from the west, then rising again to the surface to the east of Stroud, so that it lies in a complete trough or basin.

A partial section of the bed, in two places where it is obtainable in trenches already cut, shows that its thickness varies from 3 to 4 feet.

The dip is south-westerly, at from 20 to 30 degrees.

Assuming that the bed maintains an average thickness of 3 feet for a distance of, say, one quarter of a mile into the dip, and that the average yield of the ore is say one quarter less than it is at the surface, the total quantity of metallic iron here would be, roughly, 800,000 tons, equal to 5,000 tons per acre. This estimate is, of course, only very approximate, and is subject to correction when a truer estimate can be formed upon the completion of the present prospecting operations.

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At the Ironstone Mountain the ore bed dips towards the west, but at a short distance from the west the dip changes persistently to the east, so that the iron ore should rise to the surface again in this direction, and it would be advisable to prospect here for its western outcrop.

The iron ore at the Ironstone Mountain is interbedded with thick masses of volcanic sandstone (arkose), composed of tuffaceous material, ejected during volcanic eruptions, intermixed with sand. The ore bed has evidently been formed by the mechanical concentration of the minute crystals of magnetic iron contained in the tuffaceous sandstone by the agency of sea-water acting on a beach, which has thus produced a beach wash of magnetic iron-sand of Lower Carboniferous age similar to that which is at present being formed at Taranaki, in New Zealand. That this is the true origin of this bed of iron ore is also proved by the presence of titanitic acid, the analysis showing that there is as much as 7.30 per cent. of titanitic acid present, which is equal to from 16 to 17 per cent. of titaniferous iron. The analysis appended, by the Analyst and Assayer, Mr. J. C. H. Mingaye, F.C.S., shows that there is 18.70 per cent. of silica, and 5.28 per cent. of alumina present.

The presence of so much silica would certainly make the ore a refractory one to smelt, and its treatment would be rendered still more difficult by the presence of so much titaniferous iron. There is, however, a considerable quantity of earthy limestone, and a small bed of pure limestone close to the deposit of magnetic ironstone. This might serve as a flux, should it be decided to attempt to smelt the ironstone on the ground.

The value of this deposit will depend on—(1.) Its yield of metallic iron at a depth, this will be proved by the analyses hereafter to be made of the ore at a depth as exposed in the ends of the cuttings for which aid has been granted out of the Prospecting Vote.

(2.) Its average thickness, as will be proved by the trenches for which similar aid has been given.

(3.) On the possibility of smelting successfully an ore which contains so much silica and titanitic acid, so as to produce from it a marketable quality of iron.

Special reference will be made to this last question in my final report on this deposit.

Meanwhile, the thickness and extent of the ore bed, its richness in metallic iron, and its favorable situation with regard to limestone, coal, and water carriage, fully justify the expenditure of a small sum of money to assist in further testing it, as I have already recommended, and as has been approved in connection with the leaseholders' application for aid out of the Prospecting Vote for last year. Appended are two plans, showing the position and extent of the bed, and analyses of samples of the ore representing the full thickness of the bed, and selected by myself.

The Under Secretary.

I have, &c.,

T. W. E. DAVID,  
Geological Surveyor.

ANALYSES of iron ore from Ironstone Mountain, Port Stephens, by Mr. J. C. H. Mingaye, F.C.S., Analyst and Assayer:—

2860.—A sandy, magnetic ironstone, from Ironstone Mountain, 20 miles from Raymond Terrace, yielding—Metallic Iron, 44.79 per cent.
2861.—B, similar to A, from ditto, yielding—Metallic Iron, 40.77 per cent.
2862.—C, similar to A, from ditto, yielding—Metallic Iron, 44.99 per cent.
2863.—E, similar to A, from ditto, yielding—Metallic Iron, 48.33 per cent.
2864.—F, similar to A, from ditto, yielding—Metallic Iron, 44.57 per cent.
2165.—G, similar to A, from ditto, yielding—Metallic Iron, 37.71 per cent.
2947.—D, similar to A, from ditto, yielding—Metallic Iron, 42.35 per cent.

An average sample of A, B, C, E, F, and G, was analyzed, with the following result:—

Moisture at 100 degrees C. ....	67
Combed moisture .....	3.31
Iron peroxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ).....	52.86
Iron protoxide (FeO) .....	7.79
Manganese protoxide .....	trace.
Alumina .....	5.21
Silica .....	18.70
* Iron peroxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) .....	75
Lime.....	1.12
Magnesia .....	trace.
Titanic acid.....	7.30
Carbonic acid .....	1.60
Phosphoric acid .....	trace.
Sulphuric acid .....	"
Organic matter .....	"
	99.44
Gold .....	nil,
Silver.....	"

\* Is insoluble in acids,

#### APPENDIX 2F.

General report on the coal, iron, and kerosene shale of the Port Stephens District, and on the Coal-measures near Stroud.

As the geology of the district will be described in some detail in my Memoir on the Maitland District, the present report will be confined to a bare summary of the facts which appear to be of the most immediate importance.

Parts of this district have already been reported on by Mr. F. Odenheimer; Mr. J. Mackenzie, F.G.S., the Examiner of Coal-fields, and yourself. Mr. Odenheimer's reports, as those of Mr. J. Mackenzie, were kindly placed at my disposal by Mr. Jesse Gregson, the local superintendent of the A. A. Company.

Mr. Odenheimer, who examined the northern portion of the Port Stephens district in 1855 and 1856, in company with Mr. Surveyor Herborn, opened out a number of coal-seams, some of which were discovered

discovered by him, and reported favourably on some of the seams, especially the 30-foot seam at Mamme Johnson Creek, and the smaller seams at the Ward's River. A bed of magnetic iron ore was also discovered, which was at first considered of value, but subsequently condemned on account of its refractory nature. Mr. Odenheimer considered that the sedimentary formations of the district belonged broadly to two groups—the coal-measures, and the older rocks, which he considered to be partly metamorphic. The coal-measures he considered as probably the equivalents of some part of the Newcastle series, and he described them as occurring in long narrow troughs or basins, shut in by the older metamorphic rocks. Later—in 1874-76, Mr. J. Mackenzie re-examined much of this country, and proved some more coal-seams, and by means of systematic trenching, discovered also that a few unworkable seams of rather dirty coal occurred in the rocks called metamorphic, by Odenheimer, and characterized by the presence of *Rhacopteris*, *Calamites*, and *Lepidodendron*. Mr. Mackenzie, however, considered the productive coal-measures of this district older than the Newcastle series, and probably a part of the series termed metamorphic, by Odenheimer. In 1879, when examining the Barrington Gold-field and the surrounding district, you record the occurrence of *Glossopteris* in the measures at the upper end of one of these productive coal-basins, near Gloucester.

My recent examination of the Stroud District, in company with Mr. R. Etheridge, shows that the formations here belong to two distinct groups,—the older characterized by the prevalence of *Rhacopteris* with *Lepidodendron* in the lower part of the series; and the newer by *Gangamopteris* and *Glossopteris*.

The older group, which may be called provisionally the *Rhacopteris Beds*, contains several small seams of coal, and one of some thickness. Mr. J. Mackenzie gives the following section of this last seam:—

ft.	in.	
		Roof.—Sandstone and chert, with plant impressions, overlaid by sandstone and shale containing <i>Otopteris</i> .
2	3	Inferior coal and indurated clay.
9	0	Chert, shale, and conglomerate, with a little coal.
5	0	Inferior coal, with a very irregular cleavage.

I can quite confirm Mr. Mackenzie's statement as to the occurrence of *Otopteris* (*Rhacopteris*) both above and below this seam, but as the shaft had fallen in I was unable to examine the coal. The coal appeared to be very inferior, as far as could be judged by an examination of fragments in the spoil bank round the shaft. Above this seam, according to Mr. Mackenzie's section, are about 2,100 feet of sandstone and conglomerate and cherty shale, the last containing *Otopteris*; and below it are similar strata for a thickness of about 3,550 feet, when marine beds of hard, siliceous shale are reached, containing *Conularia*, *Producta*, &c., and associated with *Knorria* and *Calamites*; and at a total depth of 4,550 feet below the 5-foot seam is a bed of very inferior magnetic iron—perhaps a continuation of the one which I have already described at the Ironstone Mountain, near Port Stephens. The total thickness of strata here characterized by *Rhacopteris* with associated tuffs and eruptive rocks, is, therefore, about 6,600 feet, and several hundred feet, or perhaps upwards of 1,000 feet below this, is a bed of ennerinital limestone from 8 to 12 feet (?) thick, which forms a well-marked horizon. This is probably the same bed of limestone which underlies the magnetic iron ore bed at the Ironstone Mountain. At Garrett's tunnel, at the Seven Mile on the Raymond Terrace to Stroud Road, I measured the following section of a seam of coal which I think is probably at the top of the *Rhacopteris* beds, and is more related to them than to the Greta series:—

ft.	in.		ft.	in.	
1	0	Coal, perished.	0	5	Coal, with two $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. bands,
0	1	Band, brown clay.	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Band, white clay.
0	9	Coal, perished.	0	2	Coal.
0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal and bands, mixed.	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Band, white clay.
0	3	Band of white clay.	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal, perished.
0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal and bands.	0	8	Coaly shale.
0	3	Bands with streaks of coal.	0	8	White clay.
0	6	Coal, with $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. band at 1 in. from top.	0	1	Coal.
0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Band.	0	9	White clay.
0	6	Coal.	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal, much perished.
0	7	Coal, dirty, speckled with clay.	0	6	White clay.
0	2	Coal, with two $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. clay bands.	0	2	Coal.
0	3	White clay.			
0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal, with thin bands.			
					Total 9 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

This seam is overlaid by hard white tuffaceous clay shales with abundant angular broken felspar crystals, quite free from decomposition, clearly showing that it is a volcanic tuff. These tuffs are very carbonaceous in places, and about 300 feet thick, graduating upwards into a decomposed scoriaceous lava which in turn passes into massive sheets of andesitic dolerite about 1,000 feet thick consisting of at least two flows with an intermediate bed of melaphyritic tuff. These massive eruptive rocks appear to close the eruptive series, for immediately above them, in that part of the basin which lies to the south of Port Stephens, are the marine series of the productive coal-measures. To the north of Port Stephen, however, near Stroud, I did not observe any such marine strata intervening between the productive coal-measures and the top of *Rhacopteris* beds. The junction line between the two formations was obscured by a mass of eruptive rock whenever I examined it. The productive coal-measures appear to lie principally in two long narrow basins separated from one another by an axis of eruptive rock. The west basin may be termed the Ward's River Basin, and the east the Mamme Johnson Basin. My examination was of too cursory a nature to enable me to trace the exact relation of these basins to one another. At Stony Creek, a tributary of the Ward's River, I measured the following section of a seam of anthracite coal in the bed of the creek:—

ft.	in.		ft.	in.	
		Roof.—Black shales with <i>Glossopteris</i> and <i>Gangamopteris</i> and a plant like <i>Vertebraria</i> .			
4	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal, semi-anthracite, altered splint and bituminous coal.	0	4	Coal, dirty.
1	3	Band, chitter—shaly, hard, dirty coal.	4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal (?) partly hidden below water-level.
0	8	Coal.	2	0	Band, hard clayey sandstone.
2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Band, hard clays sandstone.	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Coal.
3	2	Coal.			
					Total 20 8

Floor, pebbly dark grey carbonaceous sandstone with *Gangamopteris* and *Glossopteris*.

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This seam dips east 10 degrees north at 45 degrees, and is probably identical with the 30-foot seam at Mamme Johnson Creek described by Mr. Odenheimer, and with the same seam described by Mr. Mackenzie at Barry's Gully, Relf's Creek. Mr. Mackenzie gives the following section of this seam at Barry's Gully:—

Roof—Conglomerate with 4 inches of clay next the coal.

ft. in.		ft. in.	
1 6	Coal.	0 5	Coal.
0 1	Band, clay.	0 1	Band, clay.
1 6	Coal.	0 7	Coal.
3 0	Coal and bands.	0 1	Band, clay.
1 0	Black shale.	1 1	Coal.
0 0½	Band, clay.	1 0	Band, clay.
0 8	Coal.	0 8	Coal and bands.
0 0½	Band, clay.	1 3	Coal.
1 8	Coal.	0 1¼	Band, clay.
0 0½	Clay band.	0 4	Coal.
1 6	Coal.	0 0½	Band, clay.
0 1	Band, clay.	1 6	Coal.
2 0	Coal.	2 3	Clay, bands and coal.
0 0½	Band, clay.	2 8	Coal.
1 0	Coal.	0 0½	Band, black.
0 1	Band, clay.	3 0	Coal.
0 6	Coal.	0 1	Black band.
0 0½	Band, clay.	0 8	Coal.
0 6	Coal.		
0 0½	Band, clay.		
		Total	31 0½

Mr. Mackenzie also measured a section of this same seam at Master's Creek, a short distance north of Barry's Gully, where the seam has thinned out to 25 feet 4 inches; and as already shown at Stony Creek, about 6 miles further north, the seam, which is probably the continuation of this, has thinned still further to about 20 feet 8 inches. At Coal Creek, just above where the Stroud to Gloucester Road crosses it, I measured the following section:—

ft. in.	
20 0	Sandstone and shale, with two small seams of coal and abundant <i>glossopteris</i> leaves next to seam.
0 6	Coal, good, bituminous.
	Floor, clayey sandstone, with <i>vertebraria</i> .

And 5 inches higher up the rocks:—

ft. in.		ft. in.	
20 0	Sandstone.	0 6	Coal, dirty.
0 7	Coal.	1 9	Clay shales, dark grey.
0 2	Band sandstone.	0 6	Coal.
0 4	Coal.	0 8	Black coaly shales.
0 4½	Band, clay.		

At a point on the road, about 13 miles from Stroud, towards Gloucester, and about 3 miles southerly from the "Willow Tree Inn," Mr. Etheridge and I obtained some very perfect impressions of *glossopteris* in sandstone, *glossopteris* here being very abundant. No *gangamopteris* were, however, observed. At Barry's Gully, Mr. Mackenzie measured the following descending section below the 30-foot seam:—

ft. in.	
1,442 0	Porphyries, sandstones, brecciated rock, and conglomerates (not proved).
1 6½	Coal, with a 2½-inch band.
126 0	Brecciated rock.
1 10	Shale.
34 3	Dirty seam of coal and shale.
268 2	Sandstones, conglomerates, brecciated rock, and shale, with <i>cyclopteris</i> and <i>glossopteris</i> , and four thin seams of coal and coaly shale.

The following is a detailed descending section of the 34 feet 3 inches seam of coal and bands, as measured by me:—Roof, conglomerate, fairly coarse, 3 feet thick, then soft sandstones with *vertebraria*, *gangamopteris*, and *glossopteris*.

ft. in.		ft. in.	
0 2	Coal.	0 1	Coal.
1 0	Dark shales.	2 6	Thin-bedded, tough, grey, fine sandstone.
0 2½	Coal.	2 0	Coal, perished.
0 6	Brown shales.	0 0½	Band white clay.
0 2½	Coal.	1 0	Coal.
1 0	Shale, brown, passing into rusty grey.	0 0½	Band whitish clay.
0 5	Coal.	0 3	Coal.
1 2	Brown, sandy shale.	0 1	Band brown shale.
0 7	Tough sandstone.	4 0	Crushed coal with a few bands.
0 7	Whitish-grey shales, with <i>glossopteris</i> and <i>gangamopteris</i> .	0 7	Dark grey clayey mudstone.
0 1	Coal.	1 3	Black and grey, coaly, sandy shale, with <i>gangamopteris</i> and <i>glossopteris</i> .
1 0	Brown and grey sandy shales.		
0 6	Coal.	Total	21 0
1 9	Grey shales.		

Floor, fine clayey sandstone and shale.

Mr. Etheridge and I were unable to find any true *cyclopteris* in the modern acceptance of the term in the strata associated with the above seam, but found *gangamopteris* in abundance and some *glossopteris*.

*glossopteris*. A generalized horizontal section of the strata which occur at the Ward's River Coal-field, and near Stroud, is given on the geological tracing accompanying this report, and the following is a generalized descending section of the strata:—

	ft.	in.	
	1,500	0	(About) chiefly sandstones, with occasional beds of conglomerate and shale, containing <i>glossopteris</i> . Seams of coal probably occur in this series.
	30	0	Mamme Johnson coal-seam, containing <i>gangamopteris</i> .
	1,442	0	Porphyries, sandstones, brecciated rock, and conglomerates.
	1	6½	Coal, with a 2½-inch band.
Permo carboniferous	126	0	Brecciated rock.
	1	10	Shale.
	34	9	Barry's Gully seam, with <i>gangamopteris</i> and <i>glossopteris</i> .
	268	0	Sandstone, conglomerate, brecciated rock, and shale, with <i>gangamopteris</i> and <i>glossopteris</i> .
Total	3,404	0	
			Break here—1,000 feet (?) Porphyry, perhaps intrusive.
	ft.	in.	
	2,100	0	Sandstones, conglomerate, and cherty shale, with <i>rhacopteris</i> .
	2	3	Inferior coal and indurated clay.
	2	0	Chert, shale, and conglomerate, with a little coal.
	5	0	Coal inferior.
	3,550	0	Sandstones, conglomerates, and cherty shales, with <i>rhacopteris</i> .
	10	0	Marine hard, calcareous shale, with <i>comularia</i> , <i>producta</i> , &c.
Lower carboniferous	4,550	0	Arkose sandstones and hard shale, with conglomerates contain <i>knorria</i> , <i>calamites</i> , and <i>rhacopteris</i> .
	2-3	0	Inferior magnetic ironstone.
	(?)1,000	0	Arkose sandstones and conglomerates, passing downwards into slightly oolitic earthy limestone.
	(?)8	0	Limestone, pure encrinital.
Total	11,241	0	
			feet.
Grand total			Permo-carboniferous strata ..... 3,404
			<i>Rhacopteris</i> beds and associated eruptives..... 11,241
			14,645

*Iron*.—A magnetic iron ore bed, perhaps the equivalent of the one mentioned in the above Section, and certainly on a similar geological horizon, occurs at the Ironstone Mountain, and my report thereon forms No. Appendix 2E.

The ore bed is from 3 to 4 feet thick at several points where it is capable of being measured, and yields over 40 per cent. of metallic iron. Aid has been given to Brackenridge and party, out of the Prospecting Vote, to further test the extent and thickness of this bed. The ore appears to be somewhat refractory for smelting, on account of the admixture of titaniferous iron with the magnetic, and on account of the silica present.

*Limestone*.—A bed of pure limestone occurs within about a mile of the bed of magnetic iron, and is associated with beds of earthy limestone and calcareous sandstone. It appeared to be about 6 feet or 8 feet thick, where I examined it at Joe's yard, about 4 miles westerly from the Half-way House. The outcrop was so rubbled over that the exact thickness of the bed could not be ascertained. This limestone would, of course, serve as a useful flux for the iron, if the latter can be profitably worked.

*Coal*.—The probable occurrence of the Greta and Tomago Coal-measures (the former under the formation Coloured Upper Marine on the accompanying geological map, and the latter under the area tinted sepia and ruled with horizontal sepia lines) within the area which lies between Raymond Terrace, the Half-way House, Morna Point and Stockton, has already been referred to by me in the Progress Reports herewith, which form Appendices Nos. 2G to No. 2J. It is quite possible that narrow basins or isolated patches of the Tomago measures, or even of the Newcastle may lie under the alluvial beyond the northernmost extension of the main Tomago basin, as shown on the plan, and the southern end of the Ward's River Coal-field. I was informed by Mr. Blows, of Booral, that drift coal was occasionally washed up in the gravel of the Karua River, at Booral Bridge, and this coal, from its comparatively angular nature, was thought to have come from some neighbouring outcrop. It is possible, therefore, that narrow basins of either the Tomago or Newcastle measures, extend through the church and school lands, along the centre of the main trough. The coal-measures, however, in these church- and school lands, which are likely to be most extensively developed are the Greta measures; and if, by means of the diamond-drill, these Greta measures be proved to contain seams of workable thickness and quality, there will be great natural facilities for shipping it at the harbour of Port Stephens.

The New Stockton and Newcastle Coal-mining Company have lately proved the Main Tomago Seam at the site indicated by me, under 212 feet of alluvial, at the spot shown on the geological map.

The Port Stephens Coal-mining Company are about to bore for coal on the church and school lands at Port Stephens, in company with Croker and others; while Delohery and party are commencing to bore for kerosene shale and the Greta coal-measures near Morna Point.

*Kerosene Shale*.—The probable occurrence of this mineral *in situ*, as evidenced by the occurrence of drift pebbles of it at Morna Point, and by general geological considerations, is discussed in my report which forms Appendix No. 2 J.

A geological sketch map of the country referred to in the report may be seen at the office of the Geological Survey, Department of Mines, Sydney.

I have, &c.,

T. W. E. DAVID,  
Geological Surveyor.

## APPENDIX No. 2G.

PROGRESS Report No. 1 for Port Stephens District, as to suitable sites for employing the Government diamond-drill to bore for coal on the property of the Newcastle and Stockton Land and Coal Company (Limited), Port Stephens District.

Sir,

Geological Branch, Department of Mines, 5 July, 1889.

In accordance with verbal instructions received from the Under Secretary for Mines, in connection with the accompanying application by Mr. Beeston, I have included the property of Mr. Beeston's Syndicate in my general examination of the Port Stephens District, with a view to determining a suitable site on which to employ the Government diamond-drill to bore for coal.

From my geological examination of the district, I have ascertained that there are certainly two, and perhaps three, formations in this property in which coal may occur. These three are found superposed in the following order, the first on the list being the newest:—

3. Tomago Coal-measures.
2. Greta Coal-measures.
1. Rhacopteris Beds.

Of these three the Greta Coal-measures would probably be the most important, and it is to this formation that I would advise prospecting operations to be specially directed. There is, however, a very important point which I have, as yet, been unable to elucidate satisfactorily, with regard to the occurrence of the Greta Coal-seams in this locality, and this is the question as to whether or not the seam of coal which has lately been opened at the Seven-mile, at Garrett's Tunnel, is in the *Rhacopteris Beds* or in the *Greta Coal-measures*. Fossil fragments of *Rhacopteris* were found by me in the shales almost immediately under this seam, but I was unable to find any above the seam or interbedded with it. It is therefore just possible that, supposing the *Lower Marine Beds* to have thinned out completely, this seam at Garrett's Tunnel is one of the Greta seams, though the evidence at present is strongly in favour of its being in the *Rhacopteris Beds*. Before anything is done, therefore, in the way of prospecting for the Greta Coal-measures by boring, I think it would be well to run a trench 2 or 3 feet deep, say, for 1 chain, in a south-easterly direction from Garrett's Tunnel, commencing at the roof of the seam. Such a trench would intersect any shaly bed likely to contain fossils above the seam, and if upon examination these fossils are found to be *Glossopteris* and not *Rhacopteris*, this seam will then be proved to be one of the Greta seams, and in that case the recommendations as to sites for bores contained in the latter part of this report would be useless. It would, therefore, be of great importance to establish the geological age of this coal-seam before commencing to bore at any of the sites hereinunder recommended. If such a trench, or, if necessary, several trenches, were cut in the direction described at Garrett's Tunnel, in view of the question being settled, having a wide influence on the whole question of the occurrence of coal in the district, the services of a Geological Surveyor might perhaps, I would venture to suggest, be spared to examine the trenches carefully, and report upon any evidence which they may supply as to the geological age of this coal-seam. The cutting of these trenches should, therefore, take precedence of any other operations, for the Greta Measures and the statements in the rest of this report will hold good only if, after such trenching, the seam at Garrett's Tunnel be proved to be unquestionably in the *Rhacopteris* beds and not in the Greta Coal-measures.

#### 1. *Rhacopteris Beds*.

A seam of coal occurs probably in this formation in the Syndicate's property, on what was formerly Mr. Garrett's land at the Seven-mile, on the Raymond Terrace to Stroud Road. The total thickness of this seam, including all the bands, is 9 feet 4½ inches. The seam dips E. 28° S. at 45°. The following is a descending section of this seam, as measured by me at *Garrett's tunnel*. Roof tuffaceous, whitish-grey clay shale decomposed, with fragments of broken felspar:—

ft. in.		ft. in.	
1 0	Coal perished.	0 5	Coal with two ½-in. bands
0 1	Band, brown clay.	0 1½	Band with clay.
0 9	Coal perished.	0 2	Coal.
0 3½	Coal and bands.	0 0½	Band white clay.
0 3	Band white clay.	0 3½	Coal perished.
0 3½	Coal and bands.	0 6	Coal shale.
0 3	Band with streaks of coal.	0 2	Coal and shale.
0 6	Coal with ½-inch band at 1 inch from top.	0 8	White clay.
0 1½	Band.	0 1	Coal.
0 6	Coal.	0 9	White clay.
0 7	Coal dirty, speckled with clay.	0 4½	Coal much perished.
0 2	Coal, with two ½-inch clay bands.	0 6	White clay.
0 3	White fireclay (?).	0 2	Coal.
0 2½	Coal with thin bands.		
		9 5½	Total.

Floor.—White tuffaceous clay, with broken crystals of pink felspar.

Note.—A decomposed porous grey lava overlies the white tuffaceous shales which form the roof of this seam.

The percentage of ash in this coal, as I was informed by Mr. Garrett, is rather high, being about 15 per cent. in the best samples analyzed. I was unable to procure suitable samples for analysis at the time of my visit, owing to the tunnel being partly filled with water so as to leave only the perished coal accessible to observation. This seam is the first of any thickness which I have observed in the *Rhacopteris* Beds, and a slight improvement in the quality of the coal, if accompanied by a thinning out of some of the bands, would probably render it workable. Owing, however, to its high angle of dip, inferior quality, and number of bands, I would not advise the expenditure of any money in prospecting this seam until the overlying Greta and Tomago measures have been thoroughly tested. The seam of coal discovered at Irrawang at the point shown on my geological map of the district accompanying my general report, is on approximately the same line of strike as Garrett's seam, and may be identical with it.

#### 2. *Greta Coal-measures*.

The Upper Marine Series, which in the Maitland District immediately overlies the Greta Coal-measures occupies part of the western portion of this property. Three suitable sites for bores have been selected by me in this series. The first is at the "Black Rock," 3 miles north-east from Raymond Terrace;

Terrace; the second, in Stone's Paddock, at  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles north-east from the same town; and the third, in Dunn's selection. As regards the chances of striking the Greta seams in either of these bores, and their probable depths, the following facts may serve as guides:—

At West Maitland there is a thickness of 2,600 feet of strata belonging to the *Upper Marine Series* between the *Boolwarra conglomerate* and the *Greta Coal-measures*. The *Boolwarra conglomerate*, of West Maitland, is, I find, represented at Raymond Terrace by the *Muree sandstone* seen in Mr. Bishop's Muree Quarry and in the Reserve Quarry. At Raymond Terrace a thickness of about 2,000 feet of *Upper Marine Strata*, as measured by me, are exposed in section between the Muree Quarry and Patsy Hart's Farm on Mr. Richardson's property. The lowest visible strata in the *Upper Marine Series* rest at Patsy Hart's, on a massive bed of igneous *porphyrite*. It is uncertain whether the latter is intrusive and of subsequent date to the *Upper Marine Series*, or whether it is an older rock (perhaps an old andesite), which was erupted previous to the deposition of the *Upper Marine Series*. If it is an intrusive rock it must have burst out with remarkable evenness along the planes of bedding of the *Upper Marine Strata*, as it conforms almost exactly to their strike and dip.

The *Porphyrite*, however, rests immediately on the *Rhacopteris Beds*, without the intervention of the *Greta Coal-measures* or of the *Lower Marine Series*; so that it would appear that the *Greta Measures* have here been overlapped by the *Upper Marine Series*, and their outcrops consequently concealed in the manner shown on a diagram which may be seen at the office of the Geological Survey, Department of Mines.

The probability is, therefore, that the *Greta Coal-measures*, if they extend as far east as this property, as is probable, outcrop underneath the *Upper Marine Series* in the manner shown on the preceding section.

Should the *Upper Marine Series* at the "Black Rock" (No. 1 site for bore) be of the same thickness in this particular division of it (between the *Boolwarra conglomerate* and the *Greta seams*) as it is at West Maitland, a bore put down here would reach the *Greta* in about 2,800 feet. Possibly, however, the *Upper Marine Beds* may have thinned somewhat, though it is evident from the section at Raymond Terrace that the bore would have to penetrate a thickness of over 2,000 feet of strata at this particular point before it would reach the horizon of the *Greta Coal-measures*.

As regards the No. 2 site, 40 chains west from the south-east corner of Dunn's selection, if the bore were put down at the spot indicated, the *Greta measures* might perhaps be struck at a depth of 1,500 feet. It would be unsafe, I think, to bore much further to the west; for although such a bore would have a less thickness of *Upper Marine Beds* to penetrate, it might be so far west as to be beyond the concealed outcrop of the *Greta Coal-measures*, if they exist here, as is probable. If such a bore were put down at B on the preceding section it might miss the outcrop of the seams altogether.

If, however, the bore were commenced at the No. 3 site, at the line of the outcrop of the massive conglomeratic sandstone, full of marine shells, which runs through the southern half of Dunn's Selection, there would be from 500 feet to 600 less of *Upper Marine Strata* to penetrate than at the No. 2 site; so that the whole of the *Marine Series* might be passed through at a depth of 1,000 instead of about 1,500 feet, but that there would be the increased danger of missing the seams altogether through the *Upper Marine Series* resting immediately on the *Porphyrite*.

On the whole, therefore, if it be considered that the probable depth of a bore at the "Black Rock" would be too great to justify the expenditure, I think that the No. 2 site would be the best. If the existence of the *Greta Coal-measures* were proved here, they would certainly be proved to underlie a considerable area of the Syndicate's property. This site is also the one which has already been recommended by Mr. Richard Thomas, manager of the Stockton Colliery, who is acting as adviser to Mr. Beeston's Syndicate.

#### *Tomago Coal-measures (East Maitland Series).*

The coal-seams of the *Tomago Measures* probably outcrop under the alluvial deposits which conceal the bed-rock in the east and central portion of this property. The general thickness of these alluvials appears to vary from 100 to 200 feet. These alluvial deposits, capped by blown sand, are here so extensive that it is impossible to define the actual line of concealed outcrop of the *Tomago Coal-seams* with any precision. A bore, however, is now being put down by the Syndicate in these alluvials, the result of which should supply important evidence towards more precisely localizing the outcrops, even should it fail to strike the seams. The position of this bore was selected by the Syndicate prior to the time of my geological examination. The approximate trend of the *Tomago Coal-measures* through part of this property is shown on my general geographical map of the District, as is also the trend of the *Upper Marine Series* and dip of the strata wherever obtainable.

I have, &c.,

T. W. EDGEWORTH DAVID,  
Geological Surveyor.

#### APPENDIX No. 2H.

PROGRESS Report (No. 2) on the Port Stephens District, with special reference to the property of the Port Stephens Coal-mining Company, and to suitable sites thereon, for the employment of the Government diamond-drill to bore for coal.

Sir,

2 December, 1889.

In accordance with your instructions, I have the honor to furnish the accompanying report with special reference to the above property and to suitable sites for boring.

As shown on the accompanying plan, at least four distinct formations are represented in this area, three of which are sedimentary, and are probably more or less coal-bearing, while the fourth is igneous.

#### GROUP I.

*Igneous Rocks.*—These are of two kinds:—(a) Intrusive rocks allied to granites, either quartz-porphyrines or felsites, which are newer than any of the three groups of sedimentary rocks, and (b), andesitic dolerite, which appears to be older than groups II and III, but possibly newer or contemporaneous with Group IV.

(a) These intrusive igneous rocks are chiefly developed on the banks of the Karua River opposite Griffin's selection, and at the lower end of Humbug Reach, on the Karua River, and at Scobie's Mountain, and also to a small extent at the south-west corner of the property and more extensively still further west, where there is a powerful axis of upheaval.

The effect of the action of this western axis of intrusive rock has been to upheave the sedimentary rocks of Groups II, III, and IV, and cause them to dip easterly, whereas the intrusive axis on the Karua River, which has a north-north-west and south-south-east trend, has upheaved the same strata so as to cause them to dip in a west-south-west direction. The sedimentary rocks therefore, which have been intercepted between the two eruptive axes, have assumed the shape of a trough or basin, which gradually disappears when traced to the north.

(b) The dolerite, so far as at present known, is probably older than groups II and III, and dips in the same direction with them, though at a somewhat higher angle.

#### GROUP II.

Fresh water strata, newer than the Greta Coal-measures, and probably the equivalents of the Tomago or Newcastle Coal-measures. These strata are best seen at the head of Lizzie's Creek, where a thickness of 200 feet of them are exposed in flat section.

A small fossil tree, 3 inches thick and fossilized by clay ironstone, was observed by me in the soft thin-bedded sandstones in the left bank of Lizzie's Creek, near the furthest point to which the tide ascends.

These strata are dipping at 47 degrees, and occupy an area in the property of this Company of about one-half a square mile.

It is possible that these fresh water sandstones with plant remains are the equivalents of part of the Ward's River Coal-field, which Mr. R. Etheridge and I have recently explored between Stroud and Gloucester, at the Mammie Johnson Creek, Coal Creek, and the Ward's River, and which we believe to be probably the equivalents of the Newcastle Coal-measures.

There is in these measures in the Ward's River Coal-field a seam of coal 30 feet thick, inclusive of bands, and containing anthracitic coal of good quality.

If it were desired to test the strata of Group II, at Lizzie's Creek, the most favourable site for the first bore would be at the point where the fossil tree occurs, and if a bore put down here proves unsuccessful, according to the evidence of the core, the next bore should be commenced 500 feet to the east or a similar distance to the west of the first bore, as however there is no certainty of striking a payable seam of coal in these strata, and the area occupied by them is comparatively small, it would scarcely I think be worth the expense to put down a bore here, unless the bores for the Greta Measures, should they be put down, prove successful. It might then be expedient to prove this small patch of upper coal-measures, as although it would not pay to work by itself, even if containing a payable seam of coal, it might pay to work when taken in conjunction with the Greta Coal-measures.

*The Upper Marine formation, the greater part of which probably covers the Greta coal basin.*—The total superficial area here occupied by the upper marine formation is about 2,000 acres, and out of this, about 1,000 acres might contain the Greta Coal-measures within a workable depth, that is not exceeding 3,000 feet, owing however to the overlap of the Upper Marine Series over the Greta Measures, which has already been described by me in a previous report, the Greta Coal-measures do not outcrop in this property as far as I could ascertain. A particular bed of rock, however, containing marine fossils, and known as the "Muree Rock," has been traced by me through part of this property as shown. At West Maitland and Greta, this Muree Rock is about 2,400 feet above the Greta Coal-seams. Measuring back from this known horizon downwards through the measures, I find that about 1,900 feet of marine strata can be traced on the west side of this property near the old post office, before the belt of dolerite is reached. At Raymond Terrace the thickness of strata from the Muree Rock to the dolerite is approximately the same. It follows that the Upper Marine Series, as exposed at the surface, shows in this property about 500 feet less thickness than it should, and I have therefore assumed that there has been an overlap of the Upper Marine Series over the Greta to the extent of a thickness of about 500 feet of upper marine strata. If this were the exact extent of the overlap, and if the exact dip of the dolerite and the overlying Upper Marine Series could be ascertained here, it would be an easy matter to calculate at what depth the Greta Measures might be reached. This, however, is rendered impossible by the covering of sand and alluvial, which conceals the older rocks in the central part of the property. Assuming, however, that the dolerite dips at 45°, as it does at Garrett's tunnel (the nearest locality where a reliable dip is obtainable), and the Upper Marine strata at an average of 30°, it would be necessary to sink at a point about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile east of the east side of the belt of dolerite, in order to allow of an increase of thickness of the Upper Marines of 500 feet. This would make the minimum depth at which the Greta seams might be struck about 1,300 feet. Such a calculation is, of course, necessarily only approximate. It is obviously possible that the Greta measures may be struck at a much shallower depth, but owing to the absence of any outcrop of Greta conglomerate, I think it is more than probable that the same overlap which obtains at Raymond Terrace exists here also, in which case the minimum depth of the Greta seams will be about as stated. The best site for a diamond-drill bore to prove the Greta Measures in this property would, in my opinion, be at a point  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile east of the culvert on the main Stroud road, over the upper end of Captain Hill's Creek, which would be about 30 chains east, 18° north, from the old post office. The average dip of the strata here is about 30°. As regards the probable quality of the Greta coal in this area it would be unsafe to offer any definite opinion in view of the distance of the locality from the nearest point at which the Greta Measures are being worked, viz., West Maitland. The Greta Measures, however, usually contain an aggregate thickness of 17 feet of coal, of excellent quality for shipping purposes on account of its hardness, and on this account the coal is much in demand at the San Francisco market. The occurrence of drift kerosene shale on the coast at Morna Point, near Port Stephens, favours the supposition that patches of kerosene shale will probably be found in the Greta Measures within this property, as the shale at Morna Point has probably been derived from a submarine outcrop of the Greta Measures south of Morna Point, and drift kerosene shale has also been found in the Hunter River, near Raymond Terrace and Morpeth, from outcrops of the Greta seams, the probable positions of which have been shown by me in my preceding report.

#### GROUP IV.

These strata, characterized by the presence of the fossil fern *Rhacopteris*, are the oldest and lowest here represented. They have already been so fully prospected at Sawyer's Point, and near Stroud, on the property of the A.A. Company, by Mr. J. Mackenzie, and found not to contain any seams of sufficient thickness to be workable, that it would, in my opinion, be unwise to expend any money in testing these same strata in this locality.

SUMMARY



## SUMMARY.

The Greta Measures would therefore be by far the most important to prove, and if seams of workable thickness and quality be found in them there would, of course, be great facilities for shipping the coal at Port Stephens, and the coal would probably also be of use for smelting the bed of iron-ore at the Ironstone Mountain, about 3 miles north of this property, should the ore there prove of marketable quality, as my recent examination inclines me to believe.

The geological features of this property will be more fully described by me in my general report on the Port Stephens District, which will be completed this month. My thanks are due to Messrs. Muston, senior and junior, for much kind assistance and information given me when making my geological examination of the above locality.

I have, &c.,  
T. W. E. DAVID,  
Geological Surveyor.

## APPENDIX No. 2I.

## Progress Report No. 3.—Port Stephens District.

With special reference to the probability of the occurrence of coal on that portion of the Church and School lands held by Mr. H. H. Brown, M.L.A., and others; and with reference to suitable sites for boring for coal with the diamond-drill.

Sir, Geological Survey Branch, Department of Mines, 4 December, 1889.

In accordance with your instructions, I have the honor to submit the following progress report on the above subject:—

The formations which prevail in this district having already been described by me in some detail in my progress reports Nos. 1 and 2, the present report will be confined strictly to the practical side of the question.

As shown on the accompanying sketch, geological map, there are four principal formations developed in this area. It is almost useless to search for coal in one of these, viz., the Rhacopteris Beds, and certainly useless to search for coal in either the intrusive felsite or the dolerite, both of these last rocks being of igneous origin. There remain two formations in connection with which coal may possibly occur. The upper and newer of these two is a freshwater formation, consisting in the upper part of thin bedded sandstones with occasional small fossil trees, and lower down of dark grey coaly shales with *Glossopteris* and yellow tuffaceous shales resembling fireclays, but containing, as has been proved by samples analyzed at the Department, too much iron to be of any value for making fire-bricks. In places these lower beds of the upper group are cherty, and, I believe, they belong to the Sanguinolites division of the Upper Marine Series. As no coal has, up to the present, been found in these lower beds where they have already been partially prospected, as at East Maitland, it probably would be too speculative a venture to expend money in boring for coal in them. Coal of workable thickness is more likely to occur in the sandstones of the upper part of the freshwater series, which is coloured dark grey on the plan. The area, however, occupied by this formation, in this property, is too small to justify the outlay of capital in boring for coal in it, in my opinion. The most important coal-measures to prove here are, in my opinion, the Greta Coal-measures. There are, however, considerable difficulties in the way of prospecting for these seams in this locality; for on the western side of the basin the Greta Measures are probably overlapped by the Upper Marine Series as shown on the accompanying section, and on the eastern side of the basin, where owing to denudation any pre-existing overlap has probably been removed, the whole of the bed rocks, with the exception of the barren Rhacopteris Beds, are covered over by sand drift and alluvial pebbly clays of some thickness.

The most suitable site for proving the possible existence here of the Greta Coal-seams would, I think, be at a point 20 chains east from the spot where the Swan Bay Road diverges from the Sawyer's Point Road.

A bore, however, put down here would probably have to be carried down to a minimum depth of 1,300 feet before it could be expected to reach the Greta seams. Owing to the overlap of the Upper Marine it is quite impossible to state the probable depth with any approximation to accuracy, but my reasons for stating 1,300 feet as the probable minimum depth are given in my progress report No. 2. Another favourable locality for bores in this property would be on the east side of the basin, anywhere along a line parallel with the trend of Scobie's Mount, and from 30 to 40 chains to the west of it. That the Greta Measures must probably underlie the greater part of the area occupied by the Upper Marine formation is, I think, extremely likely, and there is also a fair chance of patches of kerosene shale being found in the measures at intervals, the drift pebbles of kerosene shale on the coast near Moira Point, having probably been derived from a submarine outcrop of the Greta Coal-measures belonging to this same basin.

It would be useless to venture any opinion as to the probable quality of the Greta coal, if it exists here, as this locality is so far removed from the nearest point at which the Greta coal is at present being worked, West Maitland.

It is evident, therefore, that the difficulties in the way of proving the Greta Coal measures here are exceptionally great, but if proved and found to be of workable quality, the proximity to the navigable waters of Port Stephens will offer great facilities for its shipment.

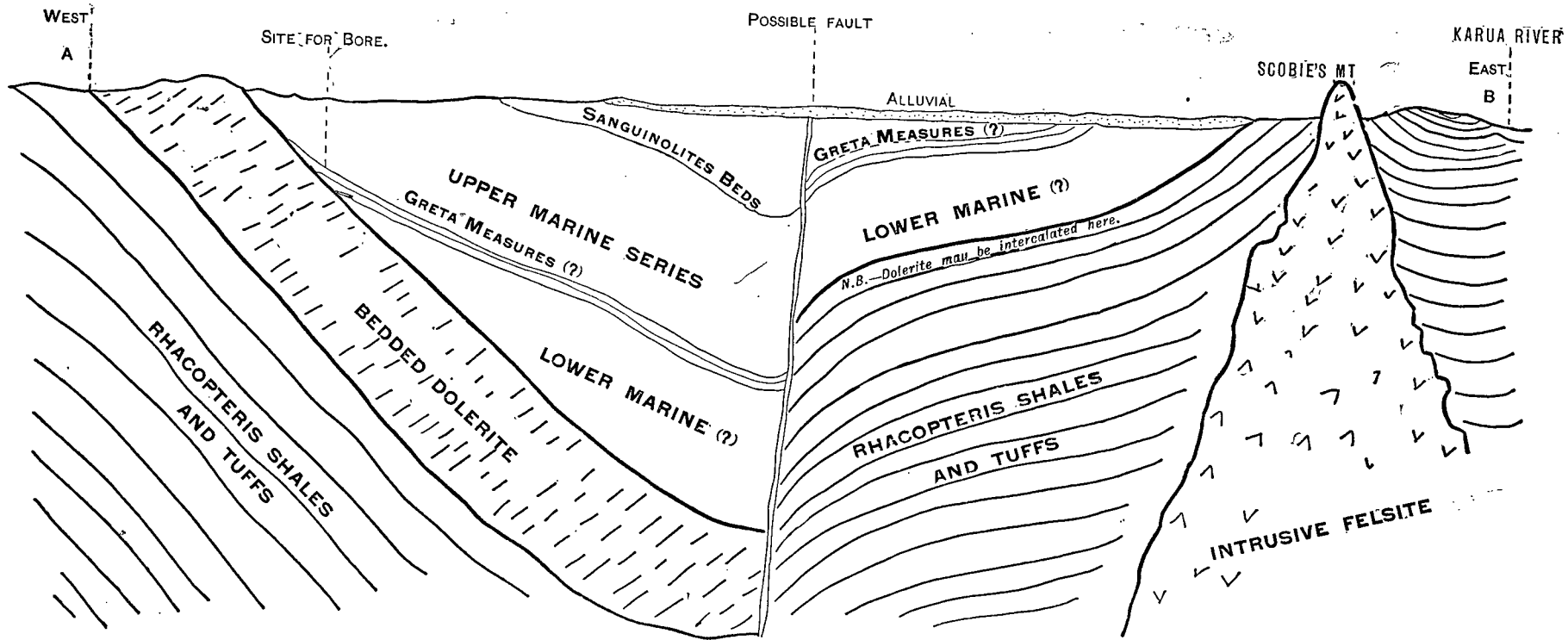
The area over which this coal, should it exist here, may be considered workable, as far as depth is concerned, taking the limit at 3,000 feet, would be about 2,500 acres. The average dip is 20 degrees at the southern end of the property, increasing somewhat in a northerly direction. I am informed that Messrs. Brown, Croker, and party have a considerable area of Church and Schools Lands west of that shown on the accompanying geological sketch map, but as it lies wholly within the area occupied by the Rhacopteris Beds, it has not been shown on this plan, the principal object of which is to delineate the approximate area and boundaries within which there is a reasonable chance of finding the Greta Coal-measures.

I have, &c.,  
T. W. E. DAVID,  
Geological Surveyor.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

SECTION on line A—B.  
Scale—40 chains to an inch.

Raymond Terrace to Stroud Road, at  
12 miles from Raymond Terrace.



APPENDIX No. 2J.  
Progress Report No. 4.

Geological survey of the Hunter River Coal-field. Occurrence of kerosene shale, and probably of the Greta Coal-measures, at Port Stephens, and the probable occurrence of the Greta Coal-measures and the kerosene shale near Morpeth.

Sir,

Camp, East Maitland, 18 November, 1889.

I have the honor to furnish you with the following progress report of my survey of the Hunter River Coal-field, with special reference to the subjects above specified:—

(1.) As to the probable occurrence of the Greta Coal-measures near Port Stephens, reference has already been made by me as to its probability in the Annual Report of the Department of Mines for 1887, page 149, and also in a report made to the Department, about a year ago, recommending the reservation of certain Crown lands in the parishes of Tomaree and Stowell, county of Gloucester. The statements in these reports were based entirely on geological indication, as nothing whatever is to be seen of the Coal-measures in the area in question, between Stockton and Port Stephens, and between Raymond Terrace and Tenilba and the ocean. At Raymond Terrace, however, the formation commonly known as the Upper Marine Series is strongly developed. This formation usually overlies the Greta Coal-measures. The strata at Raymond Terrace strike in a north-east and south-west direction, dipping south-easterly at from 16 degrees to 20 degrees. The strata so exposed are over 2,000 feet thick. The occurrence of intrusive igneous rocks at Port Stephens, as shown on the geological map of the Colony published under your direction, led to the inference that the strata of the Upper Marine Series, when traced north-easterly from Raymond Terrace towards the igneous rocks, would be found to dip off the latter, first southerly and then south-westerly, so that the outcrops of the Greta Coal-measures would be bent first east and then south-east, and would therefore strike to the ocean at a short distance south-south-west of Morna Point. During my recent examination of the Port Stephens District I found that such a change of dip actually occurred, for, at Tenilbra, the Rhacopteris Shales, which are older than, and consequently underlie the Greta Coal-measures, dip to the south-south-west at an angle of 12 degrees (1 in  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ). The overlying Greta Coal-measures must therefore outcrop under the sand-dunes south of Tenilba, unless they are prevented from outcropping by an overlap of the Upper Marine series, as shown in my report on the Raymond Terrace district, dated July 5th, 1889. This theory is corroborated by the fact that, as I was informed by Mr. Charles Blanch, drift fragments of kerosene shale are being continually washed ashore near Morna Point, close to his selection there, and he showed me a pebble of the shale much water-worn and covered with marine serpulæ, the pebble having been picked up by himself at Morna Point. A portion of this pebble which I took with me was analyzed by the Government Assayer, Mr. J. C. H. Mingaye, F.C.S., with the following result:—

	Proximate analysis.
Hygroscopic moisture .....	1.10
Volatile hydrocarbons.....	49.45
Fixed carbon.....	14.22
Ash .....	35.23

100.00

Ash—bulky, slate-coloured, no true coke formed, a loose black powder only being left on ignition. The specific gravity and sulphur not determined.

The above analysis shows the specimen to be of inferior quality, but the fact of its being much weathered must be taken into consideration. Mr. T. S. Huntley had informed me some time previously that drift kerosene shale was reported to occur in the parish of Tomaree, but this was the first occasion on which I was able to localise the spot. At this time Mr. R. Barry and party were sinking in the hope of discovering the shale in the granitic quartz-porphry of Anna Bay. Mr. Barry's shafts proving unsuccessful, he consulted me as to the best spot to prospect for the shale, and I referred him to my statement in the Annual Report for 1887, already quoted, to the effect that the Greta Coal-measures probably outcropped under the sand-dunes a short distance to the south of Morna Point, and I told him of your discovery that hitherto kerosene shale had invariably been found to be associated with the Greta Coal-measures. Mr. Barry now informs me that after some recent heavy weather along the Port Stephens coast he observed a few days ago that a considerable quantity of kerosene shale was washed up at a spot about 500 yards along the beach, south-south-west of Morna Point (for locality see plan No. 1 herewith). The pebbles of shale observed by Mr. Barry have evidently, I think, been broken off by the action of the waves from some submarine outcrop of the Greta Coal-measures a short distance south-south-west of Morna Point. From this spot the outcrop will probably extend inland in a west-north-west direction, and Mr. Barry expresses it as his intention to prospect for it with the Government diamond-drill. Before the site for the bore is determined on, as the submarine outcrop is probably not very much below the level of low water, otherwise it would be below the reach of the waves, it might be as well to drag the in-shore bottom from low-water mark out to a distance of a few hundred yards, with a heavily-weighted net or rope or small chain cable. If any portion of the bed of kerosene shale projects above the sand of the sea-bottom, its exact position might by this means be ascertained, and a diamond-drill bore could then be put down on the shore at a point south-west of the submarine outcrop with a certainty of striking the shale. Nothing of course can be predicted as to its probable thickness or quality, but it is more than probable that the quality of the unweathered portions will be better than the weather-beaten pebbles, which are the only specimens of the shale now accessible. There is also a strong probability of finding the Greta Coal Series in association with this kerosene shale. The supposed approximate position of the outcrop is shown on the accompanying plan, No. 1. The occurrence of the drift kerosene shale here has been known to old residents for the past twenty-six years.

Mention may here be made of another fact, first communicated to me by Mr. T. S. Huntley, that on Mr. Cromarty's farm, at the head of Bob's Farm Creek, kerosene oil is found, in dry seasons, floating on the water in a well about 8 feet deep, close to Mr. Cromarty's house. I visited Mr. Cromarty's farm, and Mr. Cromarty informed me that there could be no doubt as to the identity of this oil with kerosene. Either, therefore, there is a small quantity of rock oil here, locally distilled from the kerosene shale by the heat of the intrusive quartz-porphry of Morna Point, or it is a heavy oil derived from the peat beds known to underlie the alluvial here, and which may be referable to the oils which are obtainable from the Tertiary lignitic deposits at Twofold Bay and Kiandra.

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No. 2. As regards the probable occurrence of the Greta Coal-measures and kerosene shale near Morpeth, there are two kinds of evidence to be considered. The first is supplied by Mr. Keene, the late Examiner of Coal-fields, who, in an unpublished report now at the Geological Branch of the Department of Mines, relates that a piece of kerosene shale was dredged up from the bed of the Hunter River, near Morpeth, many years ago, and he also quotes an analysis of this fragment. The second kind of evidence is supplied by certain geological indications which I have observed within the last few weeks, in the course of my geological survey of the Maitland District. In the banks of the Hunter River, at Mount Pleasant (Aberbrothick), at Hinton, near Morpeth, the rocks of the Upper Marine Series are seen to dip to the S.S.W. at an angle of 50 degrees. In a N.N.E. direction from here to the Hinton to Raymond Terrace Road, a thickness of about 2,400 feet of Upper Marine strata is represented, and then at the N.N.E. end of the section, on a fall of the hill at the back of Mount Pleasant conglomerates are seen outcropping, which are the Greta conglomerates, and which probably here cover the Greta coal-seams. The occurrence of drift kerosene shale in the bed of the Hunter River, near Morpeth, as described by Mr. Keene, is therefore probably due to an outcrop of the shale in the present or a former channel of the Hunter River, near Morpeth. The approximate trend of the Greta measures, as traced by me, from here towards the Williams River is shown on the accompanying plan No. 2. Mr. T. Adam, the Mayor of Raymond Terrace, informs me that kerosene shale has been dredged up below Raymond Terrace, near the small island in the river opposite Kinross. This shale has probably been drifted from an outcrop of kerosene shale higher up the Hunter River, or possibly in the Williams River.

I have, &c.,

T. W. EDGEWORTH DAVID,  
Geological Surveyor.

The Geological Surveyor-in-Charge.

#### APPENDIX No. 2K.

##### ASH ISLAND BORE.

##### Preliminary Report.

Sir,

Geological Survey Branch, Department of Mines, Sydney, 5 April, 1889.

In accordance with your instructions, I was present at Ash Island, on February the 21st ultimo, and superintended the boring through of the Lower Rathluba seam, saw the core drawn, measured a section of it, and took samples of the core for analysis, the results of which are given herewith.

A seam of coal which I can identify with certainty as the "Lower Rathluba Seam," which has been for many years and is still being worked at Rathluba, was struck at a depth of 952 feet 10 inches, and proved to be 5 feet 7 inches in thickness, including two 1½-inch bands towards the middle of the seam, and a 1-inch band close to the top of the seam.

The seam was bored through with the ordinary core barrel instead of the duplex core barrel, and 3 feet 5 inches of core was obtained out of a total of 5 feet 7 inches, a fair result considering the friable nature of the coal in this seam, which is chiefly of a bright bituminous character.

The following is a descending section of the seam, arrived at from a comparison of the depth at which the seam was first struck with that at which it was passed through, as well as from the actual core obtained:—

Roof	ft.	in.	
.....	25	0	(about). Grey sandstone, clayey and carbonaceous at base of bed, hard and calcareous at top.
.....	2	3	Shale, black sandy.
Seam	0	0½	Coal, bituminous.
.....	0	1	Band coal and shale mixed.
.....	1	10½	Coal, chiefly bituminous, with about 6 inches of splint coal.
.....	0	1½	Band, black shale with streaks of coal.
.....	1	7	Coal, bituminous and splint.
.....	0	1½	Band, hard black shale with cony films.
.....	1	9	Coal, chiefly bituminous, with occasional layers of splint coal.
Total	5	7	
Floor	.....		Mudstone (clayey sandstone), dark-gray, bored into the depth of 8 inches.

The following analyses of the coal were made by Mr. H. P. White, F.C.S., Assistant Government Analyst and Assayer, from samples selected by myself:—

##### No. 416.—A mixed sample from different parts of the seam.

Hygrosopic moisture	Proximate analysis.	91
Volatile hydrocarbons		30.07
Fixed carbon		52.32
Ash		16.69
		100.00
Coke, 69.02%.		
Sp. gr. 1.41.		
Sulphur in coal, .682%.		
Coke well swollen up, fairly bright and hard; ash, light, gray, flocculent.		

No. 417.—Coal-dust derived from the borings of the seam carried up the pipes to the top of the bore-hole by the hydraulic feed-water.

Hygrosopic moisture	Proximate analysis.	90
Volatile hydrocarbons		33.19
Fixed carbon		60.80
Ash		5.11
		100.00
Coke, 51.91%.		
Sp. gr. 1.30.		
Sulphur in coal, .660%.		
Coke much swollen up, fairly bright and firm; ash, very light, red, flocculent.		

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The percentage of ash in the first sample is rather high, but this is partly due to the fact that the harder splint portions of the seam, which of course contain more ash than the bituminous portions, were probably nearly all saved in the core brought up, from which the sample for analysis was taken, whereas the purer bituminous portions were nearly all crushed to powder and carried up to the top of the bore-hole, and washed away by the hydraulic feed-water. The average percentage of ash deduced from the above analysis would be 10.90, but this might perhaps be lower than the average of ash in the seam, as the coal-dust was purer probably than the portions of the seams from which it was derived, owing to all heavy impurities having been separated out of it by the water circulating through the pipes and bore-hole, which would thus clean the coal on the same principle as small (slack) coal is cleaned, by being washed. Against the possibility, however, of the general percentage of ash being higher than the average of these two analyses must be taken into consideration the fact that the proportion of bituminous coal in the seam is greater than that of the splint coal. I think, however, it may fairly be assumed, provisionally, that the average percentage of ash in this seam ranges approximately from 10 to 14 per cent. The coal is a mixed bituminous and splint coal, suitable for steam, gas, blacksmith, and household purposes.

Taking the specific gravity of this coal as 1.38, and the thickness of coal, after deducting bands, as 5 feet 2½ inches, this seam should yield, after allowing one-third for waste in getting faults, rolls, &c., and assuming that a quarter of the remainder would be small coal, in round numbers 4,360 tons of large coal and 1,460 tons of small coal per acre.

The relation of the seams proved in this bore to those of East Maitland will be treated of in my "Geology of the Maitland District," now in course of preparation; and a detailed section, in addition to the one already furnished by me to the Diamond-drill Branch, will be given of the strata passed through in the present bore and the previous one at Hexham Island.

I have, &c.,

T. W. EDGEWORTH DAVID,

The Government Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

Geological Surveyor.

## APPENDIX No. 2L.

### MEMORANDUM.

#### Diamond-drill Bore, Euroka Creek, near Penrith.

WITH reference to the attached letter from Mr. T. S. Parrott (Department of Mines, No. 10,213, 1889), the following facts may serve as some guide as to the probable depth of the coal below the bottom of the diamond-drill bore on the Nepean River, near Penrith.

The first seam of coal was struck in the bores recently completed at Woodford, in the No. 1 bore at 1,206 feet from the surface, and at the No. 2 bore at 1,194 feet 2 inches. No. 1 bore is about 2,129 feet, and No. 2 bore about 2,061 feet, above sea-level, while Mr. T. S. Parrott's bore near Penrith is about 35 feet above sea-level, and therefore about 2,026 feet at its point of commencement below the surface level of the No. 2 bore at Woodford. Assuming, however, that an east-north-east dip prevails between the No. 2 Woodford bore and the Penrith bore, and that the amount of dip is approximately the same as that observed by me between the No. 1 and No. 2 bores at Woodford, the coal-seams should theoretically have dipped from the No. 2 Woodford bore about 2,150 feet, or about 124 feet more than the difference between their surface levels. Consequently, assuming the same strata to maintain approximately the same thickness at Penrith as they do at Woodford, the first coal-seam at Penrith bore should be approximately 124 feet deeper than at the No. 2 Woodford bore, so that it should be about 1,318 feet below the surface, and about 884 feet below the bottom of the present bore.

A comparison also of the section, taken by the engineer, of the Penrith with my section of the No. 2 bore at Woodford shows it probable that the "gray and purple spotted shale," 9 feet thick, struck at 271 feet 4 inches in the Penrith bore, is identical with the mottled purple shale, 5 feet thick, struck at 149 feet 10 inches in the No. 2 Woodford bore. This evidence therefore also seems to show that the Penrith Bore will have to go about 121 feet deeper than the No. 2 Woodford bore before reaching the first coal. That is a total depth of about 1,315 feet; and the present bore being 434 feet deep, about 881 feet deeper than at present. The almost identical results of these two methods of calculation is simply a coincidence, and the estimated depths given must be looked upon as only very approximate, as a slight change of dip or a thinning or thickening of intermediate strata would materially alter the results of these methods of calculation.

A still more important element which may possibly quite upset these calculations is to be noted in the form of a mass of volcanic material which occurs at Euroka Farm, about half a mile south-westerly from the Penrith bore.

Euroka Creek at this point flows through an amphitheatrical hollow in the Hawkesbury Sandstones, about one-quarter of a mile in diameter, the bottom of which is occupied by a circular mass of grayish black volcanic rock, chiefly of fragmental origin. Under the microscope this rock is seen to consist chiefly of angular fragments of lava, angular grains of quartz, and numerous greenish and brownish-gray decomposed crystals, some of which appear to be augite. Fragments of volcanic glass with enclosed spherulitic fibrous radial mineral are occasionally observable, and there is a considerable amount of interstitial glassy material in places in the base. The rock is, I think, certainly of volcanic origin; but it is difficult to determine its relation to the Hawkesbury Sandstone which encircles it. It closely resembles the fragmental black volcanic rock which occurs in the Hawkesbury Sandstone at the Mittagong diamond-field, and has also some resemblance to the volcanic breccias at the Pennant Hills road-metal quarry.

A remarkable feature in connection with the volcanic rock at Euroka Farm is the occurrence close to its northern margin of portion of a seam of coal. By your advice, a small shaft was sunk on this seam of coal by Messrs. Mitchell and Parrott, in order to ascertain its true character, and, if possible, the reason of its occurrence in such a strange position in the midst of the Hawkesbury Sandstone. By your instruction, I visited this shaft when it was 12 feet deep, and obtained a section of the west side of the shaft.

It is evident from this section that the small crushed seam of coal, followed down in the shaft, dips towards the mass of volcanic tuff, and not away from it, as might have been expected. The maximum thickness of coal in this shaft was about 5 inches. I was unable to discover any fossils in the shales below the small seam, which would indicate whether it belonged to the Permo-Carboniferous productive coal-

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measures or to the Hawkesbury or Wianamatta formations. The Hawkesbury Sandstone surrounding the volcanic breccia appeared to be slightly bleached, but was otherwise unaltered and undisturbed.

The volcanic breccia at Euroka may perhaps be related, as you have suggested, to some remarkable conglomerates associated with trachyte at "The Valley," near Springwood, of which you have given the following description:—\* In the bottom of a gully called "The Valley," about 1 mile from Springwood, there outcrops a mass of altered conglomerate containing fragments of carbonized wood. I did not discover any fossils to enable me to determine the age of the beds, but in their lithological character they resemble the Lower Coal-measures of the Hunter River. Should they prove, on further examination, to belong to that series, it will show that there has been a disturbance of the coal-measures in this locality, and that the seams of coal now hidden by the overlying Hawkesbury rocks may have been brought nearer to the surface than the surrounding formations would seem to indicate. This is an important question which may be settled by a little prospecting. With these conglomerate beds occur some trachytic rocks, and in one place there is a spring deposit, about 50 feet in diameter, of brown iron-ore. Possibly therefore the mass of volcanic breccia at Euroka Creek may indicate something more than a mere local disturbance, and should it be met with in the Penrith bore it might, of course, seriously alter the correctness of the preceding calculations as to the probable depth of the coal-measures at that locality. The site, however, selected for the Penrith bore is, as you have already pointed out, a favourable one, and I think that, provided the volcanic rock has not extensively disturbed the measures, there is a reasonable probability that coal may be reached at about 900 feet below the bottom of the 434-foot bore, near Penrith—that is, at a total depth of between 1,300 feet and 1,400 feet below the surface at the Penrith bore.

T. W. E. DAVID,

4/7/89.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

NOTE.—Copies of any plans, diagrams, maps, or sections accompanying the originals of the above reports can be obtained at the Department of Mines by making application in writing to the Under Secretary.

#### APPENDIX No. 3.

Sir,

Geological Survey Branch, Department of Mines, Sydney, 3 February, 1890.

I have the honor to furnish you with a progress report of the work upon which I have been engaged during 1889.

In the beginning of January I visited Glencoe and reported upon the occurrence of bismuth ores near Ben Lomond. This proved to be a small quartz vein carrying bismuth, traversing granite, but of too small dimensions to be of value to work. (*Appendix No. 3A.*)

From 16th January to 24th January I was in the Cooma District. I visited the mineral spring at Rock Flat, near Cooma. A description of this mineral water is given in the records of the survey, Part II, vol. I. I also dealt with prospecting papers relating to Paupong and Fiery Creek, and furnished you with a report on these two places. (*Appendix No. 3B.*)

From 2nd March to 23rd March I was away on my annual leave of absence.

On 11th April I proceeded to Bourke, and, until 10th May, was engaged mapping the boundary of the Cretaceo-Tertiary formation in that neighbourhood in connection with the probability of obtaining artesian water. Two sites were indicated on Yanda Run where there were evidences of the presence of small basins of the water-bearing formation. One of these has been tested by two bores, but no supply of artesian water was obtained. This was no doubt due to the fact that the Cretaceo-Tertiary formation, although here consisting of alternating clay and sandy beds, proved to be of so little depth, combined with the fact of the general thinning out of the whole formation southwards from the Darling River. The report, together with the geological map of this district, was published separately during the year.

In the middle of June I visited Marulan, and reported upon the newly-discovered caves at the Look Down, on the Shoalhaven River. (*Appendix No. 3C.*)

From 10th July to 19th July I was engaged reporting on the Kookarabooka Gold-field, to the east of Gyra.

From 2nd September to 18th September I was at Tumbarumba, and mapped the Tertiary deep lead, which occurs in close relation to the present valley of the Tumbarumba Creek, from Bago Inn to the junction of the Burra and Tumbarumba Creeks, a distance of 20 miles. The undenuded portions of this lead still existing under the basalt have not yet been tested, except in a very superficial way, owing to the presence of large quantities of water. The old channel is evidently present under a considerable portion of the run of basalt, and wherever the drift has been tried it has proved payably workable, while the Pleistocene drift of the present valley were very rich wherever they had derived material from the denudation of the Tertiary deep lead, so that there is every reason to believe that when the portions of the deep lead proper, which are still left intact under the basalt, can be advantageously worked, the results will be very good. (*See Records of Geological Survey, vol. II, Part I.*)

On October 11th I accompanied the Under Secretary, as a member of the Prospecting Board, to the southern coastal district, where we dealt with a large number of applications in the neighbourhood of the following places:—Tarago, Braidwood, Moruya, Mogo, Nerrigundah, Bega, Eden, Bombala, Delegete River, Craigie, Nimitybelle, Kydra, Cooma, Big Badga, Fiery Creek, Cowra Creek, Little Plains, Bredbo, Colinton, Michelago, and Bungendore. We returned to Sydney on November 1st. In the early part of November I was engaged in the office writing the reports and recommendations relating to the applications referring to the foregoing places.

From November 25th to December 16th I was engaged as a member of the Prospecting Board in the Hunter River and New England Districts. Numerous applications were dealt with in the vicinity of the following places:—Dungog, Copeland, Moonan Brook, Stewart's Brook, Tamworth, Bendemeer, and Uralla. The metal-bearing formation at the first four places and to the west of Tamworth is the same, and belongs to the Carboniferous period. It extends from the Hunter River District northwards in a continuous belt to the west of Bingera, and is separated from the older Siluro-Devonian rocks of the New England tableland by an intrusive dyke-mass which has been altered into serpentine. The fossil remains of *Lepidodendron* have been obtained at various places from Copeland to Bingera in this formation, as well as marine fossils which Mr. Etheridge informs me are of undoubted Carboniferous age. The strata have

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not been much contorted nor altered, and as a rule the dip is never great except locally. The auriferous quartz reefs occurring in this formation are often of considerable extent and size, and in various localities have proved very rich. It is a curious fact that most of the reefs associated with this formation contain a certain proportion of calcite, and in fact reefs wholly composed of calcite are of common occurrence, some of them being gold-bearing. In various localities, such as Stewart's Brook and Copeland; payable reefs of a somewhat permanent character have been and are being opened out, and it is very probable that others will in course of time be discovered over the large area in which this formation is developed.

It will be seen from this report that for nearly three months of the year my time was taken up with prospecting work, in travelling in various parts of the Colony as a member of the Prospecting Board. At various periods of the year, when not engaged in the field, I have been employed in the office writing the reports mentioned above, supervising the preparation of the maps for publication connected with these reports, and other official work during your own and Mr. David's absences from the office.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM ANDERSON,  
Geological Surveyor.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

#### APPENDIX No. 3A.

##### Report on Bismuth Ores at Ben Lomond, near Glencoe.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions, I have visited the Mount Mitchell District, near Glencoe, in which bismuth ores have recently been discovered. I have now the honor to furnish you with my report thereon.

The position of these bismuth-bearing veins is in the north-west corner of the parish of Coventry, county of Clarke, and is about a mile to the south-east of Mount Mitchell. The bismuth ores occur distributed in small irregular patches through a series of quartz-veins, averaging from half an inch up to 4 inches in thickness. The quartz is clear and translucent, and towards the centre of some of the veins is crystalline, the pyramidal apices of the crystals from opposite sides of the veins interlocking in the centre. The contained bismuth ore is in the form of oxide, sulphide, and carbonate of bismuth, which in many cases are found to cover a central nucleus of metallic bismuth. The veins traverse a ternary granite, whose general texture and mineral constituents vary very much. Their strike is south-west and north-east, and they pass downwards in a nearly vertical direction, with a slight inclination to each other, as if they would unite at a lower depth. Their outcrop can be traced for a considerable distance along the surface, and small quantities of bismuth can be washed from the soil in the immediate neighbourhood of the outcrop. The veins contain a fair percentage of free gold. Little or no work has yet been done in opening up or proving the extent of the bismuth-bearing veins. A couple of holes have been sunk averaging about 10 feet deep. The mode of occurrence of the bismuth ores here differs slightly from that at the Kingsgate mines, in that at the latter place they occur in pipe-veins near the junction of the granite with the slate; while here they are found in quartz-veins traversing the mass of the granite. Of two assays made of the quartz, one returned 5 per cent. of metallic bismuth, with traces of gold, and the other showed traces of metallic bismuth.

The only positions in granite in which large and permanent mineral-bearing lodes or reefs may be expected to be found are along the lines of junction of an intrusive granite mass or dyke with sedimentary or volcanic rocks, and within the area occupied by the granite wherever there is evidence of the presence of a line of weakness, such as a well-defined fault. When veins or reefs occur in granite where there is no evidence of faulting, as in the present case, they cannot be expected to be of any great size or permanency, because such veins doubtless occupy small fissures, which have been formed either during the cooling and crystallization of the granite, or subsequently by mechanical strain, which had not been sufficiently powerful to produce extensive faulting. Consequently it will no doubt be found, on proving these veins, that they are more or less lenticular in shape, thickening and thinning out, and running together in a very irregular manner, although probably on the same vertical line. They do not present, so far as one can judge from their present development, the same prospects of such large quantities of bismuth ore being obtained as in the case of the pipe-veins at Kingsgate.

In the immediate neighbourhood of this bismuth discovery large tracts of the country have been taken up for the purposes of alluvial tin-mining. The district consists of a tin-bearing granite, on which, in some localities, are undenuded portions of Tertiary basalt, which no doubt locally cover parts of tin-bearing Tertiary river-drifts.

Mount Mitchell itself is composed of this basalt, and from its conical shape and crateriform summit it appears to be the plug of one of the Tertiary volcanoes, which formed one of the centres of eruption for the basaltic lavas whose remnants are seen in isolated patches all over the district.

Although the granite itself has no doubt been the chief source of the alluvial tin, numerous tin-bearing lodes and veins must occur traversing it, for it is a common thing to pick out of the alluvium small pieces of tin, which have undoubtedly come from lodes or veins. One company are at present engaged laying pipes and making arrangements to begin sluicing operations as soon as possible, at a place called Lode Hill, in the vicinity of the bismuth veins. At this spot there is a considerable area covered with Pleistocene alluvial drift, carrying good tin. It occupies a small gully forming one of the sources of the Backwater Creek, a tributary of the Mitchell River. Although this alluvial is, in no case, of very great depth, still, if the sluicing be carried on with care and judgment, good returns may be expected. In numbers of the neighbouring gullies a good deal of prospecting work has been done, and there is little doubt that if this country was judiciously prospected considerable quantities of alluvial tin would be obtained, both in the Pleistocene deposits of the present gullies, and also in the Tertiary drifts, which occur in places under a covering of Tertiary basalt, in connection with which traces of gold have been got in various localities in the district, but they have never been followed up to any extent.

I have, &c.,

W. ANDERSON,  
Geological Surveyor.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

## APPENDIX No. 3B.

Sir,

Geological Survey, Department of Mines, Sydney.

I have the honor to report that I have, according to your instructions, visited the Fiery Creek and Paupong mines, in the Cooma District. You have already received my special report on these mines referring to the granting of aid for the purpose of further prospecting these claims.

Fiery Creek lies about 20 miles from Cooma, in a northerly direction. The fundamental rock of the district consists of Siluro-Devonian slates, which, in different positions, have undergone various degrees of metamorphism. In some places they are little altered, and still show distinctly the original bedding planes, while in others they are highly altered and cleaved. They have been intruded in various places by granite, diorite, &c., and in the immediate vicinity of Cooma large areas of them are covered by Tertiary basalt. To the west of the village of Bunyan, some 5 miles north of Cooma, a series of more or less lenticular beds of limestones occur interbedded among the slates. At the head of Fiery Creek, where the mines occur, the rocks consist of clay slates, which have been considerably altered. Their strike is towards the north, 20 degrees west, and along these lines, whether bedding planes or cleavage lines, probably the former, numberless lenticular veins of auriferous quartz of all sizes are found. They are present throughout a belt of slate which is about a mile in width, and extends for a considerable distance in the direction of strike. They all occur interleaved in the bedding or cleavage of the slates. Numerous leases have been taken up along this belt, and a large amount of work has already been done in sinking and driving on these quartz veins. Their formation, no doubt, has been due to the fact that the strata have undergone great lateral pressure, which has been exerted in the direction of strike, with the consequence that the slates have become slightly crumpled, and lenticular openings have been formed along the planes of least resistance, that is along the planes of bedding. The auriferous quartz has been subsequently introduced into these openings. From the nature of their formation it will be seen that individually they will not be permanent reefs at a depth, but they will be found to follow the angle of dip of the slates, and either give out at a comparatively short distance or make their maximum thickness, and then gradually tail off to nothing. The probability is that they will not be found to occur persistently on one line of bedding when that is followed downwards, but after the giving out of one lenticular vein, the next one will most likely be found on another line of bedding, a few feet, or perhaps yards, to either side of the bedding plane on which the former one occurred. Individually, unless exceedingly rich, they are not likely to pay, for they will not as a rule be found to be of great extent; but if numbers of them were worked together to a depth such that the cost of mining would not be very great they could probably be worked to advantage.

The Paupong mines lie to the south-west of Cooma, in the parish of Wilson, county of Wallace. The country between Cooma and Paupong consists of granite, with here and there highly-altered Siluro-Devonian slates, and covered occasionally with patches of Tertiary basalt. Between Buckley's Crossing, on the Snowy River, and Paupong, the intrusive character of the granite is seen, the slates being highly altered and contorted near the junction. A couple of shafts have been sunk on Baloka Creek, but so far no returns have been obtained. There are indications on the surface of the presence of a lode or reef, and the position for such an occurrence is a favourable one, being in the immediate neighbourhood of the junction between the granite and the slate.

This district, particularly outside the granite areas, is certainly of a metalliferous character, and is one in which some payable reefs and lodes may yet be found. Although much of it has to a certain extent been prospected, it was in the old days of the Kiandra rush when gold was the one metal looked for, and little attention was paid to ores which might contain any of the other commercially valuable metals. In consequence of this there is a wide field in this southern mountainous part of the Colony for the prospecting and discovery of payable lodes and reefs, besides the possibility of patches of payable auriferous Tertiary drift being met with in connection with the undenuded remnants of the Tertiary basaltic lavas which covered so large an area in this part of the Colony.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

I have, &amp;c.,

WILLIAM ANDERSON,

Geological Surveyor.

## APPENDIX No. 3C.

## Report on the Bungonia Caves.

Sir,

25 June, 1889.

I have the honor to report that, in accordance with your instructions, I have visited the newly-discovered caves in the vicinity of the Shoalhaven Valley, near Marulan.

They are situated in the parish of Inverary, county of Argyle, about 13 miles from Marulan and 24 from Goulburn, on the Southern Railway.

They can be reached from either of these places. From Goulburn, by Bungonia, there is a good metalled road to the "Look Down," close to the caves, and also from Marulan, close to Guymers' house, from which the caves are reached by taking a bush-track for about 4 miles down Jerrara Creek. This bush-track, which is a fairly good one, may be avoided by going on to Bungonia, and from thence to the caves, thus making the distance from Marulan 16 miles. It will be seen that the caves are within easy access of the railway, and no difficulty is experienced in reaching them. They are in close proximity to the place known as the "Look Down," which is greatly frequented, particularly during the summer, by people from the neighbouring towns. The "Look Down" is on the top of the outcrop of the limestone in which the caves recur, and from this position a magnificently picturesque view is obtained, looking into the Shoalhaven Valley at its junction with the Jerrara Creek, where there is almost a sheer drop of over a thousand feet, the precipice being formed by the limestone, which dips towards the main valley. The combined Jerrara and Bungonia Creeks, just before it enters the Shoalhaven River, has eroded a narrow, deep, and grand gorge in the limestone, in which there is a beautiful waterfall when there is any volume of water in the creek.

From Marulan to within a couple of miles of the caves the country consists of quartz-porphry, which has been intruded among a series of highly-metamorphosed sedimentary rocks. The limestone in which the caves occur forms part of this series. Its general strike is nearly north and south, and its dip is easterly. It is formed of a series of beds, and attains a considerable thickness. Its outcrop runs nearly parallel with the Shoalhaven Valley, and forms its western slope at this point. The surface of the ground ]



ground on the outcrop of the limestone is slightly undulating, and at intervals there are numerous local depressions, mostly of small size, which are analogous to the "swallow holes" occurring in the chalk formation of England, which have been dissolved out by surface waters finding their way down the joints, and gradually dissolving the lime and increasing their size until they form the entrance to extensive caverns. The majority of these depressions will, no doubt, be found, on exploration, to lead downwards into more or less extensive caves. It is in one such depression that the openings into the newly-discovered caves occurs. This depression is of considerable extent, and into the cave orifices at the bottom of it the surface drainage of the immediate neighbourhood finds its way, so that in times of storm a considerable amount of water flows into the caves.

At present there are two known entrances to the caves, some little distance apart, in the bottom of a somewhat extensive depression. Both are rather narrow, and cumbered with large loose blocks of limestone, which have fallen into the depression. The lower of the two passes immediately downwards, in a nearly vertical direction, so that a rope or ladder is necessary to effect an entrance by it. The other surface opening is a little higher up, and passing through it there is a gradual descent for some distance, when the cavern takes a sharp turn to the right, where there is a more or less vertical drop of about 20 feet, which can be descended by means of a rope. Near the foot of this the first-mentioned surface opening can be seen at a considerable height to the left. Proceeding a short distance in the direction of south 20 degrees east the floor takes another sudden drop, which, in the centre of the cavern, is quite vertical, having in that position been worn away by the water falling over it. The left side of this presents, however, a considerable slope about 30 feet long, which can be descended by means of a rope. At the bottom of this is the largest chamber yet discovered. From this chamber the cave divides into two, one branch taking a westerly and the other an easterly direction. The western one is very rugged and tortuous, the floor being strewn with great blocks of limestone, and at times these and the hollows between them are covered over with great quantities of vegetable debris, which has been carried in by recent rains, and the presence of which necessitates care in one's movements. This cave was followed for a considerable distance, and everywhere there are evidences of the recent presence of flowing water—in fact everything points to the conclusion that when water enters the caves from the surface this is the passage down which it now travels. It was, however, so rugged and difficult of access that we did not follow it to its termination, but so far as it was examined there were no stalactitic growths to be seen. This is no doubt due to the fact that this branch is of comparatively recent origin, and is the present channel by which the water passes downwards. The easterly branch is accessible for a much greater distance than the other, but for a good part of the way progression is chiefly by crawling and climbing. There are, however, a few places where an upright position can be maintained for short distances. In many places narrow and deep channels have been worn by running water in the stalagmitic floor, and these are at present the only pathways. Frequently the existing cavities have been formed by great masses of the roof having fallen in, leaving only very small apertures for exit. At intervals in this cave there occur, chiefly in small lateral cavities, some beautiful stalactitic growths, together with many stalagmitic surfaces, which present a minutely-rippled aspect, resembling in appearance the surface of some composite corals. Such stalactitic chambers are, however, isolated from each other, and are not uniformly distributed throughout the cave. The stalactitic growths are chiefly in the form of tapering acicular pendants of variable length and size, and the expanded leaf-like forms, known as "shaws," some of which are quite translucent. The surface of the floor, which everywhere is of the most uneven character, slopes more or less the whole way from the surface, and the deepest part, in the eastern branch, which was reached (and that not the end of the cave) was not less than 200 feet from the surface. These caves have certainly outlets at a lower level, and it is exceedingly probable that these are situated somewhere on the dip of the limestone, in the western slope of the Shoalhaven Valley, for the drainage must certainly find its way into the Shoalhaven River or into Jerrara Creek.

The close proximity of these caves to an already recognised public resort—the "Look Down"—enhances their value, and although, as yet, no decidedly wonderful stalactitic chambers have been discovered, doubtless numbers of people while visiting the former place will venture to examine them, and for this reason they ought, I think, to be taken charge of by the Government, and such improvements made in them as will secure the safety of visitors. They are undoubtedly of great extent, and it is not at all improbable that if systematically explored portions of them may be found containing such stalactitic growths that it would be advisable to have them preserved from injury, and made accessible to the public. I would, therefore, recommend that the Inspector of Caves be asked to visit them, and take steps to have the necessary improvements made, and to have them thoroughly explored.

The caves are included within a reserve.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM ANDERSON,  
Geological Surveyor.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

#### APPENDIX No. 4A.

##### Report on a new Gold discovery, County of St. Vincent.

Sir,

Geological Survey Branch, Department of Mines, 31 July, 1889.

In accordance with your instructions, I have visited the newly-discovered reef in the county of St. Vincent, Milton District, and have the honor to submit the following report:—

The reef is situated about 23 miles south-westerly from Ulladulla, and is distant 14 miles due west from the coast. It is readily approached from Milton, and the road, though at present very bad, owing to the exceptionally continuous rains, is fairly direct. Milton can be reached either by steamer to Ulladulla, or by train to Kiama, thence by coach through Nowra. Without actual survey the exact position cannot be given, but taking as starting-point the south-western corner of Moul's selection No. 5, it is in the parish of Currock, close to the western boundary of the parish of Mogood.

In going from Milton five distinct formations are passed over:—

- (1.) Porphyry.
- (2.) Coal-measures.
- (3.) Siluro-Devonian.
- (4.) Pleistocene.
- (5.) Recent.

(1.)

(1.) *Porphyry*.—For a radius of about 4 miles around Milton there is a mass of porphyry, and the soil produced by its decomposition is the mainstay of the district. The whole of the land has been cleared, and is utilized for dairy-farming. From any elevated point one can see where this formation ends and the useless—so far as farming operations are concerned—coal-measures commence.

(2.) *Coal-measures*.—These are met at Coe's turn-off, and extend for some 7 miles towards Burroman. They consist of massive clayey sandstones with occasional beds of shale. In the short time at disposal I was unable to determine whether they belong to the Upper or Lower Marine Series.

(3.) *Siluro-Devonian*.—These rocks occupy a large area, extending, as shown on the accompanying map, for at least 6 miles, and I am informed that for a radius of 5 miles around Messrs. Moulton and Rixon's reef there is no change. The beds consist of clay-schists, tilted at various angles. Leaders of quartz cross them in every direction. Several reefs are known, and with the exception of the one worked by Messrs. Moulton and Rixon they run parallel to the strike.

(4.) *Pleistocene*.—Patches of a loose conglomerate occur on Brimblamala Creek. In one place the top of the bed is about 80 feet above the present creek-level. It consists chiefly of well-rounded pebbles of sandstone, quartzite, &c.

(5.) *Alluvial—Recent*.—This occurs more or less as small patches throughout the district, and in several places contains payable gold. In most of the creeks and gullies colours can be got. On both the Clyde River and Brimblamala Creek patches have been worked. In Fenian Gully the sinking was 8 feet and the wash 2 inches, with a width of about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  chains. Several nuggets are said to have been found, the largest coming from Spur Gully.

*Moulton and Rixon's Reef*.—Gold was discovered in the gullies on both sides of this reef, and traced by Mr. Moulton up to the reef itself, and, as favourable prospects were obtained from the surface, the proprietors were induced to open it up. The dip is south, at 65 degrees; the walls are well defined, and the vein has been sunk on for a depth of 25 feet. The average width is not more than 18 inches, although at the surface there was a blow of about 5 feet; this soon pinched on the hanging-wall side, and at a depth of 10 feet is not more than 18 inches. It then widens slightly on the footwall side, and at the bottom of the shaft is again pinching.

At the surface the gold was coarse, but lower down is scaly. A sample, taken from the bottom of the shaft and crushed while I was at the reef, did not show any gold. Mr. Moulton, however, informs me that encouraging prospects have been obtained from the same level. In places the reef is solid or "bound," but, as a rule, it is rubbly. The quartz itself is compact, and, in addition to gold, contains, in small quantities, galena, zinc-blende, and copper and iron pyrites. So far as proved the gold is patchy, and probably runs in shoots, the extent of which can, of course, only be known by further prospecting to greater depths. Timber is in abundance for mining purposes, and Brimblamala Creek affords a good supply of water. For the last  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles there is only a bridle-track. A road can readily be made, although the grades will be steep.

Owing to the rough nature of the country there has not been much prospecting, but, as alluvial gold has been found in various places, gold-bearing reefs must exist. The country is worth prospecting.

In conclusion, I desire to acknowledge the kind attention of Messrs. M'Arthur, C.P.S., Moulton and Rixon.

I have, &c.,

GEO. A. STONIER,

Assistant Geological Surveyor.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

#### APPENDIX No. 4B.

##### Report on Tin-bearing Country in the County of Bourke.

Sir, Geological Survey Office, Department of Mines, 9 August, 1889.

In accordance with your instructions, received by me while at Temora, I visited the tin-mine near Broken Dam, and have now the honor to submit the following report:—

The mine is situated as shown upon the accompanying plan (No. 1), in the parish of Langi-kal-kal, County of Bourke, on the leasehold portion of West Mandamah Station, and is distant about 23 miles in a north-westerly direction from Temora. The most convenient railway-station is said to be Coolamon, on the Hay line; the distance, in a direct line, is about 38 miles.

Three leases—one 40 acres, one 60 acres, and the third 80 acres—have been applied for with a view of immediately working the ground.

The ridge, on which the tin was first found, forms a water-parting, and trends in a north-easterly direction. From it spurs run almost at right angles, and gently slope to flats on either side, while between them are patches of alluvial. It is in one of these gullies that the best prospects have up to the present been obtained. The top of the ridge is 290 feet above Mirrool Creek, at Broken Dam, which is about 4 miles distant in a south-easterly direction.

The formations represented are—

- (1.) Granite.
- (2.) Pliocene-Tertiary.
- (3.) Post-Pliocene.

(1.) *Granite*.—Granite is the only rock known for some distance around the leases, but it cannot occupy any great area, as the occurrence of slate has been noted within 4 miles on either side. Hard bosses show up through the soil in places, but there is an absence of "tors," and the rock is so readily decomposed that the crop is frequently much obscured. It consists of quartz, felspar, and mica, both muscovite and biotite. Two distinct kinds occur, and they differ, not in mineral components, but in degree of crystallization, that to the south of the leases containing porphyritic crystals of felspar, white and pinkish white, up to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches in length, many of them showing the twinning characteristic of orthoclase.

With the exception of one quartz-reef referred to by the Government Geologist, who visited the district in 1881, as occurring near the north-western corner of reserve 1,977, parish of Mandamah, no reefs of any size have yet been observed. In a tank which is being excavated on block 15, five small veins

veins have been exposed. The thickest is about 8 inches, and carries thin leaders of fine black crystallized tinstone through the quartz. The others vary from 2 inches to the thickness of a knife-blade, and it is stated that each is stanniferous. They run nearly parallel, bear about W. 20° S., and are almost vertical.

(2.) *Pliocene-Tertiary*.—This consists of a drift of quartz, angular and sub-angular, but chiefly well rounded. Some of the blocks are as much as 1 foot 3 inches in diameter. The occurrence of this deposit was noted by the Government Geologist in 1881, in a report on the Temora, Bland, and Merool districts (Annual Report, Department of Mines, 1881, page 138), but up to that time no importance was attached to it.

Several shafts have been sunk, but none have been bottomed, the deepest being 16 feet. In each case tin was found, though not in payable quantity.

These shafts should certainly be bottomed, in order to prove the channel of this ancient Tertiary lead, as it may contain, in places, rich deposits of tin-ore like the Tertiary leads in New England.

The attention of miners should be specially directed to the occurrence of this waterworn drift-deposit, as the old watercourse, of which it is a remnant, must have extended from an easterly to a westerly direction, and where it has crossed belts of gold-bearing formations there is also a probability of discovering payable gold-leads.

(3.) *Post-Pliocene*.—The enormous denudation to which the country has been subjected since Pliocene times has resulted in the Pliocene drift being naturally ground-sluiced, and the tin, contained therein, concentrated in another deposit consisting of the denuded portions of both the Pliocene and the granite. As would be expected, it consists not only of waterworn pebbles, but also mica and clay, the latter from the decomposition of the felspar.

Originally the tin has been derived from veins in the granite or adjoining formations, and doubtless, in various places, veins have directly influenced the richness of the Post-Pliocene lead, but it would seem that most of the ore has passed through the Pliocene drift.

The lead has been proved to the western boundary of Portion 17. Here it has been lost, and, so far, attempts to trace it have failed. At this point the alluvial is wide, but the width of the lead has not yet been determined. Owing to the recent rains, the shafts were full of water, so I was unable to examine any of them. Mr. Roberts informs me that the wash is 5 feet thick, with a good prospect of tin. Whether the lead continues, and is payable further west, can only be determined by actual prospecting work; but it probably does, for it has been the experience in New England, as Mr. Geological-Surveyor David has pointed out in his report on that district, that tin will travel as much as 2 miles from its parent source.

Starting from the western boundary of portion 17, the alluvial can be followed in an easterly direction to the north-western corner of portion 15, and here it receives a branch running parallel to the eastern boundary of that Portion, while the main body continues into Portion 16. No lead has been proved in the latter, hence it is uncertain whether that, which heads from the break in the drift, is the main or a branch lead. Up to this point the rise in the surface is but slight, but now in a distance of 14 chains there is a rise of 32 feet. This part of the lead has received more attention than any other, and it is here that operations are about to be commenced. From the break through the old drift the lead seems to turn east towards the south-eastern corner of Portion 16. The prospect work done has been very little, but in several places the presence of wash carrying good tin has been proved. Tin has also been obtained in the gully running south-westerly from the break, but not in payable quantity.

The tin itself is fine, with a few pieces up to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in length. Most of it is angular and sub-angular, very few rounded pieces being noticeable. It has evidently not travelled very far from its original matrix. The colour varies from honey-yellow—sometimes translucent—to black. In some cases all the shades can be detected in the one specimen. The associated minerals are tourmaline, magnetic iron, and a little gold. Wolfram is said to occur, but of this I did not see any specimens.

The wash, as it results from the denudation of both the Pliocene drift and the granite, is composed of mica, clay, and irregularly-shaped grains of quartz, with larger and water-worn quartz pebbles. The cementing material is chiefly clay and red peroxide of iron. Its thickness varies from 2 to 5 feet, and the sinking from 10 to 15 feet.

Communication with the railway is easy, but a great difficulty will be the want of water. To meet this, a tank, already referred to, is being excavated on Portion 15, and this, when completed, will have a capacity of 4,000 cubic yards.

No bulk test has yet been made, but Mr. Roberts informs me that from 4 to 16 oz. of ore to the dish have been obtained.

Wherever the Pliocene Tertiary deposit occurs the alluvials resulting from its degradation are well worth testing for gold and tin.

In conclusion, I desire to acknowledge the kind attention of Mr. Surveyor Beasley and the Messrs. Roberts.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

I have, &c.,  
GEO. A. STONIER,  
Assistant Geological Surveyor.

#### APPENDIX No. 4C.

##### Report on "The Peak."

Geological Survey Office, Department of Mines, 13 September, 1889.

Sir,

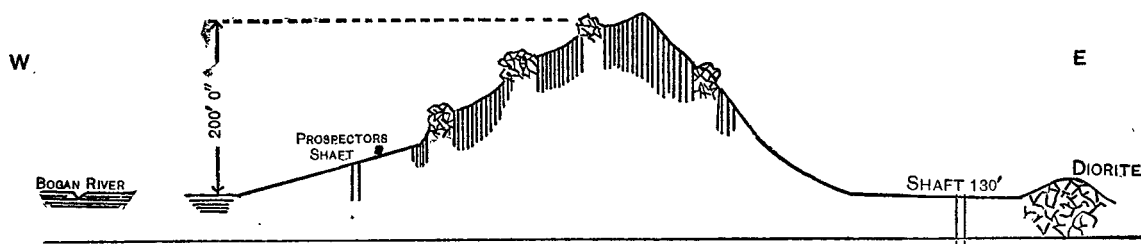
In accordance with your instructions; I have visited the new rush at the Peak, and have now the honor to submit the following report.

"The Peak" forms part of an isolated ridge, which is about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles long. It is situated in the parish of Mingelo, county of Narromine, and is distant about 41 miles from Dubbo, and 29 miles from Parkes. Its position, together with that of the new field at Alick's Flat, is shown on the plan (No. 1) attached. As will be seen, the trial survey line for a railway from Parkes to Dubbo, passes within 3 miles of the field.

The ridge runs in a northerly and southerly direction, has but one decided break, and is the only rise of any consequence in the vicinity. On the west it slopes to the Tertiary plain, the distance to the Bogan being about 3 miles. On the east the flat extends for some distance, and it is 7 miles before hills  
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of any consequence are met with, viz., the Hervey Range; although, within a mile from the foot of the ridge, there is said to be a crop of diorite. In this alluvial a shaft has been sunk to a depth of 130 feet. The wash is 3 feet thick, and contains sub-angular pebbles of quartz and diorite, up to 8 inches in diameter, in a stiffish clay. So far, only a trace of gold has been obtained. The ground between this shaft and the Peak is well worth attention. The alluvial flat extends northward past the Peak, and then turns to the west, thus being bounded on the south by the Peak; its northern boundary is a low hill of diorite. At this place the width of the alluvial will be about three-quarters of a mile. It should certainly be tested, as it may prove to be the outlet for the lead proved in the 130-foot shaft already referred to. There is, however, said to be to the north-east another flat quite as favourable for an outlet. On the south-east there are several low gently-undulating hills of slate and diorite—the latter being readily recognized by the scanty vegetation it supports. These hills run towards the Ten-mile Ridge, where gold-bearing reefs have been already worked.

The Peak itself is rocky, rises to an elevation of about 200 feet above the Tertiary plain, and is timbered with box, pine, and, at certain elevations, currajong and ironbark. It consists of argillaceous schists, rather arenaceous, and in places talcose, the cleavage of which is all on edge, and running north and south. Parallel to the strike are massive reef-like outcrops of quartz, often cellular as if pyritous at a depth, and brown iron-ore; the latter, with the various striking tints assumed by oxide of iron. These hard masses have resisted the denuding agencies which soon levelled the softer schists, and particularly on the western side, near Madden's lease, they have been left as steps, as shown on the following sketch



section. In places the crop runs round the spur, more as if it were from a horizontal bed than a reef, but this feature is local, and may be due to local faulting, since what seems to be the same mass can be traced farther along. Near the foot of the ridge on the eastern side is a quartz reef, which can be traced north and south for a considerable distance; very little work has yet been done on it.

The slopes from the ridge are broken at the top by watercourses, partaking somewhat of the character of ravines, into spurs running east and west, which gradually flatten out, until what was a well-defined spur broadens into a general slope, with, in places, an almost imperceptible waterway, all trace of the old Pleistocene channels being completely hidden. The ravines have so far yielded most of the gold, as the upturned edges of the schists have acted as natural ripples. At the Peak proper each gully on the western side has been worked, but up to the present one only on the eastern side has yielded payable returns. This one had been passed over as valueless until a heavy storm had ground-slucied it, and proved the existence of payable surfacing. In the face of this fact the other gullies cannot be considered to have been proved.

Attempts to trace the leads into deep ground have not been attended with success. Most of the prospecting has been on the western side, and what appear to be two distinct runs of auriferous wash have been found, but the tracing of them into deeper ground is attended with difficulty, owing to the gradually-sloping and unbroken character of the surface. At the Prospector's claim the sinking is 16 feet, with a wash of 9 inches to 1 foot 5 inches, consisting of sub-angular quartz and ironstone up to 18 inches in diameter, evidently derived from the Peak. Some of the deep shafts have not been bottomed, a stratum of clay having been mistaken for bed-rock; in the former, lime concretions, somewhat resembling fossils, and pieces of magnesite (carbonate of magnesia) are of frequent occurrence.

The alluvial gold is coarse, the largest piece shown to me being 15 dwt. Most of it is coated with iron oxide, and it is but slightly water-worn. In one gully some with quartz attached is said to have been obtained. The gold, got by crushing samples from the ironstone masses, is chiefly fine, though coarse specks and one large piece have been noticed.

The southern end of the ridge, of which the Peak occupies the north, has not received much attention, but it is worth prospecting.

Water supply is a difficulty with which the district generally is troubled, and gilgies are at present the only source of supply for the field, as all the deep shafts about the Peak are dry. The conformation of the surface of the ground is favourable for the construction of tanks for the conservation of water.

The discovery of gold, both here and at Alicks' Flat, but serves to confirm the opinion expressed both by yourself and the Inspector of Mines as to the auriferous nature of this country; and it seems farther to prove the continuation of the auriferous belt of rocks from Forbes and Parkes northerly to Tomingley. This is a very important geological feature, for in the larger valleys, such as that of the Ten-mile Creek, where they have been eroded through this auriferous belt, rich deep leads are likely to exist, and the deep alluvial deposits in such valleys should therefore be well prospected.

In conclusion, I would acknowledge the kind assistance rendered to me by Mr. Gordon.

I have, &c.,

GEO. A. STONIER,

Assistant Geological Surveyor.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

## APPENDIX No. 5.

## Annual Report of the Palæontologist for the year 1889.

Sir,

I have the honour to hand you herewith a progress report of the Palæontological work done during the past year, 1889.

*Memoirs.*—No portion of the Palæontological Memoirs appeared during the period in question, through the accumulation of work at the Government Printing Office. Dr. Feistmantel's Memoir on the Palæozoic and Secondary Plants, however, had at the close of the year all but passed through the press, and will be published shortly. The reading of the proofs and other matters connected with this important essay have occupied much of my attention.

*Supplementary Collection.*—The sorting and transfer of the supplementary collection from the old store-room in the outer basement to the shelves and trays in the new Fossil-room have been completed, and the entire non-exhibited portion of the Departmental Collection has now been examined in a preliminary manner. Nothing further can be done with this series on a large scale until some decisive action is taken in connection with a new Museum building, the amplification and extension of this large and important section of our gatherings having to remain lost to the public. The portions transferred during the past year are the remainder of the Palæozoic and the whole of the Mesozoic and Tertiary.

*Records of the Geological Survey.*—It affords me great pleasure, as editor, to call attention to the completion of the first volume, imparting, as it does, some of the more scientific results of the survey work. The first part of the second volume is in preparation, and well advanced.

*Miscellaneous Determinations.*—The more important miscellaneous determinations made during 1889 in connection with current work are the following:—

1. Recent shells from the Kitchenmidden at Forty Baskets Bay, North Harbour.\*
2. Shells from the Raised Beaches of the Hunter Valley, at Largs, consisting of twenty-four species, as follows:—

Triton piliaris, <i>Linn.</i>	Euchilus baccatus, <i>Menke.</i>
Triton costata, <i>Born.</i>	Ostrca angasi, <i>Sby.</i>
Fusus Hanleyi, <i>Angas.</i>	Anomalocardia trapezia, <i>Desh.</i>
Potamides ebeninus, <i>Brug.</i>	Chione Isabella, <i>Gray.</i>
Natica plumbea, <i>Lamk.</i>	Chione lamellata, <i>Lamk.</i>
Natica conica, <i>Lamk.</i>	Mytilus hirsutus, <i>Lamk.</i>
Nassa unicolor, <i>Kiener.</i>	Pecten tegula, <i>Wood.</i>
Nassa Jonasi, <i>Dunk.</i>	Pecten Strangei, <i>Reeve.</i>
Monilea lentiginosa, <i>Adams.</i>	Tapes turgida, <i>Lamk.</i>
Ricella lutea, <i>Quoy.</i>	Clementia papyracea, <i>Gray.</i>
Spisula cretacea, <i>Angas.</i>	Tellina deltoidea, <i>Lamk.</i>
Lampania australis, <i>Q. and G.</i>	Artemis sculpta, <i>Hanley.</i>

The rarity of raised beach beds along the coast of New South Wales renders the occurrence of these shells particularly interesting, especially as one species, *Pecten Strangei* shows evidence of a warmer climate, and is not known now so far south as the Hunter estuary.

3. Remains of the extinct turtle *Meiolania*, from the Pliocene drift of the Canadian lead, Gulgong; and plates of an extinct fresh-water turtle, allied to the living *Chelodina sulcifera*, Gray.<sup>1</sup>
4. Examination of the Tertiary fossils from New Guinea, collected at Yule Island and other localities during Sir W. Macleay's "Chevert" expedition; others obtained by the Australasian Geographical Society's explorers; and lastly, some specimens presented by Mr. E. Edelfelt.<sup>2</sup>
5. Plants from the measures of the Dubbo coal-field, collected by Mr. Geological-Surveyor Anderson.
6. Elucidation of the structure of two Palæozoic corals—one from the Upper Silurian rocks of Hatton's Corner, near Yass, and named *Tryplasma Lonsdalei*, the other from the Devonian beds of Tamworth, called *Diphyphyllum Porteri*.<sup>3</sup>
7. Preliminary examination of the plants from the fish and plant bed of the Talbrager River, made by the collector Mr. C. Cullen. These are of the highest possible interest, as indicating an alliance of these rocks with those of the Clarence Series of New South Wales, the Ipswich Series of Queensland, and the Wannan and Bellerine beds in Victoria. The most conspicuous plant is a *Teniopteris*, which Professor M'Coy is unable to distinguish from his *T. Daintreei*, so characteristic of the Victorian Mesozoic deposit. A selection of the fish remains has been sent to Mr. A. Smith Woodward, of the British Museum, London. This gentleman writes me that the fish are wholly specifically distinct from those of the Hawkesbury Series at Gosford.
8. Plants collected and presented, by Mr. B. Dunstan, from intercalated shale in the Hawkesbury Sandstone, near Manly. Amongst these is an *Oleandridium*, apparently identical with a similar plant found at Gosford, already in the collection. This is of interest, as showing an additional genus of the *Teniopterida* in the Hawkesbury rocks.
9. Plants from the Coal-Measures at Spicer's Creek, near Wellington, chiefly *Glossopteris*, collected by Mr. Geological-Surveyor Anderson.
10. Devonian fossils from near Mudjee, collected and presented by Mr. A. Lowe. (*See Appendix No. 5 A.*)
11. Fossils from Mr. C. A. Chesney, obtained near Grenfell Run, probably indicating a further locality for Devonian species. (*See Appendix No. 5 B.*)
12. Coal-measure fossils from the Irwin River Coal-field, Western Australia, presented by Mr. Paxton, showing a close identity with those of the New South Wales Coal-measures. (*See Appendix No. 5 C.*)
13. Fossils from a limestone on the Dungog Road, Port Stephens District, in the Lower Carboniferous Series, and revealing *Lepidodendron* in company with a marine fauna. The specimens were collected and presented by Mr. J. Waterhouse, M.A., Inspector of Schools. (*See Appendix No. 5 D.*)

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\* See Rec. Geol. Survey New South Wales, 1889, I, pt. 2, p. 142.

<sup>1</sup> Rec. Geol. Survey New South Wales, 1889, I, pt. 3, p. 152.<sup>2</sup> Rec. Geol. Survey New South Wales, 1889, I, pt. 3, p. 172.<sup>3</sup> Rec. Geol. Survey New South Wales, 1890, II, pt. 1 (*in lit.*).

14. Fossils from the new sinking of the Maitland Colliery, obtained and presented by the same gentleman. The organic remains are contained in hard spherical calcareous nodules from the Upper Marine group, and consist of *Conularia inornata*, Dana, associated with large quantities of fossil wood, and examples of *Hyolithes (Theca) lanceolata*, Morris.
15. Fossils from a new locality in the Lower Carboniferous Series, at Torryburn, near Paterson, obtained by the Rev. — Yarrington, M.A., &c., and in a very excellent state of preservation. Amongst them are several examples of a univalve, which enables me to add another genus to our Carboniferous fauna, viz., *Goslettia*, known in the Carboniferous Limestone of Belgium. (See Appendix No. 5E.)
16. Collection of plants from the Clarence River Series, made by yourself, during a late inspection by the Prospecting Board. Amongst these is a *Teniopteris*, near to *T. Daintreei*, which enables me to confirm the occurrence of this interesting genus in these beds, announced some years ago by Mr. E. F. Pittman, Chief Mining Surveyor.
17. The immense collection of mammalian remains made by Mr. C. Cullen, at Myall Creek, near Bingera, has been unpacked and casually examined. The remains of *Diprotodon* and *Nototherium* are very grand, and will enable a far better idea of these animals to be obtained than hitherto. There are numerous teeth of *Scœparnodon*, but we are still in ignorance of any other portion of this animal. There are several examples of strong and massive lower jaws, probably of a new genus allied to *Procoptodon*, Owen.

*Field Work.*—On two occasions during the past year I made an examination of the aboriginal carvings at the head of Bantry Bay, North Harbour. A full description of these remarkable evidences of native art has been prepared, and will appear in a forthcoming number of the Geological Records. I also took advantage of an excursion of the Linnean Society to the Quarantine Ground to examine, in company with Mr. J. Brazier, an excellent rock-shelter, immediately at the landing-stage of the reserve. No carvings or drawings were visible, but a good and untouched ash-talus would probably reward exploration. At the invitation of Mr. John Waterhouse, M.A., I paid a visit to West Maitland, in company with Mr. Geological-Surveyor David, to make a selection of his Permo-Carboniferous fossils from his fine collection previous to its being broken up. Towards the close of the year I made a tour of inspection, with the same officer, round the Maitland and Dungog Districts, with the view of assisting to settle, amongst other points, the stratigraphical position of certain coal-seams, supposed to be in the Lower Carboniferous Series. We obtained evidence of the occurrence of *Gangamopteris* very low in the Lower Marine Series, near Lochinvar, and proved the existence of this plant in company with *Glossopteris* in shales overlying thick coal-seams on the Mammy-Johnston Creek and Ward River. The occurrence of these plants at once removes the seams in question from their hitherto supposed position, and from the surrounding stratigraphical evidence Mr. David is now inclined to consider the seams as a part of the Newcastle or Upper Coal Measures.

*Dunedin Intercolonial Exhibition.*—The collection of New South Wales fossils to be exhibited was gone over, and revised from the condition in which it appeared in Melbourne, many additional forms, especially vertebrata, being added.

*Library.*—The works of reference continue to increase, our application for an interchange of publications with learned societies and other kindred bodies having been very successful.

I have, &c.,

R. ETHERIDGE, Junr.,

Palæontologist.

C. S. Wilkinson, Esq., Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

#### APPENDIX No. 5A.

Miscellaneous Contributions to the Palæontology of Australia.

No. 13.—Report on Palæozoic Fossils from near Mudgee, forwarded by Mr. S. E. Lowe, 6/7/89.

THE fossils, entirely the remains of Brachiopoda, are contained in a calcareous, felspathic, blue-gray rock, simulating the characters of a limestone.

The commonest form is a *Rhynchonella*, after the type of *R. cuboides*, Sby., accompanied by the internal cast of an indefinite *Orthis*, and a single example of a *Pentamerus*, possessing the appearance of a Devonian species.

With the foregoing is a piece of shaly mudstone containing the casts of Crinoid stems, apparently the remains of a coral, and the impression of another Brachiopod, either an *Orthis* or *Orthotetes*.

The general facies of these shells indicates either Upper Silurian or Devonian as the age of the deposit, but from the appearance of the *Rhynchonella*, and *Pentamerus*, I am inclined to ascribe it to the latter period.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

R. E.,  
11/7/89.

#### APPENDIX No. 5B.

Miscellaneous Contributions to the Palæontology of Australasia.

No. 14.—On a probable additional locality for Devonian Fossils in New South Wales, Mount Grenfel Run, 30 miles N.W. of Cobar.

MR. C. A. CHESNEY, of Tindarey Station, near Cobar, has forwarded a small block of fine-grained whitish sandstone from the Mount Grenfel Run, 30 miles north-west of Cobar, containing plentifully internal casts and external impressions of a *Rhynchonella*.

The general appearance of this shell is of the type of the Devonian *Rhynchonella cuboides*, Sby., more particularly of the coarse ribbed varieties. The muscular impressions are well shown on some of our examples, but as those of *R. cuboides* are unknown to me, I simply indicate the alliance of the present fossil. It is distinct from the *Rhynchonella* of the Mount Lambie Devonian sandstone, associated with *Spirifera disjuncta*, Sby., and other fossils.

R. E., 7/9/89.

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## APPENDIX No. 5C.

## Miscellaneous Contributions to the Palæontology of Australasia.

## No. 15.—On Permo-Carboniferous Fossils from the Irwin River Coal-field, Western Australia.

THE fossils presented by Mr. J. M. Paxton, from rocks associated with certain coal-seams from the Irwin River Coal-field, are of great interest on account of the close resemblance they bear to those of the marine groups intercalated with the N.S. Wales Coal Measures, and from the few facts so far published concerning what will probably be a very important mineral-field in the future.

Amongst the fossils is a *Productus* closely allied to our common species *P. brachythærus*, but larger; a *Strophalosia* calling to mind *S. Gerardi*, found both here and in Queensland; a large *Chonetes*; an *Aviculopecten*; the dorsal valve of *Strophomena analoga*, also met with in the Permo-Carboniferous rocks of the two eastern provinces; a *Pleurophorus*, resembling an unnamed species from Greta, another small bivalve, apparently identical with *Parallelodon subarguta*, de Kon., from New South Wales, and other fragmentary shells.

The Irwin River coal-seams, although so long neglected, were certainly known as early as 1846, and a 6-foot seam was reported by Lieut. Helpman, R.N., in 1848.\* He describes the river as running through sandstone and shale.

In 1861, Mr. F. T. Gregory ascribed this coal to the Carboniferous Period† on the faith of a few fossils obtained there by him, such as *Cyathophyllum*, two or three species of *Spirifera*, a *Productus*, and fragmentary stems of Crinoids. So far as I am aware, nothing further has been done towards fixing the age of these mineral deposits, and consequently the fossils obtained through the instrumentality of Mr. Paxton are the more welcome, as sustaining the facts detailed in Mr. Gregory's paper. The latter refers to the Coal Measures on the Irwin as well defined, dipping at a considerable angle, and overlaid unconformably by other sedimentary beds, which he provisionally refers to the Cretaceous. Associated with the Carboniferous fossils presented by Mr. Paxton is a *Cucullæa*, of a totally different lithological aspect to the other fossils, clearly Mesozoic in type, and not far removed from *C. semistriata*, Moore,‡ from the Greenough District, Western Australia. This again lends considerable colour to the geological views of Mr. F. T. Gregory on this part of the Continent.

R.E., 14/9/89.

## APPENDIX No. 5D.

## Miscellaneous Contributions to the Palæontology of Australasia.

## No. 16.—Carboniferous Mollusca in the Lower Carboniferous or Rhacopteris Series of the Port Stephens District, New South Wales.

IN the "Mining and Mineral Statistics," 1875, Mr. J. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal-fields, gave sections§ showing the occurrence of a marine Carboniferous fauna accompanying plants, such as *Lepidodendron*, *Knorria*, *Calamites*, *Otopteris* (*Rhacopteris*), &c., in strata denominated by him the Lower Coal Measures, but known to the Geological Survey as the Lower Carboniferous or Rhacopteris Series. Notwithstanding the fact that extensive collections have from time to time been made from these Rhacopteris beds, examples of an associated marine fauna have hitherto been lacking in the Mining and Geological Museum, and Mr. Mackenzie's observations seem to have been generally overlooked.

Some months ago Mr. John Waterhouse, M.A., Inspector of Schools, Dungog, presented a few fossils from the Dungog Road, 19 miles from West Maitland, especially drawing our attention to a *Lepidodendron* associated with the marine shells. The fossils are contained in a blue-gray felspathic mudstone, and from Mr. Waterhouse's description it would appear that this stratum forms a part of the above series. So far as determinable, the following is a list of the species:—

*Lepidodendron* (allied to *L. Veltheimianum*, *Sternberg*).  
*Stenopora*.  
*Penestella fossula*, *Lonsdale*.  
*Spirifera*, sp.  
*Rhynchonella pleurodon*, *Phillips*.  
*Retzia* (near *R. ulstrix*, *De Koninck*).  
*Productus* (dorsal valve of a species like *P. semireticulatus*).  
*Conocardium* (probably *C. australe*, *McCoy*).

When in Newcastle some few weeks since, Mr. Mackenzie's section was examined by Mr. T. W. E. David and myself, with the result that we are able to confirm his reported association of the Lower Carboniferous plants and a marine fauna. Still more recently Mr. David has obtained numerous examples of a flaggy shale with highly-decorated and decomposed mollusca, during his recent Port Stephens survey from Lindsay's Branch of Larpent Creek, Karua River, again a portion of the Rhacopteris beds. The species are:—

*Strophalosia*.  
*Athyris* (like *A. Roysii*, or *A. planosulcata*).  
*Platyschisma*, or depressed *Euomphalus*.  
*Naticopsis*, small species.  
*Loxonema*.  
*Bellerophon*.

A consideration of Mr. Mackenzie's original discovery, and the fossils detailed above, leads to the conclusion that the first appearance of Carboniferous Invertebrate life took place at a much lower horizon with us than has usually been admitted.

R.E., 20/9/89.

\* Report on an Expedition to examine a Coal Discovery on the Irwin River, 1846—*Journ. R. Geogr. Soc.*, 1848, xviii, p. 41.

† *Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc.* 1861, xvi, p. 475.

‡ *Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc.* 1870, p. 250, t. 14, f. 3.

§ Sections 6, 19, and 20, *Mines and Mineral Statistics of New South Wales*, and *Notes on the Geological Collection of the Department of Mines*, (Svo. Sydney, 1875.)

## APPENDIX No. 5E.

Miscellaneous Contributions to the Palæontology of Australasia.

No. 17.—Additional Carboniferous Mollusca in the Lower Carboniferous Series of the Port Stephens District, New South Wales.

IN Report No. 16 I called attention to the occurrence of marine fossils generally in the beds hitherto termed by the Geological Survey the Lower Carboniferous or Rhacopteris beds. The Rev. Mr. Yarrington has recently presented a small collection from a dam excavation in the same series of rocks, at a new locality, Torryburn, on the station of Mr. R. Logan, twelve miles beyond Paterson, an exceedingly interesting set from their great resemblance to the true Carboniferous Limestone fossils of Europe, and their good state of preservation. The determinable forms are—

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| * <i>Spirifera bisulcata</i> , var <i>crassa</i> , de Kon. (common). | <i>Archæocidaris</i> ? (small spine).                     |
| <i>Productus semireticulatus</i> , Martin.                           | <i>Bellerophon</i> , sp.                                  |
| <i>Strophalosia</i> , or <i>Productus</i> ?                          | <i>Gosseletia</i> ( <i>G. australis</i> , Eth. fl., m.s.) |
| * <i>Orthis australis</i> , McCoy.                                   | <i>Baylea</i> ( <i>B. Koninckii</i> , Eth. fl., m.s.)     |
| <i>Dielasma</i> , sp.  | <i>Loxonema</i> , sp.                                     |
| * <i>Martinia subradiata</i> , Morris, var.                          | <i>Dentalium</i> , sp.                                    |
| <i>Athyris Roysii</i> , Lev.   | * <i>Aviculopecten tessellatus</i> , Phill.               |
| <i>Chonetes papilionacea</i> , Phill.                                |   |

Of this series, only four, those denoted with an \*, are so far known to the writer to occur in either of the Marine Groups of the higher Permo-Carboniferous Series. As a whole, they are exceedingly interesting, because they tend to support fast accumulating evidence of the strong relation which appears to exist palæontologically between our Lower Carboniferous beds and the European Carboniferous Limestone generally; and from their excellent state of preservation.

The *Orthis australis*, McCoy, is one of the group of *O. Michelini*, Lev., very characteristic of such rocks in Great Britain. *Gosseletia* is a univalve, found in the Carboniferous Limestone of Belgium, and now for the first time recognized in Australia. *Baylea*, again a Belgian shell, is already known to me from the Permo-Carboniferous rocks of Queensland. Both the *Athyris* and *Chonetes* are also very characteristic Old World Carboniferous species.

R.E., 6/11/89.

## APPENDIX No. 6.

Geological Survey Branch, Department of Mines, Sydney, 21 February, 1890.

Sir,

I have the honor to hand you the following report upon the work performed during 1889, in connection with exhibitions, examination and testing of specimens, the Mining and Geological Museum and Library, donations received, and collections prepared and dispatched.

*Exhibitions.*

The Melbourne International Exhibition closed on the 26th January. In accordance with your instructions, I proceeded to Melbourne a few days prior to that date, to arrange for the packing and return of the New South Wales mineral exhibits. This work was delayed, by order of the Executive Commissioner, for one week after the official closing, pending the decision of the New South Wales Government with reference to the representation of the Colony at the Paris Exhibition; the proposal having been negatived, dismantling was begun and vigorously carried on. Having supervised the packing and dispatch of the most important of the mineral exhibits, I returned to Sydney, leaving Mr. Ford to complete the work.

The large additions to the departmental collections received as donations from exhibitors at the Adelaide and Melbourne Exhibitions necessitated increased storage room; this was obtained by renting two flats of Messrs. Wall and Molesworth's store in Loftus-street, to which the exhibits and the show-cases mentioned in my last report were removed.

A few months after the completion of this work the importance of New South Wales being represented at the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition was recognized by the Government. The Honorable the Minister for Mines thereupon directed that the collection, preparation, and arrangement of all the mineral exhibits of the Colony should be undertaken by the Department of Mines. I was deputed by you to carry out this work (*See Appendix 6A*). Having the large collections above alluded to in hand, it was only necessary to procure exhibits from mines or deposits not previously represented or developed to complete the display.

Having been allowed the services of Mr. Ford, who had assisted me in preparing for several previous Exhibitions, the dispatch of exhibits from the departmental store was early begun, so that upon my arrival in Dunedin, on the morning of the 22nd October, the great bulk of the mineral exhibits were in the Court ready for the work of arrangement. Up to the end of the year 1,266 packages were dispatched by the Department.

I am pleased to report that the mineral court was in perfect order on the opening day, and that the representation of the mineral resources of the Colony contained therein, is the most complete yet made at any Exhibition; this is due to the large collections of the Department being in hand at the commencement of arrangements, and thus enabling the proper grouping of the various ores to be carried out, an object not alway attainable at previous Exhibitions, owing to late or non-arrival of private exhibits intended for definite positions in the plan of arrangement.

The mineral court embraces an area of a little over 10,000 square feet, and is admirably situated, the best position in the space allotted to New South Wales, having been set aside by the Commissioner for this purpose.

The exhibits are mostly the property of the Department, thus, out of 169 entries in the mineral section, 139 are by the Minister for Mines, the remainder being private exhibits collected by his direction.

The large departmental collections of timbers, engraving-woods, barks, gums, resins, seeds, &c., occupy a prominent position on the north side of the Court, facing the main cross-avenue.

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The extensiveness and completeness of the display made by New South Wales in the mineral section evoked very favourable comment and considerable astonishment, and is acknowledged to be one of the features of the whole Exhibition.

While upon the subject of Exhibitions, I venture to make a few remarks upon the part taken by the Department of Mines, in connection with the representation of the Colony, at the various Exhibitions in which it has taken part, and to offer some suggestions for facilitating and cheapening the work to be performed in the future. I do this in the light of experience gained in connection with the practical work of each important Exhibition at which the Colony has been represented, from the Sydney International of 1879 to the present. During that period scarcely a year has passed without New South Wales participating in Exhibitions held either abroad or in the neighbouring Colonies, until of late the representations and work connected therewith have become almost continuous.

The preparation of a thoroughly representative exhibit of the mineral resources *de novo* on each occasion involves considerable labour and expense; to obviate this the Department has since the Adelaide Exhibition of 1887 secured and retained all suitable exhibits for further exhibition and museum purposes; having these in hand, it only becomes necessary on succeeding occasions to obtain exhibits from the more recently developed or discovered deposits. The wisdom of thus retaining a bulk supply is fully exemplified by the reduced expenditure, and greater facility for proper arrangement.

As the Department possesses the requisite organization, and an intimate knowledge of the occurrence and extent of the natural resources under its control, I beg to suggest, with a view to expedition and economy, that it be solely entrusted with the preparation and arrangement of future mineral displays; as a matter of fact it has been virtually so entrusted, but in a roundabout way through Commissions. By adopting the suggestion here made, and having this portion of the representation of the Colony's resources under the direct control of the responsible Minister, the Commissions would be enabled to devote their attention to the other resources and miscellaneous exhibits; and the Department, in its work, would be free to act without the delay of filtering every little detail of initial work connected with a subject requiring special knowledge through a body less qualified to deal with it, and one which meets only at intervals.

It would be advantageous also to have the expenditure and control in connection with the arrangement and charge of the Mineral Courts under the responsible Minister.

The success which has attended the mineral displays of the Colony has undoubtedly resulted from the action of the Department of Mines, and justifies the belief that, if the control be centered and simplified in the manner indicated, economy will be no less signalized than successful display.

#### *Assays.*

The demand for examination and testing of samples has continued during the year, though not to the same extent as in the previous year, when the silver boom was at its height, but still sufficiently to show that this aid to the development of the mineral resources of the Colony is greatly appreciated by the public.

Of the large number of samples submitted to the Department during the year, 3,287 were selected for treatment in the laboratory; of these, 3,221 were completed by the end of the year. Though the number of samples sent to the laboratory during 1889 is considerably less than during the previous year, it is still 1,001 in excess of the number in any other year.

Full particulars of the work performed by the Assayer and Analyst, Mr. J. C. H. Mingaye, and his Assistants, will be found in the accompanying analytical return prepared for insertion in the Annual Report of the Under Secretary for Mines, under the heads of the different metals and minerals; also in Mr. Mingaye's Report (Appendix No. 7).

#### *Mining and Geological Museum.*

In addition to the numerous donations of minerals and fossils to the Mining and Geological Museum, as seen in the appended list, Appendix No. 6 B, the collection has been enriched by large additions of specimens collected by the Geological Surveyor-in-charge, in the Tenterfield, Clarence, and Richmond River Districts, and other localities; from the Hunter River Coal-field and various other districts, by Mr. Geological-surveyor David; from the Broken Hill District, by the Chief Inspector of Mines; from Rouchel Brook, Scone, Wilbertree, near Mudgee, Goodiman, near Gulgong, and from Denison Town, by the Collector, Mr. C. Cullen.

Regularly each year since the destruction of the Garden Palace, the necessity for a proper building to serve as a Mining and Geological Museum has been urged; the accumulation of valuable specimens and the development of mining each succeeding year have added weight to the representations made, until at the present time the evidence is overwhelming as to the urgency of putting the Museum on a proper footing, when, in conjunction with the Geological Survey and the proposed Metallurgical Works, it would form an important and necessary means of education in this rich mining country. The present structure is not only utterly inadequate, but thoroughly unweathertight, and in spite of constant patching is becoming worse each year, until at last it has become necessary to cover the show-cases with oilcloth when it rains, and to prop the maps, photos., &c., out from the walls. There is little doubt but that we possess at the present time ample material for the grandest display of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, and almost all the show-cases required, together with the desire to make it what it should be, a credit to the Colony possessing such magnificent natural resources, instead of the undoubted reproach which it is.

#### *Library.*

During the year, 578 volumes and parts of volumes have been added to the Library of the Mining and Geological Museum. The distribution of the departmental publications to kindred surveys, scientific societies, and individuals engaged in scientific pursuits, has resulted in many instances in the establishment of regular exchanges of publications, to the mutual advantage of each, and the dissemination of valuable information regarding the resources of this Colony in many parts of the world.

The Library now contains upwards of 2,940 publications. (*See Appendix No. 6 C.*)

#### *Collections.*

*Collections.*

Collections of economic minerals were prepared during the year for the following Institutions and individuals, those marked with an asterisk being in return for donations received :—

Germany.—German Government.	
"    *Royal Saxonian Mineralogical and Geological Museum, Dresden.	
Denmark.—Danish Government.	
Holland.—Hamburgh Exhibition.	
California.—*G. Campbell, Grose Valley.	
Victoria.—*J. Mitchell.	
"    *Technological Museum.	
Tasmania.—*Hobart Museum.	
"    *Launceston Museum.	
Queensland.—*Per Secretary, Queensland Commission, Melbourne Exhibition.	
South Australia.—*School of Mines, Adelaide.	
"    *J. G. Knight, Northern Territory.	
New Zealand.—*Mines Department, per Inspector of Mines.	
Bingera, New South Wales.—School of Arts.	
Berry,                   "                  "	(Broughton's Creek.)
Cobar,                   "                  "	
Cobargo,               "                  "	
Candelo,               "                  "	
Gulgong,               "                  "	Free Public Library.
Glen Innes,           "                  "	
Grafton,               "                  "	School of Arts.
Goulburn,             "                  "	Mechanics Institute.
Gunnedah,            "                  "	Lands Office.
Mudgee,               "                  "	School of Arts.
Moruya,               "                  "	
Nowra,                "                  "	
Richmond,            "                  "	
Singleton,            "                  "	
Sydney,               "                  "	Marist's Brothers School.
Wellington,           "                  "	Free Public Library.
Wolumla,             "                  "	School of Arts.
Ulladulla,            "                  "	Agricultural Society.

During my absence in the early and latter parts of the year in connection with the Melbourne and New Zealand Exhibitions, my office duties were performed by Mr. G. A. Stonier, Assistant Geological Surveyor.

The clerical work in connection with the examination and assay of samples has been very heavy, but the returns have received prompt dispatch, either on the day received from the Laboratory or the day following.

My Assistant, Mr. Whittel, has been most assiduous in attention to his duties, and by his steady application at the mineralogy and chemistry classes at the Technical College, and the practical work of the office, has qualified himself to be of great assistance in connection with the examination of specimens, in addition to the clerical work connected therewith.

The temporary assistant—Malcolm Morrison—has been diligent and painstaking in the work entrusted to him.

A number of ornamental stones and other specimens for exhibition and museum purposes have been cut and polished by W. H. Gelding, who also rendered general assistance as required.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH E. CARNE, F.G.S.,

Curator.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

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APPENDIX No. 6A.

Sir,                   Geological Survey Branch, Department of Mines, Sydney, 20 December, 1889.  
I have the honour to inform you of my return from the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition.

The Honourable the Minister for Mines having directed that the collection, preparation, and arrangement of all the mineral exhibits from New South Wales should be undertaken by the Department of Mines, you deputed me to carry out this duty. Having completed the arrangement of the Mineral Court before my departure from New Zealand, I am happy to state that this representation of the mineral resources of the Colony is more complete than any made at previous Exhibitions. This is chiefly owing to the principal collections from the Adelaide and Melbourne Exhibitions, which were handed over to the Department, having been supplemented by additions recently obtained.

Mr. O. Meyer, Commissioner for New South Wales, afforded every facility for carrying out the work entrusted to me, and granted the best and most prominent position for the Mineral Court in the space allotted to New South Wales in the Exhibition.

The Mineral Court occupies an area of over 10,000 square feet, and presents a very massive appearance, owing to the numerous bulky trophies arranged therein, which impress visitors with a sense of the abundance of the ores thus represented.

In the portion of the catalogue devoted to this section it will be seen that of 169 entries, 139 are by the Minister for Mines, the balance being private exhibits collected by his direction. The 139 entries represent single important or bulk exhibits, and large general collections.

In addition to the minerals, in the Forestry and Educational Exhibits the Minister for Mines has twelve entries, which embrace the large collections of timbers, engraving-woods, &c., and publications of the Department.

1,266 packages of exhibits and show-cases were dispatched from the departmental store.

The aggregate value of the exhibits cannot be less than £10,000. The reef and alluvial gold specimens, which are attracting great attention, are alone intrinsically worth £3,000.

If the actual cost to the country of obtaining the exhibits from all parts of the Colony be estimated, I have little doubt that the above sum would be doubled; hence the wisdom and economy of keeping such a collection permanently in hand is very apparent, to which can be added from time to time exhibits from new discoveries.

Briefly

Briefly noting the various exhibits—the display of coal and shale is very good; the full sections of the seams worked in some of the principal collieries, which are exhibited, afford convincing evidence of the character and extent of the coal resources of the Colony. The richness of the petroleum oil cannel coal is well illustrated by the products obtained from it by the Australian Kerosene Oil Company at Joadja Creek. The splendid section of coal exhibited by the Centenary Coal and Coke Company, Curlewis, may be mentioned without invidious distinction, because it represents a further development of our immense coal resources at a distance 256 miles north-west of Sydney.

Gold and gold-bearing ores are well represented, care being taken to have the diverse associations of this metal with other baser metals fully exemplified.

The display of silver ores is very extensive. It is to be regretted, however, that the directors of the principal Broken Hill mines could not see their way clear to supplement the exhibits of the Department from their mines, by others which would have rendered them as prominent in the Mineral Court as they are in the commercial world as sterling investments, which could have been done with very little expense.

I was enabled in several instances to arrange trophies of silver ores showing the change from easily-reducible oxidised ores to refractory sulphides and arsenides at the water-level, for the purpose of drawing attention to the latter, upon the economical treatment of which depends the ultimate successful working of many argentiferous deposits in the Colony.

Tin ores are well represented from the New England and Barrier Range Tin-fields. Copper ores also form a prominent feature. Antimony, lead, iron, manganese, bismuth, &c., occupy conspicuous places, whilst the non-metallic economic minerals, including gem-stones, are fairly represented.

The occurrence of the diamond in New South Wales is well illustrated by large samples of the diamondiferous drift from New England.

Building and ornamental stones, with brick-earths and shales, form a feature in the Court.

From the principal sedimentary formations of the Colony is exhibited a large and instructive suite of characteristic fossils.

The maps and publications of this Department complete the display.

It would be entirely beyond the scope of this brief report to specifically, or even generally, describe the contents of the Mineral Court, which is admitted to be—as at Adelaide and Melbourne—one of the features of the whole Exhibition; but, as one deeply interested in this branch of the practical work of the Department, and qualified by some considerable experience gained at several Exhibitions, I venture to respectfully urge the expediency and wisdom of keeping alive the interest which international displays awaken in these natural, essential, elements of national progress and prosperity. This can best be done by having a display of the mineral treasures of the Colony permanently on view within its borders, in addition to adequate representation at International Exhibitions.

The present unsuitable structure in use as a Mining and Geological Museum provides space for only about one-fourth of the glass show-cases in hand, and an infinitesimal proportion of the vast collections available for museum as well as exhibition purposes.

A proper museum in connection with the Geological Survey and Metallurgical Works would form an important and necessary means of education in this rich mining country.

It is always with a feeling of keen regret that I demolish the magnificent displays which New South Wales makes of her mineral wealth at exhibitions, and bury them away in the gloom of store and cellar, to be resurrected for brief intervals from time to time.

In connection with exhibition work, the successful illustration of the mineral resources of New South Wales at the principal exhibitions of late years, in which the Colony has taken part, has been undoubtedly due to the Department of Mines undertaking the duty of preparation and arrangement, and justifies the opinion that, if entrusted solely with the work on such occasions, greater simplicity and economy in carrying out the necessary arrangements would be secured.

I beg to tender my thanks to the Commissioner for his courtesy and assistance, and to acknowledge the great services rendered by Mr. H. Winchester, of the Coal-fields Office, Newcastle, and Mr. T. Ford, the latter of whom remains in charge of the Court.

I desire also to express my appreciation of the able and willing assistance rendered me by the decorator (Mr. W. C. Hibble), and the foremen of the carpenters and labourers (M. Hemme and H. Potier).

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH E. CARNE, F.G.S.,  
Curator and Mineralogist.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

#### APPENDIX No. 6B.

#### DONATIONS to the Mining and Geological Museum during 1889.

Donor.	Donation.	Locality.
Mr. J. P. Abbott, M.P. ...	Agates .....	Near Mount Wingen.
Mr. J. Abigail .....	Auriferous quartz .....	Mountain Maid, Coolongolook.
Mr. A. H. Barclay .....	do .....	Herbert Park, near Armidale.
Mr. J. J. R. Bignell .....	Collection of various minerals .....	Victoria.
Mr. J. B. Bouregard .....	Silver ore .....	Koh-i-noor Mine, Captain's Flat.
Mr. A. T. Brooke .....	Metacarpal bone of kangaroo .....	Bingera.
Mr. W. Brown, M.P. ....	Galena with fluorspar .....	Alla Mine, Purnamoota.
Mr. J. B. Byrnes .....	Fragments of teeth and bones of <i>Diprotodon</i> <i>Australis</i> .	Bingera.
Rev. J. Campbell .....	Quartz, with telluride of gold and silver .....	Waihi, New Zealand.
Mr. Campbell .....	Rock crystals .....	Clarence District.
Mr. H. Copeland, M.P. ...	Pyrophyllite .....	Craigie.
Hon. J. Davies, C.M.G., M.L.C.	Zircon sand .....	George's River.
Mr. H. Dawson, M.P. ...	Agates, quartz, &c. ....	Crewah River, near Bibbenluke.
Mr. S. Dixon .....	Auriferous ores .....	Braidwood.
Mr. S. Dodds .....	Collection of Carboniferous marine fossils ...	Mount Vincent, Maitland District.
Mr. A. H. Doudney .....	Fossil wood and ironstone concretion .....	Mount Poole.

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Donor.	Donation	Locality
Mr. J. Downey .....	Quartz crystals .....	Near O'Connell.
Mr. E. C. Dunn .....	Purple corundum, Basklyite, and anhydrous chalcodony.	Spring Creek, Beechworth, Victoria.
Captain Eldred .....	Collection of bismuth ores .....	Mount Shamrock Mine, Queensland.
Mr. M. H. Field .....	Stream tin ore .....	Sandy Creek, 15 miles from Tumut.
Mr. J. Fisher .....	Coal .....	Womban Creek, near Copmanhurst.
Mr. W. J. Frank .....	Stibnite .....	Sunlight Lode, Hillgrove.
Mr. R. A. Gillfillan .....	Wood opal .....	Near Cooma.
Mr. A. Grosbund .....	Redruthite .....	Upper Bingera.
Do .....	Cinnabar .....	One mile from Bingera.
Mr. Havland .....	Leucodendron nothum .....	Bindogundra, near Bumbery.
Mr. J. B. Henderson .....	Belemnites .....	Nive Downs, Queensland.
Mr. A. J. Hignbotham .....	Auriferous quartz .....	Dalmorton.
Mr. W. A. Hills .....	Cobalt-bearing manganese oxide .....	Two miles from Bungonia.
Do .....	do .....	Sixteen miles from Marulan.
Mr. Hills .....	Silver ore (galena) .....	Webb's Consols Silver Mine, near Emmaville.
Mr. A. Hollings .....	Bright bituminous coal .....	Buttat Creek.
Mr. D. Howison .....	Fossil plants, coal, quartz, and calcite with pyrites, and calcite showing cone in cone structure.	Potts' Hill Reservoir.
Mr. J. K. Hume .....	Plant impressions .....	Nepean Creek, Mount Gilead.
Mr. Hutchinson .....	Blown sand .....	McGregor Ranges, Queensland.
Mr. E. Irby .....	Collection of silver ores .....	Homeward Bound Silver-mining Company's property, Pye's Creek.
Do .....	Cassiterite .....	Near Tenterfield.
Mr. J. C. Irving .....	Basalt with glassy felspar .....	Sandlands Range, between Clarence and Richmond Rivers.
Mr. J. Irwin .....	Baryta and pyromorphite .....	Braidwood District.
Mr. S. H. Jones .....	Pseudomorphs of limonite after pyrites, with gold.	Malara Scrub, 20 miles south-west of Solferino.
Do .....	Auriferous quartz .....	Nymboida Reef, west of Nana Creek.
Messrs. Kennedy and Bateman.	Tin ore .....	Balladine, near Tenterfield.
Mr. La Meslé .....	Quartz crystal with tourmaline .....	New South Wales.
Mr. C. Loutzen .....	Coal .....	Lane Cove River.
Mr. W. R. Marsh .....	Zircon .....	Launceston, Tasmania.
Mr. F. McIntosh .....	Siliceous clay-shale, showing rectangular fracture.	Gordon, Lane Cove River.
Mr. A. Molyneux .....	Auriferous quartz .....	Adelong.
Mr. A. Morton (Curator, Tasmanian Museum).	Skulls of Tasmanian devil and Tasmanian tiger.	Tasmania.
Do .....	Zirconite with hydro-nickel-magnesite .....	Whyte River, North-west Tasmania.
Mr. Moseley .....	Gold-bearing wash .....	The Needles, 18 miles from Carcoar.
Mr. Moulton .....	Quartz showing free gold .....	Bimbermalla, Clyde River.
Mr. D. Munro .....	Infusorial earth .....	Parish of North Codrington.
Mr. W. E. Myring .....	Quartz with stibnite .....	Malina, Western Australia.
Mr. A. Nicholson .....	Auriferous quartz .....	Jubilee Claim, Nana Creek.
Mr. L. Nicholson .....	Silver ores and associated rocks .....	Mount Costigan Silver Mine.
Mr. W. C. Ord .....	Silver ore .....	New England Broken Hill Mine, near Deepwater.
Mr. H. Parkes .....	Cerussite .....	Parkes Silver Mine, Right Arm Creek, Yalwal.
Mr. J. Paul .....	Silver ore .....	North Dalcoath Mine, Camborne, Cornwall.
Mr. Paul .....	Quartz and felspathic lodestuff showing free gold.	Yalwal.
Mr. W. H. Rands .....	Cinnabar .....	Kilkivan, Queensland.
Mr. T. Rault .....	Tin ore .....	Mount Bischoff, Tasmania.
Mr. C. P. Richards .....	Auriferous and argentiferous ores .....	Croydon, Queensland.
Mr. W. M. Richards .....	Auriferous quartz .....	Mountain Maid Gold Mine, Coolooloolook.
Mr. Rossiter .....	Silver ore .....	White Rock Silver Mine, Drake.
Mr. D. Shaw .....	Coal .....	Buttat Colliery.
Mr. F. G. Simpson .....	Collection of bismuth ores and associated rocks.	Mount Shamrock, Queensland.
Mr. G. Smith .....	Quartz with gold and stibnite .....	Baker's Creek Gold Mine, Hillgrove, near Armidale.
Mr. Smithers .....	Quartz with mispickel .....	Hillgrove.
Mr. H. Southey .....	Gem drift .....	Nepean River, near Mittagong.
Mr. H. L. Steel .....	Quartz .....	Green Cape.
Dr. Storer .....	Petroleum oil .....	Near Gisborne, New Zealand.
Do .....	Stibnite .....	Bundaberg Mine Queensland.
Do .....	Tertiary leaves .....	Under cobalt beds at Bungonia.
Do .....	Mica .....	Macdonald Ranges, Central Australia.
Do .....	Gold-bearing quartz veins in slate .....	Raul Pahang, Malay Peninsula.
Mr. E. G. Street .....	Opals in vesicular basalt .....	Rocky Ridge Creek, Abercrombie.
Mr. J. Tat .....	Dolomite .....	Sydney Mt Claim, Coroia.
Do .....	Silver ore .....	The Parkes Silver Mine, Right Arm Creek, near Yalwal, Shoalhaven.
The Manager, Donkey Hill Mine, Adelong.	Auriferous pyritous quartz .....	Donkey Hill Mine, Adelong.
The Secretary, Australian Alum Co.	Alunite and alum prepared therefrom .....	Buladelah.
Mr. Train, Chairman New Bathurst Gold-mining Co.	Pyritous quartz showing gold freely .....	New Bathurst Gold Mine, near Trunkey.
Mr. W. T. L. Travers, F.L.S.	Sand-worn stone .....	Evans Bay, New Zealand.
Mr. J. Waterhouse, M.A.	Shells .....	A raised sea-beach at Largs.
Mr. W. Waugh .....	Silver ore .....	Pye's Creek Silver-mining Co's property, Pye's Creek.
Mr. Withers .....	Lignite .....	Fly Brook, north-east of Cape Lewis, Western Australia.
Mr. C. Wooller .....	Allophane .....	Undercliff Station, Wilson's Downfall, New England.

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Do	Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Challenger." Part XXI. Report on the genus Orbitolites. 1883.	do do
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Do	The Morphology of <i>Antedon rosacea</i> . 1887	do
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Dawson (Sir J. W.), C.M.G.	On some relations of Geological work in Canada and the Old World.	do
Do do	Note on the fossil woods and the other plant remains from the Cretaceous and Laramie formations of the Western Territories of Canada.	do
Do do	On the results of recent explorations of erect trees containing animal remains in the coal formation of Nova Scotia.	do
Do do	On the Cretaceous and Tertiary flora of British Columbia and the North-west Territory.	do
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Jack (R. L.)	The Mineral Wealth of Queensland	The Author.
Johnston (R. M.)	Systematic account of the Geology of Tasmania	do
Do and Morton (A.)	Notes on the discovery of a Ganoid Fish in the Knocklofty Sandstone, Hobart.	The Authors.
Kidston (R.)	On a new species of Calamite from the Midale Coal Measures (Eucalamites (Calamites) Britannicus Weiss, M.S.).	The Author.
Do	On the fructification of two Coal-measure Ferns	do
Do	On the fructification and affinities of <i>Archæopteris hibernica</i> , Forbes sp.	do
Do	On the <i>Neuropteris plicata</i> , Sternberg, and <i>Neuropteris rectinervis</i> , Kidston n. sp. On the Fossil Flora of the Staffordshire Coal-fields.	do
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## APPENDIX No. 7.

## Progress Report for 1889.

Sir, Department of Mines, Geological Survey Branch Laboratory, Sydney, 3 February, 1890.

I have the honor to furnish you with the following report respecting the work performed in the Laboratory, and progress made during the year 1889.

3,287 numbered samples were received for analyses and assay, they being all completed and reported upon by the 7th January, 1890. 151 ultimate and proximate analyses were made, and 29 samples submitted to qualitative analyses. In addition to these analyses, many of the samples were examined, when thought necessary, for the presence of the rarer metals.

1,481	samples assayed for silver, yielded nil.
1,378	" " " under 20 oz. per ton.
150	" " " over 20 oz. "
1,763	" " for gold, nil.
909	" " " under 10 dwt. "
335	" " " over 10 dwt. "

The following assays were made during the year:—

ANTIMONY.—Twenty samples.	MANGANESE.—Three samples.
BISMUTH.—Eighteen samples.	PLATINUM.—Seven samples.
COPPER.—Fifty-four samples.	TIN.—Twenty-seven samples.
COBALT and NICKEL.—Eleven samples.	ZINC.—Two samples.
IRON.—Twenty-four samples.	GOLD.—3,007 samples.
LEAD.—Thirty-two samples.	SILVER.—3,009 samples.

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The following analyses were made during the year :—

COAL.—Ninety-one samples.  
SHALE.—Twenty-five samples.  
COKE.—Two samples.  
LIMESTONES, &c.—Nine samples.  
IRON ORE.—Five samples.

PHOSPHATIC EARTHS.—Three samples.  
POTABLE WATER.—Five samples.  
OTHER THAN POTABLE WATERS.—Four samples.  
MISCELLANEOUS ANALYSES.—Seven samples.

The following shows the number of samples received from the year 1883 to 1889 :—

Year 1883.....	242 samples.	Year 1887.....	2,222 samples.
„ 1884.....	664 „	„ *1888.....	5,245 „
„ 1885.....	1,428 „	„ 1889.....	3,287 „
„ 1886.....	1,807 „		

Full particulars of most of these analyses and assays will be found in the report furnished by the Under Secretary to The Honorable the Minister for Mines.

On comparing the number of analyses and assays made this year with those for all previous years, excepting for 1888, the year of the great Mining Boom, it will be noticed that they have considerably increased in quantity.

A large number of the analyses made have been complicated, and taken up a considerable amount of time and careful work on the part of the Assistant (Mr. H. P. White) and myself.

Acting on instructions received from the Department, on the 12th January, I visited the Parramatta Water Supply, and obtained samples of the water, as supplied to the town, for the purpose of ascertaining its purity for drinking purposes. An analysis and report was furnished on the 16th January.

Waters from the "Jenolan Caves" and a well at "Lewis Ponds" were examined, with a view of ascertaining their suitability for drinking purposes; also samples from "Rockdale," mineral water from a thermal spring at Cliefden, and from a bore put down at Cuttaburra. With reference to the latter samples an analysis gave as follows :—

Total solid residue, 396·872 grains per gallon.

Analysis.	Grains per gallon.
Silica .....	1·596
Protoxide of iron .....	0·112
Alumina .....	trace
Carbonate of lime .....	6·664
Carbonate of magnesia .....	0·336
Chloride of magnesium .....	4·190
Chloride of sodium .....	349·040
Chloride of potassium .....	trace
Chloride of calcium .....	27·580
Chloride of ammonium .....	0·642
Alkaline carbonates, organic matter, strong trace of bromine, trace of iodine, lithia, nitrates, &c., &c. ....	6·712
	<b>396·872</b>

Water clear, free from odour. On tasting, was strongly saline, due to the chloride of sodium (common salt) present. The small quantity of water received prevented a more exhaustive analysis being made.

The presence of bromine and iodine in a water of this description is uncommon. Iodine is stated by many authorities to be present in most samples of potable waters, it being derived from the fresh-water plants, which mostly contain traces. The Government Analyst informs me that on one occasion he detected iodine in traces present in a water submitted to him for analysis.

Several light-coloured powders, probably sinters from mineral-water spring deposits, were quantitatively and qualitatively examined and reported upon.

Two teeth, covered with a steel-gray coating, stated to have been taken from a supposed diseased calf, were received for analysis and report. The analysis made proved the deposit to consist of phosphates of lime and magnesia, organic matter, animal matter, and a strong trace of manganese, to which no doubt it owes its colour. This deposit is salivary calculus or tartar, which may have been the means of causing sickness among the young animals by acting on the gums and periosteum, thus keeping up chronic inflammation.

Several samples of limestone were examined for their hydraulic properties, and submitted to analysis with the view of ascertaining their suitability for the manufacture of Portland cement. This article of commerce has, I believe, not as yet been manufactured on a large scale in the Colony, but I have no doubt the difficulties experienced will be overcome in time.

Analyses of fire-clays were made, and the samples tested as to whether a good description of fire-bricks and tiles could be made from the clays, and many crucibles tested which had been made from the various clays around Sydney. Platinum was detected *in situ* in small quantities in three minerals obtained from the Broken Hill District. The samples yielded on assay as follows :—

Mark No. 1,911. (Ochreous felspathic lodestuff).

Platinum—1 oz. 9 cwt. 9 gr. per ton.

Mark No. 1,912. (Compact ferruginous clay-stone.)

Platinum—6 dwt. 12 gr. per ton.

Mark No. 1,913. (Ferruginous felspathic rock, with green carbonate of copper.)

Platinum—a strong trace (under 5 dwt. per ton).

The platinum occurs associated with the metals which usually accompany it in a very fine disseminated state through the lode, bearing material so fine that I doubt if it could be extracted by concentration and after treatment. The quantity present in the samples is too small to pay to profitably extract.

Three samples of phosphatic earths taken from the Moruya Caves were examined, the constituents determined being the phosphoric acid, nitrogen, carbonate of lime, insoluble matter, &c. The samples yielded from 22·64 to 65·12 per cent. of tricalcic phosphate ( $\text{Ca}_3\text{P}_2\text{O}_8$ ), and nitrogen existing as azotised organic matter, &c., equal to ammonia, from 4·53 per cent. to 3·52 per cent. This deposit, even in small quantities, is valuable as a fertilizer.

For

\* The large increase this year due to the Mining Boom.

For some years a highly resinous substance, the composition consisting largely of lime existing in the state of carbonate, has come under my notice, and twice this year a substance similar in appearance and composition was received for analysis. On the 3rd March, during my absence on leave, the Assistant furnished a partial analysis of a sample stated to have been obtained from the Moruya District. His report is as follows:—

Matters volatile at red heat.....	39.48 per cent.
Non-volatile „ .....	60.52 „
	100.00

The non-volatile portion was found to consist of carbonate of lime, with a small quantity of silica, alumina, magnesia, &c., the volatile of resinous matters.

On the 26th June a sample similar in appearance was received for analysis from the Candelo District. The specimen yielded as follows:—

ANALYSIS.	
Volatile at red heat .....	38.92
Carbonate of lime (by diff.).....	59.10
Silica .....	1.02
Alumina .....	.80
Moisture.....	.16
Traces of oxide of iron, manganese, magnesia, alkalis, and phosphoric acid.....	...
	100.00

38.85 per cent., or practically the whole of the volatile portion, was found soluble in alcohol, forming a yellow-coloured solution, somewhat resembling the article sold under the name of "oak varnish." On burning the extract off, it gave the smell peculiar to resinous matters, as well as a dense smoky flame.

This substance was reported upon some years ago by the late Government Analyst (Mr. Watt), who gave it as his opinion that it was an artificial product. Some say that it has been used by the Telegraph Department, but I have instituted every inquiry, with the result that the substance was not in any case recognized by them.

On my suggestions, a sum, not exceeding £60, was made available by the Department for the purpose of obtaining chemical apparatus, pure chemicals, &c. The apparatus ordered are of the latest design, and comprise a complete set of appliances for water analysis, this being greatly needed in order to carry out the many analyses of potable and mineral waters received in the Laboratory.

A complete set of Classen's apparatus for the electrolytic deposition of metals was ordered, the force employed being a Clamond thermo-pile of 156 elements. This apparatus will be used chiefly for the estimation of copper, cobalt, and nickel. The other apparatus ordered are varied and useful, most of them being required in every-day uses in the Laboratory.

I have much pleasure in reporting that the apparatus and appliances in use are in good order, the Laboratory being well found in pure reagents, the most of which will hold out till the supply ordered arrives from England.

In conclusion, I would venture to touch on a matter which is very beneficial to the prospectors, who chiefly avail themselves of the assays made by the Department, and that is, a thorough and systematic manner of taking samples before submitting same for assay. The taking of a thorough average of a sample is, as you are aware, not a difficult matter, but only requires a little trouble, which is well paid for, as the assays furnished will then represent fairly a yield from an average of the lode, which a few pieces taken indiscriminately do not, but are often misleading.

I would respectfully suggest for your consideration that a printed slip be attached to each assay certificate issued by the Department, giving the fullest information on the subject. These circulars would, by this means, be thoroughly distributed among the prospectors, and it would only be a matter of time before average samples would be forwarded for assay.

During the time I was away on leave of absence the Assistant (Mr. H. P. White, F.C.S.) ably performed the duties connected with supervising the work of the Laboratory. My thanks are due to him, also to the Second Assistant (Mr. Neilson) and C. Hilderbrant for the help they have given me in carrying out the large amount of work received in the Laboratory during the year.

I have, &c.,  
JOHN C. H. MINGAYE, F.C.S.,  
Analyst and Assayer.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

#### APPENDIX No. 8.

Sir, Department of Mines, Geological Survey Branch, January, 1890.

I have the honor to submit the following progress report on the caves for the year 1889.

During the year I have paid visits of inspection to the different caves, and supervised the carrying out of such works for their improvement and protection as was thought advisable, and the funds available admit of.

The most extensive operations in this respect have been undertaken at Jenolan, the principal and most extensive caves, where important improvements are now in course of progress.

New caves have been discovered at the following places, viz.:—Bungonia, reported on by Mr. Anderson, G.S. (*see Appendix No. 3C*), and extensions to same, reported on by myself (*see Appendix No. 8A*), at Uranbene, near Moruya, the discovery of which was reported to Department by Mr. Warden Maunsell. Also at Yessabah, particulars of which, accompanied by a recommendation to reserve an area of land as a cave reserve, were furnished by yourself.

The first-mentioned caves, viz., Bungonia, have been brought under Government supervision, and a keeper placed in charge, and preliminary improvements carried out. The caves at Moruya and Yessabah not having been thoroughly inspected, it has not yet been deemed advisable to appoint keepers for those places, but if, after inspection, they are considered of sufficient importance, such appointment may be recommended.

A comparatively small but very pretty cave has been discovered at Wombeyan by the keeper, Mr. M. Chalker, in close proximity to the splendid cave discovered in 1888. (*See Appendix No. 8C*)

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In October last, acting under your instructions, I inspected and reported on a proposed road from the Jenolan Caves to the Kowmung Walls and Waterfall, a picturesquely-situated spot, commanding extensive views of good mountain scenery, situated on the Kowmung River, about 15 miles east of the Caves. (*See Appendix No. 8B*).

The total number of visitors to the different caves during the year was 5,119, being an increase of 1,011 on those of the year previous.

Following are particulars of the number of visitors, improvements, &c., at the different caves for the year 1889, viz. :—

*Jenolan Caves.*

Number of visitors, 1,657, a slight decrease, as compared with the previous year, which may perhaps be accounted for by the number of people attracted to two of the other colonies by their respective exhibitions. The district people visiting these caves form a very small minority, whereas at most of the other caves they make up the greater bulk of the visitors. The most important of the improvements carried out here is the erection of Turbine for driving the Electric Light. The work has been well executed, and a most satisfactory trial as to its power has been made. The turbine will replace the steam-engine at present in use, and its motive-power being water a large saving annually in the cost of firewood, &c., will result. A new 100-light dynamo has been placed in position, which will, without delay, be connected to the existing lamps of the Imperial cave, and at an early date extended to a system of lamps intended for the Lucas and Easter caves. Thus by the new arrangement provision will be made for lighting by electricity a space threetimes larger than at present, and at a greatly reduced cost. The other improvements comprise the erection of a cottage for the engine driver, also the building of new stables, now in course of progress, and minor improvements in and about the caves. Tenders have been received for the building of a new dam on creek, capable of storing three months' supply of water for the Accommodation House, &c.

*Wombeyan Caves.*

Number of visitors, 373, about equal to the number for last year. A good Accommodation House has just been erected, which was greatly needed. The lack of such accommodation, necessitating visitors camping out in the open, was the cause of a large number of intending visitors postponing their visit until the house was completed. Further improvements have been carried out in the caves, and the new cave recently discovered will be protected and opened up directly the necessary material can be prepared.

*Wellington Caves.*

Number of visitors, 2,637, being a large increase on those of the previous year. An open shelter-shed for the use of visitors has been erected, and the surroundings planted with suitable trees, shrubs, &c., which will tend to make the cave precincts both ornamental and pleasing.

*Yarrangobilly Caves.*

Number of visitors, 112. Full number not recorded; those for January and February, two of the busiest months, were omitted, the first signatures in book dating from March. The full returns would probably show a good increase on last year. During the three winter months very few people visit these caves on account of the extreme cold.

*Abercrombie Caves.*

Number of visitors, 248. This being the first year the number has been recorded, the first appointment of keeper being in January, 1889, who reports that visitors from most of the other colonies have inspected the caves during the year.

*Bungonia Caves.*

Number of visitors, 92. This return embraces only the latter part of the year. Portions of these caves were discovered about six months ago by Mr. Louis Guymier (*See Appendices Nos. 3C and 8A*), who was eventually appointed keeper. They are situated about 4 miles from Bungonia, at a place locally known as the "Look Down," by which name the caves were known for a time, but not being considered appropriate, it was decided by the Minister that they should be called by their present name.

In reference to the discovery of these caves, Mr. E. Du Faur, F.R.G.S., states :—"Fully twenty years ago, E. Twynam, then District Surveyor, Goulburn, J. Allworth, L.S., and myself, returning from an official trip down the Shoalhaven (*via* Marulan), noticed a considerable tract of country which had no apparent outlet for flood-waters, unless underground. Clearing away some rubbish at the lowest point, we penetrated a large cavern, but, having only one candle, we could not go very far. We came to the edge of a precipice, down which we could hear the stones we threw clattering for several seconds. But we did not pretend to have discovered the caves, as their existence had been known for many years previously, and there was a tradition that an early French settler, Huon, was lost in them. My friend Mr. Twynam tells me that he revisited these caves about five years since with friends. On our first visit, 1868 or '69, we had the idea of returning to them with better appliances, and by throwing a few bags of sawdust down the precipice before referred to, we thought that after rain, Mr. Allworth, who was surveying the Shoalhaven River, might be able to trace the connection from the caves into that river, which must receive the overflow water, but, like many another pleasant plan, circumstances prevented our ever carrying it out."

I have, &c.,

W. S. LEIGH,

Superintendent of Caves.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge, Department of Mines.

APPENDIX No. 8A.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Geological Survey Branch, 5 August, 1889.

I have the honor to report, in accordance with instructions, having visited the Bungonia Caves, near Marulan, with a view to submitting recommendations for their preservation and improvement, and also to report on the latest discoveries there. Since Mr. Geological-Surveyor Anderson's visit the following new discoveries have been made, viz. :—First, in the large or main cave (previously reported on), at a point about midway between the mouth and the present terminus of cave, and in direction due north from entrance, is found one of the prettiest spots as yet known of this extensive cave. It is in the form of a fine collection of snowy-white stalactites, stalagmites, &c., thickly covering an area of about 150 square feet, in a horizontal fissure-like cavity, formed in the side wall about 12 feet above the floor, and beyond

beyond the reach of the waters periodically flowing through the cave. These dripstone formations are necessarily smaller than usual owing to the narrowness of the cavity, which does not average more than 2 feet from floor to roof. By ascending an easy gradient, a good view of the whole formation can be obtained from the edge of cavity without entering. Lighted with the magnesium lamp, this branch contrasts remarkably with the immense sombre rugged rocks in the immediate vicinity, wedged together in all conceivable shapes.

Another cave, discovered by the same person (Mr. Louis Guymet), apparently quite distinct from, and situated about 300 yards north-east of the entrance to main cave, is remarkable, in that the sides and roof appear to be almost entirely made up of Silurian fossils. On the whole they are very clear and distinct, owing to the frequent washings the passages are subjected to by storm-waters; this is especially noticeable in one part, where the otherwise lofty passage is followed by a long tunnel-like aperture through which one is just able to make headway in a lying posture. The circular roof of this natural tunnel being almost polished by the action of water, &c., presents clear and sharp outlines of different fossils the whole distance, about 50 feet. In this cave, as far as explored (about 300 feet), a pretty crystal-like formation takes the place of the more general stalactitic growths found in the other caves; but this may not be the case further, on where the cave appears to branch off into many different directions. Three vertical drops of 30 feet, 15 feet, and 10 feet each were met with, which monopolised all our available ropes, and so precluded us from proceeding much further than the distance named. This cave might very appropriately be termed the Fossil Cave.

The other cave, discovered by Mr. Wm. Hogan, is within 100 yards of the one last described, which, in some respects, it much resembles on a larger scale. After a gradual descent of about 50 feet in a westerly direction, you find yourself on the edge of a sheer drop of from 40 to 50 feet. This wall of rock forms the northern end of an immense chasm, bounded on each side by perpendicular walls, thus forming a spacious and lofty cave, gradually decreasing in size at the southern end until it becomes quite a narrow passage, the flooring being made up of large broken boulders.

It will take some time, even with the best appliances, to thoroughly explore the caves herein referred to; it will then, I think, be found that they are connected—their general bearing being towards a common channel, and all more or less become subterranean watercourses during the time of heavy storms.

The large area of limestone country in this neighbourhood offers a splendid field for exploration, and, if carried out systematically, I have no doubt but that the result will be most satisfactory.

I have, &c.,

W. S. LEIGH,

Superintendent of Caves.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

#### APPENDIX No. 8B.

##### Report on proposed Road to the Kowmung Walls and Waterfall.

Sir,

24 October, 1889.

I have the honor to report, as requested, on the proposed road to the Kowmung Walls and Waterfall. The Kowmung Walls are situated in the county of Westmoreland, about 15 miles east of the Jenolan Caves, and 28 miles from the town of Oberon. The present bridle-track branches off from the Oberon to Caves Road, at a point about 4 miles from the caves, and 14 miles from Oberon. It runs in a south-easterly direction, over an undulating country thickly timbered with the gum and blackbut, and passing from Green Camp Hill at 2 miles, and C. Whalan's selection at 7 miles, intersects the Boyd River at 14 miles from the "Turn Off" or starting-point on the Oberon Road. The country here becomes comparatively level, and occasionally large open grassy flats, somewhat swampy, are crossed. Outcrops of granite occur at different points on the road, and at 17 miles, the track bearing south, a number of large boulders of the same class of rock are found piled up on each other. From the top of these a splendid view of mountain scenery, embracing more than half the horizon, meets the eye. From this point the track takes an easterly course 3 miles over a flat country thickly covered with Mallee scrub, and passing through this it descends abruptly a deep gully, forming the northern boundary of the Kowmung Walls, and terminates at the foot of the Walls beneath an immense overhanging rock, or rock-shelter, the camping ground.

What is known as the Kowmung Walls is an elevated tract of clear grassy level land, in area about 2,500 acres, branching off from a narrow neck of land at the northern end into three arms running south and south-east. This plateau is bounded on all sides by precipitous walls of hard pebbly sandstone and conglomerate, from which it takes the name of the "Walls." From almost any point on the plateau a wide range of some of the wildest, most rugged, and picturesque mountain scenery meets the view. After a sheer drop, in some places of 500 feet, without a break in the face of this massive formation, the base of the wall is lost amidst the thick vegetation covering the hill-sides which descend to the centre of the gorges on every side at depths varying from 1,000 feet to 1,500 feet below the top of the precipices. From the northern end of the Walls, looking north-west up the Konangaroo River, which bounds this part of the plateau, can be seen, about 1½ mile distant, one of the prettiest and largest waterfalls met with on the mountains. This fall, at the time of my visit, was most remarkable, compared with other falls in the mountain district, for the large volume of water falling over the precipice, with scarcely a break, to a depth of close on 500 feet, into a large natural basin, from which it boils over, and breaking away over immense boulders, loses itself amidst a labyrinth of ferns and other vegetation in the gorge hundreds of feet below.

Viewed from the point named, no less than six other waterfalls of different depths can be seen in the vicinity of the large fall, these, of course, adding greatly to the beauty of the scene in this particular direction.

Other points of interest are the coal-seam and some supposed aboriginal drawings on the walls. The outcrop of coal is at the southern end of the middle arm of the plateau, the exposed face of which is about 500 feet in length, by an average thickness of 5 feet, a rough section of which is appended. Above the coal a good view is obtained of the country in the direction of Camden, and directly opposite, across the gully, a large table-topped mountain, known as Big Rick, stands out very prominently, and near this is Burns Gap, an immense natural cutting in the mountain range, which serves as an outlet to places lying east, such as Picton, Camden, &c.

The supposed aboriginal chalkings appear under a rock-shelter at the base of the precipitous wall edging the south-eastern arm of the Kowmung. There are about a dozen different sketches representing human beings in the most fantastic attitudes, varying in height from 6 inches to 2 feet. An aboriginal tomahawk and spear were found in close proximity to the drawings.

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On the whole, the Kowmung Walls scenery compares favourably with any other portion of the Blue Mountains, and, from a sportsman's point of view, surpasses most other mountain resorts. Almost every class of game common to Australia is met with in abundance in the vicinity—in fact, the kangaroos and wallabies appeared to hold undisputed possession of large tracts in this locality; lyre birds and pigeons are also very plentiful, and splendid fishing can be obtained on the Kowmung River, a mile or two distant.

Some of the most generally-known timbers found in the district are the gum, blackbutt, sassafras, cedar, &c. The last-named, I understand, exists in large quantities in the surrounding gullies, a large trade in which would be opened up in the event of better means of access being provided. Some of this timber has already reached the market by way of Cox's River, but as it can only be carried down the creeks to the river in times of flood, which occur at long intervals, this means has proved most unsatisfactory.

To conclude, the Kowmung Walls and surroundings present a new field to the tourist and sportsman alike, and on this account, and for other reasons mentioned below, I would strongly recommend that the wishes of the Oberon Progress Committee and residents generally be favourably considered, and that a road be cleared to connect with the Oberon Road 4 miles above the caves, the approximate position of which is shown on tracing herewith. The proposed road would run through almost level country the whole distance, and as only three or four culverts and little cutting would be necessary, I consider the total cost would not reach £500.

1. The track runs through Crown lands, and by carrying out the work before the land is taken up, the road could be constructed so as to embrace the best views and retain the level country.

2. Many visitors to the caves would take advantage of this road in order to do a few days shooting or sight-seeing of newly opened-up mountain scenery.

3. Most of the road would run through excellent country, and thus open it up to the selector.

4. A selector has already cleared a dray-track 7 or 8 miles, which, at little cost, could be made into a good buggy-track.

5. By means of the proposed road the Kowmung cedar could be transported at a far less cost than the present system admits of, and it is stated a large trade in this direction would be the result.

I have, &c.,

W. S. LEIGH.

The Geological Surveyor-in-charge.

#### APPENDIX No. 8C.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Geological Survey Branch, 28 January, 1889.

I have the honor to report the discovery of a new cave by Mr. M. Chalker, keeper at the Wombeyan Caves. Having just visited these caves in connection with other matters, I, at the same time, made an inspection of the new discovery. The entrance is situated on the same hillside, and within about 3 chains of the splendid cave discovered here in 1888, which was the means of bringing Wombeyan into greater prominence as a resort for sightseers of this class of natural wonders. The discovery under notice adds still further to the importance of these caves as a whole, for, although not so large as the one above referred to, yet, if we consider the great variety of form and colour assumed by its stalactitic growths, it is, if anything, more beautiful. A connection between the two caves may eventually be discovered, and very probably extensions in other directions found, but the passage through as far as explored could be accomplished nicely in one and a half hours, yet I can safely assert that in this short space of time the visitor would behold almost as much pure glistening dripstone formation as could be seen in some of the best-known stalactite caves taking three times as long to explore. It might be compared with one of the branches of the Imperial Caves at Jenolan, with the greater part of its beautiful stalactite formations packed together and only occupying about one-quarter of the space. The interior is gained by descending about 30 feet through a funnel-like opening, just sufficiently large to squeeze oneself through, when you find yourself on a kind of balcony overlooking the main chamber of the cave. This chamber is built up of fallen rocks, piled together in a very irregular fashion, and is about 100 feet in length by 80 feet in width, and from 50 to 60 feet in height. The floor is reached by a gradual descent, and from this point the cave is explored by first ascending on an inclined plane about 20 feet, and thereby landing on a kind of gallery projecting from the side wall to the right of entrance. By following this elevated platform or gallery an undulating circular course is traversed, which, after leading into small branches and to the extreme end of cave as far as yet explored, brings you back to the starting-point, thus doing away with the necessity for retracing your steps, as is generally found necessary in other caves.

Almost every known kind of stalactitic growth is met with, ranging from the fine needle-like pendants thickly studding the roof to the immense pure white fluted columns, apparently designed to support the mass of rock overhead. One part of the cave bears a striking resemblance to a ruined mansion, the columns and the ceiling, with its innumerable stalactites, having fallen together in a confused heap. Some of these stalactites have continued to grow even after the fall of the parent mass, and thereby present a very peculiar appearance, in that they are elbowed, as if bent by the fall.

A splendid stalagmite, 10 feet in height, standing alone, and very similar to the "Lot's Wife" of the Jenolan Caves, is met with; also a large crystallized mound, resembling, in miniature, a range of mountains, with their dividing gullies, the whole having a coating resembling pure snow, some of which, having become dissolved as it were, has formed lakes with glistening crystal-like surfaces at the base of mountains. From some of the large projecting rocks, hang gracefully thin sheets of pure white and coloured transparent drapery-like formations, similar to the "shawls" and "fringes" so much admired in other well-known caves. At the extreme end of the cave is a long, narrow chamber, the formations in which are grouped very uniformly, and resemble in colour and shape the finest terra-cotta ware, the stalactites being particularly noticeable on account of their long, narrow, tapering points.

In its present state the cave is rather rough to explore, and I would suggest that it be improved, protected, and opened up as soon as the necessary material can be provided, particulars of which will be submitted on a separate paper. Temporary provision has been made for its protection.

I have, &c.,

W. S. LEIGH,

Superintendent of Caves.



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**MINING.**

(REPORT ON PEAK HILL GOLD-FIELD.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 1 July, 1890.*

The Geological Surveyor to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir, Geological Survey Branch, Department of Mines, Sydney, 17 June, 1890.

I have the honor to report that, in accordance with your verbal instructions, given me on June 12th, I left Sydney the same evening for Peak Hill, accompanied by Mr. Geological-Surveyor Stonier, and as far as the limited time prescribed to us in our instructions would admit, we inquired into the general state of mining there, with special reference to the nature of the veins where they had been sunk upon to any depth.

Owing to the very boggy state of the road between Molong and Peak Hill we were unable to reach the latter locality until the afternoon of June 14th, and had to leave on the following afternoon in order to reach Sydney this morning.

The present population of the field is estimated by the Warden to be about 1,000, though some are of opinion that there may be as many as 1,200 (including women and children). Of this number, perhaps, between 200 or 300 are engaged in alluvial gold-mining, and about fifty are employed on wages working on the leases. The remainder are either occupied in business pursuits, arising out of the requirements of the new township, which is fast springing up around Peak Hill, or are watching the course of events.

Mr. Tempest, the manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank at Peak Hill, informed me that, to his knowledge, at least 15,000 oz. of gold had already been obtained from this field, worth on the average £4 0s. 9d. per oz. when cleaned. The total value of the gold known to have been won from this field up to date, according to this lowest estimate would, therefore, be worth about £60,562.

Of the alluvial mines we examined a lead now being worked principally on Toroni's and M'Donald's claims, running parallel to Aldridge's Lead, and a short distance to the north of it. The sinking here is said to be from 25 ft. to 30 ft., the gutter 5 ft. wide, and the wash to be about 1 ft. 6 in. thick, and the yield about 3 oz. of gold to the load. We were informed that about 150 oz. of gold had been won from Donald M'Donald's claim in an area hardly as large as three men's ground. Lindberg and party, near here, have won about 50 oz. of gold in a similar area. The sinking is stated to be from 3 ft. to 22 ft. At the Bolder Lead, at the north-east end of Peak Hill, a gutter has been worked for a length of about 300 yards, trending from south to north. The gutter is said to be about 10 ft. wide, the wash 1 ft. thick, and to have averaged about  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of gold to the load, and depth of sinking to vary from a few feet to 27 ft. Some of the water-worn blocks of quartz in this lead are from 1 ft. to 2 ft. in diameter.

On the west side of Peak Hill, and to the north of the township, an alluvial lead is being traced in a west-north-westerly direction, near to the north-west corner of lease application G.L. 140, and this lead has already been worked for a distance of about 14 chains. As regards the reefs, the principal work with reference to testing them at a depth appears to have been done on Madden's, Williams', and Kelly's leases. At the north-west corner of Williams' lease a shaft has been sunk to a depth of 32 ft., and at 13 ft. westerly from the bottom of the shaft a reef has been cut, and a drive, which has already been proved for a thickness of 5 ft. 6 in. This reef is composed of drusy quartz, much coated and stained with oxides of iron. The foot-wall of this reef is very well defined, and consists of talc slate, very soft and of a deep brownish-red colour next to the reef. The hanging wall had not been reached up to the date of our inspection. The reef dips west 38 degrees north at 80 degrees. Three samples, selected by Mr. Stonier and myself, each representing as far as possible a third of the whole width of the reef, have been assayed to-day by Mr. J. C. H. Mingaye, F.C.S., the Department's analyst and assayer, with the following results:—No. 1,433, next foot-wall yielding

Gold, a trace under 2 dwt. per ton.

Silver, 5 dwt. 20 grs. per ton.

No. 1,432. Middle portion of vein yielding—

Gold, a trace per ton.

Silver, 4 dwt. 5 grs. per ton.

No. 1,431. Portion of vein seen west of and next to preceding, yielding—

Gold, a trace per ton.

Silver, 2 dwt. 14 grs. per ton.

The results of these assays do not of course necessarily imply that this reef may not be payable gold-bearing, for in the first place, however carefully samples may be selected from a reef, and however accurately they may be assayed, they do not always represent a fair average of what the reef would yield on a large scale, which can only be ascertained by bulk crushings; and, in the second place, it is always possible that the part of the reef from which samples are taken belong to one of the belts of barren vein-stone which have so often been proved by experience, especially in the case of New South Wales gold reefs, to intervene between the payable gold-bearing shoots in the veins. The mere fact that these assays show the reef at this spot to be poor in gold cannot be taken as any criterion that the yield of the reefs will diminish at a depth, for on Madden's lease, as will presently be shown, the reefs at a depth of 86 ft. appear to be—locally, at any rate—as rich in gold as they are at the surface. In the 32-ft shaft above referred to, from which the drive has been extended to intersect the 5 ft. 6 in. reef, a section is exposed of a vein of porous ferruginous quartz from 2 in. to 9 in. wide. The shape of this vein is very irregular, but one at least of the walls shows strong evidence slickensides, as does the footwall of the 5 ft. 6 in. reef.

Mr. Williams informed us that he had lately forwarded to the Clyde Crashing and Chlorination Works, near Parramatta, 2 tons of ore, chiefly from the surface at the top of the hill in his lease, and the return showed the amount of gold per ton to be 19 dwt. 10 grs.

In Dennis Madden and party's lease we examined a large open excavation and cross-cut at a depth of 37 ft., which intersects several veins of ferruginous porous quartz, and intervening masses of country rock, consisting of talc slate charged with iron and silica. This mass is locally known as the dyke. The total length of the crosscut is 36 ft., and its direction is E. 30° N. and W. 30° S., whereas the strike of the quartz-veins in this mass is chiefly in an east and west direction. Six samples, selected as far as possible as fair representatives of the parts of the ore body from which they were taken, were broken off the following portions of the mass by Mr. Stonier and myself, and have been assayed by the Department's Assayer and Analyst, with the following results:—

Each sample represents the length specified, taken along the mass on a bearing east 30° north, and commencing at the western end of the crosscut, No. 1,436, representing 0 ft. to 5 ft.

A silicated ferruginous talc slate, with numerous minute cavities, soft and friable, from decomposition, yielding,—

Gold, 2 dwt. 14 gr. per ton.

Silver, 2 dwt. 6 gr. „

No. 1,437, representing 5 ft. to 10 ft. Sample to the preceding, but a trifle more silicated, yielding—

Gold, 3 dwt. 6 gr. per ton.

Silver, a trace.

No. 1,438, representing 10 ft. to 15 ft. Sample similar to 1,436, yielding—

Gold, 17 dwt. 15 gr. per ton.

Silver, a trace.

No. 1,439, representing 15 ft. to 20 ft. Sample similar to 1,437, yielding—

Gold, 7 dwt. 4 gr. per ton.

Silver, a trace.

No. 1,440, representing 20 to 28 ft. Sample similar to No. 1,437, but containing some true quartz and a good deal of highly silicated talc slate yielding,—

Gold, 1 oz. 1 dwt. 13 gr. per ton.

Silver, 6 dwt. 12 gr. per ton.

No. 1,441, representing 28 to 36 ft. Sample similar to preceding, yielding,—

Gold, 7 dwt. 20 gr. per ton.

Silver, 2 dwt. 14 gr. per ton.

These assays, especially the last four, are very encouraging, but, as already stated, such tests do not necessarily form a fair criterion of the probable average yield of this mass.

The prospecting works on this mass were not sufficiently far advanced to enable us to form even an approximate idea of its dimensions, which, however, must be considerable.

Near the north-western corner of the same lease a shaft has been sunk to a depth of 86 ft. upon a nearly vertical vein of ferruginous talc slate, somewhat silicified with thin veins of porous quartz and oxides of iron. The strike of the vein at the bottom of the shaft is east 25 degrees south and west 25 degrees north, but this direction of strike may be purely local. As yet the eastern wall only has been proved in the shaft, and consists of a whitish-grey talcose slate. The vein dips slightly to the east to a depth of 70 ft., and thence to the 86-ft. level it dips slightly to the west.

At 8 ft. above the bottom of the shaft a strongly-marked oblique fissure or floor intersects the vein at an angle of about 30 degrees from the horizontal, and dips about S.S.W. Several cavities or vughs are observable in this floor, partly filled with earthy oxides of iron.

The vein material, even at the bottom of the shaft, is quite soft and friable from decomposition, and apparently does not contain pyrites, at all events in any appreciable quantity. This vein, at the 86-foot level, has already been proved for a width of 4 ft. 3 in., but the western wall has not yet been reached.

Samples selected by Mr. Stonier and myself have been assayed by the Government Assayer and Analyst, with the following results:—

No. 1,434 sample, representing one-half of the portion of the vein exposed in shaft next to the eastern wall, yielding—

Gold, 5 dwt. 5 gr. per ton.

Silver, 2 dwt. 13 gr. per ton.

No. 1,435 sample, representing western half of the portion of the vein exposed in the shaft yielding—

Gold, 3 oz. 15 dwt. 18 gr. per ton.

Silver, a trace.

The respective portions of the vein from which these samples were taken do not exhibit any striking dissimilarity in appearance, and yet their respective yields of gold, as proved by the assays, are very different—a fact to be taken probably rather as an indication of the uneven distribution of the gold throughout the vein-stone than of the gold being confined chiefly to one side of the vein. The uneven distribution of gold in the Peak Hill veins is a subject which has already been commented on by Mr. E. F. Pittman, Associate R.S.M., the Chief Mining Surveyor, in his report, already furnished.

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The results of these assays and explorations are, in our opinion, particularly encouraging, for two reasons:—(1) They prove that the veins continue to be gold-bearing to a depth of at least 86 ft., and that the vein at this depth is in places, at any rate, rich in gold. The surface of the ground at this shaft is moreover about 120 ft. below the level of the reefs at the highest point of Peak Hill, so that it may reasonably be expected that the latter will be gold-bearing to a depth of at least 120 ft., plus 86 ft., equals 206 ft. (2) The highly decomposed state of the vein material at the bottom of the 86-ft. shaft, in spite of the shaft being already below the level of part of the adjoining plain, together with the apparent entire absence of pyrites, shows that the zone of sulphide ores, which must underlie these upper oxidized portions, may not be expected to be reached for perhaps a considerable depth yet, a supposition which is somewhat confirmed by the general absence of water in the alluvials which mantle round the base of the Peak. The question as to the maximum depth to which these oxidized ores extend is one of vital importance to the future of this field, and it would, in our opinion, be very advantageous if one or more shafts were carried right down through the upper oxidized portions of the veins into the sulphide ores. The leaseholders would then know approximately what quantity of ore they would have at their disposal capable of being treated by the usual processes of crushing and amalgamation, combined with special appliances for saving the fine gold, and what quantity would perhaps require to be chlorinated. Near the surface of this 86-ft. shaft in Madden's lease a mass of ferruginous quartz and silicified talc slate strikes about east 5 degrees south. The mass is 4 ft. 6 in. in width, and passes at the sides into ochreous yellow and dark-reddish purple talc slate, and is considered by Mr. Gibson, the manager, to be a continuation of the vein just described, although the strike differs considerably from that of the one seen at the bottom of the 86-ft. shaft. The large reef of white quartz in Gorman's lease has not yet been sunk upon to any depth. The general strike of this reef, as proved by recent openings along its line of outcrop, is north 5 degrees east, and at a shaft at the north-east end of the reef the reef underlies at 47 degrees to the east.

Want of time did not admit of our inspecting several important properties on this field, all of us visiting the New Rush, about 3 miles in a southerly direction from Peak Hill towards the Ten Mile.

*Ridges.*—Loose blocks of gold-bearing quartz are reported to have been discovered here, and efforts are being made to trace them up to their parent reef.

#### SUMMARY.

The chief conclusions to be drawn, in our opinion, from the reports already furnished by the various officers of this department, and from what we were able to observe on this occasion, are:—(1) That there is still a considerable amount of alluvial gold to be won from this field, which will probably give employment to a number of miners for some time to come; and (2) that there is a large body of oxidized ore, some of which will probably prove payably auriferous down to the water-level, and the working of which should afford employment to a number of miners.

It is, however, impossible at present, until prospecting works are further advanced, to form even an approximate estimate of the quantity of oxidized ore available.

It is questionable whether these reefs will be sufficiently rich in gold to pay for working the sulphide ores below the water-level. We would venture, therefore, to make the suggestion that any companies or syndicates proposing to work these veins would perhaps find it advantageous to first thoroughly test the depth to which the line of oxidation in the veins extends before incurring the expense of purchasing and erecting gold-saving machinery. It is also desirable that bulk samples should be sent for treatment from time to time to works whose reputation is well established, with a view to ascertain not only the actual yield of the vein-stone but also the most suitable kind of machinery to be employed in the extraction of the Peak Hill gold, the fine state of division of some of which will probably necessitate great care and the use of special appliances.

I have, &c.,  
T. W. EDGEWORTH DAVID, B.A., F.G.S.,  
Geological Surveyor,



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER,  
AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA ;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

AND

APPENDICES.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 52. TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1890.

14. CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER, AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA:—Mr. Dalton moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims (if any) of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister, for remuneration as the first discoverers of gold in Australia.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Street, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Wright, Mr. Lee, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Jones, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 69. THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1890.

6. CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER, AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Torpy moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Claims of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister, as the first discoverers of gold in Australia," be authorised to make visits to, and hold inquiries at, the residence of Mr. E. H. Hargraves, for the purpose of examining him upon the subject under consideration, that gentleman being incapacitated by reason of illness from attending as a witness.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 76. TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1890.

6. CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER, AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA:—
- (1.) Mr. Dalton presented a Petition from William Tom, of Guyong, near Orange, praying that he may be heard by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the "Claims of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister as the first discoverers of gold in Australia."
- At the request of Mr. Dalton, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—and received.
- (2.) Mr. Dalton (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 110. THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1890.

7. CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER, AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA:—Mr. Dalton, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 26th August, 1890; together with Appendices.
- Ordered to be printed.

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**CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER AS THE FIRST  
DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA.**

**REPORT.**

The SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on the 20th August, 1890, "*with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims (if any) of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister, for remuneration as the first discoverers of gold in Australia,*"—have agreed to the following Report:—

1. Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the list,\* \* See list, page 6. whose evidence will be found appended hereto, find as follows:—

- (1.) That although Mr. E. H. Hargraves is entitled to the credit of having taught the claimants, Messrs. W. and J. Tom and Lister, the use of the dish and cradle and otherwise the proper methods of searching for gold, which his then recent visit to the Californian gold-fields enabled him to do, your Committee are satisfied that the Messrs. Tom and Lister were undoubtedly the first discoverers of gold obtained in Australia in payable quantity.
- (2.) It has been alleged that the existence of gold in the Colony of New South Wales was known and that small quantities or "colours" had been found; but, so far as your Committee have been able to gain any information on the subject, what is now known to practical miners as "payable gold" was not known until the month of April, 1851, when the Messrs. Tom and Lister, after persistent and determined search, under very great difficulties, unearthed about 4 oz. of the precious metal, which being handed to Mr. E. H. Hargraves were, by that gentleman, exhibited to the then Colonial Secretary, Mr. E. Deas Thomson, whereupon Mr. Hargraves was thus recognised as the first discoverer of gold in Australia, and subsequently was rewarded by a gratuity of £10,000 from the Government of this Colony, and upwards of £2,300 from the Colony of Victoria, and in addition to these sums has been in receipt for several years of a pension of £250 per annum from this Colony.
- (3.) Considering the severe depression, almost stagnation, of trade and of business generally, which existed prior to the discovery of gold, and the marked improvement which immediately followed and has since continued, enriching the Colonies to an extent that can scarcely be even estimated, your Committee are of opinion that the Messrs. Tom and Lister have not received that consideration which the magnitude and importance of their discovery entitled them to.
- (4.) Mr. Hargraves appears to have abandoned the search for gold after his first course of prospecting with the Messrs. Tom and Lister, until they informed him that they had found the 4 oz. of gold, which, according to his own evidence, they discovered when he was not within 100 miles of them; and as he acknowledges to having received such 4 oz. of gold from them on the 6th May, 1851, and that he immediately took it to the Colonial Secretary, your Committee have no doubt that this was the cause of the issue of the famous proclamation of gold announcing the discovery eight days afterwards,

afterwards, on the 14th May, 1851, from which may be dated the new era and the commencement of the sudden and marvellous increase in the value of all kinds of property and of the great strides in progress which the Colonies have since made.

- (5.) Your Committee regret that they have to report the death of one of the party, Mr. J. H. A. Lister, who expired on the day upon which he was to have given his evidence ; but a few days before his death he had written a full statement of his case, which is appended to this Report, and which your Committee believe to be quite truthful.
- (6.) Your Committee therefore recommend the claim of Messrs. William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister to the favourable consideration of the Government.

THOMAS DALTON,  
Chairman.

*No. 3 Committee Room,  
Sydney, 17 December, 1890.*

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Dalton,		Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Chanter,		Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Lee,		Mr. Jones.

Mr. Dalton called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee *read* by the Clerk.

Ordered,—That Messrs. J. H. A. Lister and Wm. Tom be summoned to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned till Wednesday next, at *Two* o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Lee,		Mr. Jones,
		Mr. Torpy.

Mr. Dalton in the Chair.

Chairman read letter, stating that Messrs. Lister and Tom were unable to attend owing to serious illness.

[Adjourned till to-morrow at *Two* o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Lee,		Mr. Plumb.
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In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Lee,		Mr. Torpy,
		Mr. Plumb.

Mr. Dalton in the Chair.

The Chairman stated that Mr. J. H. A. Lister had died since last meeting. James Tom called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

William Henry Tom called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness handed in written statement of J. H. A. Lister, *re* Gold Discovery in Australia. [See *Appendix A.*]

Witness withdrew.

[Adjourned till Wednesday next, at *Two* o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Jones,		Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Street,		Mr. Plumb.

Mr. Dalton in the Chair.

The Chairman read a letter received from Mr. E. H. Hargraves, stating his inability to attend to give evidence, and asking that he may be examined at his own residence.

Chairman also read a letter from Mr. J. H. A. Lister, written shortly before his death, and a copy was handed in by the Chairman. [See *Appendix B.*]

John Charles M'Lachlan called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

William Tom called in and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

William Henry Tom called in and further examined.

Committee deliberated.

Resolved,—That Chairman obtain leave to visit Mr. Hargraves' residence and take his evidence thereat.

Reassembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Lee,		Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Plumb,		Mr. Jones.

Mr. Dalton in the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, granting leave to Mr. William Tom to be represented by Counsel or Attorney; also granting leave to the Committee to make visits to and hold inquiries at the residence of Mr. E. H. Hargraves, *read* by the Clerk.

Present:—J. C. M'Lachlan, Esq. (*Solicitor for William Tom*).

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The Committee then proceeded to Westmoreland-street, Forest Lodge, the residence of Mr. E. H. Hargraves, who was confined to his bed owing to physical injuries.

Edward Hammond Hargraves sworn and examined.

Cross-examined by Mr. M'Lachlan.

Witness handed in his history of the Discovery of Gold. [See Appendix C.]

Committee deliberated.

Reassembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Dalton in the Chair.

Mr. Lee,		Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Street,		Mr. Torpy.

Present:—J. C. M'Lachlan, Esq. (*Solicitor for William Tom*.)

Thomas Brown called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

The Clerk submitted a claim for witnesses expenses (Thomas Brown, *senr.*), £6 12s. 6d.

Claim considered and passed.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered,—That Mrs. Lister be summoned, under the Parliamentary Evidence Act of 1881, to give evidence next meeting.

[Adjourned to Friday, 21st November, at *Two* o'clock.]

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Dalton in the Chair.

Mr. Plumb,		Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Torpy,		Mr. Jones.

Present:—J. C. M'Lachlan, Esq. (*Solicitor for William Tom*.)

Mrs. Ann Lister called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

John Hardman Lister called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

The Clerk submitted claim for expenses of Mrs. Ann Lister, £4 18s.

Claim considered and passed.

Committee deliberated.

Chairman to submit Draft Report next meeting.

Reassembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

None.

In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Dalton in the Chair.

Mr. Wright,		Mr. Plumb,
		Mr. Torpy.

Chairman submitted Draft Report.

Same read, amended, and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER,  
AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA.

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. DALTON,  
MR. LEE,

MR. PLUMB,  
MR. TORPY.

T. DALTON, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. James Tom called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] Where do you reside? At Chintin, Victoria.
2. You lived at one time at a place called Guyong, near Cornish Settlement? Yes.
3. In what year was that? I was there in 1851, and many years previously.
4. What were you doing in 1851? I was living with my father.
5. You know something about the first discovery of payable gold in New South Wales? Yes.
6. Will you tell us what you know about it? About the middle of February, 1851—either on the 14th, 15th, or 16th of the month, I am not sure which—Mr. J. H. A. Lister, in company with Mr. Edmund Hammond Hargraves, called at our place, and they stopped and had a conversation with a few of us. I could not tell you exactly who were there, but I was there at all events; and they intimated to me very strongly that they wanted a person who had some experience of the country and understood its geography, and they found out that I thoroughly understood all that country. I had been reared there very nearly, and understood it all; and I went with them, and joined with them to be a participator in any good results that might come.
7. Did they disclose to you their mission in calling upon you? Oh, yes.
8. What did they say? They showed me a very small sample of gold which they had found two or three days before.
9. Where did they say they found it? They said they found it at Lewis Ponds Creek. Hargraves found it on the 12th February.
10. They said Hargraves found it? That he and Lister found it together, and Lister was a joint partner with Hargraves right through the whole transaction.
11. What other conversation took place when they called at your father's house on the 15th or 16th February? We conjointly agreed that we should all go in partnership with everything that transpired.
12. What was to transpire;—to search for gold? Yes, relative to the gold discovery; and I went with them on that understanding. It was a bad season, and we had to undergo great difficulties in getting horses.
13. How long was it before you started on your journey? We started on the same day.
14. Where did you reach that night? I think we camped at Calela, on the public road near Mr. Kater's flour-mills.
15. And what did you do next morning? Next morning we proceeded towards Burrangong, which is about 70 miles from where we started the first day. It would take us two days to get there. I expect it took us two and a half days, but I cannot recollect. Then we came back up the river.

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- Mr. J. Tom. 16. You struck the river at Burrangong? We struck the river inside of Burrangong—the Macquarie River—the same river that goes down to Bourke.
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18. But did you search for gold at the spot where you struck the river? I do not know that we searched exactly at that spot.
19. Did you pan out any earth there? We washed at dozens of places going up the river for nearly 100 miles, following the zig-zag course of the river.
20. Then you kept to the banks of the river? No, we kept in the bed of the river, the banks of which are precipitous. We washed, I suppose, at dozens of places, and we always got a little gold—what they call “the colour.”
21. You always got the colour? I do not think we ever washed without getting the colour. Then we came to the junction of the Summer Hill and Lewis Ponds Creeks with the Macquarie River.
22. Did you follow up the course of the creek? We did not follow up the course of the creek all the way, because the ground was too precipitous.
23. You followed it up as far as possible? Yes. We had occasionally to diverge from the creek.
24. Did you search for gold up this creek? No. I think that by the time we got there we had become pretty well exhausted from searching. I do not think we ever washed after we came to Summer Hill Creek, until we reached that night's stage, where we stopped at a station. It was my uncle's station, but they did not know me any more than if I was a complete stranger.
25. How far up the creek was this station from the Macquarie? It was not more than 10 miles, but those 10 miles were equal to 40 miles of ordinary country.
26. You stopped there that night? Yes.
27. The party consisted of Edmund Hammond Hargraves, J. H. A. Lister, and yourself? Yes.
28. You slept there that night; what did you do next morning? We were then within about 15 miles of my father's place, and next morning—I knew the country well enough—we went down to a place called Yorky's Corner, now known as Ophir, and Mr. Hargraves himself washed a pan of earth there, and he did not get the colour of gold.
29. Did Mr. Lister or yourself wash any dirt there at that time? No. We were trusting to Mr. Hargraves' washing.
30. What did you do after that? We went up to my father's place that night, and of course I stopped there. I forget now, but I suppose Hargraves and Lister went home to Lister's mother's place, because Hargraves and Lister were acquainted. But I cannot recollect what became of Hargraves after we came home to my father's place. I cannot tell you now at this distance of time whether Hargraves stopped at our place that night or went to Mrs. Lister's.
31. What time elapsed from the time when you left your father's house in the first instance until you returned? It must have been seven or eight days, but I could not state exactly. I know by the distance we went, and the poor state of the country in regard to horse feed—for we had no fodder for our horses beyond what they could pick up naturally—that it must have been seven or eight days.
32. When did the party meet again? I could not tell the exact date, but we came to a regular understanding that all the gold we had found was a mere bagatelle. I thoroughly understood from what I had read that gold was more universally dispersed over the world than any other metal, and that in fact it was even in the dust of the air.
33. What the Committee want to know is, what occurred after the party returned? We made an arrangement between ourselves, that if we could not find gold that would pay £1 a day for working we would never bring it before the public.
34. Did Hargraves agree to that? Yes. At that time wages were very low in the Colony—only 5s. a-week for shepherds, and all that sort of thing,—and we knew that if we could only find gold that would pay 5s. a-day the effect would be to ruin the country.
35. You mean it would take the shepherds and others away from their legitimate occupations? Yes, it would draw all the shepherds and labouring men of the Colony into the gold-fields.
36. Then the Committee understand that there was an understanding between the three of you that until you could discover payable gold that would produce £1 a-day for working you would not make known the discovery of any gold that you might find? Yes. We never meant to make it public until we found gold that would pay £1 a-day.
37. What did you do after that; when did you start out again? I went with Lister then. Hargraves started away; he came down to Sydney, and was going to Brisbane.
38. I understand that subsequently to his going to Moreton Bay he went to Wellington? Yes; he went up to a place there called Mitchell's Creek, some 15 or 20 miles from Wellington.
39. He went there for the purpose of finding gold? He went to look for it, but never got any.
40. How do you know he did not get any gold? Well, he never reported it to us. We considered ourselves partners with him, and he would have told us if he got it.
41. You say that Lister, yourself, and Hargraves, were mates? Yes, decidedly.
42. Were any of your brothers connected with the party? My brother William came in afterwards, when Hargraves was leaving the district. My brother William is a bit of a mechanic, and I remember Hargraves showing him how to make a cradle.
43. Where was this? At Springfield—my father's place.
44. Did your brother William make the cradle under Hargraves' instructions? Yes.
45. What did you do with that cradle? I think my brother William has got it yet. Myself and my brothers William and Henry went down and washed out, and that was the first formidable day's work that ever was done in Australia with a cradle. We washed out 16 grains of gold.
46. When was that? I could not tell you the date.
47. *Mr. Torpy.*] Where was it? In Lewis Ponds Creek.
48. *Chairman.*] What part of the creek? About 3 or 4 miles from the junction of the Summer Hill and Lewis Ponds Creeks.
49. Who was present at the finding of the 16 grains of gold? Myself and my brothers William and Henry. Henry came as a volunteer. He just came to get a little experience in the washing.
50. Where is your brother Henry now? At Charlesville, in Queensland, 500 miles from Brisbane.
51. He makes no claim for compensation? No.

52. About what date did you find the 16 grains of gold? I think it must have been about March, but I really could not say. Mr. J. Tom.  
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53. About the middle of March? I really could not tell the date. Before this washing of gold I had bought a lot of cattle, and I had arranged to go and receive them by a certain date.
54. I believe as a matter of fact you wanted to go on the Bogan about that time to receive some cattle you had purchased? Yes; 300 head of cattle. I cannot therefore tell within ten days what was the date when we washed the 16 grains of gold.
55. *Mr. Torpy.*] Can you tell the month? It must have been in March.
56. *Chairman.*] Were you present at the finding of any gold other than the 16 grains, just referred to, and the colour that was found on the Macquarie River previously? No.
57. You have informed the Committee that Hargraves went to Mitchell's Creek, near Wellington, and that he did not get any gold; what did he tell you when he came back? He expressed himself as if all he had seen was nothing, and said he would go back to California.
58. Did he say there was not a payable gold-field in the western districts, or anything to that effect? He said that if he could not find anything better than what he had seen he would return to California, that he would not be bothered looking any more, but meant to go to Brisbane and to Gundagai.
59. He told you that? Yes.
60. Do you recollect the date when he started for those places? It was in March or April—either the latter end of March or the beginning of April, I cannot say which.
61. Did Lister accompany Hargraves a part of the way on his return to Sydney? Yes. He came down with him as far as the Fish River,—as far as Mutton's Falls.
62. That was not on the direct road to Sydney; what took him that way? Lister had a large interest in some land out there; I believe it belonged to his family somehow or other, but I think it must have been involved. Lister took him out that way to show him some places where gold might be found, but when they got there there was nothing, and then they separated, Lister leaving Hargraves at Mutton's Falls.
63. Lister left Hargraves at Mutton's Falls and returned to Guyong? Yes.
64. How long was Lister away until he returned to Guyong? I think it would be about four days.
65. What transpired during his absence;—what were you and your brother doing? I think we were lying pretty dormant in regard to gold discovery during those four days, but I cannot distinctly recollect what we were doing.
66. After Lister returned what were you doing? I had to start for Adelaide, and after Lister returned me and my brother William went exploring. This was after I had been to the Turon.
67. Who started out to the Turon? Myself and Lister. While Hargraves was absent at Mitchell's Creek, Lister and myself started for the Turon where we found a good speck of gold. I found it myself, but Lister was with me. It was a nice granular nugget of gold about the size of a pin's head.
68. Was that all the gold you found at the Turon? We found the colour in all the washings we did.
69. How long did you remain at the Turon? We had to travel 40 miles down a creek, and then about 20 miles up the Macquarie River, before we came to the confluence of the Turon with the Macquarie. That would be a distance of about 60 miles, and we could not have done it in less than a week. It would take I should say about seven or eight days, as we had to travel without any fodder for our horses.
70. When Hargraves returned from Mitchell's Creek did you report to him your success at the Turon? Oh, we always made a report of everything. That was a mutual arrangement. We always reported everything to each other.
71. Can you tell us how the 4 oz. of gold was discovered? I had a pre-arrangement about some cows which I bought. I purchased 300 head out of a man's herd. I went away for the purpose of taking delivery, but it was an awfully bad season, and when I got up to the place I found that if I attempted to take them the result would be to kill both the cattle and the horses. I then travelled on towards my father's station on the Lachlan, and after I had got about 100 miles from where I had to take the cattle my brother Charles overtook me with a letter from my brother William to say that they had found a gold-field that would pay £1 a day, and it was on that gold-field that the 4 oz. of gold was found, which was subsequently produced in Sydney, and which created all the excitement.
72. Then you were not at the finding? I was not at the finding of the 4 oz. I was only a colleague. I was at the finding of the 16 grains, but I was not at the finding of the 4 oz.
73. Mr. Hargraves was not present at the finding of the 16 grains of gold? No.
74. Nor at the finding of the 4 oz.? No. I know he was not present at the finding of the 4 oz., because he was at the time in Sydney or Brisbane.
75. He could not have been there? It is not possible he could have been there without my knowledge.
76. In 1853 was there not a Parliamentary inquiry into your case and that of Hargraves? Yes; somewhere about that date.
77. Were you examined at that inquiry? No.
78. Were you at Cornish Settlement at the time it took place? I was busy travelling. I was always travelling in those days.
79. You knew the inquiry was held? Yes.
80. Were you at home at the time it was held? No; I do not think I was. I think I was away up the Murray somewhere.
81. The Governor-in-Council, I think, in those days gave you a gratuity? Yes.
82. How much? £333 6s. 8d.
83. That is £1,000 altogether? Yes, £1,000 between the three of us.
84. You are aware that they gave Hargraves £10,000? I believe they gave him £9,000, and they gave us £1,000 between us.
85. Did he not get £1,000 before that? I know nothing about that.
86. Will you tell us the understanding between yourself, Mr. Lister, and your brother William as to the partnership that existed between yourselves and Mr. Hargraves? Yes. I never was a pauper. I always considered myself nearly as good a man as Hargraves, and I never considered myself as one to be ordered about by any man in the world, and I went in with Hargraves, myself and Lister, as equal.
87. Was not William of the party? William came in afterwards. Myself, and Lister and Hargraves went in as mates, or, as I call it, colleagues.

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88. *Mr. Lee.*] Can you inform the Committee why Mr. Hargraves left your brother William and Lister, and returned to Sydney. You have told us that he came up for the purpose of getting you and others to go with him to search for gold, and that you did search for gold with very poor results; and then you told us that at a certain point Mr. Hargraves started to go back to Sydney. Now, will you tell us why he started to go back to Sydney? Because he considered that the country was not sufficiently promising for him to stop any longer, and he said he would go back to California if he could not find anything more promising than what he had seen.
89. Then the Committee understand from that, that your mission with Hargraves in searching for gold had failed? Yes, decidedly. As far as he was concerned it was a total failure.
90. In mining parlance, then, he looked upon that country as a "duffer"? Yes, exactly.
91. Not worth bothering with? Yes, not payable.
92. Why did he instruct your brother how to make a cradle, if he believed the country was not payable? Just because he thought we would have a chance of experimenting. We knew nothing about it before that—we wanted to experiment.
93. Was there any arrangement between the party that you should go on prospecting in his absence? Yes, we had all mutually agreed that whatever one of us found, no matter where we got it—whether in Adelaide, Brisbane, Gundagai, Queensland, or anywhere—we all had to communicate with the others.
94. Then it was arranged that during the absence of Hargraves your party should go on prospecting? Yes.
95. Was he going on to Moreton Bay for the purpose of prospecting for gold? He said he was.
96. How long had he been away before the 16 grains of gold were found? I think he had been away pretty nearly a month—it might have been only three weeks, but I really could not tell the date. I think it was nearly three weeks, but it might have been only two or three days.
97. You were present at the finding of the 16 grains of gold? It was I who humped a good deal of the clay from which it was washed. I was personally present.
98. What was your idea when you got those 16 grains; did you think you had struck payable gold? No, I did not. I thought it was only another evidence that gold was more universally dispersed than any other metal.
99. You thought it was not payable? I knew 16 grains would not pay three men's wages.
100. Did you go on prospecting after that? I am not sure whether Lister and myself did not go to the Turon after that—it was either afterwards or before; it all happened within a few days.
101. Did you and Mr. Lister report to Mr. Hargraves the finding of the 16 grains of gold? Yes, through our secretary.
102. Who was he? William Tom, one of our party.
103. How did he communicate with Mr. Hargraves? By letter.
104. Where to, to Sydney, or to any other address? We all had each others address.
105. Did Mr. Hargraves reply to that letter? I could not tell you, but I expect he did.
106. Did he act upon the letter in any way? I do not know; we left that to our secretary.
107. Did he return to your district in consequence of having received that letter? No, he did not; he did not think it worth his while.
108. Did he induce the Government to inspect the district in consequence of the discovery of this 16 grains of gold? No. As I have already stated, we had agreed that we would not divulge any discovery of gold until we got something that would pay £1 a-day. The 16 grains would not pay 2s. a-day.
109. When you participated in the Government reward to the extent of £333 you knew that Mr. Hargraves was receiving £10,000. Did you ever protest against that amount being paid to him? Well, we thought that we got a very small atom, and that he had received the lion's share.
110. Did you think then that your party were the real discoverers of gold and not Mr. Hargraves? Yes. We were the people who found the available gold, though we have always admitted that Hargraves showed us the process of washing for gold.
111. If you really gave the information that led up to the discovery of payable gold, why did you stand by and see Hargraves get £10,000 while your party only got £333 a piece? We did not stand by; we have been writing letters about it ever since. There have been hundreds of letters in the papers; in fact this has gone on to such an extent that the breath is nearly out of my body.
112. Did you make a protest to the Government of the day against paying Hargraves this large amount? Well, in those days we did not understand much about protests. We were not so clever as are the lawyers of to-day.
113. Many years have elapsed since that gratuity was given? Thirty-eight or thirty-nine years.
114. Have you slept upon your alleged rights since that time, or have you made application for any further gratuity? We have been applying every year through the public press.
115. *Chairman.*] And to the Parliament? Yes; and we look now upon the press as our great fortification.
116. *Mr. Lee.*] Do you consider that you are entitled to further consideration from the Government as being one of the early gold discoverers? Considering the progress that has been made in Australia since the discovery of gold, and the great prosperity that has been brought about, I believe we are entitled to something tangible. There were no railways in the country until we found gold.
117. You are asking now for some consideration from the State, and of course we are bound to ask you upon what you base your claim. You have given us a very fair and succinct account of the proceedings up to the present time, but you must bear in mind that a long time has elapsed since the Government voted money for this purpose, and we are now entitled to ask you why you come in and make application again? Do I not tell you that every year since it happened we have been applying through the public press for the consideration we believe we deserve.
118. Your ground, then, is that the country has become so enriched in consequence of the discovery of gold, that you, claiming to be one of the first discoverers of gold, consider you are entitled to more consideration than you have received? Yes. I claim that myself, my brother William, and John Lister, were the real discoverers of payable gold, which induced the first rush of immigration into Australia. I say that in consequence of that discovery Australia has benefited directly and indirectly to the extent of about £100,000,000,000. That discovery of gold made the Colony. Before then you would hardly ever see a pound note or half-a-sovereign, and if you got a good beef-steak you were very lucky, although beef-steaks were only 1½d. per lb. The Colony was benefited to an extent that is hardly conceivable.

119. Then you are of opinion that the small gratuity granted to yourself, your brother William, and Lister, was quite inadequate, considering the immense advantage that has accrued to the country? I do; and I do not believe Hargraves got a penny too much. Mr. J. Tom.  
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120. You consider that rather as a matter of grace than as a matter of right the State should reconsider your claim, and grant you a further gratuity? Yes; with all deference I think we are entitled to consideration as a matter of right, though it is a case in which I think the State might be disposed to concede our claim as a matter of grace.

121. *Mr. Torpy.*] Is it not a fact that you and your brothers have been agitating incessantly for some thirty years to get your claim considered? Yes.

122. Almost continuously? Yes, continuously. Periodical representations have been made through the press almost every year.

123. Did you not ask several Members of Parliament to take up your case on several occasions? I did not; perhaps my brother William did.

124. *Chairman.*] What is your age? I am in my 69th year.

125. How old were you when you came to the Colony? Eighteen months.

126. What was the age of your brother William when he came to the Colony? He was born off the coast of Tasmania before we landed here. He was born at Point Desolation on the day the ship got wrecked; he is one year and a half younger than me.

127. Do you know anything of a letter written by Mr. Hargraves, dated the 19th May, 1851? I have seen a copy of it.

128. Did you ever have any conversation with Lister about it? I believe Lister did tell me about it. He said he thought it was rather a disparaging thing against some of us I think. That is all I know about it.

129. The letter is alleged to have been written by Mr. Hargraves for the press to be signed by Lister? There is a declaration by me about that letter, sworn before a magistrate in Melbourne. It is as follows:—

I HAVE most attentively perused the foregoing history of the gold discovery of 1851, which is signed by William Tom, junr., and J. H. A. Lister, and I believe the whole of it to be correct; the parts that refer to my personal knowledge I know to be true. I could not say the exact day that I and my brothers got the 16 grains in weight of gold, but I know it was some days before I started to Adelaide, and I started (or I believe I did) on the 1st April, 1851. We got the 16 grains of gold in the latter end of March, 1851, and I know it was before William Tom and John Lister got the 4 oz. of gold. With regard to No. 1 letter, which is a tissue of falsehood, Mr. Hargraves was out only twice prospecting while he was in the Bathurst district. The first time was on the 12th February, 1851, when John Lister was with him, and the other time was directly after, when John Lister and I were both with him. We went down the Macquarie on the second occasion, and we were away from seven to ten days. I never knew Mr. Hargraves experience more hardship or difficulty than he might have experienced at a picnic on the same rough ground. I do not believe he saw a native blackfellow, of Australian birth, while he was in the Bathurst district.

As witness my hand, at Melbourne, Victoria, this nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

Signed and delivered in my presence,—

RICH. GIBSON, J.P., for New South Wales.

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130. Why did you make the reference to "a native blackfellow, of Australian birth"? That is really true. We never saw a native blackfellow all the time we were travelling.

131. And you had no blackfellows as guides? No, not one, and not even a half-caste.

132. Then the letter signed by Wm. Tom, junr., and J. H. A. Lister is true? Yes, it is absolutely true.

Mr. William Tom called in, sworn, and examined:—

133. *Chairman.*] You were formerly known as William Tom, junior? Yes, during my father's lifetime. Mr. W. Tom.  
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134. And you are the William Tom whose name is mentioned in these Parliamentary papers? I am.

135. On the 2nd April, 1887, you forwarded a letter to the Colonial Secretary, enclosing a history of the first gold discovery? Yes; it was first directed to the Governor, who returned it with instructions that it should be sent to the Colonial Secretary.

136. Do you hand in to the Committee manuscript of letters and other papers relating to your claim, copies of which are given in the Parliamentary paper before the Committee, ordered to be printed by the Legislative Assembly on the 28th November, 1888? Yes. [*See Appendix.*] I tender this as part of my evidence, and I know it to be true in every particular.

137. Were you present at your father's house at Cornish Settlement, early in February, 1851, when Mr. Hargraves and Mr. Lister first visited your place? No; I do not know anything about Mr. Hargraves when he first visited the place.

138. Mr. Hargraves showed you how to construct a cradle, did he not? Yes; he suggested the form.

139. Did he do so verbally, or by a plan? He merely told me how to construct it.

140. Was he present while you were making it? No; he was not. Mr. Hargraves has stated that the carpenter at Springfield made the cradle, but that is not true—I made it myself.

141. About what date did you make it? It was before he went away and he saw it made, and we went down to try and wash some gold with it just by my father's house at Springfield, but we did not succeed in getting anything—it was only to try the cradle. In confirmation of my evidence as to the construction of the cradle I wish to read the following letter:—

Young, 23rd May, 1890.

It having been reported by Mr. Hargraves that I made the first gold cradle while I was a carpenter at Springfield, near Guyong, I beg to say that I did not make it. It was made by Mr. William Tom, junr., of Springfield, sometime in February or March, 1851.

Witness—LINA L. TOM.

THOMAS BROWN.

142. Can you tell the Committee for what purpose you made this cradle? With the prospect of getting gold by washing earthy matter through it. Mr. Hargraves told us we could get gold with it, and we did get gold.

143. Did you enter into an arrangement with Hargraves before you made this cradle that you would be partners, mates, or colleagues with him? Beyond the cradle I had nothing at all to do with Hargraves until he was going away, and I never went to look for gold until after he had gone. He went away about the 20th March. I am pretty sure it was on the 20th March, but it was certainly before the 24th March. John Lister went with him as far as the Fish River, and while they were away together at Fish River myself and my brother James and Henry went down the creek and got 16 grains in weight of gold.

- Mr. W. Tom. 144. About what date was it? It was between the 20th and the 24th March, 1851, and when John Lister came back I had sent the information away to Hargraves, and I believe it got to Sydney as soon as he did.
- 25 Sept., 1890. 145. What information did you send? That we got the 16 grains of gold, and how we got it and all the particulars.
146. Did you get a reply to that letter? Yes; but I have never been able to hunt it up. I believe I brought it here when I was examined before, but it appears that the papers were all lost.
147. A Committee sat on your case in 1853 I believe? Yes; I believe it was in 1853.
148. Were you examined before that Committee? I was.
149. Who else was examined? Lister for one, and I believe also Mr. E. Deas-Thomson.
150. And Mr. Hargraves? I suppose he was. Of my own knowledge I do not know that Lister was examined, but he came down for the purpose.
151. The result of that inquiry was that you got £1,000 between the three of you? Yes.
152. You got your individual share I suppose? I did.
153. And you believe Lister got his £333? Yes. He has admitted so to me.
154. What about letter No. 1, dated 19th May, 1851, which is said to have been written by Mr. Hargraves? It is a tissue of falsehoods.
155. You know that Mr. Lister is dead? Yes, he died about a week ago.
156. Have you the original of this letter? I have not. I believe it was lost with the other papers that were placed before the Committee.
157. Did you have a conversation with Lister about this letter? I saw it in Hargraves' own handwriting, and I know it was a most abominable falsehood.
158. Did Lister show it to you? Yes, and I blamed him for not showing it to me sooner, for I suggested a reply. He told me that it was all lies, and that he could not sign his name to such a thing. That I knew without his telling me. As for the statements about the blacks, Hargraves never saw a blackfellow, I believe, while he was in the district. To show that we got the 16 gr. of gold, I should like to read to the Committee a letter written by a gentleman who was manager at the time of the Carrangarra Copper-mine. My brother James showed him the gold that had been got, so that he would know how to proceed with regard to the management of his copper-mine in the event of a gold-field breaking out. The letter is as follows:—

To whom it may concern, Forbes, 7 March, 1889.  
 IN 1851 I saw some fine gold, some grains in weight, I think, with Mr. James Tom. I believe it was some time in March or April of that year. I know it was before the discovery of gold was made public, for James Tom told me that as the discovery of gold would soon be announced, it would upset all mining for copper; and as I was interested at that time in the Carrangarra copper-mines, I had better make my arrangements in respect thereof before the discovery of gold was made known. The foregoing I most solemnly declare to be true and correct.  
 Witness—CHAS. PROWS, J.P. T. G. LANE.

I should also like to produce to the Committee a paper which was given me by Hargraves, and which is in his own handwriting, when I gave him the 4 oz. of gold. He gave us this paper on the evening of the 6th May, 1851. That was the evening when he got the 4 oz. of gold from us. The paper is as follows:—

On Her Majesty's Service.

THIS is to certify that the Australian Gold Company are hereby authorised and empowered to occupy the following Bars \* \* \* \* \* in gold-mining, and to prevent all parties from intruding thereon, viz., Fitzroy's Bar, Hargraves' Bar, Lister's Bar, and Tom's Bar.  
 6th May, 1851. E. H. HARGRAVES.

With the permission of the Committee, I should like to read a paper which I prepared some time ago for Mr. Francis Abigail, giving some of the chief facts regarding the discovery of gold in 1851. It is as follows:—

Mr. Hargraves came to Guyong on the 10th of February, 1851, and remained in the Bathurst and Wellington districts till the 20th, 21st, or 22nd March of the same year, and all the gold got during that time (from 10th of February till 22nd March) by John Lister, James Tom, and Hargraves did not amount in value to one penny, the bulk of which was got on the Turon River, by James Tom and John Lister while Hargraves was away in the Wellington district. What we have now mentioned is all Mr. Hargraves did when in the actual search for gold. All he did was to wash a small proportion of less than a penny's worth of gold he was taken to by John Lister and James Tom. Mr. Hargraves took his *final* leave of the Bathurst and Wellington districts on either the 20th, 21st, or 22nd of March, 1851. John Lister went with him as far as Mutton's Falls, on the Fish River, and there almost the last thing Hargraves said to Lister was, that he would go off to California, and take Lister with him, if he were willing to go, if no more gold were found. From this saying it is quite clear that in Hargraves' own opinion, no gold of importance had up till that time been discovered. After he said he would go off to California he went on to Sydney, and all the gold he could show to the Government, by the evidence of the late Sir E. Deas-Thomson (the Colonial Secretary), given before a Select Committee of the honorable Legislative Assembly, 1853, only amounted to a few almost invisible specks. (See Sir E. Deas-Thomson's evidence in the Archives of the House.) Before John Lister returned from seeing Hargraves as far as the Fish River, on his way to Sydney, William Tom, junr., had posted a letter to Hargraves, telling him that James Tom and he himself had got 16 grains in weight of gold over *only a yard or two of ground*. This letter to Hargraves must have been in Sydney as soon as Hargraves himself was there, or not more than a day after; and we feel quite sure it was the information this letter gave to Mr. Hargraves that induced him to make his proposition to the Government to the effect that he would show any officer of the Government that might be sent with him a payable gold-field. From his experience in California he knew very well that 16 grains in weight of gold from *only a yard or two of ground* was a pretty sure indication of a payable gold-field. Not having said anything about the 16 grains in weight, when we were examined by a Select Committee, proved fatal to our cause. After the 16 grains were discovered, no more gold was got till between the mornings of the 7th and 12th April, 1851, when we found 4 oz. These 4 oz. of gold were got at Ophir when Mr. Hargraves was away from the scene of our operations. The finding of these 4 oz. we made Hargraves acquainted with at the very earliest opportunity, and he came from Sydney and received them from us at Springfield, Guyong, on the evening of the 6th of May, 1851.

The question naturally arises, why did he (Hargraves) ride 300 miles for these 4 oz. of gold if he had found gold enough himself to convince the Government a payable gold-field had been discovered. Most surely it requires no philosopher, no man with the calibre of a Socrates, to believe that gold got in payable quantities by Mr. Hargraves would have convinced the Government that a payable gold-field was discovered, as well as gold got by Lister and Tom would have done it.

No use for Mr. Hargraves to deny having come from Sydney, and getting the 4 oz. of gold from us on the 6th of May, 1851, for we have at this present moment in our possession a paper of that date, written and dated by Mr. Hargraves, giving us permission, in the name of the Government, to dig for gold, and we can swear Hargraves gave the paper to us when we gave him the gold. He had no more authority at the time to give us a paper of the kind than we had to give him one. The reason why Mr. Hargraves could not find gold in 1851 was this:—He was too lazy to look for it in a proper manner; he always experimented on the higher instead of the lower strata of the alluvial deposits he was taken to. Almost every practical digger knows that all loose substances in alluvial deposits, arrange themselves in the order of their specific gravity, and gold being the heaviest substance in nature except platinum, Hargraves ought to have dug to the bottoms of alluvial deposits. Failing to do this he failed in the discovery

discovery of a payable gold-field. While in the Bathurst district Hargraves never dug a hole a foot deep. Mr. Hargraves was appointed a prospecting Commissioner for some considerable time after the gold discovery of 1851, but during the whole of the time he was looking for gold under the auspices of the Government, it is not on record that he ever found either a payable or an unpayable gold-field, although he travelled over many parts of the country, which since have been proved to be wonderfully rich in that metal.

We believe all the main features of the first gold discovery of 1851 are now in the possession of our worthy Government, and we think it will reflect credit on the honorable members of the Government to see that justice is shown to the individuals whom they may believe to be the real discoverers of the first payable gold-field ever worked on the Australian continent.

We would remark here that when Wm. Tom, junior, was examined by a Select Committee in 1853, he was asked by a member of that Committee if he thought Hargraves ever found as much as 18 grains of gold (Mr. W. Tom thinks it was 18 grains; it was some number under 20 however), and he said he might have found that many grains. W. Tom has often thought since that what the Committee understood him to mean was 18 grains *in weight*—what he meant was 18 *individual specks*. They did not amount to *one-eighth of a grain in weight*, as may be learnt from Sir E. Deas-Thomson's evidence given before the same Committee. Our evidence against Mr. Hargraves is so *circumstantial* that it is more reliable than positive oaths; for how could we make all the circumstances named here and elsewhere agree without even a seeming contradiction, if they had not actually transpired. Utterly impossible? It seems to us that partnership alone ought to have placed us on an equal footing with Mr. Hargraves, to say nothing of our having found all the gold except the bare colour.

In other matters the fact of partnership would have been proof conclusive against him; then why it is not so in the matter of the first gold discovery becomes a puzzle to us which we are quite unable to solve. Some persons have told us that the length of time since the first gold discovery shuts out our chances of success. As the length of time has not been caused by us we do not think we ought to suffer for it. We have been trying by all legitimate means through the last quarter of a century to be reheard. We had a petition in the late Mr. (after Sir) James Martin's hands in 1864. However, much may be said about the length of time that has gone by, we cannot think that such length of time should legalise the dishonesty of one party and cancel the merits of the other.

159. You have a distinct recollection of Mr. Hargraves leaving Guyong for Sydney with Mr. Lister? Yes, I have a distinct recollection of that.

160. They went together as far as the Fish River? Yes.

161. Mr. Lister bade good bye to Mr. Hargraves there and returned? Yes. The last words Hargraves said to Lister were that unless more gold was found he should go to California and take Lister with him if Lister was willing to go.

162. Did you hear Hargraves say it was his opinion that there was not a payable gold-field about Guyong? Through Lister I did.

163. Lister told you so? Yes, on many occasions.

164. *Mr. Torpy.*] On what date did Hargraves leave Guyong? On the 20th, 21st, or 22nd March, 1851, and we got the 16 grains there on the second or third day after he left. I am sure it was the second day after he went away that we got the 16 grains.

165. *Chairman.*] We want to find out more especially about the 4 oz. of gold? On Monday morning, the 7th April, 1851, accompanied by John Lister, I went to a place that is now called Ophir, and which I believe was then known as Yorky's Corner. We were advised by Hargraves to go to a low point some 15 miles down—I think it was on the Macquarie—and we started with the intention of going there; but when we got to Ophir, to a place where we had some refreshment, I told John Lister that we had better stop there, and prospect that day, as Lane's shepherd some years previously had picked up a piece of gold of about 2 or 3 oz., which was afterwards sold for £15. That induced Lister to agree to the proposal that we should let out our horses there and prospect that evening. We had some refreshment, and afterwards went down into the creek, and I was only there a few minutes when I saw a piece of gold just lying in an indent of the rock.

166. A nugget? It was found to be worth £2 10s., so you may call it what you like. I was buttoning the brace of my trousers at the time, and I said to Lister, "Here is a bit of gold," and he said, "William, you are only joking." "Well," I said, "It is either gold or brass"; and he came over, and I picked it up—or I do not know whether he did not pick it up. We then decided to set aside the journey down the river, and prepared to wash the next day.

167. *Mr. Torpy.*] Where did you find the gold;—in the bed of the river, or on the bank? In the bed of the river, in an indent of the rock, within 100 yards of the junction of Summer Hill and Lewis Ponds Creeks. Next day we got the cradle down, and began to wash in form. While I was washing, John was picking it up, and he said, "Look, William, here is a piece of gold," and I said, "Yes; that is gold," and it was exactly the weight of one new sovereign. We continued to wash for a day or two, and we got 2 ounces. Then we proposed going down the creek, and as John and I were on our horses—the head of his horse being opposite to that of mine—and he said, "There is a bit of gold," and jumped off his horse. I will not say that I saw it before he got hold of it, but he said, "There is a stick right through it," and he broke the stick off. It was through the gold, but how it got through I do not know. However, it weighed exactly 2 ounces. Then we camped for the night.

168. Where was this? About a mile from the junction. That was the last gold we got. We were satisfied that payable gold had been discovered, and, until that gold was shown to the Government, Hargraves was not recognised.

169. When you found that gold, John Lister wrote to him? Yes.

170. How soon afterwards? As soon as he had an opportunity. I did not see him write the letter, but I have heard him say so.

171. You had a weekly mail at that time? Yes, I think so; it might have been bi-weekly.

172. Did Hargraves come up from Sydney? He did. He arrived at Springfield on the 6th May, 1851. He came up and received the gold from me.

173. How did you know that you had 4 oz. of gold; how did you weigh it? We had sixteen new sovereigns from Mrs. Lister, and we balanced it, and the weight of sixteen new sovereigns is equivalent to 4 ounces.

174. You gave the gold to Hargraves? I gave it to Hargraves, and he took it to Sydney, and he was then recognised, and has been ever since, as the first discoverer of gold.

175. You were at that time mates? I should say so, when he took our gold and divided it between himself and us.

176. He took it to Sydney, and brought it back again? He brought just the one bit back; I had expressed a wish to get that.

177. You have a bit of the gold now in your possession? Yes.

178. You have now in your possession a portion of the original 4 oz. of gold? I have.

- Mr. W. Tom. 179. Mr. Hargraves brought it back from Sydney? He did, and delivered it to me.
- 25 Sept., 1890. 180. There was a division of the proceeds of the gold? The value of the gold was £3 10s. an ounce, and the proceeds were divided into four equal parts—the piece of gold that was brought back for me being included in the division. I produce the piece of gold for the inspection of the Committee.
181. You consider that you are entitled to some compensation from the State for the discovery of the gold? I do. I consider that we were more entitled to compensation than was Mr. Hargraves. It was owing to our discovery of gold that such a flourishing state was brought about in the Colony.
182. You recollect the discovery of gold in California in those days? Yes. There was a great hubbub made here about it.
183. And a large number of persons emigrated from this Colony to California? Yes. Mr. Hargraves was among them, I believe, and he came back with the view of going to M'Gregor's Reef.
184. You know of your own knowledge that the Government in those days were making every effort to find gold in the country so as to keep the people from going away to California? I believe so.
185. Did you know the late Mr. Stutchbury personally? Yes.
186. You know that he came out here as Government Geologist for the purpose of gold discovery? I know he was sent up for the purpose of seeing whether or not we had a payable gold-field.
187. Did he report on the Ophir gold-reef? I believe he did, but I never read his report. He was blamed by the Colonial Secretary for having written his report in pencil instead of ink.
188. To your knowledge did Mr. Stutchbury ever find any gold himself? No.
189. Did he point out any part in this Colony where gold was found? Never to me.
190. Then where you found this 4 oz. of gold was where the first rush took place? Yes. All Melbourne rushed there, and people from everywhere else.
191. Then, in your opinion, you are the real discoverers of the first payable gold-field in Australia? It is not my opinion, but I am sure of it. I got the gold, Hargraves took it to Sydney, and it resulted at once in bringing all Sydney up to the place.
192. Mr. Lee.] That being the case, why did you stand on one side when £10,000 was paid to Mr. Hargraves, and you and your mates only got £333 6s. 8d. each? We saw clearly enough that they would give us no more. They examined us here, and when the examination was over they decided on giving us only £1,000, and Hargraves £10,000. We considered that very unfair, and have been protesting against it ever since.
193. Were you examined on that occasion as to your knowledge of the discovery? Yes; I was examined here.
194. Did you then state what you have now told the Committee about finding the 4 oz. of gold? Of course I did.
195. Chairman.] And about the finding of the 16 grains? No; that is where I made a mess of it. I believe we should have succeeded if it had not been for that.
196. Mr. Lee.] You did not tell the Committee then about the 16 grains? No, not a word.
197. Mr. Torpy.] But you did about the 4 oz.? Yes. We got the 4 oz. between the morning of the 7th April and the 12th April; I did not tell the Committee on the former occasion about the finding of the 16 grains of gold, because we did not consider that that quantity was payable.
198. Mr. Lee.] Notwithstanding that Mr. Hargraves received £10,000, and you and your brother and Lister only received £333 6s. 8d. each, you have never ceased to assert your right as being the first discoverers of gold? No; we have always asserted our claim.
199. Chairman.] I believe a Select Committee of the Assembly was appointed to inquire into your case in the year 1876? Yes.
200. What was the result of that inquiry? The House broke up before the Committee reported.
201. Mr. Torpy.] You have not ceased to agitate your claim for the last thirty years? No;—almost from the time when we were examined. I did not, of course, go home and write a letter against the decision on that day, but I have been protesting against it ever since.

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. PLUMB,		MR. JONES,
MR. STREET,		MR. TORPY.

T. DALTON, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

John Charles M'Lachlan, Esq., called in, sworn, and examined:—

- J. C. M'Lachlan. Esq. 202. Chairman.] What are you? A solicitor, practising in Sydney, and formerly in Orange for about twenty-three years.
- 1 Oct., 1890. 203. Do you know the handwriting of the late Mr. J. H. A. Lister? Yes; he was a client of mine.
204. Is this paper [*Appendix B.*] which has been handed into the Committee headed "Memo. re gold discovery" in the handwriting of Mr. Lister? It is.
205. Mr. Jones.] Do you know how long that paper was written before Mr. Lister's death? No, I do not.

Mr. William Tom recalled and further examined:—

- Mr. W. Tom. 206. Chairman.] Do you know the handwriting of this paper headed "Memo. re gold discovery"? I think it is John Lister's.
- 1 Oct., 1890. 207. Are you certain? I would not swear it, but it resembles his handwriting very much.

Mr. William Henry Tom called in, sworn, and examined:—

- Mr. W. H. Tom. 208. Chairman.] Where do you reside? Near Guyong.
- 1 Oct., 1890. 209. You are the son of William Tom? Yes.
210. Do you know the handwriting of the late Mr. J. H. A. Lister? I do.



211. Is this paper, headed "Memo. *re* gold discovery," in his handwriting? Yes, to the best of my belief.
212. Did you often visit his house? Yes.
213. Did you visit his house a week or so before his death? I was there a few days before he died.
214. Did you hear anything about a paper like this being written by Mr. Lister? Yes.
215. What did you hear about it? His son told me that he had written several pages concerning the discovery of gold.
216. *Mr. Street.*] In what state of mind was Mr. Lister when you last saw him just before his death:—was he sensible? Yes, he was quite sensible when I saw him, about two days before he died.
217. And you understood then that he had completed a statement in writing? I understood from his people that he was writing a statement.
218. And you considered him of sound mind at the time? Yes.
219. Quite capable of bearing in mind incidents that occurred many years before? Yes.
220. *Chairman.*] Is this like his ordinary handwriting when in health? Yes.

Mr.  
W. H. Tom  
1 Oct., 1890

THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. JONES,  
MR. TORPY,

MR. LEE,  
MR. PLUMB.

T. DALTON, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

J. C. McLachlan, Esq., appeared as Solicitor for Messrs. Tom and Lister.

Mr. Edward Hammand Hargraves sworn and examined:—

221. *Chairman.*] I believe you resided at one time at Gosford? No; at Brisbane Water.
222. What year was that? I was at Brisbane Water for several years prior to my going to California.
223. When did you go to California? In 1849.
224. How long did you remain in that country? About fifteen months.
225. You then returned to New South Wales? Yes.
226. When did you arrive in New South Wales? I think it was on the 7th January, 1851.
227. William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister make a claim to Parliament, alleging that they are the first discoverers of gold conjointly with you? That is not the case.
228. Perhaps you will make a statement to the Committee on the subject? On my return from California I saw my friend Mr. Norton—the late Honorable James Norton—and he said, "Well, you are very foolish to come back from California, Mr. Hargraves; see the state of this country." "But," I said, "I came back to make the country." "Oh, nonsense!" he said. "You are like my friend Tom Icely; you are mad on this subject." "No," I said; "I am perfectly sane on the subject." I saw Mr. Icely, and he invited me to his house, and offered me any assistance he could give. This was in Sydney. I accepted his invitation, and met him at King's Plains, and had lunch with him. He was coming down to Sydney, where he had particular business at the time. He came down to prosecute Dr. Lang; and he said, "I cannot go back with you now." "Well," I said, "I will go across the ridge to Guyong. I think I can make my way there." And I did so, and went to Mrs. Lister's, who kept an inn. I had known her in her husband's lifetime. I said nothing to her that day, but next day I asked her if she could get me a blackfellow; that I wanted to go down to Tom Jamieson's old station, which was not very far from Green's old station.
229. That was on the Macquarie River? No; it was at Lewis Ponds Creek. Mrs. Lister said, "I suppose you are going to look for gold, Mr. Hargraves?" "Well," I said, "something like it;" and she said, "Don't get a blackfellow—take my son." I said, "If your son will keep the matter perfectly secret I have no objection to do so at your request;" and the next morning I did so. I stated where I wanted to go and Lister said, "I will take you through the bush so that we will not see any one." It was a very dry year in 1851, and going down the creek I asked him if he knew where there was any water, and he said, "No, I do not think there is any water until we get to Yorkey's corner." "Well," I said, "how far is that?" and he said it was only about a mile. When we got to Yorkey's corner there was a waterhole there, and I said, "Hobble out the horses and we will have a pot of tea," and when he was going across the creek I said, "Where you walk across the creek there is gold." As soon as we had something to eat, a little beef and damper, I washed out five pans of earth. I first removed with a trowel some very fine schist stones, and took a little earth, and the first pan had a good grain of gold in it and the others likewise.
230. Do you mean a grain of gold in weight or just a speck? It was more than a speck—a nice little piece of gold.
231. What do you think was about the weight of it? I washed five pans, and there was gold in every one.
232. *Mr. Jones.*] What quantity of gold had you after washing the five pans? I never took particular notice.
233. Did it amount to grains or dwts.? About as much as would lie on a 3d. piece.
234. *Mr. Plumb.*] Did you save the washings? Yes.
235. And you did not weigh them? I did not weigh them. Lister said, "I never knew there was gold here in the earth—I thought it was in the rocks," and I said, "Well you see it is in the dirt now." I took a slip of a newspaper—the old *Empire* newspaper—and wrote in pencil: "Gold discovered in alluvial at Lewis Ponds Creek, this 12th day of February, 1851," and then I remarked, "This is a memorable day in the history of New South Wales" and signed it. I gave that to the Colonial Secretary and I daresay it is amongst the records now.
236. *Mr. Jones.*] You gave it to the Colonial Secretary on your return to Sydney? Yes.

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237. And you gave him the gold as well? Yes.
238. You cannot say what it weighed? No, it was no very great quantity. I knew very well what the consequences would be if we attempted to work; the whole country would be on fire in a moment.
239. *Chairman.*] Do I understand that the reason why you did not prosecute your work in that particular spot was because you were afraid that you would leave some tracks behind you and other people would be able to work the ground—why did you not go on with the prospecting? Because I thought it would be folly to do so.
240. Why? There was no water to be got, and I thought that if a gold-field were opened out there would be a rush. James Tom was very anxious to go to work but I told him it would be a silly thing to do.
241. Was James Tom with you on that occasion? There was no one but Lister and myself on the 12th February.
242. You said there was no water; but there must have been water to enable you to wash the five pans of earth? There was water at Yorkey's Corner. In continuing my statement, I may say that I wanted to go to Dubbo to see my friend Mr. Cruickshank, whose son is now a Member of the Legislative Assembly; but I said I would like to go down as far as the old Government stockyards, and then strike the Macquarie, and come up the Macquarie. Lister said he did not know the way, and I said, "See Tom then, if he will keep the matter secret," and he said he was sure he would; then in a few days we went on the expedition and struck the Macquarie, and came up the Macquarie as far as the junction with Summer Hill Creek. I said, "There is plenty of gold here." I washed several pans and threw it out, it was small gold; they said, "Would it not be better to go to work," but I said, "No, I want to go to Dubbo," and I went to Dubbo and saw Mr. Cruickshank. I stayed a day or two there and washed out; Mrs. Cruickshank washed out as much as would make a ring; she was the second person who washed a pan of earth in New South Wales. I then returned to Guyong, and they were very anxious about going to work. I said, "Well, I do not intend to go to work; I will put you to work, and I will go into Bathurst and get a hopper punched;" and the only thing I know about William Tom is that I asked him for a packing-case to make a cradle. They were building a new house at the time and he said he would try and get his father to let us have some cedar, and the carpenter working at the new house made the cradle.
243. Did you see the carpenter make the cradle? I gave him instructions to make it.
244. Do you remember his name? No. I went to Bathurst, accompanied by Lister, and I got a blacksmith to punch the hopper and brought it back again. "Now," I said, "as soon as the rain comes you will be able to go to work, but not for three weeks—you must lock the cradle up in the cellar for three weeks." I thought that would give me time to get to Sydney and make arrangements with the Government; but before that time expired they broke faith with me by taking the cradle out. All I had promised them was to show them the way to work, which I did near Mr. Tom's old house. About sixteen years previously I had been all about that country. I was at that former period superintending Captain Hector's station, near Bathurst, and I received instructions from Sydney to purchase wheat, and get it ground, and sent on to Boree, and I did so. Three days afterwards the bullock-drivers came back. I think there were three teams. They said they had lost the bullocks. I went off immediately, and the bullocks were picked up and put on the road. I then went on to Guyong, and there I met Tom Jamieson, half-brother to the late Sir John Jamieson, who had a cattle station down there. I was out of meat at the station, and I bargained with him for four bullocks. He said, "You had better come down to my station to-night, and we will go out and cut the bullocks out and bring them to our yard." I am not certain whether it was that day or the next morning that we got the bullocks. He said, "We will go and ask Parson Tom to let us put the bullocks in the yard." He referred to old Mr. Tom, commonly known as Parson Tom. I knew nothing of geology, except what I had learnt as a boy; but on going on the run I saw some splendid dykes, but did not know what they were. I did not know whether there was gold or anything about it. As a proof that I was there, I may mention that when we stayed at Tom's. Miss Tom (now, I think, Mrs. Webb) produced some missionary box, and Tom Jamieson put his name down for £3, and I put my name down for £2, thinking very little about it. When I returned in 1851 I was called upon to pay the money and did so, and I have no doubt this will appear in the books of the church. So that I had been all about Ophir and Green's station with the bullocks, and observing these rocks I wondered a good deal. I had no knowledge at the time, but I wondered a good deal at them. There were dykes in an inverted position which you could trace for miles. When California broke out I had a cattle station on the Manning River, and, deciding to go to California, I sold my cattle for 5s. a head, and gave the station in. Shortly after arriving in California I went to the mines, and there I saw the same class of rocks and schists of various kinds that I had seen in this country, and reasoning from analogy and having faith in the uniformity of nature, I said, "Surely we have got all this formation in New South Wales; there must be gold there;" and I wrote to several friends mentioning it, but none of them took any notice of me, and thought I was a madman or a fool. I wrote a letter to an old friend of mine, named Samuel Peake, who was afterwards drowned in the "Dunbar." I have the original of that letter now. It is dated, "San Francisco, California, 5th March, 1850," and amongst other things I wrote as follows:—"I am very forcibly impressed that I have been in a gold region in New South Wales, within 300 miles of Sydney; and unless you knew how to find it you might live for a century in the region and know nothing of its existence." In those days the only communication between this country and California was by colliers trading to Newcastle, and the mail-bags were sent from Newcastle to Sydney unopened. It will be seen that the letter from which I have quoted bears the post-mark, "Sydney, May 18, 1850."
245. *Mr. M'Lachlan.*] You say that the gold that you got on the 12th February was not weighed;—was not its weight estimated at 16 grains? I do not know.
246. *Mr. Jones.*] You do not know that it was weighed before you gave it to the Colonial Secretary? I know it was not, because it was in my possession all the time.
247. *Mr. M'Lachlan.*] Did not the Colonial Secretary, Mr. E. Deas-Thomson, say in evidence before a Select Committee what its weight was? I do not know.
248. Was it anything more than a few specks of gold? I suppose it was about as much as would go on a three-penny piece.
249. How much do you suppose that would be? About half a pennyweight.
250. Do you remember telling Mr. E. Deas-Thomson where that gold came from? I did not tell him where it came from until I had made an arrangement with the Government.

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251. You told him then? Yes; I told him exactly where it was obtained, and he asked me whether there was any more, and I said I had not the slightest doubt there were tons.
252. And where did you tell him it was from? I told him it was from Lewis Ponds Creek.
253. You did not say it was from the Turon? No.
254. Did you say what part of Lewis Ponds Creek or did you merely say Lewis Ponds Creek? I merely said Lewis Ponds Creek, I think.
255. Was the cradle made while you were at Mr. Tom's? Yes; it was made by my instructions, and I showed them how to work it.
256. Did you see them making it? I cannot say that I did. It was brought in skeleton fashion, and I instructed them how to fix the wash-board and so forth.
257. Do you not know that William Tom made that cradle under your directions? I do not believe he did.
258. Do you know whether he did or not? I have no recollection of his doing so. The carpenter came to me about it and I gave him instructions.
259. William Tom has sworn that he made it;—are you prepared to contradict that? I will not swear he did not make it. There was a good deal of bother about getting the wood, and I said an old packing-case would do. The only thing I know of William Tom is his getting the wood to make the cradle.
260. You say that you were well acquainted with the locality sixteen years before;—did you know it well or did you merely pass through it? I went with Tom Jamieson to get the bullocks.
261. Was that the only knowledge you had of the place? That was the only knowledge. We were two days getting the bullocks.
262. What arrangement had you with either James Tom, William Tom, or Lister? I had no arrangement whatever except that I would get the cradle for them and instruct them how to use it, and then I said, "You are on the high road to fortune."
263. Were you in no sense partners or mates? Not in any sense.
264. What evidence was it that induced the Government to recognise you as the first gold discoverer;—was it simply the production of the gold you got on the 12th February? That was the commencement of it.
265. What other evidence induced them to recognise your claim? They recognised me at once; there was nothing further.
266. But was not a quantity of gold of about 4 oz. used for the purpose? On my return, after my appointment as Commissioner of Crown Lands, I said to one of the Toms, I do not know which, "That is the first fruit of the cradle; I would like to have that 4 oz."; and I bought it from him.
267. But before buying that 4 oz. had you been recognised by the Government as the discoverer? Yes.
268. Can you remember the date on which you were officially recognised as the discoverer;—was it after the 12th February? Yes.
269. How long after? I suppose about a fortnight.
270. In what way were you recognised. I suppose Mr. E. Deas-Thomson was the Colonial Secretary at that time? Yes; he said, "Well Mr. Hargraves, we are going to have a grand thing now, and I wish you to return." There was a meeting of the Executive Council, and I think that must have been in April.
271. But you said just now about a fortnight after the 12th February? Well, forty years is a long time, and it is difficult to remember the exact date.
272. Gold was proclaimed on the 14th May, 1851—perhaps that will guide you? The proclamation had been printed but not distributed.
273. It was not printed any considerable time before the 14th May? Yes; it was some time.
274. How long? I cannot tell you the date. The Colonial Secretary sent for the American Consul who said that it must all be an imposition, and that I must be an imposter, that the mountains here were not high enough for a gold country.
275. At all events you swear that you were recognised as the discoverer of gold before the 1st May? Yes.
276. Is it not a fact that they refused to recognise you until you brought the 4 oz. of gold, which you say you brought from one of the Toms? I suppose that was in May.
277. On the 6th May they gave you the 4 oz. of gold? I gave that gold to the Colonial Secretary.
278. Tom and Lister gave it to you on the 6th May? They did not give it to me. I bought it.
279. However, you got the gold on the 6th May? Yes.
280. And within eight days of that the proclamation was made? No; that had nothing to do with it.
281. Had the 4 oz. of gold nothing to do with your being recognised as the discoverer? Nothing whatever.
282. You are sure of that? Quite sure. The letters from Tom, telling me what they had been doing, I handed to the Colonial Secretary.
283. When you went away from the district after the 12th February, did you not simply go saying that you did not see that there was anything there worth working for, and that if you did not see anything better you would go to California? No; that is all a fabrication.
284. Did not the Toms or Lister write to you intimating what they had found, and asking you to come up? Yes; it was agreed that they were to do that.
285. You said that there was no agreement just now? It was not an agreement, but only a verbal arrangement.
286. Did you not stipulate when you were going away that a full account should be sent to you of all their transactions? Yes.
287. And they wrote to you intimating what they had done? Yes.
288. Have you any of those letters? No, I gave them to the Colonial Secretary.
289. How many letters did you receive from them? I do not think I had more than one or two.
290. You gave them to the Colonial Secretary? Yes. I kept him posted up in everything that was doing.
291. Do you remember their telling you by letter that they had found about 16 grains of gold? I have rather an indistinct recollection of it.
292. Did you afterwards get that small quantity of gold from them by purchase or otherwise? No. They wrote to me, saying, that the cradle had commenced work, and the result was 16 grains of gold.
293. In consequence of getting that letter did you go up to see them? I informed them of the time I should be there, and I went up and saw them all busy at work lower down the creek.

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294. That was before the 4 oz. of gold were got? No, afterwards. They wrote to me, telling me that they had used the cradle by my instructions in such a place, and had got 4 oz. of gold.
295. Do you know when it was you got that letter? I cannot tell.
296. Was it about the beginning of May or the end of April? I cannot tell you—it is forty years ago. On my returning they were furious about my telling the Government. They said they might have worked a long time and got a lot of gold; I said, “Oh, nonsense, if you work you will dirty the water, and when shepherds come to water their sheep you are sure to be discovered. You would not work for twenty-four hours without being discovered.”
297. *Chairman.*] Do you remember giving this certificate?

On Her Majesty's Service.

This is to certify that the Australian Gold Company are hereby authorised and empowered to occupy the following Bars \* \* \* \* \* in gold-mining, and to prevent all parties from intruding thereon, viz., Fitzroy's Bar Hargraves' Bar, Lister's Bar, and Tom's Bar.  
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Yes. That is a memorandum which I wrote at the mines at their request. They came to me complaining that they would require some protection.

298. *Mr. Jones.*] Were Tom and Lister shareholders in the company mentioned? There was no company that I know of.”

299. *Mr. M'Lachlan.*] The letter speaks of the “Australian Gold Company”—were they shareholders in that company? Yes, they were—The Toms and Lister and the family.

300. Then the Australian Gold Company was composed of the Toms and Lister and yourself? No, not myself.

301. You were not one of the company? No.

302. Of whom was the company composed, as far as you remember? I think there were three Toms and Lister. There was Wesley Tom, a butcher.

303. They were all local men? Yes.

304. *Mr. Jones.*] If you were not a shareholder in the company, why did you sign that letter? I did so at their request. They said they could not keep the people off.

305. *Mr. M'Lachlan.*] You say you paid them for the 4 oz. of gold? Yes.

306. How much? I forget.

307. Do you remember in what way you paid them? I think it was by cheque on the Bank of New South Wales.

308. The Sydney office, or the branch office? The Sydney office.

309. You kept your banking account there at the time? Yes.

310. If it were a cheque, it must have been on the Bank of New South Wales? Yes.

311. You are not certain whether it was a cheque or not? I am almost certain it was a cheque. I do not recollect the amount. Gold was selling very cheaply then—£2 an ounce; but I think I gave them £3 an ounce.

312. Did you deduct anything for yourself? No, I did not.

313. A fourth, or a third, or any part? No part whatever.

314. Do you remember writing a letter for Lister, intended to be published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*;—the letter is dated Ophir, 19th May, 1851, and is as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—A report having been spread abroad by some malicious person, who evidently is jealous of Mr. Hargraves' great discovery, to the effect that I was the party who made it and communicated it to him, I beg leave most unreservedly to contradict this false report, although having been upwards of two years searching for it—one time with two geologists and mineralogists, who told me there were indications, but could not find the gold. Mr. Hargraves, during his explorations, called on me as an old friend of my late respected father, and in course of conversation he told me this was a gold country, and if I would keep it quiet he would combine me. This I agreed to. He was as good as his word, and scarcely ever made a failure. Where he said gold was to be found, he found it. I neither understand geology or mineralogy, but I am convinced my friend Mr. Hargraves knows where and how to find gold, and all honor and reward in the late discovery belong to him alone. Indeed, few men would have done what he has—intersecting the country with blacks; sometimes alone, sometimes with my friend, Mr. James Tom; and during his explorations had rain set in, from the imperfect manner in which we were equipped, starvation and death must have been the result. Trusting you will give this publicity in the columns of your valuable journal,—I am, &c.

Do you remember writing that letter for Mr. Lister to sign? At his request I recollect writing a copy of a letter for him—it was something like that. He said he did not understand much about writing, and would I put the matter together.

315. He dictated it and you wrote it? Yes.

316. And, as near as you can remember, in the words I have just read? Yes, I think so.

317. There is also this postscript:—

[Here Lister's name was written by Mr. Hargraves.]

P.S.—I have also heard it reported that Mr. Hargraves had not acted fairly towards me. I beg most distinctly to state that in all transactions with that gentleman he has acted strictly honorably with me and friends in the secret of the great discovery. Mr. Hargraves is now no longer connected with me or my party at Ophir; and wherever he may be he has my best wishes, and I believe of all who have known him in the district of Bathurst.

You say you believe you wrote such a letter at his dictation? I am certain I did.

318. Did he sign it? I did not see him sign it.

319. You wrote it in his presence? Yes.

320. Do you not know whether he signed it or not? No. He said, “I will keep this and send it on.”

321. Do you know whether he did so or not? I do not. I never troubled my head about it.

322. Do you remember such a letter as this which refers to the one just read?

THE foregoing is a copy of a document which Mr. Hargraves wrote and gave me, requesting I would send it to the *Sydney Morning Herald* for publication. I declined doing this because I could not subscribe my name to the untruths it contained, for I never knew him travel with a blackfellow in my life, neither am I aware of any extraordinary difficulties or dangers to which Mr. Hargraves was exposed. Furthermore, by my complying with his request, I should have betrayed Messrs. James and William Tom, who were the prospecting colleagues of Mr. Hargraves, and who, with myself, were at all the expense and most of the pains when actually searching for gold; and, further, Mr. Hargraves certainly sometimes found the horse he rode himself, but the other necessary horses and provisions were not one farthing expense to him. While living at my place, during the business of the gold search, he was entertained free of cost. I also assert, in plain words, that Mr. James Tom and I never travelled with Mr. Hargraves with any other understanding than that we were his prospecting colleagues, and concerned equally with himself in any favourable result that might accrue from our journey or journeys. I do not mean to assert that the Messrs. Tom and myself expected to get a share of what Mr. Hargraves might obtain from the Government,  
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or even in the shape of public subscriptions, but only of the profitable results of our explorations. I expected Mr. Hargraves to make a truthful representation to the Government of how the first gold was obtained, that the Government might have had the opportunity of judging and rewarding each individual concerned according to his merits in the discovery. Messrs. James and William Tom can bear testimony to the truth of what I have now written.

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P.S.—The early history of the discovery will appear in next Saturday's paper.

—? No I do not.

323. You do not recollect any such letter? No.

324. Did you never know that Lister refused to sign the letter which you wrote? No. I was under the impression that he said—"I will copy this in my own handwriting and send it away."

325. But you acknowledge that it was in your handwriting? Yes.

326. That being so, I supposed it contained nothing that you knew to be a mis-statement? No; it was all true.

327. Is this part true: "Mr. Hargraves, during his explorations, called on me as an old friend of my late respected father"? I have said that I called at Mrs. Lister's, having known her during her husband's lifetime.

328. The letter goes on to say: "And, in course of conversation, he told me this was a gold country, and if I would keep it quiet he would combine with me";—what did you mean by combining with him? I do not recollect every word in the letter. I recollect writing the letter at his dictation. Whatever he said I put down.

329. Did you say this: "Indeed, few men would have done what he did—intersecting the country with blacks; sometimes alone, sometimes with my friend, Mr. James Tom." According to what you have said to-day, that would hardly be a true description of the transaction? Yes. I told you before that we went down to the company's old cattle-station, and came up the bed of the Macquarie to Summer Hill Creek.

330. Then there is this statement in the postscript: "Mr. Hargraves is now no longer connected with me or my party at Ophir";—did you write that? I was never connected with them, except promising to show them.

331. Would it not be incorrect to say you were no longer connected with them, if you never had been connected with them? They were connected with me so far for their own good while I instructed them.

332. *Mr. Torpy.*] Of what description of gold was the 4 oz.—was it coarse nuggetty gold or fine gold? It was nuggetty gold. There was one piece I think a couple of ounces in weight.

333. And the other pieces were smaller? There were several other pieces.

334. *Mr. M'Lachlan.*] Referring to the letter you wrote for John Lister, which was intended for publication, do you not think it strange that he should not have signed it at once after it was written? I do not think anything about it.

335. How did the letter come to be written at all? It was written at the request of Lister.

336. Did he tell you why he wanted you to write such a letter—because it was more in your interests than in his? No; he asked me to write it.

337. He did not give any reason? No.

338. Is it not a fact that you wrote that letter of your own motion, and asked him to sign it? No; it is not a fact.

339. You wrote this pamphlet, headed "The Gold Discovery of the 12th of February, 1851"? Yes.

340. Do you put that in evidence? Yes. [*Appendix C.*]

341. In that pamphlet you admit that you had to make some untruthful excuses, so that it might not be known that gold was discovered. You say, for instance, that you had a fertile imagination, and no doubt your excuses were very ridiculous? I had to make excuses, or else they would have set to work right off the reel.

342. What harm would that have done? A great deal of harm.

343. You say in your pamphlet: "So I made, no doubt, numberless excuses for doing so, all of which were, of course, believed, and I cannot now say what they were; but they were sufficient for my purpose, and ridiculous enough, I dare say"? One funny thing occurred: When Lister was so astonished at finding the gold, I said, "This is a great matter; I will be made a baronet, you will be made a knight, and my old horse will be stuffed and put into the British Museum." Lister afterwards told me I had not performed my promise.

344. *Chairman.*] I believe that when you were returning to Sydney, Lister accompanied you as far as the Fish River? No; I do not think so.

345. Did he go with you to Bathurst? I do not think so.

346. He has sworn that he went with you as far as Mutton's Falls on the Fish River;—is that untrue? I cannot say that it is untrue, but I have no recollection of it.

347. *Mr. M'Lachlan.*] When you were parting with him did you say, "If we cannot see anything better than what we have seen I shall go back to California"? No.

348. You do not remember his saying that if you were going he would go with you? No; I did not.

349. *Chairman.*] I believe you first obtained a gratuity from the Government of £1,000? No; £500.

350. And, subsequently, you got a further grant of £9,000? Yes.

351. You are aware that when you got that grant the Toms and Lister were awarded between them £1,000? Yes; I saw that in the papers.

352. It would appear from the records that you have received altogether from the State £10,000? Yes.

353. You have only accounted for £9,500;—at what period did you get the other £500; there is no record of that? The first sum granted to me was £500, the second was £5,000, and the third was £4,000.

354. Can you explain, after what you have said, on what grounds the Parliament of the country awarded £1,000 to the Messrs. Tom and Lister? Mr. Wentworth took the case up for them, and they said they thought they were entitled to something; and after the vote several members said that if they had known what they knew then they would not have sanctioned the grant of £1,000 to the Messrs. Tom and Lister, because they thought they had been very well paid.

355. By what you had given them for the 4 oz.? No; but they had been well paid for what they did in assisting me.

356. How had they been well paid? They were previously out at elbows. I was told that they were very poor, and it was a great God-send to them that I came along.

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357. *Mr. Jones.*] It was the discovery of gold in California which induced you to sell your station and go to that country? Yes; I brought seventy bullocks up to Maitland, and could not get £1 per head for them.
358. When you saw that the auriferous country in California resembled the country about Lewis Ponds, you came back to mine at Lewis Ponds? I came back, not to mine, but to make the discovery.
359. Having obtained a certain practical knowledge of mining, you came back with the intention of discovering gold in New South Wales? Yes.
360. You say you got young Lister as your guide? When Mrs. Lister begged of me to take her son, I told him where I wanted to go to, and he took me down the creek.
361. And did you tell him that he would be well rewarded on your discovering gold; that the discovery of gold would reward him? No; I told him that he could go to work and earn plenty of money.
362. What did you mean by that;—did you take him in as a mate? No.
363. Simply as a guide? Yes; I wanted a blackfellow at first.
364. With your practical knowledge of mining in California, did you believe that the small portion of gold you first discovered was a payable prospect? Yes; I had seen some very rich country. I told them, "I am not going to open it out now, but you will get pieces of gold as big as your foot."
365. You instructed Tom and Lister how to make a cradle, and how to work it? Yes; I showed them how to work the cradle by using some loose dirt about the place.
366. Then you went away? Yes.
367. When you went away and left them, did you recognise them as your mining mates? No.
368. That was not the combination you entered into with Lister? No.
369. To use a mining phrase, they jumped your claim;—that is, they took the cradle and went out to prospect for themselves independently of you altogether? It was understood that the cradle should be locked up for three weeks, and that then they should take it out and work it, and write to me the daily results.
370. But they did not wait for the time specified? No.
371. They acted on your information and went and discovered the 4 oz. of gold themselves? Yes; and a great many other ounces.
372. Did you base your claim for the reward on the information you gave these men as to how to look for the 4 oz. of gold they got while working for themselves? I did not.
373. You based your claim for the reward on the small quantity of gold you showed the Colonial Secretary? Yes. I could have shown ounces had I chosen. I had passed over 70 miles of auriferous country.
374. *Mr. Torpy.*] What did the Victorian Government allow you? They voted me £5,000, but only gave me £2,381.
375. *Chairman.*] It has been stated in evidence before the Committee that the 4 oz. of gold found by William and James Tom and J. H. A. Lister was divided into four equal parts? No such thing—it is a perfect fabrication.
376. *Mr. Jones.*] You did not claim any portion of the 4 oz. as a mining partner? No.
377. *Mr. M'Lachlan.*] You say you paid for the 4 oz. of gold by cheque;—would you have any objection to that cheque being obtained from the Bank of New South Wales? I am not certain, but I think I gave Mrs. Lister a cheque for £9 for horse-feed.
378. Then you gave a cheque to Mrs. Lister? Yes.
379. What was that for? Hay for my horse.
380. That cheque had nothing to do with the purchase of gold? No; nothing whatever.
381. Did you give a separate cheque for the gold? I am not certain.
382. How did you pay them;—you told us you paid by cheque? I thought I did, but I will not be sure; forty years is a long time ago.
383. *Mr. Lee.*] After you left Lister and James Tom, and after you left the district, where did you intend to go to? I told them I was going home to Brisbane Water.
384. Had you any intention of going to Moreton Bay? No. Perhaps that was one of the ruses I used. There was a vast amount of excitement at the time.
385. You might have said so; but if you did it would have been a ruse? Yes. I wanted to get away, and they were not anxious for me to go.
386. While you were away did you get a letter from either Lister or Tom, informing you that they had found some gold? Yes, I did; 16 grains of gold.
387. On receipt of that letter did you return to the district? I went to Sydney and gave Mr. Thomson the letter; but I do not think it was accompanied by any gold.
388. But on receipt of the letter did you return to the district? I could not say.
389. You are clear that it was not the finding of the 16 grains of gold that induced you to go back? No; it was not that.
390. Was there not a tacit understanding between yourself, the Toms, and Lister that no gold-field would be any good unless it gave wages at the rate of £1 a day? No; I told them that the junction of the Macquarie would give very fair wages—I think 15s. a day.
391. But did you consider that a gold-field was not payable unless it gave £1 a day per man? No.
392. In consequence of the discovery of the 16 grains of gold, did you induce the Government to have the district inspected? No; I returned to Mr. Icely's, and we had a long talk about the matter. He said to me, "Do you think there is any gold about here Mr. Hargraves?" and I said, "Yes; I think there is gold here"; and he brought a cradle up for me in his carriage. I went down to the creek and washed a pan of earth, and got a piece of gold as big as a grain of wheat. Then, in the afternoon, Mr. Icely and the Misses Icely took the cradle down to the creek and washed a good bit of gold.
393. You returned to the district after you got the knowledge of the 4 oz. of gold? No; I had not the knowledge of the 4 oz. that I am aware of, until they told me.
394. Were you in the district at the time they told you? I must have been in the district.
395. They did not communicate with you by letter? I have no recollection of it. Everybody was very much excited at the time.
396. Do the Committee clearly understand from you that the first gold you actually found you preserved, and brought it down and gave it to the then Colonial Secretary? Yes.
397. And that was the first gold the discovery of which was reported to the authorities? Yes.
398. And upon that was based your claim to be the first discoverer of gold? Yes; and I think rightly so.

399. *Chairman.*] You have said that the 4 oz. of gold found by the Messrs. Tom and Lister was nuggetty gold? Yes.
400. Do you remember a piece of that gold that was the shape of a heart? No; I do not. I should very likely remember it if it were so.
401. When you purchased the 4 oz. of gold from them, did you bring it all to Sydney? Yes.
402. Did you take any of it back again? No; I gave it to the Colonial Secretary.
403. The whole of the 4 oz.? Yes.
404. Then you did not give William Tom a small nugget of gold in the shape of a heart, part of the 4 oz.? No.
405. If Mr. William Tom swears that he took a fancy to one of the nuggets in the parcel of 4 oz., and asked as a special favour that it should be handed back to him, is that true? I have no recollection of it, and my memory is pretty good for a man seventy-four years of age.
406. *Mr. Torpy.*] What, in your opinion, is the weight of the gold you first showed to Mr. E. Deas-Thomson? I do not think it was above  $\frac{1}{2}$  dwt.—it might have been more.
407. What reason did the Government of Victoria assign for not paying you the whole of the amount voted? Well, James Tom was down there, and he made interest against me.
408. *Mr. Mc Lachlan.*] Was there an investigation there about it? Yes.
409. *Chairman.*] Are you aware of any other person whose evidence would throw any light upon this inquiry? No.

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THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. CHANTER,  
MR. STREET,MR. LEE,  
MR. TORPY.

T. DALTON, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Thomas Brown called in, sworn, and examined:—

410. *Chairman.*] I believe you are a builder by trade residing at Young? Yes.
411. How long have you lived at Young? Ever since 1861.
412. Previously to that I believe you lived at Cornish Settlement, near Guyong, with Mr. Tom, commonly known as Parson Tom? Yes.
413. You were there in 1851 were you not? Yes, I was working for Mr. Tom from 1846 until 1853.
414. When did you leave Cornish Settlement? In 1861.
415. Of course you remember the time of the gold discovery at Ophir? Yes.
416. Did you ever see Mr. Hargraves? Yes, I saw him many times.
417. Did you see him at Mr. Toms? Yes; it was there I first saw him.
418. Do you recollect when that was? It was either in the months of January, February, and March, or February, March, and April, in the year 1851. It is a long time ago, and I am not positive as to the months.
419. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Hargraves? I never spoke to Mr. Hargraves in my life—never had a word with him.
420. What do you know about the gold? I know very little about the gold. All I know is that the first gold I ever saw was in the possession of Mr. Tom. I know nothing at all about the getting of it except by hearsay. But Mr. Hargraves was not there when I saw the gold. He was away many times during the two or three months that he was there. I could not say how many times he went away. I was the only man who was there, and there was no one to tell me only just themselves.
421. Then you did not hear any conversation between Mr. Hargraves and either of the Toms? I never heard a word between them. I was always at work, and they were always away, or very nearly so. If they were not away together, Mr. Hargraves was very often away by himself.
422. Did you see them together? Very often.
423. Which of the Toms was with Mr. Hargraves? They were both with him pretty often; but I think that, if either, James was the principal man with Mr. Hargraves, because he was a good bushman, and knew all that part of the country without going near any road, and he and Mr. Hargraves used generally to go together to different places—round to the Turon and several times backwards and forwards to Ophir.
424. I suppose you used to mix a good deal with the people about there, not only about Cornish Settlement and Guyong, but about Orange? Orange was nothing then. It was merely a road running through at that time.
425. But you knew all the people about there? I knew what people were living there.
426. And what was the impression about the finding of gold. Who were the real finders of the gold. What was the impression of the people and of yourself about it? My impression so far as I know about it is that Mr. William Tom, James Tom, and John Lister.—There was a man named John Lister; but I have not seen any of them for the last thirty years, because I have not been down that way since I came from Orange.
427. Then I understand you to say that you have had no communication with either William or James Tom or John Lister during the last thirty years? None whatever.
428. Have they mentioned anything to you recently about this case in a letter or otherwise? No; they never mentioned anything to me about it or about any letters. But about two or three months ago Mr. William Tom sent his daughter to where I was living at Young with a letter which he wanted me to sign, and which was to the effect that I had nothing to do with the making of the cradle.
429. *Chairman.*] Is this the letter:

Mr.  
T. Brown.

13 Nov., 1890.

Young, 23 May, 1890.  
It having been reported by Mr. Hargraves that I made the first gold cradle while I was a carpenter at Springfield, near Guyong, I beg to say that I did not make it. It was made by Mr. William Tom, jun., of Springfield, sometime in February or March, 1851.

Witness—LINA L. TOM.

THOMAS BROWN.

?—Yes.

430.

Mr.  
T. Brown.  
13 Nov., 1890.

430. Is that correct? Yes; quite correct. The names Springfield and Cornish Settlement apply to the same place.
431. If a witness has sworn that you are the person who made the cradle he must be in error? Yes; he would be telling a falsehood.
432. Did you take any part at all in the construction of the cradle? No; I never drove a nail in it. William Tom made the cradle himself. I used to work pretty late in the evening at that time. The house was not quite completed, and I was working in a large parlour making some things for the up-stairs portion of the building. After I left off work at night William Tom took my tools and my bench and made the cradle. He never said anything to me about it. I heard him at work, but did not go into the parlour to see what he was making, because there were three or four boys, and they were very ingenious and very handy, and were always anxious to be doing a little carpentering work. I did not therefore take any notice of the hammering at night; and when I got up in the morning, to my surprise, I saw the cradle underneath the back verandah. I said to Henry Tom, who is now in Queensland, "What, in the name of fortune, is that?" and he said, "That is a bird-cage." I said, "What is it for?" and he said, "To catch birds." I said, "What sort of birds?" and he replied, "Very valuable birds?"; and I said, "Where do you catch them?" and he said, "On the Canobla Mountain; every one caught will be worth a pound." I did not know any better, and took it for granted. But the youngest daughter, who was about 9 or 10 years old, used to be always coming about where I was at work, and I said to her one day, "What is that thing that William made last night?" and she said, "If I tell you you won't tell?" and I said, "No"; and then she said, "That is a cradle to get gold with." That will give you an idea that I had nothing to do with the making of the cradle.
433. Do you know anything about Mr. Hargraves going to Bathurst for the purpose of getting a hopper for the cradle? No.
434. Where was the hopper obtained, and who punched it? I do not know anything about the hopper, but I do not think that can be true, for I do not see how Mr. Hargraves could have had to go so far for a bit of sheet-iron or for a piece of tin, because in those times anything would do for the bottom of a cradle.
435. Did you see the hopper made? No.
436. *Mr. Chanter.*] When you saw the cradle in the morning did it have the sheathing on? Yes.
437. A punched plate? Yes, it was complete—handle and all.
438. Do you recollect what the bottom was constructed of—whether it was tin or sheet-iron? I could not tell; I did not take such particular notice. I thought at first it was to catch birds. That was the only time I saw the cradle so far as my recollection goes, because very soon after it was made it was taken down to Ophir.
439. *Chairman.*] Did the Messrs. Tom show you the gold they had found? Mr. Tom showed me some gold; I do not know whether it was that or not.
440. About how much? I could not tell you now because not being acquainted at that time with the bulk of an ounce of gold I could not form any idea; but I rather think it might have been two or three ounces. I think it was more than an ounce because an ounce of gold is very little in bulk.
441. Did you see the Toms take the cradle away from Springfield? No, I did not.
442. They kept the matter very secret? They did. They took the cradle away at 12 o'clock at night. The little girl told me they were going away at the dead hour of the night. Mr. Hosie, a surveyor, who is now at Young, lived about a mile and a half up the creek, and I used very often to go and see him, and it happened that I was there the very night they took the cradle away. When I came back in the morning they had gone to the Ophir prospecting.
443. *Mr. Torpy.*] Was that creek called the Ophir in those days? I think Mr. Hargraves gave it the name of Ophir.
444. What was it called before that? I think it used to be called Lewis Ponds Creek.
445. *Chairman.*] It has been stated to individual members of the Committee that you are of opinion that the Messrs. Toms and J. H. Lister were the real finders of the gold? Yes.
446. Will you state to the Committee what reason you have for thinking so? Why, because I never saw Mr. Hargraves having anything to do with any gold that was found on the Ophir, because he never was there—he was absent; and I saw the gold they got myself.
447. How do you know Mr. Hargraves was not there? I know he was not there, because no one belonging to the place could be away without my knowing it, and they would tell me themselves.
448. *Mr. Street.*] Did you ever hear Mr. Hargraves' name mentioned in connection with the discovery of gold? No; I never heard his name mentioned about getting any gold. I have heard them say myself that he never found a speck of gold.
449. *Chairman.*] Whom did you hear say that? I have heard William Tom say so many a time.
450. Anybody else? No; John Lister was a principal man too in this affair; but it was very seldom that you could see him at Tom's, because his place was very near, and he was always at home. He had no father, and he was then keeping a public-house, and had to look after the business as well as the business at the Ophir.
451. *Mr. Street.*] What did you suppose caused the Messrs. Tom to commence looking for gold? I was employed by Mr. William Tom, sen., to do carpentering and general work, and in 1851 I was the only man there besides themselves. While I was employed at the building Mr. Hargraves came there for the purpose of searching for gold.
452. *Mr. Chanter.*] How long was it after Mr. Hargraves came that they made the cradle? I do not think he was there more than about six weeks or a couple of months.
453. *Mr. Street.*] Did you ever hear any talk about a discovery of gold before Mr. Hargraves came there? Yes; I heard some of them say that John Lister had found gold in some place or other, but I could not say where. That was before Mr. Hargraves came. Twelve months before that I was up at Dubbo myself. I used to go about shearing in those days, at which I could make more money than at carpentering. There was a place called Mitchell's Creek, at Dubbo, and there was great talk about this Mitchell's Creek. It was rumoured amongst the people round about the Orange district that there was a man getting gold at Mitchell's Creek, and taking it to Sydney and selling it.
454. That was McGregor I suppose? I think the man's name was something like that. Mr. Hosie and myself went to Mitchell's Creek and commenced poking about looking for gold. Like all new chums just come to the country we thought we should be able to pick it up and put it in our pockets, but we soon



soon got tired of looking for gold and left. The reported discovery of gold at Mitchell's Creek was the first I ever heard of in this country, and then I heard of John Lister finding it somewhere.

455. *Mr. Street.*] Was that before Mr. Hargraves appeared in the district? Yes.

456. *Chairman.*] Did you hear anything about a Company being formed at Ophir immediately after the gold discovery? I heard that the Toms and Lister were partners.

457. Did you ever hear of a Company called the Australian Gold-mining Company? I do not recollect. I never heard of the name of the Company, but I heard of the Messrs. Toms and Lister and Hargraves being partners.

458. You think the prevailing opinion amongst the people in the locality was that the Toms were the real finders of the gold? Yes, that was the prevailing opinion. Everyone used to say so, and everyone thought so who knew them—that they were the first men who found gold; and I am perfectly satisfied that they must have been, for they strove hard enough for it, and Mr. Hargraves was not there when it was found. When Mr. Hargraves was away they were always at the Ophir. They took the cradle away and left it there, and every opportunity they got they were off seeking for gold.

459. Did you hear anything amongst the young ladies of Springfield about a subscription to a church which Mr. Hargraves paid? No; I never heard anything of the sort. I think if it happened I should have heard of it, for I knew just as much about their business as they did themselves. I was working for them for six or seven years on and off, and for five years continuously.

460. You knew all the young ladies? Yes.

461. Can you inform the Committee which of the young ladies married Mr. Webb, of Bathurst, now the Hon. Mr. Webb? That was one of the daughters, called Selina Tom.

462. Was she the eldest daughter? No, the youngest but one.

463. How old was she then? I do not think she was more than about seventeen.

464. Was she in the habit of collecting money for the church then? No; not when I was there. There never was any collection for the church.

465. *Mr. Torpy.*] With regard to the cradle, I suppose you did not even saw the timber for it? No.

466. You had nothing at all to do with making the cradle? Nothing whatever.

467. *Chairman.*] I suppose you knew Mr. Lister's family very well? I knew them all, including the father and the mother.

468. Did you know a young lady named Anne Lister? Yes.

469. Where was she living then? At Guyong.

470. At what age were you at that time? About 30. I am now 69.

471. I suppose your hours of work were pretty long? I used to work sometimes all night.

472. What were the ordinary wages for carpenters in those days? My wages were £1 per week and rations, which were cooked for me. A good carpenter in those days got about 25s. or 30s. a week and find himself.

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1890.

Present:—

MR. PLUMB,  
MR. JONES,

MR. CHANTER,  
MR. TORPY.

T. DALTON, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

J. C. McLachlan, Esq., appeared as Solicitor for Messrs. Tom and Lister.

Mrs. Ann Lister called in, sworn, and examined:—

473. *Chairman.*] You are the widow of the late John A. H. Lister, and you reside at Millthorpe? Yes.

474. Do you remember some time in February, 1851, being at the house of Mrs. Lister at Guyong? Yes.

475. I believe you were staying there at the time on a visit? Yes.

476. Do you remember seeing Mr. Hargraves coming to the house? Yes; I saw Mr. Hargraves come there some time in the day. I could not say exactly whether it was in the morning or the afternoon.

477. Can you recollect the date? I do not recollect the exact date, but to the best of my belief it was early in February.

478. How did Mr. Hargraves come? On horseback.

479. Did you see him approach the house? Yes; I saw him coming down the hill to Mrs. Lister's, from Orange way.

480. Did he put up at Mrs. Lister's? Yes, but how long he stayed there I could not tell.

481. Subsequently to your seeing him approach the house on horseback you saw him in the house? Yes.

482. Do you know of any occurrence that took place? Only that he saw some specimens on the mantel-piece, and wanted to know from Mrs. Lister where they came from, as they were gold-bearing stones. This was not in the room he came into first, but in a little sitting-room off that. Mrs. Lister told him that her son got them, and that if he liked her son would take him to the place where he obtained them.

483. *Mr. McLachlan.*] Do you remember Mrs. Lister making any remark about what her son had been in the habit of doing? Yes; she told him that her son had always been in the habit of looking for gold; that he had been looking for years to find gold, and he believed those were gold-bearing stones.

484. *Chairman.*] You made a statement before a Justice of the Peace at Millthorpe? Yes.

485. Is this the statement?—

Messrs. Laurence and McLachlan.  
Sirs,

“Annandale,” Millthorpe, 3 November, 1890.

On the ninth page of Mr. Hargraves' evidence you will see the following:—“233. Did it amount to grains or dwts.? About as much as would lie on a threepenny-piece.” Mr. Hargraves brought the gold to my father's place in Bathurst that he said he got on 12th February, 1851, in the Lewis Ponds Creek, and it was shown to me under a glass tumbler, and when looking through the tumbler I said “Do you call that gold? I cannot see any”; then I exclaimed, “Oh I do see a few almost invisible specks.” What I have now written is in effect all I said or thought. I am quite sure five hundred times as much gold as was shown to me under the tumbler could lie on a threepenny-piece.

Witness to signature,—GEORGE HAWKE, J.P.

ANN LISTER.

653—E

Yes;

Mr.  
T. Brown.

13 Nov., 1890.

Mrs.  
A. Lister.

21 Nov., 1890.

- Mrs. A. Lister.  
21 Nov., 1890.
- Yes; I signed that paper before Mr. Hawke, and the contents are perfectly true.
486. Had you at that time any idea of the weight of gold? I had not the slightest.
487. But you saw only a few specks? Yes, almost invisible specks.
488. I believe your father resided at Bathurst? Yes.
489. What was his name? James Arthur.
490. And Mr. Hargraves knew your father? I do not think he knew him until then.
491. But he was stopping at your father's house and exhibited these specks of gold? Yes.
492. Did you hear him say anything else about the gold? No I did not.
493. Who was with him at the time? Mr. Lister, my late husband.
494. Where were they going? I could not say. I did not take much interest in gold then, I was only a girl.
495. You did not hear Mr. Hargraves say anything about going to the Fish River? No; but I have often heard Mr. Lister say that is where he parted with Mr. Hargraves—at the Fish River.
496. *Mr. Plumb.*] Was it during your visit to Mrs. Lister's place that this discovery was made? I saw Mr. Lister take Mr. Hargraves on the way to Ophir. It was right opposite Mrs. Lister's place. I saw them go away from the house.
497. And did they discover this gold during your stay there? I do not know. I went away from there and went home. It was after I came home that I saw the gold.
498. Did you know or hear of any arrangement of partnership having been made between Mr. Lister and Mr. Hargraves? No, except what I have heard Mr. Lister say himself.
499. *Chairman.*] What did he say? Well, he always said they were partners; and that at the time the 4 oz. of gold were found they sent for Mr. Hargraves, asking him to come up; and he went to the house at Springfield, where they divided the 4 oz., each taking his own share. That is what I have always heard.
500. *Mr. Plumb.*] It is only hearsay? Yes, of course. All I can speak to of my own personal knowledge is the arrival of Mr. Hargraves at Mrs. Lister's house, and seeing the small specks of gold afterwards. Everything else I know of is from hearsay.
501. On the first occasion when you saw Mr. Hargraves, do you know whether he was coming back from Wellington? I could not say.
502. You heard nothing from the people about where he came from? No.
503. And the specks of gold to which you refer were found immediately after you left Guyong? Yes, it must have been very soon after.
504. *Chairman.*] Do you remember at that time a young man named Wesley Tom? Yes.
505. Was he a butcher? Never to my knowledge; I never heard of his being a butcher.
506. He is now, I think, a barrister? Yes, he has been a barrister for many years.
507. And if anyone has sworn that he was a butcher it would be an error? Yes, I think so; I never heard of his being a butcher, or any of the Toms.
508. We have your evidence to the effect that your late husband accompanied Mr. Hargraves to your father's house at Bathurst, and that you saw them both there. If anyone should swear that that is not the case he would be in error? I swear that it was the case, because I saw them there, and I saw the gold there.
509. *Mr. McLachlan.*] Did they say where they got these specks of gold from? I always understood they got them from Lewis Ponds or Ophir. I always understood it was the first gold they got.
510. You understood that from Mr. Hargraves as well as from Mr. Lister? Yes; they were both there; I understood it from both of them.
511. *Mr. Torpy.*] When you say they were minute specks of gold what do you mean;—would they be the size of pin's heads or pin's points? They were more like pin's points than pin's heads. They were so small that I made the remark, "Why do you call that gold? I can see nothing," and I looked through the tumbler and there were only a few small specks.
512. *Mr. Chanter.*] You say the quantity you saw was nothing like sufficient to cover a threepenny-piece? Oh, dear no, you could hardly see them.
513. *Mr. Torpy.*] It was what the miners call "the colour"? Well, just the colour.
514. *Mr. McLachlan.*] Although you did not know anything about gold then you learnt a good deal about it shortly afterwards? Yes.
515. *Chairman.*] Will you look at this manuscript paper headed "Memo. re Gold Discovery," and say whether the writing, including the signature, is the handwriting of your late husband? Yes; I can swear that it is in his handwriting.
516. Did you see him write it? Yes.
517. Was it long before his death that he wrote it? Perhaps a fortnight. Occasionally when he got a little spare time he would come in and write. He finished it on the Thursday or Friday night before he was taken ill.
518. Why did he write it? Because he expected to be called before this Committee, and wished to refresh his memory as to the facts.
519. *Mr. McLachlan.*] I believe your mother was present when the specks of gold were exhibited, and could give similar evidence to yours, but that she is too old? Yes; she is very old and infirm.
520. *Mr. Plumb.*] At the time when Mr. Lister took Mr. Hargraves down to the river were any of the Toms with them? No, they were alone.

Mr. John Hardman Lister called in, sworn, and examined:—

- Mr. J. H. Lister.  
21 Nov., 1890.
521. *Chairman.*] You are the son of the late Mr. J. H. Lister? Yes.
522. About a week or so before your father's death did you see him writing a paper? Yes. He used to write a little at night and when he had time, and he finished it three or four days before he was taken suddenly ill.
523. Will you swear that the paper now produced is in your father's handwriting? Yes.
524. When did your father die? On the 17th September last.
525. Were you present? Yes, I saw him die.
526. At any time did your father take you to a place at Lewis Ponds or Ophir? Yes, he did on one occasion when we were going down to Ophir. I think we were then going prospecting.

527. When was this? I think it was about nine or ten years ago; I cannot remember exactly. As we were going down he pointed out the spot where he and Mr. Hargraves got the first few colours the first time they went out. It was a spot near Ophir, on Lewis Ponds Creek.

Mr. J. H.  
Lister.  
21 Nov., 1890.

528. Is there any particular name for the spot now? Not that I know of. He just showed me the spot as we were going along.

529. Not far from Yorkey's corner? It was about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  or 3 miles from the Junction.

530. *Mr. Torpy.*] Was it near the bluff of quartz near Ophir? No; it was in the Lewis Ponds Creek. My father also showed me where they got the 4 ounces. It was just at the junction of Summer Hill Creek and Lewis' Ponds.

531. Was it in the bed of the creek? Yes; it was just like in a big reef going across near the junction. My father also told me that when they parted at Fish River Mr. Hargraves said he considered he had seen nothing payable where my father had taken him to at Ophir and up in the country near Lewis' Ponds.

532. Mr. Hargraves was then going to Sydney? Yes; he left for Sydney, and my father went back to my uncle and they discovered the 4 ounces.

533. *Mr. Plumb.*] Do you know if there is anyone alive now at Fish River who would be able to testify to your father and Mr. Hargraves having been in company there together? I could not say.

## CLAIMS OF MESSRS. TOM AND LISTER.

## APPENDIX.

[To evidence of Mr. W. Tom.]

## A.

## THE FIRST GOLD DISCOVERY.

Sunrise, Guyong, August, 1884.

THE following evidence touching the first gold discovery in Australia was prepared by us in 1876, and will read accordingly. It was prepared to read to a Committee of the New South Wales Parliament, but having tried by all legitimate means for twenty years to obtain a hearing by that astute body without success, we now adopt the Press (the only alternative left to us), in order that the public mind may be disabused of its error in supposing Mr. Hargraves to be the sole discoverer of the first payable gold, or in supposing that he ever did more to the discovery than introducing the tin-dish system, and finding something less than a farthing's worth of gold, to which he was taken by John Lister and James Tom. We can assign no reason whatever why the public mind should not receive the truth and be undeceived. Certainly we not being able to obtain a hearing by Parliament can be considered no proper reason. We wish readers of the following to consider well the letter No. 1, and the circumstances under which it was written. If this letter, under the circumstances it was written, does not show most clearly to the reader the unfair, wily, and deep-designing character of Mr. Hargraves, whom we have had to contend with, we have no idea of anything that will show him. We think it will show the full extent of Mr. Hargraves' honor to the Government, to the public, and to us in 1851. It will show most clearly how he wished to hoodwink the Government, to deceive the public, and bamboozle us and Mr. James Tom, in all of which he has tolerably well succeeded. It may not be out of place to remark here that our Petition, through the last twenty years, has been presented to, and received by various Parliaments of New South Wales, and on one occasion the members of a Select Committee for inquiry were named, but by a breaking up of Parliament the matter could not be proceeded with. The fact, however, shows clearly enough that various Parliaments have said that we ought to be heard.

The following history has been most solemnly attested before a magistrate, and challenges contradiction.

WILLIAM TOM, JUN.  
J. H. A. LISTER.

*Evidence prepared to read to a Committee of Legislative Assembly.*

A. D. 1876.

Mr. Chairman, and Honorable gentlemen of your Committee,—

With your permission, we may perhaps be allowed to preface the remarks we have to make touching the first gold discovery by stating that Mr. James Tom and we always acted up to the letter and spirit of every arrangement we made with Mr. Hargraves, which he did not do with us, and we feel confident the nearer we can come to the truth about such gold discovery the better our case will appear.

We will first acquaint your honorable Committee with all Mr. Hargraves did towards the discovery, and afterwards with permission we will state the part we took in the matter. When Mr. Hargraves visited Bathurst, or rather the Guyong neighbourhood, he called on Mr. John Lister, and told him he was on *his way to Wellington*, in search of a gold-field, upon which Lister told him he had been in search of gold himself, and showed him some stones, which they both supposed were stones of an auriferous character. From this information they joined each other in the character of *partners*. Accordingly Mr. Hargraves abandoned the idea, at least for the present, of going to Wellington, and instead of which he allowed Mr. Lister to take him to a spot near Ophir, where Mr. Hargraves washed four or five pans of earth, and obtained a few very minute specks of gold. This was on the 12th of February, 1851. They returned to Mr. Lister's in the evening, and did not go prospecting any more till they were joined by Mr. James Tom. After being joined by him they started on a prospecting trip down the Macquarie, and were away some nine or ten days, and got nothing more than the colour of gold during the whole of that time. After this trip Mr. Hargraves went to Wellington, where he *originally intended to go*, and was away some two or three weeks, and when he returned he could not show us a speck of gold;—we suppose for the simple reason he did not get one to show. Beyond suggesting how to make a cradle, everything Mr. Hargraves did towards the first gold discovery was *now done*, and all the gold that was got by James Tom, Mr. Hargraves, and Mr. John Lister, before Mr. Hargraves took his *final* departure from the Bathurst district, did not amount to more than one-eighth of a grain in weight. Were we to say Mr. Hargraves did more than we have already mentioned we should be guilty of the most positive falsehood. We believe the Rev. W. B. Clarke got nearly, if not quite, as much gold from a scientific experiment he made on some stones he got from the Vale of Clwydd, in 1848 or 1849, as Mr. Hargraves got all the time he was prospecting in the Bathurst and Wellington districts (see "Clarke's Southern Gold-fields.") We believe the Rev. W. B. Clarke found gold in this Colony as early as 1841, which was no accidental discovery, as Mr. Hargraves, in his book, has been pleased to term all discoveries made before his own; for, if we conceive aright, Mr. Clarke's discoveries were the result of scientific research, and if his discoveries did no other good, whether made by accident or otherwise, they established the fact that the quartz-reefs of Australia were auriferous, and thereby, in some probability, induced many people over the various colonies to search for gold till a payable gold-field was fully developed. Long before Mr. Hargraves went to California, in 1849, it was generally known, by report at least, that several small parcels of gold from Macgregor's Reef, at Wellington, had been sold in New South Wales. We think it was a knowledge of this fact, and what was proved by Mr. Clarke, that helped Mr. Hargraves in California to come to a right conclusion, when in the fulness of his geological knowledge he instituted a comparison between the rocks of that place and the rocks of Australia. We only mention this particular that honorable members may see it is quite possible Mr. Hargraves spoke the truth when he *first* called at Guyong, in February, 1851, and told Lister's family he was on his way to Wellington in search of a gold-field. We believe he was on his way thither to test the soil about Macgregor's Reef, which, within a month after, he did test without the least success. We have no doubt, from Mr. Hargraves' antecedents, he would now like to make the public believe he came from California on purpose to prospect the very rod of ground at Ophir which we first found to be payable. When Mr. Hargraves was on the eve of his *last* departure before the discovery of a payable gold-field, he said he *was sure* no place he had seen would *pay for working*. We can bring one person, besides ourselves, if not several persons, who heard Mr. Hargraves say this, if necessary, and he himself proposed an arrangement to the following effect, namely, that he would return to his home, and after he had set his domestic matter in order, he would go to Moreton Bay, and make a prospecting trip through that country, and if he succeeded in finding any gold, he would acquaint us with the fact at the earliest date. We were to remain at home and prospect the Bathurst district, and do precisely the same with him, if we were successful. Well, not longer than *three* days after, Mr. Hargraves left Guyong for Sydney, James and William Tom took a cradle, which had been made by Wm. Tom for prospecting purposes, and went down a creek to where, at the end of a long sheet of water, they determined on making a trial to get some gold. The spot they decided on trying was partially under water, and to get the soil from between the rocks they found it necessary to pull their trousers off. This being done, they commenced washing, and in the course of a few hours they succeeded in procuring 16 grains in weight of gold over only a few yards of ground. They weighed the gold with small medicine scales, which had formerly belonged to the late Captain Lister. With this gold in their possession they returned home the evening of the same day they got the gold, and on that *very evening* William Tom wrote to Mr. Hargraves, acquainting him with every particular of the find. The letter acquainting him with this must have been in Sydney, as soon as Mr. Hargraves himself was there, or not more than a day after. It had been sent away, when Mr. Jno. Lister, who saw Mr. Hargraves as far on his way to Sydney as the Fish River returned, and he returned on the

the *fifth day*, after he left with Mr. Hargraves. Not having mentioned anything about these 16 grains of gold when we were examined by a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly in 1853, proved *fatal* to our cause on that occasion, for we believe, in fact we have not the slightest doubt, that it was on the information received from the letter respecting them that Mr. Hargraves based his proposition to the Government, which was made on the 3rd April, 1851. In that proposition we believe he told the Government he would show any officer sent with him a payable gold-field. It is quite clear to our minds that Mr. Hargraves had never found any place he could say was a payable gold-field, never having discovered more than the bare colour of gold in any one place; but from his experience in California he knew very well that the place where James and William Tom had procured 16 grains in weight on a few yards of ground, he might point out to the Government as a payable gold-field, without running much risk of failure. However, we ourselves took very little notice of the 16 grains, as we did not think *at the time*, that their discovery would establish the fact that Australian soil would pay for working—that is, in a *general way*. Mr. Hargraves replied to the information about the 16 grains in weight, on the 5th of April, 1851, and in his reply he signified his intention to return to Bathurst. We believe, when he wrote his reply, he thought if he came up he would be able to get as much gold where James and William Tom got the 16 grains, or in that immediate neighbourhood, as would force the Government to notice his claim. However this may be, he did not come to Bathurst for some four or five weeks after he got our letter. The 16 grains of gold were got by James and William Tom about the 23rd or 24th of March, 1851, and we could not make it convenient to start on another prospecting trip till the morning of the 7th of April, when we started, and upon arriving at what is now called Ophir, William Tom proposed stopping in that neighbourhood to prospect the creek, the remainder of that day, assigning as a reason for his proposal, that a shepherd of Mr. Lane had some years before that time picked up a piece of gold in that locality, which a Mr. Trappitt, now of Orange, had sold for some £7 or £8. Mr. Lister falling in with the proposal, we hobbled out our horses, and after partaking of some refreshment, we went down upon the bed of the creek, and we were not there many minutes before William Tom picked up a bit of gold which was afterwards found to be worth £2 10s. This bit of gold having been discovered it was determined that we should that evening clear away a lot of heavy stones in the bed of the creek, and commence washing in form on the following day. To this end we got the cradle from the mountains the next morning where it was left for prospecting purposes. When James and William Tom got the 16 grains of gold, and that day we succeeded in getting one lump the exact weight of a new sovereign, and some 20s. worth of gold-dust; we continued to wash and got about 30s. worth of gold a day for two or three days, when we arranged to go further down the creek; accordingly we started and when we got about a mile and a half further down the creek than where we had been working Lister picked up a bit of gold which weighed exactly 2 oz. This was the last gold we found, and it being late in the evening we formed our camp for the night. We were at this time quite out of provisions, but if honorable gentlemen will pardon a moment's digression we will state that as William Tom was crossing the creek about sundown he heard a loud splash between some boulders which were partially immersed in water, and upon stooping he saw and caught two fish, each of which would weigh between 3 and 4 lb.; one of these fishes was swallowing the other—whether it was the larger swallowing the smaller, or the smaller swallowing the larger William Tom could not tell, they were so nearly of one size; but he has many times since thought, that as far as the swallowing was concerned, it was typical of the unceremonious way in which Mr. Hargraves swallowed his partners. However we cooked one of the fish for tea that evening, and the other the next morning for breakfast, and then we started home. Upon arriving home pursuant to an arrangement with Mr. Hargraves we immediately acquainted him with the particulars of how we had discovered 4 oz. of gold, and we believe we requested him to come to Bathurst, and we would hand them over to him that he might convince the Government of the discovery of gold in *payable quantities*. However Mr. Hargraves did not make his appearance; we waited week after week and did not know the cause of his long absence, but we now believe he was trying to work out his salvation with the Government, but whether he was or was not we will refer honorable members to the honorable Sir E. Deas-Thomson, who was then Colonial Secretary, and by whose evidence, so far as that honorable gentleman was acquainted with facts, we are willing to stand or fall. The honorable A. Lloyd, ex-Colonial Treasurer, is reported to have said in his place in the House that he had seen Mr. Hargraves with many beautiful samples of gold in his possession—meaning of course *Colonial gold*, and that they were samples of gold got by Mr. Hargraves himself before we had found gold in payable quantities; if this is not what was meant we fail to see the force of that honorable gentleman's operation. As it was Mr. Hargraves' *desire* to convince the Government that a payable gold-field was discovered, we think it must appear clear to every man of the commonest sense that if he had any beautiful samples of gold in his possession he would have shown them to the Honorable Colonial Secretary (now Sir E. Deas-Thomson), when he showed him the few minute specks when he first visited Sydney, or, again if he had found the beautiful samples of gold in question when he was looking for the first payable gold-field, it would be most wonderful indeed that no mention of the circumstance appears in his own book. We wish it to be remembered that Mr. Hargraves never returned to Bathurst *after* he showed the few specks to the Honorable Colonial Secretary till some four weeks after we got the 4 oz. of gold at Ophir. The beautiful samples of gold could not have been shown to the Honorable Mr. Lloyd *earlier* than the 6th of May, 1851, and we therefore believe that honorable gentleman must have spoken from wrong impressions and not from any knowledge of *dates*. It is quite clear to our minds that, commercially speaking, Mr. Hargraves never had a penny's worth of *Colonial gold* in his possession till we delivered him the 4 oz. on the night of the 6th of May, 1851, only a few days before the first general rush to Ophir set in. If we had not been the *partners* of Mr. Hargraves, and *under promise to him*, it is not very likely we would have placed these 4 oz. of gold in his possession. We think we had intelligence enough ourselves to have satisfied the Government they had been found by us, without troubling Mr. Hargraves. Any person now coming in from the country, and saying he had found a payable gold-field, and could show no more gold than Mr. Hargraves got the whole of the time he was prospecting, would only be laughed at for his pains. We know many places, from each of which more gold could be got from a pan of earth than Mr. Hargraves got all the time he was in the Bathurst and Wellington districts, and yet no one of these places is likely to ever become a payable gold-field. Many people think we made no claim on the Government till after Mr. Hargraves was rewarded, and therefore, in justice to ourselves, we believe it only right to say that on the 6th of June, 1851, William Tom, junr., wrote to the Honorable Colonial Secretary (now Sir E. Deas-Thomson), and on the 22nd of December, 1851, to the Governor-General (Sir Chas. Fitzroy) giving an explanation of how matters stood between Mr. Hargraves and ourselves.

We thought at the time, and we still think, that these two letters ought to have suggested the propriety of an inquiry, before Mr. Hargraves was given to understand he would be allowed to extract from the Treasury as the *first* and *sole* discoverer of payable gold. We may state that Messrs. Lister and James Tom took Mr. Hargraves, when they were prospecting together, to what is now called Fitzroy Bar. This bar was found to be the richest part of Ophir. It is about 200 yards long, and is the place where we first found payable gold (after the 16 grains were found).

We have no doubt half a million pounds worth of gold has been taken from this bar since it was first worked on or about the 8th or 9th of May, 1851. Mr. Hargraves took several pans of earth from this place, and could not obtain the colour of gold from any one of them. We believe a person of Mr. Hargraves' leviathan stature and Californian experience could have got gold in payable quantities at this place, as well as at many other places he was taken to, if he had only dug and looked for it in a proper manner; but this, we are of opinion, he was too lazy to do. We have heard some people say that what Mr. Hargraves did on the 12th of February, 1851, led to the discovery of a payable gold-field. Admitting such to be the case, what *led* to the discovery and the *discovery itself* are two distinct things. It may also be said, and we think with almost equal propriety, that the first gold found in California led to the discovery in the same sense, only more remotely, as it was there Mr. Hargraves was first taught the use of the tin dish, which he simply taught us the use of after he came from that place. It may also be said that the bit of gold found at Ophir by Mr. Lane's shepherd *led* to the discovery, for it was because of that we stopped there to prospect, which resulted in the find of the 4 oz. of gold. Or, again, it may be said that Mr. Jno. Lister, having stopped Mr. Hargraves when going to Wellington, and having *taken him to Ophir*, led to the discovery, for if it had not been for that circumstance, Mr. Hargraves would have never seen Ophir. In short, a hundred circumstances may be said to have *led* to the first discovery of a payable gold-field; but, after all, it is quite clear that in one of these circumstances, nor the whole of them put together would be the *discovery itself*.

Mr. Hargraves has denied ever having received *as his own* the fourth part of the 4 oz. of gold which we procured at Ophir while he was in Sydney, or 150 miles away from us. We have no doubt Mr. Hargraves denies having received this gold, because he sees that his acceptance of it *as his own* involves a *proof of partnership* with us. When Mr. Hargraves took these 4 oz. of gold from us, he valued them at £3 10s. per ounce, and we now plainly and distinctly assert that Mr. Hargraves, according to this value, not only got his share, or one-fourth of the 4 oz., but we also unhesitatingly affirm that it is quite impossible he can have forgotten the circumstance. We will explain why: Soon after the first rush to Ophir set in Mr. John Lister accompanied Mr. Hargraves to that place. (Mr. Hargraves was going there to

to show the late Mr. Stutchbury, the Government geologist, that a payable gold-field had been discovered), and on the road Mr. Hargraves told Lister that he did not think that William Tom was entitled to a part of the 4 oz. of gold, as he was not a partner with John Lister, James Tom, and himself, in the discovery. This expression of Mr. Hargraves' opinion somewhat annoyed Mr. Lister, and produced some angry words between them. When Lister got to Ophir he told Mr. Tom about what had passed on the road, upon which Mr. Tom asked Mr. Hargraves if such were the case, and he said that what Mr. Lister had told Mr. William Tom was quite true, but that upon reflection he was very sorry he should have spoken to Mr. Lister as he did, as William Tom, in his opinion, was as much entitled to a share of the gold as any of them, and he begged that William Tom would take no further notice of anything that had passed, upon which William Tom was satisfied, and as Mr. Hargraves had expressed his sorrow for what had been said he dismissed the matter from his mind. Well, after all this Mr. Hargraves returned to the "Guyong Inn"—pretended to be very ill and took to his bed, saying he was "so very much grieved" that he and the son of his old friend (naming the late Capt. Lister) should have had any angry words. We are now aware that Mr. Hargraves was "so very much grieved" to think that the unpleasantness which had passed might lead to a full disclosure of all the particulars of how the first gold discovery was made, and, in his opinion, it was rather too soon for such disclosure to take place, as he had not as yet received from the Government his anticipated reward. We think what we have said on this part of the subject is sufficient. It may be said again, as it has often been said, that Mr. Hargraves came from California on purpose to make the discovery of a payable gold-field in Australia. All we say in answer to such a saying is that *having come to find* a payable gold-field and *finding* one are two very different things. Mr. Hargraves, after he took his final departure from Bathurst came to Sydney, and showed all the gold which James Tom, John Lister, and he himself had discovered, which, it will appear by the evidence the Honorable Colonial Secretary (Sir E. Deas-Thomson) gave before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly in June, 1853, amounted to only a few almost invisible specks. (Mr. Hargraves, on the 119th page of his own book, says that Lister and James Tom brought some fine gold from the Turon; no doubt that gold was some of which was shown to the Honorable Colonial Secretary.) Upon showing this gold he received no other encouragement from the Government than that the discovery of gold would be rewarded in proportion to its value. We wish honorable gentlemen to take particular notice of the part we are now describing, as it will show that the Government did not intend to reward Mr. Hargraves for *what he had already done*—on the 12th of February, for instance, nor for what he had done at any other time subsequently. In the opinion of the Government something *all-important* had yet to be done to merit a reward. Well now we unhesitatingly assert that after this assurance from the Government that the discovery would be rewarded in proportion to its value. Mr. Hargraves never prospected *one moment* on the western side of the Blue Mountains till he came to Guyong on the 6th of May, 1851 (he did not prospect then either), and received the 4 oz. of gold from us, which upon being made known resulted in the first rush to a gold-field which ever took place in New South Wales. We think it will be seen by this fact that Mr. Hargraves has been rewarded with £12,381 and an annuity of £250 for his natural life for our first procuring gold in payable quantities (the 16 grains and the 4 oz.) when he was 150 miles away from the scene of our operations—that is, when he was in Sydney and we at Ophir. We may, perhaps, be kindly allowed to say a word or two about the Mandurama Diggings, by way of making it obvious that the discovery of small quantities of gold is no proof of a payable gold-field. The Mandurama Estate of Mr. Icely was opened on the 26th of January last by Mr. Icely and some 3,000 or 4,000 diggers, many scores of whom got several grains in weight of gold each, and yet it is well known that the Mandurama is not a payable diggings. It is also a well-known fact that hundreds of other localities which have yielded a little gold have been well tried, without any profitable results. We think these facts alone afford the very clearest evidence, and that, too, in the most practical way, that the discovery of even 6 or 7 grains in weight of gold (although fifty or sixty times more than Mr. Hargraves ever got) is not the discovery of a payable gold-field. Without hesitation we affirm it as our positive opinion that if Mr. Hargraves be the first and sole discoverer of the first payable gold in New South Wales, he is such without ever having found a farthing's worth of gold, for we are quite positive if a new sovereign were divided into 960 equal parts (the number of farthings in a pound) each part would be heavier than all the gold Mr. Hargraves got while he was in the Bathurst district.

We believe one rub of an old file would take more gold off a sovereign than Mr. Hargraves got altogether, and we do not think 960 such rubs would reduce a new sovereign to gold-dust.

The Honorable Capt. Charles is reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 3rd of February last as having said in the House that we only followed in the wake of Mr. Hargraves. Perhaps that honorable gentleman is not aware that at the very time Mr. Hargraves got the *very little gold* he did get that some of us were with him as *bona-fide partners* in all profitable results.

We think Mr. Icely, of Mandurama, would not be very much displeased if two or three individuals had followed in the wake of his 3,000 or 4,000 diggers with the same result as we followed in the wake of Mr. Hargraves at and about Ophir. Although what Mr. Hargraves did towards the first gold discovery was brought to a profitable issue by us and Mr. James Tom, we by no means wish to speak disparagingly of his introduction of the tin dish, by showing us how to use it. We think this fact alone rendered him entitled to a handsome reward (*keeping in view* the vast issues and commercial importance of the discovery) for we do not think it will be denied that at the very time we discovered gold in payable quantities the whole of Australia was very little better than on the eve of bankruptcy, whereas now, by virtue of that discovery, she is one of the most prosperous and flourishing places in the world. It may be remarked, and we think with propriety, as it involves a principle, that we bore Mr. Hargraves' expenses during the time of prospecting, and not he ours, which shows that we could not in any way be regarded as his subordinates (we believe he represented Messrs. Lister and James Tom to the Government as such), and, in consequence, subject to his orders. The fact of the whole matter is simply this (with due deference, of course, to whatever some people may say or think to the contrary), that if matters remained where Mr. Hargraves left them no payable gold-field would have been discovered *till this day*. It was by our *perseverance* after Mr. Hargraves took his *final leave* of the district that the *first gold* in payable quantities was discovered, and which made us the first *practical* discoverers, producing, as it did, that *practical result of digging* which has now continued for something over twenty-five years, and resulted, in all the Colonies, to the enormous yield of something like £300,000,000 worth of gold. Should any honorable members have any doubts about anything we have advanced in this paper, or anywhere else, we would request such honorable members to give Mr. Hargraves the full benefit of all such doubts, for we are most certainly of opinion that if Mr. Hargraves be the *sole* discoverer of the *first payable gold* (which he says he is) he cannot be dealt too liberally with. In fact, we believe that if he be the sole cause of £1,000,000 worth of gold having been unearthed over the Colonies every month for the last twenty-five years, that he ought, so far as the external appearances are concerned, to be made a gentleman of while he lives. On the other hand, if what we have said be considered true and correct, we hope and believe your honorable Committee will not withhold from us a simple and fair acknowledgment of the fact that we were the persons who first discovered gold in payable quantities, which brought about a general digging over Australia. We admit others had found gold before us, but their discoveries, unlike ours, did not produce any *public and payable gold-fields*. We hope our opinions are expressed in such a way that honorable members may see that we wish all parties concerned to base their conclusions on what they think is just and fair. We have given the whole of the foregoing statement a well-matured and most candid consideration, and we have come to the unavoidable conclusion that we have either a strong claim for consideration, not only on the Parliament of New South Wales but on the Parliament of each Colony of Australia, or that our minds must have become most peculiarly infatuated.

Which of the two we most respectfully leave to the judgment and justice of your honorable Committee to decide.

WILLIAM TOM, JUNIOR.  
J. H. A. LISTER.

The foregoing history of the first gold discovery in Australia, to which our names are appended, we most solemnly declare, to the best of our belief, to be true and correct, and what refers to our individual knowledge we solemnly declare to be true.

Witness to signatures,—JAMES TORPY, J.P.  
Orange, August 15, 1854.

WILLIAM TOM, JUNIOR.  
J. H. A. LISTER.

After all we did in the matter of the gold-discovery which we have truthfully narrated in the foregoing history, Mr. Hargraves had the astounding impudence (using the mildest term which is at all appropriate), to write a letter, of which the following is a *verbatim* copy. This letter, which is a tissue of falsehood and exaggeration from beginning to end, Mr. Hargraves put John Lister's name to, and asked John Lister to send it to the *Sydney Morning Herald* for publication.

We

We do not read it to your honorable Committee to gratify any morbid feeling of animosity, for we hope we do not entertain any such feeling. We read it simply that honorable members may see that our word is, at least, as worthy of credence as that of Mr. Hargraves. The letter to which we refer, and Lister's reply thereto, are both subjoined. They appeared in the *Bathurst Free Press* newspaper of January, in the year 1852.

WILLIAM TOM, JUN.  
J. H. A. LISTER.

A true copy of the letter Mr. Hargraves wrote, and asked John Lister to publish :

(No. 1 letter.)  
Editor, *Sydney Morning Herald*.  
The Gold discovery.

Gentlemen,

A report having been spread abroad by some malicious person, who evidently is jealous of Mr. Hargraves' great discovery, to the effect that I was the party who made it, and communicated it to him, I beg leave, most unreservedly to contradict this false report. Although having been upwards of two years searching for it—one time with two geologists and mineralogists, who told me there were indications—but could not find the gold, Mr. Hargraves, during his explorations, called on me as an old friend of my late respected father, and in course of conversation he told me this was a gold country, and if I would keep it secret he would combine with me. This I agreed to. He was as good as his word, and scarcely ever made a failure. Where he said gold was to be found he found it. I neither understood geology or mineralogy but I am convinced my friend Mr. Hargraves knows where and how to find gold, and all honor and reward in the late discovery belongs to him alone.

Indeed, few men would have done what he has—intersecting the country with blacks, sometimes alone, sometimes with my friend Mr. James Tom, and during his explorations had rain set in, from the imperfect manner in which we were equipped, starvation and death must have been the result. Trusting you will give this publicity in the columns of your valuable journal,

I am, gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

[Here Lister's name was written by Mr. Hargraves.]

P.S.—I have also heard it reported that Mr. Hargraves had not acted fairly towards me. I beg most distinctly to state that in all transactions with that gentleman, he has acted strictly honorable with me and friends in the secret of the great discovery. Mr. Hargraves is now no longer connected with me or my party at Ophir, and wherever he may be he has my best wishes, and I believe of all who have known him in the district of Bathurst.

(No. 2 letter.)

True copy of Mr. Jno. Lister's reply to the above No. 1 letter :—  
Editor of *Bathurst Free Press*.

THE foregoing is a copy of a document which Mr. Hargraves wrote and gave me, requesting I would send it to the *Sydney Morning Herald* for publication. I declined doing this, because I could not subscribe my name to the untruths it contained, for I never knew him travel with a blackfellow in my life, neither am I aware of any extraordinary difficulties or dangers to which Mr. Hargraves was exposed. Furthermore, by my complying with his request I should have betrayed Messrs. James and William Tom, who were the prospecting colleagues of Mr. Hargraves, and who, with myself, were at all the expense and most of the pains when actually searching for gold; and further, Mr. Hargraves certainly, sometimes, found the horse he rode himself, but the other necessary horses and provisions were not one farthing expense to him. While living at my place during the business of the gold search he was entertained free of cost. I also assert, in plain words, that Mr. James Tom and I never travelled with Mr. Hargraves with any other understanding than that we were his prospecting colleagues, and concerned equally with himself in any favourable result that might accrue from our journey or journeys. I do not mean to assert that the Messrs. Tom and myself expected to get a share of what Mr. Hargraves might obtain from the Government, or even in the shape of public subscriptions, but only of the profitable results of our explorations.\* Messrs. James and William Tom can bear testimony to the truth of what I have now written.

J. H. A. LISTER.

P.S.—The early history of the discovery will appear in next Saturday's paper.

\* I expected Mr. Hargraves to make a truthful representation to the Government of how the first gold was obtained, that the Government might have had the opportunity of judging and rewarding each individual concerned according to his merits in the discovery.—J. H. A. LISTER.

I HAVE most attentively perused the foregoing history of the gold discovery of 1851, which is signed by William Tom, junior, and John H. A. Lister, and I believe the whole of it to be correct. The parts which refer to my *personal knowledge* I know to be true. I could not say the exact day that I and my brothers got the 16 grains in weight of gold, but I know it was some days before I started to Adelaide, and I started, or I believe I did, on the 1st April, 1851. We got the 16 grains of gold in the latter end of March, 1851, and I know it was before William Tom and John Lister got the 4 oz. of gold. With regard to No. 1 letter, which is a tissue of falsehoods, Mr. Hargraves was out only twice prospecting while he was in the Bathurst district. The first time was on the 12th February, 1851, when John Lister was with him, and the other time was directly after, when John Lister and I were both with him. We went down the Macquarie on the second occasion, and we were away from seven to ten days. I never knew Mr. Hargraves experience more hardship or difficulty than he might have experienced at a *picnic* on the same rough ground. I do not believe he saw a native blackfellow of Australian birth while he was in the Bathurst district.

As witness my hand at Melbourne, Victoria, this 19th day of October, in the year }  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six,— }

JAMES TOM.

Signed and delivered in my presence,—

RICH. GIBSON, J.P. (for New South Wales).

WE will now acquaint your honorable Committee with the fact that Mr. Henry Tom assisted in getting the 16 grains in weight of gold, which were discovered just after Mr. Hargraves left the Bathurst district. Our reasons for not having mentioned his name before now in connection with the first gold discovery are as follows :—In the first place, when we and James Tom published a pamphlet in 1870, Wm. Tom, who wrote the pamphlet, had forgotten which brother it was who made the third individual of his party. He felt sure it was his brother Henry, but he did not know, and as Henry and Charles Tom were living in Queensland, he did not feel disposed to put off the publication of the pamphlet till he had made inquiry. In the second place, we were well aware that the brother of Wm. Tom (whichever it was) had no intention of making a claim on the Government, for although he was at the getting of a hundred times more gold than Mr. Hargraves ever got he did not think that so small a quantity as only 16 grains in weight would warrant an application to the public purse. In the third place, Wm. Tom knew if he omitted the name of his brother (whichever it was) the omission would not in any way interfere with the truth and correctness of the pamphlet. We assign this latter reason for not having mentioned Henry Tom's name in the foregoing history. What Henry Tom says about the matter is as follows :—

"I remember that at some time about the middle of March, 1851, that James Tom, William Tom, and myself started from Springfield about sundown, taking with us one horse named *Dash*, provisions sufficient for three days, pick, spade, and a cradle for washing gold, and that we travelled till nearly midnight, when we arrived at a point on Lewis Ponds Creek, about 2½ miles above the junction of that creek with the Summer Hill creek, now known as Ophir, where we camped till morning, when we commenced to wash for gold. I dug the earth and filled the buckets. James Tom carried the earth to the cradle, and William Tom washed it. We continued at this work until some time in the afternoon, when we collected the gold from the cradle, hid the cradle on a mountain close by, and started for home, where we arrived about 9 o'clock p.m., when the gold we produced was weighed and found to be little over 16 grains."

I, Henry Tom, do solemnly declare the above to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief,—

HENRY TOM.

Declared before me, at Wanongain, Queensland, this 3rd day of March, 1877,—

HENRY G. BISCOE, J.P.

Dear

Dear William,

You wish me to let you know how much gold Mr. Hargraves brought to Guyong on the evening of the 12th of February, 1851. Mr. Hargraves showed me the gold he brought there on that evening through a small magnifying glass which was carried about by himself. There were three specks, and they were so very small I could not see them distinctly with the naked eye.

17 August, 1876.

Yours, &c.,  
E. BATE.

The above, to which my name is appended, I most solemnly declare to be true.

E. BATE.

Declared before me, at Blayney, this 30th day of August, 1890,—

R. A. COLLIE, J.P.

[*Handed in by the Chairman.*]

## B.

*Memos. re Gold Discovery.*

E. H. HARGRAVES came to Mrs. Lister's house at Guyong about 10th February, 1851. Hargraves noticed some stones, samples of quartz and mica slate on the mantelpiece. He (Hargraves) proposed to J. H. A. Lister if he would go with him and show him the country he could find gold, and whatever we found we should share alike in the discovery. *This offer Lister accepted.* On the 12th day of February, 1851, we started down the creek from my mother's house, Guyong, about 14 miles, and there prospected a bar on Lewis Ponds Creek, about 2½ miles from the junction. Washed seven pans of earth, and procured *six very fine colours of gold, so small that Hargraves got them out of the tin-dish with his penknife and put them on a sheet of note-paper, took them home to my mother's house that evening, and when he showed the colours to my mother and family the gold was so very fine Hargraves placed a glass tumbler over the gold to make it look larger in size and prevent it blowing away. This was the first gold we washed from the soil in New South Wales.* Hargraves remarked it was a proof there was gold in the soil, but it would require far better prospects than those to be of any value.

E. H. Hargraves then proposed for me to find a *pack-horse*, also saddle-horse for myself, also chaff and corn to pack for the horses on the trip and rations for the road. This I did at my own expense. You will please understand this was a very dry season, little or no grass.

In a few days all was ready for a start prospecting, intending to go to Burrandong, on the Macquarie River, and then follow it up to the Turon River. We started and travelled about 4 miles—there called upon Mr. W. Tom, senr. Mr. Tom proposed for one of his sons to go with us, Lister, and Hargraves, prospecting. Old Mr. Tom said his sons knew the country on the river well, having had sheep stations there. Mr. Hargraves stayed at Mr. Tom's house talking with old Mr. Tom for a short time after Lister had wished them good-bye and gone a piece on the road leading a pack-horse and riding another.

This is a *part to be particularly remembered* in the history of the *gold discovery, viz.*—E. H. Hargraves rode after Lister and proposed to Lister to take James Tom, and said we could put Tom's to hobble the horses, and make fires, and get the meals, when we, Hargraves, and Lister were prospecting. Lister said that would never answer, and if he went with us he would have to go as mates, as he would not have any of the Tom's family to go on those *terms*. Hargraves then agreed if I was willing to take him. Just at this time or moment James Tom came up to where Hargraves and Lister were talking the matter over, when James Tom proposed to go with us prospecting, find and pay his own expenses, and to go as *mates*, with a distinct understanding he should *share* equally with Hargraves and Lister in anything got from our *discoveries*. Hargraves and Lister agreed to the terms, remarking they had proved gold to be in the soil, and it was now left to prove if it was to be found payable. With this, having a good and thorough understanding, we had joined as mates, gold-diggers, "*we then returned to Mr. W. Tom, senr's. house, and had dinner. Mr. James Tom provided himself with saddle-horse, blankets, and rations for the road, and we started same evening and camped in the bush for the night, in the Mullion, about 10 miles west of Orange. This was the first night we had been together as three mates looking for gold, and the evening was spent principally talking on our prospects. We reached the Macquarie River, above Burrandong, in due time, and followed the said river up to the junction of the Summer Hill Creek, taking some days feeding our horses with oak tops, and corn and chaff, Lister had packed on the horse, there being no grass, and the bed of the Macquarie River not running, and dry (for half-mile in a stretch in places). We washed a great many pans of earth in different places along the bed of this river, getting a bare colour of gold occasionally. Mr. James Tom and Lister often wished to sink on some of the bars, but Hargraves was either too lazy, or would not, saying he could always tell what was likely to be payable from the top prospects, and expressed himself disappointed, not finding anything worth notice.*"

From the junction of Summer Hill Creek we left the Macquarie River for old Mrs. Lister's at Guyong, prospecting with the tin-dish as we went in several places, "one in particular a bar on the Summer Hill Creek, now known as Ophir, and on this bar we washed several pans of earth without getting a colour of gold. This is worthy of note, as you will hereafter observe, that J. H. A. Lister and Mr. Tom, jun., after E. H. Hargraves had left the district, and stated he had seen nothing likely to be of any value in gold (Hargraves at the time being 200 miles away), when Lister and William Tom prospected this very bar, and got and proved it payable, and procured 4 oz. of gold, then returned to Guyong." Lister, according to agreement with his mates, Hargraves and James Tom, wrote them at once, giving particulars of the discovery. James Tom had started overland to Adelaide at this time, and Hargraves at Brisbane Water, near Sydney.

We are now back to Mrs. Lister's, at Guyong, after travelling between 200 and 300 miles, and finding no place E. H. Hargraves considered worth notice.

E. H. Hargraves then proposed for himself to go up to Deluntus, near Dubbo, a selection of his, and try and find the place a man, by name Macgregor, had found gold, as Hargraves stated, and sold to a jeweller in Sydney; and for James Tom and Lister to go to the Lower Turon River, and try that part of the country, while he was at or near Dubbo.

John H. A. Lister and James Tom prospected the Lower Turon River from the junction with the Macquarie River for some miles up, procuring fine colours of gold in several places, but nothing worth notice and returned home. E. H. Hargraves did not return to Guyong for some days after, but with the same result, stating then he would not prospect this part any further, and then proposed as James Tom was going over to Adelaide with cattle he could prospect that country and for Lister to go further north-west and prospect that country, and that he (Hargraves) would return to Sydney, put things straight at home, he would go to Brisbane and give that country a prospecting for gold; and E. H. Hargraves, John H. A. Lister, and James Tom each agreed to write the result of their discoveries of gold, still continuing mates in anything we discovered. When Hargraves was leaving Guyong for Sydney he expressed a wish for John Lister to go as far as Bathurst, Campbell River, and Fish River with him. To this J. H. A. Lister consented, and they were prospecting some days and at length parted at Mutton's Falls, on the Fish River, when Hargraves expressed himself disappointed in not finding sufficient gold at any place we had prospected. He (Hargraves) then proposed if neither of us three—that was E. H. Hargraves, J. H. A. Lister, or Jas. Tom—did not find any place worth working in the country we had agreed to prospect as before stated, E. H. Hargraves said he would return to California, and proposed for me, J. H. A. Lister to go with him. Lister agreed to the proposal—said he would go there, as mates, gold-digging with Hargraves. Before leaving Guyong, James Tom promised to try the cradle on the Lewis Ponds Creek for a few hours. This he and his brothers William and Henry and himself did, and procured 16 grains in weight. Mr. W. Tom, junr., wrote E. H. Hargraves full particulars of before I returned from the Fish River, seeing Hargraves so far on his way to Sydney. Hargraves would get this letter about the time he arrived in Sydney on horseback.

J. H. A. Lister on his return to Guyong, after leaving Hargraves at Mutton's Falls, on the Fish River, found Mr. James Tom had started overland for Adelaide. Lister then got Mr. W. Tom, junr., to go with him prospecting for gold, and followed the Lewis Ponds Creek down from Guyong to the junction on the Summer Hill Creek to a place now known as Ophir. Mr. William Tom, junr., in crossing the creek, picked up a piece of gold, called out to Lister, and said he had what we were looking for. Lister went over, cut it with his knife, and sure enough it proved to be a piece of gold worth 50s. This was the first piece of gold of any magnitude. We then prospected on both sides of the lead of quartz the gold was found on and could procure over 1s. worth to each dish of dirt. The next day we brought the cradle that was planted some few miles away in the Lewis Ponds Creek and washed for some hours, getting good returns. The second day our rations were short, when we determined upon returning to Guyong. We saddled up our horses and followed the creek down about 1 mile, when J. H. A. Lister picked up a piece of the precious metal exactly 2 oz. in weight. We then agreed to turn our horses hobbled loose and prospect. Not having any food all day, and being late in the evening, Mr. W. Tom, junr., proposed to muddy one of the waterholes, and try and get a fish for supper. The first waterhole we came to was hundreds of fish



fish to be seen coming up a narrow channel towards us. We both jumped into the water; W. Tom had caught a fish, Lister none. When Mr. Tom came out of the water he found the fish, as he thought, had two tails. In place of this it was a codfish had swallowed a bream fish, nearly as large as himself. This gave us food for the night and next day. When we arrived at Mr. W. Tom's, senr., in the evening he was inclined to find fault at our waste of time, looking for what he considered we could not find. However we asked him to procure us a sheet of white paper, which he did. Then taking the different prospect out of a leather pouch his son William had fastened by his side, and placing them one by one on the paper, the old gentleman said it would never do to make the discovery known, for all the men would leave their employments; the sheep and cattle would go wild in the bush, and the country would be ruined.

The next day J. H. A. Lister wrote his mate Hargraves, giving every particular, when and how the gold was found, and where and by whom, requesting Hargraves to come up, as we had 4 oz. This is the part I wish the world to know of E. H. Hargraves' treatment to me and our mates—James and W. Tom, junr.

E. H. Hargraves comes to my mother's house, who I and J. H. A. Lister were keeping, as well as all my younger brothers and sisters. After my late respected father's (Captain J. H. Lister) death, J. H. A. Lister paid all E. H. Hargraves' expenses prospecting, his horse and self stabled and fed during all the time we were at home or travelling prospecting. E. H. Hargraves came up from Sydney to Guyong, when he gave me and Mr. W. Tom, junr., to understand he had represented the case fairly to the Government, mentioning our names the same as himself, and wanted the 4 oz. of gold Mr. W. Tom, junr., and J. H. A. Lister had washed and found, when Hargraves was 200 miles away from the district, and given up the search. At this time we put Hargraves in trust of the gold, as mates, and handed the 4 oz. over to him to show the Government, to prove the discovery, believing Hargraves to act honestly. He took the gold to Sydney.

Shortly after, E. H. Hargraves comes up to Guyong, and proposes to Lister to divide the 4 oz. of gold between himself, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister, leaving W. Tom, junr., out. This Lister refuses to, and had words with Hargraves attempting such a dirty action. Hargraves sulked for two days, and kept his bed-room. A Mr. Stutchbury then comes to see Hargraves, to be shown the gold country. Hargraves not knowing the spot, we, W. Tom, junr., and J. H. A. Lister had procured the 4 oz. of gold, asked me to go with them, and show them the place, which I did. I then told W. Tom, junr., that Hargraves did not wish to acknowledge him in the discovery, and would not agree for him to have the fourth of the 4 oz. of gold found by W. Tom, junr., and J. H. A. Lister,—as spoken of before in this history. This was on the diggings at Ophir. William Tom, junr., then told Hargraves what I had said, when E. H. Hargraves said he was sorry for mentioning about it, and was willing, and did pay each their one-fourth share, keeping his own one-fourth share of the 4 oz. of gold that was procured when Hargraves and J. Tom was hundreds of miles away. Under the impression Hargraves had shown the 4 oz. of gold to the Government, we thought, as he promised he had represented us fairly as himself, we should soon see or hear something from the Government, and the matter went on some time before we wrote. At last Mr. W. Tom, junr., wrote to the Honorable E. Deas-Thomson to know if our names were mentioned by Hargraves in the gold discovery. The reply was, there were no names mentioned but his (Hargraves), and having miners at work for him.

Any person that will take the trouble to read this history can rely upon the whole as being the truth of the particulars of the history of the agreement between E. H. Hargraves, John H. A. Lister, Jas. Tom, and William Tom, junr.

JOHN H. A. LISTER.

[To Evidence of Mr. E. H. Hargraves.]

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THE GOLD DISCOVERY OF THE 12TH OF FEBRUARY, 1851.

To the Members of both Houses of the Legislatures of New South Wales and Victoria.

Gentlemen,

A short time since I did myself the honor to address you on the subject of my claims on the country in connection with the above discovery. In that communication I stated that I was prepared to meet any objections that could be raised or urged against the justice and equity of these claims. Since the publication of my letter I have received through the post a pamphlet, printed at the *Western Examiner* office, and signed "William Tom, junior, J. H. A. Lister, and James Tom," without date. It has, no doubt, been widely distributed. The object, and only object, in view by the writers is evidently to detract from the importance of my public services. I deem it necessary to expose the futility of their representations. That the persons referred to have completely *outwitted themselves*, can be established beyond a doubt; and in order to evince the untruthfulness of their whole narrative I submit a true statement of facts, and reprint the pamphlet in question in the left-hand column, which I ask you, gentlemen, to be good enough to read and carefully note dates. For further information I respectfully refer you to "Australia and its Gold-fields," by E. H. Hargraves, published by H. Ingram & Co., Milford House, Strand, London, 1855.

I have the honour to remain,  
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,  
E. H. HARGRAVES.

Noraville, Cooranbong, 22nd November, 1870.

THE GOLD DISCOVERY.

DISCOVERY OF THE OPHIR GOLD-FIELD.

THE following history of the discovery of the first New South Wales Gold-field will doubtless be interesting, not only in view of a recent application on the part of Mr. Hargraves for the payment of a further sum, to which he deems himself entitled as the discoverer, but on the broader principle of giving "Honour to whom honour is due."

EARLY in February, 1851, Mr. E. H. Hargraves came to Mrs. John Lister's, Guyong, and told her and her family that he was on his way to Wellington in search of a gold-field. Mrs. Lister's eldest son, John, upon hearing his business, exhibited some stones, which appeared to Mr. Hargraves to be of an auriferous character, and upon being informed by Mr. Lister as to where he had got them, he proposed joining Lister as a colleague in the search of a gold-field in the direction Lister had been previously prospecting. Accordingly, on the 12th day of February, 1851, John Lister took

I WROTE from San Francisco, Alta California, to a friend in Sydney, New South Wales, in the early part of 1850 (letter now extant), expressing my belief in the existence of gold in New South Wales. I had known the Western District, which was afterwards found to be auriferous, sixteen or seventeen years previous to the 12th of February, 1851. On my arrival at the gold diggings in California late in 1849, I compared the gold-bearing rocks I was then working amongst with those at Lewis Ponds and Emu Creek, in the counties of Bathurst and Wellington, in New South Wales, and reasoning from analogy, and having faith in the uniformity of nature, I came to the conclusion that New South Wales was auriferous. I put my opinion on record, and mentioned it to my companions. I was laughed at, and finding that I could get no credence, endeavoured to convince them thus: I said, "Like produces like. In England an apple-tree produces apples; it does the same in New South Wales. I know that a similar geological structure of country exists in New South Wales, and we know that these rocks produce gold, so therefore will those. Nature is uniform in all her laws, and I cannot be deceived in the rocks; so there must be a gold-field in New South Wales." *Science*, as I understand it, is the result of observation and reflection; and I contend that I not only made the practical discovery on the 12th of February, 1851, but the scientific also a year previously at a distance of 12,000 miles. I landed in Sydney in January, 1851, and mentioned my projects to my friends. The late Hon. James Norton said, "You are mad on that point evidently. I have a friend suffering under the same malady, and I am sure you will be very happy together. I will write you a letter of introduction to him." Mr. Norton handed me a letter addressed to "Thomas Icely, Esq." I called on that gentleman at the Australian Club, and explained fully my views and opinions with respect to our western country. Mr. Icely assured me that he had no doubt about the correctness of my views, and invited me to make Coombing at Carcoar my base of operations, and in a week or ten days I started alone for Coombing, and on the 10th day of February met him (Mr. Icely) at the inn on King's Plains, en route to Sydney. Mr. Icely was called to Sydney on urgent business, or would have returned with me. I suggested that I should go to my gold-field first, and visit him on his return from Sydney, which was agreed upon. I had known Mrs. Lister in her husband's lifetime, and knowing

him to a spot on the Lewis Ponds Creek, some four or five miles south of what now bears the name of Ophir, where Mr. Hargraves washed some earth in a pan or tin dish, and succeeded in procuring one or two very minute specks of gold. On the evening of the day these few specks were obtained Mr. Hargraves and Mr. Lister returned to the "Guyong Inn," the residence of the latter, and remained there for some days, and upon Mr. Lister informing Mr. Hargraves that Mr. James Tom was a good hushman, and that he was well acquainted with the country on both sides of the Macquarie River in the direction of Wellington, it was agreed between them that he should, if he thought proper, join them as a partner. Finding Jas. Tom agreeable to this arrangement in the search of a gold-field they decided upon making a tour through the mountains in the direction of Wellington, with the understanding that in case they discovered gold they should share equally in the results—just as a party of six men would share in any profitable results that might arise from their prospecting together. After being away on this prospecting tour for some ten or twelve days, they returned home, and although they found a few minute specks of gold in many places they did not succeed in getting a grain in weight altogether, including the specks that were got on the 12th February on the Lewis Ponds Creek. Matters not being as satisfactory to Mr. Hargraves as he wished, he determined upon carrying out his original intention of prospecting the Wellington district, and accordingly started by himself for that locality; but after a fruitless search of two or three weeks he returned to Guyong, and although he told us he had discovered some small quantities of gold he did not show us any. After this trip to Wellington Mr. Hargraves prospected no more. He told us that he had seen nothing that would pay for working, and that as he had to return to his home on matters of private nature, he would leave the prospecting on this side of the Blue Mountains with us. It was however arranged between Mr. Hargraves and ourselves, before he left to go home, that we should continue prospecting in this neighbourhood, and that when he had arranged his private matters at home he would make a prospecting tour through the country of Moreton Bay, and that if either party (his or ours) should be successful the other should share equally in the advantages that might accrue therefrom. This was the expressed arrangement when Mr. Hargraves took his final departure from the Bathurst district. Mr. Jas. Tom having to start to Adelaide about the time Mr. Hargraves left, William Tom, jun., took his place, and after prospecting matters had been suspended for a few days, William Tom, jun., and John Lister started on the morning of the 7th April, 1851, for a point low down on the Macquarie, near Wellington, where Mr. Hargraves wished us to give a good trial; but in going to this place Mr. W. Tom proposed to Mr. Lister when they got to Ophir, about 1 o'clock of the day they started, that they should stop there and

that she kept an inn at Guyong, I told Mr. Icely that I would cross the Plains after luncheon and go to Mrs. Lister's. I did so. On the 11th of February I asked Mrs. Lister if she could get me a black who knew the country between there and the Macquarie, and told her privately my business. She begged of me to take her son, "*as it might do him some good.*" I consented, in consideration of his observing strict secrecy in everything *he heard me say, or saw me do.* This being agreed upon I requested the loan of a tin-dish, a bricklayer's trowel, and a small pick. I asked my guide to be in readiness early the next morning, 12th of February, 1851, and to conduct me through the bush (avoiding habitations) to Lewis Ponds Creek, which place I had known seventeen years previously. Shortly after passing Mr. Tom's residence I told my guide that we were now on a gold-field, and inquired if there was any water to be had near; to which he replied, "No, not for a long distance, until we pass Green's old sheep-station." (Such of you, gentlemen, who were in the Colony in the early part of 1851 will recollect that it was a time of severe drought.) On passing the old station my guide said, "There is a waterhole not far from here." In 10 minutes we came to it, and hobbled our horses and ate dinner. I then said to him (Lister), "When you walked across the dry bed of the creek to get the water you were walking on gold, and now I will show it to you." I then took the trowel, and removed the drift from the top of a schistose dyke running at right angles across the dry bed, and took a panful of earth and washed it. The result was a *good grain of gold.* I washed five or six pans, all, excepting one, producing a prospect. I said to my guide, "This is a memorable day in the history of New South Wales," and wrote in pencil on the spot on the margin of an old newspaper the following:—"Gold in alluvium discovered this 12th day of February, 1851, at Lewis Ponds Creek. This is a memorable day in the history of New South Wales.—E. H. HARGRAVES." I afterwards presented it to the Hon. E. Deas Thomson as a memorial of the great event. My long-cherished hope was realised, and I returned full of thankfulness and thought. I knew perfectly well that to attempt to open out the field would be madness, and defeat my object; so I made, no doubt, numberless excuses for not doing so, all of which were, of course, believed, and I cannot now say what they were, but they were sufficient for my purpose, and ridiculous enough, I dare say. I had read an account written by an American in California, who boldly declared that gold was released by "terrestrial electricity" from its matrix (the quartz rocks), and only particular zones were thus acted upon. On my passage from California it occurred to me thus:—"I know I am correct so far as the rocks go, but if the American is right, and the rocks in New South Wales have not *been acted upon*, I shall have done a very foolish thing to have left California, with its bright prospects." I may here state that very little was then known, or is even now known, of the natural processes which result in the production of gold. However, at the period referred to, I imagined that I knew a great deal more on the subject than I do now.

My guide looked upon me with reverential awe, and said he thought it (the gold) was in the rocks and not in the earth. After a day's rest, and earnest consideration, I determined *not to open out the diggings in any way*, but to intersect the country and find out the area of the auriferous rocks, and to this end I wished to travel about 50 miles parallel to the Macquarie River, at a distance of 10 or 15 miles, so as to cross the creeks running into that river at right angles to my course. Lister could not conduct me, not knowing the country, but said that James Tom knew that part of the country well, and would only be too glad to have an opportunity to learn something about gold, and assured me *he could be depended upon in keeping it secret.* I thus made a second convert, and in a few days started on the projected tour and struck the Macquarie as proposed, passing over a good deal of promising country, but not finding a drop of water until we reached the river, and then only in shallow holes at intervals. We travelled up its dry bed generally. I produced a *few specks of gold only when urged* by my companions, and thus followed up to the junction of Summer Hill Creek with the Macquarie, and from thence by that creek and Lewis Ponds to Guyong, the point of departure, having travelled over at least 70-lineal miles of auriferous country. I had promised my guides to instruct them to make and work a cradle, by using which only they could succeed in obtaining gold in quantity for the market, and would do so on my return from Wellington. I had heard, *for the first time*, at an inn in the Vale of Clyde, on my way to Bathurst, that one Macgregor, a shepherd, had brought "gold in the stone" from Wellington some years ago, and had shown to him (the innkeeper) "*some little white stones with something like gold in them.*" I made further inquiry at Guyong, and felt anxious to know where he obtained it. At this time my guide's faith, it appeared to me, was a little shaken, having lost time without any apparent tangible result. Parson Tom himself (father of Wm. Tom, this pamphleteer, and so called on account of his local preachings), as Lister informed me, was not pleased at "James losing his time." This suited me exactly, as I wished to go to Wellington by myself. However, I promised on my return to instruct them to make a cradle and produce gold for the market, which was so satisfactory that I again regained my whole ascendancy over my converts and the "Local" himself, and engaged them to remain quiet until I returned, when I promised I would soon fill their pockets. I was absent some two or three weeks, having gone to Dubbo, where I received from my friend, Alexander Cruikshank, Esq., the most genuine hospitality and every requisite assistance. After dinner I produced fine gold in the Macquarie, and instructed Mrs. Cruikshank in the mystery of gold-washing. She also produced gold, being, so far as my memory serves me, the second person in New South Wales that did so, as I do not think that either of my old guides, Messrs. Lister and James Tom, were so far advanced in the art. I told Mr. Cruikshank that I was too far away from the mountains except for very fine gold, and that my object was to find out where one Macgregor had been shepherding, as I wished to see the country; to which he replied, "Oh, that is Mitchell's Creek, and when you wish to return I will send a blackfellow with you." In a few days I started with my sable friend, and near the old station saw the quartz dyke where he, no doubt, had obtained his gold from. The weather was still dry; in fact, clouds of dust were flying in the bush, and the sheep were pawing up and eating the grass roots. On my return to Guyong my guides called upon me to perform my promise with reference to the cradle, and set them to work. I had now further convinced myself of a large extent of promising country, and proposed to go to Bathurst and buy "a plate for the hopper," the use of which Lister, who accompanied me, could not divine. The drought still continued, which *greatly favoured my excuses*,

prospect that locality through the course of the afternoon—urging that as a man in the employ of Mr. William Lane, sen., had picked up a bit of gold in that locality some years previously, it would be wise to do so. Mr. Lister falling in with the proposal, they turned out their horses, and after having partaken of some refreshment they went into the bed of the creek, and, when they had been looking about for some few minutes, Mr. William Tom, jun., called to Mr. Lister, saying he had found a bit of gold, when Lister remarked, “You are only joking”; but upon being reassured Lister examined the nugget himself, and pronounced it to be worth £2. (Its value was about £2 10s.) W. Tom and Lister now decided upon getting a cradle which had been made by W. Tom, jun., and kept in the mountains for the purpose of prospecting. This cradle being procured, they commenced on the morning of the following day to wash some soil from the bed of what now has the honour of being named the “Fitz Roy Bar,” and by carrying soil in two three-bushel bags, and washing the same for about four hours, they succeeded in obtaining from the cradle about 30s. worth of gold dust, besides a nugget that weighed one quarter of an ounce. Thus was the fact that Australian soil would pay for working first established, and to us verified most pleasingly. After procuring two ounces of the precious metal from the “Fitz Roy Bar,” Mr. Lister and Wm. Tom proceeded lower down on the same course of water, and where a tributary creek joins the main one, Mr. Lister, while he sat on his horse, saw a bit of gold above the ground, and when he got off his horse and attempted to pick it up he found it was wrapped round a root, presenting an appearance of the root having grown quite through it. This nugget weighed two ounces, and was the last gold we found. As we were now quite out of provisions, we camped for the night and started for home early on the following morning, carrying, of course, our four ounces of the precious metal along with us. After arriving home we communicated all the particulars of what had transpired to Mr. Hargraves, who arrived at Guyong about a fortnight after, and as we regarded him as the principal of our party we placed the four ounces of gold in his possession, that he might convince the Government that the discovery of a payable gold-field had been actually made, and that he might also represent our respective merits to the Government in as fair and impartial a manner as his sense of honor might dictate.

The four ounces of gold placed in the possession of Mr. Hargraves by us was sold by him, and divided equally by him between himself and us. We have no wish to detract from the merits of Mr. Hargraves in the first gold discovery; in proof whereof we have in many of our letters given him the full credit of having first introduced the tin-dish system into New South Wales, and of having suggested the form of the first gold cradle, which was made by Mr. W. Tom, jun.;

as I frequently told them that without water we could do nothing. When in Bathurst I had my horse shod ready for my return to Sydney. The blacksmith, Mr. Walker, from whom I purchased the sheet of iron, punched it for me, and while doing so said, “What can this be for, sir, if its a fair question?” In reply I told him that the cockatoos I was collecting always ate away the wood, and I thought the perforated iron would stop them, as it was only the wooden bars that they worked through, where the light showed. He then said, “I suppose these small holes are for the little ones to see through,” to which I assented. Mr. Walker had not the sized punch that I required, and I got him to make rows between the larger ones of a smaller size. I saw Mr. Walker in Melbourne in 1868, and had another laugh about the first cradle-plate punched in New South Wales. He said, “I thought you were cranky when you wanted the small holes for the little birds to see through.” Next day I returned to Guyong, and the following to Parson Tom, and by great interest through Mr. William Tom obtained from his father sufficient cedar to make a cradle, which was constructed by the carpenter engaged in fitting up a new house. I then gave them (Messrs. Lister and James Tom) *full instructions how to use the cradle and where to use it*, but stipulated that it was to be locked up in the cellar for fourteen or twenty-one days, as I did not wish them to use it before, for fear of being discovered, and assured them that when used they would be on the high road to fortune. *Of the individual William Tom I know nothing, except that he used his interest to get the cedar for the cradle. The only promise I had ever made my guides had now been fully and faithfully performed, viz., to construct a cradle, and show them how and where to use it*,—so that they and their friends should have the first digging; and I further told them that probably they would be discovered (as they were) by some shepherd before they had worked three days. A gentleman in the district having heard that I had been searching for gold, and whom I met there, said, “These people are very shrewd in their way at what they call outwitting; I call it by another name, and I would advise you to be very careful.” I took the hint and a farewell of my companions, restipulating the time for using the cradle, which was to produce the golden baby, and on the following morning started for Sydney, where I arrived about the beginning of the last week of March. I cannot exactly say what my excuse was for visiting Sydney *without working the cradle first myself*, but having a fertile imagination no doubt I satisfied them. They frequently urged me to do so, fearing that when I left them they would not get on as well. I could not see it, and assured them that they would. I stipulated that a “full, true, and particular account” of their success should be immediately communicated to me by post, and then all transactions between us were at an end.

What my business in Sydney was will be best understood by reading my letter\* to the Colonial Secretary of the 3rd of April, 1851 (see *their own account of their alleged discovery on the 7th, four days afterwards*), and the reply, dated the 15th of the same month.

About the 18th or 20th following I received a letter from Lister or Tom, which I handed to Mr. Thomson. The letter set forth that they had gone on with the cradle according to my instructions, and had procured so many grains, which in the aggregate came to something about four ounces. In the meantime I had disclosed the locality of the auriferous country, and handed their letter to the Colonial Secretary, and was instructed to point out the gold-field to Mr. Stutchbury, the Government Geologist; in fact, I was on the eve of leaving Sydney for the diggings a second time when I got their letter. It was arranged that I was to go to Coombing and meet Mr. Stutchbury there, which I did, and rode with him to Ophir, where I found the Tom family and Lister at work, and making money quite as fast as I had promised them. Nothing could exceed the praises heaped on me by my old guides. I instructed Mr. Stutchbury in pan and cradle washing, and told him he would find the formation extensive—(I was fortunate in obtaining good prospects)—and towards evening Mr. Stutchbury gave me a letter to Mr. Thomson fully confirming (and more) every word I had said or written to him. There were fifty or sixty persons at the diggings, or probably more. Mr. Byrnes, M.P., was there, at the request of the working men of Parramatta, to report on the rumours about the newly-discovered gold-fields. I was introduced to him by one of the Toms and walked down the creek with him, talking of the great event. I was instructing new arrivals, and frequently had offers of gold if I would superintend parties only. I told the parties that I had come from California for the purpose of making the discovery, but not with the intention of working; neither was it my intention to dirty my fingers with it, but rely wholly on the Government for my reward, which I had duly stipulated for. The Hon. Alexander Campbell was at the diggings, and bought, with some other gentlemen, 11 lb. or 13 lb. weight of gold (I forget which), to be delivered in Bathurst. Either Lister or one of the Toms (I forget which) asked me if I would like to have the first four ounces of gold they had obtained. I said, “Yes, I will purchase it,” which I did, and paid more than its full market value, and forwarded it to Mr. Thomson, requesting that the 2-oz. specimen might be presented to the Governor-General. I have never sold a single farthing’s worth of Australian gold, or retained a single grain for my own use, invariably giving prospects to the parties accompanying me, or forwarding them to the Government. On my third visit to Guyong I was then Commissioner of Crown Lands for the exploration of the gold districts. The Toms and Lister asked me in what way I had represented their claims to the Government, as they were not satisfied with Mr. Thomson’s reply to their letter. This was the first knowledge I had received of their having written or made a claim. I could only say that I never knew they had any claim. I was certainly unaware of it, and in entire ignorance of their having made any; and to this very day I cannot understand on what principle, except that of a very clumsy and impudent attempt at “outwitting,” they could claim anything. These children of nature, as I once supposed them to be, were, excepting Lister, born and bred on the gold-field, and had never seen a grain of gold in their whole lives, except in jewellery, or bearing the impress of Queen Victoria, King William, or one of the Georges, and very few of them. They were thus solely indebted to me for a great step in material prosperity, freely accorded at the time. After a lapse of nearly twenty years they make another impudent attempt to put forward their claim in conjunction with mine—for what purpose, except that of pure malice, it is not easy to conceive. The Legislative Council awarded them £1,000 for assisting in the development of my discovery, but on what grounds I am utterly at

but while we freely accord to Mr. Hargraves the full merit of these particulars, we unhesitatingly deny that he, by his own personal exertions, brought his original intentions of finding a payable gold-field to a successful issue. We think it will be seen by the foregoing history that it was only by virtue of collegueship with us (which Mr. Hargraves ignores) that he is entitled to any credit in the actual discovery of the first payable gold-field, for we have shown beyond contradiction that such discovery was made by us when Mr. Hargraves was on the opposite side of the Blue Mountains, or 150 miles away from the scene of our labours. It may be remarked, we bore all the expenses of prospecting; and, in conclusion, if we had not played the part we did in the discovery of the first payable gold-field, we would most respectfully submit the question: When would such discovery have been made, and by whom?

WILLIAM TOM, JUN.  
J. H. A. LISTER.  
JAMES TOM.

a loss to understand, except that Mr. Wentworth struck hands with them "because they were natives, and had something to do with the gold." This is the only explanation I have ever heard.

Now, as to the "honour of the discovery," I have always thought it of trifling importance, as any person of ordinary observation might have done the same as myself; but the impudent pretensions put forward by persons for the purpose of gain, only on mere speculation, is to be deplored. I look upon it as a disgrace to the country to have rewarded such charlatans in any way. The first complaint after my return (in power) was that "I had no right to have told the Government, and they might have worked a long time." The second complaint was, that "I had not represented their claims to the Government as I ought to have done." At the time the Hon. Alexander Campbell purchased the 11 lb. or 13 lb. weight of gold the Messrs. Tom and Lister had some £240 or £340 worth, which they sold in Bathurst, and at the diggings, a day or two previous, asked me if I would accept of a portion, which I declined. The whole party (five or six) said they considered themselves so much indebted to me that they were unanimous in their desire to present me with a portion, and intended to do so in Bathurst. This was the first and last I heard of the testimonial. I saw them at Bathurst, at "Arthur's Hotel," for the last time. The brothers were fighting, and I parted them, at the expense of a tooth loosened and a cut lip. That blow was from Mr. William Tom, and intended for his brother James.

I am quite aware that this explanation is unnecessary to such of you, gentlemen, as were in the Colony in 1851, when the subject was fully inquired into by a Select Committee, and the pretensions set up found not proven and disallowed. Notwithstanding, after a lapse of nearly twenty years, the old farce is attempted to be played over again, with slight variations to suit the times. I shall not take the slightest notice of any more tomfoolery which may be hereafter produced by the writers of this dateless pamphlet.

I have the honor to remain,  
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,  
Noraville, Cooranbong, 22nd November, 1870. E. H. HARGRAVES.

\* In that letter I stated that I had "made very satisfactory discoveries of the existence of the precious metal on Crown lands," and that my first discovery was made on the 12th of February (then) last, and submitted certain propositions as to the conditions on which I would make the discovery public. See my Address to the Legislatures of New South Wales and Victoria of 8th September, 1870, and "Australia and its Gold-fields," by E. H. Hargraves, p. 170.

## APPENDIX.

THE following is an extract from the *Empire* of 16th December, 1867, which I republish as a testimony in corroboration of my statement that I returned to Sydney from California with the intention of discovering a gold-field here. In further confirmation of the same I may refer to Joseph Walford, Esq., J.P., of Sofala, the owner of the vessel in which I arrived, and a fellow-passenger with me, who often ridiculed the ideas I expressed concerning the auriferous character of New South Wales, but who subsequently became one of the first and most sincere converts to the doctrine:—

MR. E. H. HARGRAVES.

In connection with the petition from Mr. E. H. Hargraves, presented to the Assembly on Thursday by Mr. Cunneen, we have been requested to publish the subjoined letters:—

"Dear Sir,

"May I ask you to be good enough to state the conversation and circumstances attending the purchase of gold made by you from me—January, 1851.

"A. Blau, Esq.

"Dear Sir,

"In reply to your note of this day's date, I beg to say that I have a distinct recollection of purchasing gold from you in January, 1851, on your return from California, and after handing you a cheque for the amount of your gold I remarked what a fine country this would be if we had gold like California, to which you replied, saying, 'You have abundance of gold in this country, and in three weeks I will prove it.' I laughed at the idea, and turned it into ridicule. You then asked for a slip of paper, and wrote about the following:—

"Gold will be discovered in New South Wales within three weeks from this date.—E. H. HARGRAVES."

"I took the memorandum in my hand and read it, laughing and joking about what I then considered an absurdity. You then said, 'Take care of that memorandum, and you will recollect me again when you hear of the discovery.' I kept the memorandum in my cash-box, and sure enough you made the grand discovery about the time you named. I have that memorandum in my possession, and had it in my hands about two months ago. It has, however, been mislaid amongst my numerous papers; but I shall, no doubt, soon lay my hands on it again. I will show it then to any one you may wish, but I will not part with it. You are at liberty to make any use of this letter you wish.

"I remain, Sir, yours truly,  
"A. BLAU."

1890.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER, AS  
THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA.

(PETITION FROM WILLIAM TOM, TO BE HEARD BY COUNSEL OR ATTORNEY BEFORE THE SELECT  
COMMITTEE ON.)

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*Received by the Legislative Assembly, 21 October, 1890.*

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To the Honorable the Speaker and the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of  
New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of William Tom, of Guyong, near Orange, in the Colony of New South Wales,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That on the 26th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, your Honorable House appointed a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims (if any) of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister, for remuneration as the first discoverers of gold in Australia.

2. That your Petitioner humbly prayeth that he may be represented by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee of your Honorable House, appointed to inquire into and report on the said matter, with the right to call witnesses and adduce evidence, and examine and cross-examine such witnesses as may give evidence before the said Committee.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

WILLIAM TOM.

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1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**GOLD LEASES AT COBAR.**

(CORRESPONDENCE, RESPECTING.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 1 May, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated the 12th July, 1889, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all applications for leases, minutes, or other documents, having reference to gold lease, 88–24, and gold lease, 88–40, at Cobar.”

(*Mr. McCourt.*)

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## GOLD LEASES AT COBAR.

No. 1.

Application by P. Oakden and C. A. Moore for Gold-mining Lease at Mount Billagoe.

Application No. 88-24 at Cobar for a gold lease.

1. By whom application was received? Warden's clerk.
2. At what place? Cobar.
3. Date and hour when received? 26th May, 1888, at 10.30 a.m.
4. Receipt for 1st year's rent, No. 24? 26th May, 1888.
5. To whom receipt was issued? Charles A. Moore.
6. Date when notice to survey was sent to surveyor? 26th May, 1888.
7. Names of objectors, and dates on which they lodged their objections? None.
8. Dates of inquiry? None.
9. Are the applicants holders of miners' rights? Yes.
10. Is the land applied for exempted from leasing under the 34th section of the Mining Act 1874? No.
11. Is the time proposed for commencing work reasonable? Yes.
12. Is the number of men proposed to be employed reasonable? Yes.

THOMAS C. K. M'KELL.

Ask for schedule 6, and refer to Warden as to lodgment before three clear days had elapsed.—G.E.H., (for U.S.), 11/7/88.

I, PHILIP OAKDEN, of Lerida Station, Cobar, do hereby authorize Charles A. Moore, of Billagoe, to act, as my agent in respect of applying for a gold lease conjointly with himself at Mount Billagoe—and I hereby agree that all, and whatever, the said Charles A. Moore shall lawfully do under this authority shall to all intents and purposes be considered good and valid as my own act or deed.

Dated at Mount Billagoe, this 21st day of May, 1888.

PHILIP OAKDEN,  
Manager.

Mount Billagoe Prospecting Syndicate.  
Witness to Signature,—ARCHIBALD ROXBURGH.

Questions to be answered by applicants to lease.

WHEN receiving an application to lease land for mining purposes, the Warden, Warden's Clerk, or an agent, as the case may be, shall require the applicant or applicants, or his or their agent, to answer the following questions, and shall take down such answers in writing. The statement when complete to be read over to and signed by the person furnishing the answers:—

- In regard to an application for a gold lease:—1. Were you or each of you (applicants) the holder of a miner's right in force at the date of taking possession of the land referred to in application No. 24? Yes. 2. Do you produce them? Yes.
3. What was the date and hour of the day when you took possession of the land referred to in application No 24? 23rd May, 1888, at 1 a.m.
  4. Did you take possession by erecting posts and cutting trenches at each angle of the land? Yes.  
If No. 4 be replied to in the affirmative, then 5, 6, and 7.
  5. What was the diameter of the posts? 3 inches.
  6. How high did they project above the surface when fixed in the ground? Over 3 feet.
  7. What was the length of each arm of each trench, and what was the depth of each trench? 6 feet long and 9 inches deep.
  8. If a substitute for post or trench was used, describe it? None.
  9. At which angle of the land is the datum post fixed? West.
  10. Did you affix a board or metal plate to the datum post? A board.
  11. What was written or painted on each board or plate? Applied for gold lease; 4 acres; Charles Albert Moore and Philip Oakden (with addresses).
  12. Where did you post the notices, schedule 1? Court-house and Post Office, Cobar.
  13. When did you post such notices? 23rd May, 1888.
  14. Did anybody claim or appear to be in possession of the land applied for, or any portion of it? No.
  15. Did you serve notice in the form schedule 1 upon every such person, and when? None required.
  16. Have you obtained the consent of every such person to the granting of the lease for which you apply? None required.

I, CHARLES A. MOORE, on behalf of myself and another, declare that the foregoing questions have been answered by me truthfully in every particular, and the answers thereto have been read over to me and are correctly taken down in writing.

C. A. MOORE.

Witness to signature,—T. C. K. M'KELL.

Gold-mining Lease Regulations.—Schedule 2.—Application for Gold-mining Leases.

To the Honorable The Secretary for Mines, Sydney.  
Sir,

Cobar, 26 May, 1888.

We hereby make application for a gold-mining lease of that piece or parcel of land situated at Mount Billagoe, in the Bogan gold-field, containing 4 acres, of which we took possession on the 23rd day of May, at the hour of 1 o'clock in the forenoon a.m., for the purpose of mining thereon and therein  
for



for gold, for a period of fifteen years, by erecting posts and digging trenches at each angle thereof. The datum post is distant about 120 yards in an easterly direction from a box-tree marked broad arrow over ML over 18 over 19.

Notice of our intention to make this application has been given in accordance with the regulations in that behalf, and we also hand herewith the sum of £4, being the first year's rent in advance of the said land, and the sum of £1 10s. to cover the cost of survey. And we hereby request that survey may forthwith be made of the said piece or parcel of land.

We hereby acknowledge that this application is made upon the distinct understanding and condition that if we shall abandon or fail to proceed with it, or if it is refused, the Secretary for Mines for the time being may deduct from the sum of £4 deposited as aforesaid any cost to which, in his opinion, the Crown may have been put in, or about, or in respect of this application, and this application shall thereupon become and be void, and the possession aforesaid shall cease and determine. And if the lease shall be granted we shall and will commence mining operations upon, or in connection with the demised land within seven days from and after the granting thereof, and shall and will employ upon such land not less than two men during the first six months of the term thereby created, and not less than three men during the remainder of such term. And shall and will at any time when called upon in terms of the regulations relating to gold mining leases, to do so, execute, and take delivery of such lease, or failing therein for a period of fourteen days, after being so called upon, we shall and will forfeit the said sum of £4, and all right, title, or interest in and to the said land and the possession thereof, and the said lease shall be forthwith cancelled.

We have, &c.,

PHILIP OAKDEN,

Cobar.

By his Agent, C. A. MOORE.

CHARLES ALBERT MOORE,

Tindary, Cobar.

Miners' rights, No. 46, Cobar, 6th January, 1888; No. 226, Cobar, 21st May, 1888. This application was received by me this 26th day of May, 1888, at the hour of 10'30 o'clock in the forenoon, and is numbered 24.—THOMAS C. K. M'KELL.

### No. 2.

#### Notice to make survey.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 30 May, 1888.

An application for a gold lease, particulars as per margin, having been lodged in this office, I request you will be good enough to survey, in accordance, with the regulations relating to gold leases, the area so applied for, and to furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with a plan and report.

Your attention is particularly directed to the regulations for mineral leases, numbered respectively 2, 3, 12, 13, and 14 [or to the regulations relating to gold-mining leases, numbered respectively 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 14, and 15.]

I have, &c.,

EDWD. F. PITTMAN,

Chief Mining Surveyor.

Copy of description of the land as given in the application:—Four acres, situate at Mount Billagoe, in the Bogan gold-field. The datum post is distant about 120 yards in an easterly direction from a box-tree marked broad arrow over ML over 18 over 19.

Transferred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor C. B. Bridges, 29/6/88.

No. of application, 88-24; lodged at Cobar; area, 4 acres; names and addresses of applicants, Philip Oakden, Cobar, by his agent, C. A. Moore; Charles Albert Moore, Tindary, Cobar.

### No. 3.

#### The Under Secretary for Mines to Mr. C. A. Moore.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 12 July, 1888.

Referring to your gold-mining lease application No. 88-24 at Cobar, on behalf of yourself and Philip Oakden, I have the honor to enclose herewith a form of schedule 6, and to request that you will be good enough to fill in, sign, and return same to this office with as little delay as possible, as the document ought to have accompanied your application.

I have, &c.,

HARRIE WOOD,

Under Secretary.

### No. 4.

#### Memo to Warden's Clerk, Cobar.

Department of Mines, Sydney, 12 July, 1888.

GOLD-LEASE application No. 88-24, for land at Mount Billagoe, Bogan gold-field, Charles A. Moore, for self and Philip Oakden. Please say if the above application was lodged forthwith, as you have not noted same on papers.

HARRIE WOOD,

Under Secretary.

The above application is for gold. Not compulsory to lodge forthwith.—J. V. FOLEY, Warden's Clerk, 16/7/88.

This memo. was sent in error. The Warden's Clerk should have been asked if dates are correct, as, if so, three clear days were not allowed to elapse after possession was taken before application was made, and same will have to be refused.—G.E.H., B.C. (for U.S.), 30/7/88.

Dates, as written in application herewith, are correct.—J. V. FOLEY, Warden's clerk, 6/8/88. Application 88-24, Cobar, must be refused, as three clear days were not allowed to elapse after possession was taken before application was made.—G.E.H. (for U.S.) 21/8/88. Submitted. Approved.—F.A., 25/8/88. The Minister desires that beforehand notice of this be given to Mr. Oakden.—H.W., 31/8/88.

Mr.

## No. 5.

## Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Bridges to The Chief Mining Surveyor.

Sir,

Cobar, 24 August, 1888.

See Appendix A.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan\* of gold lease 29, Oakden and Moore, application 88-24, 4 acres applied for, 2 acres 3 roods 6 perches available, situate at Billagoe, county of Robinson, measured by me in accordance with instructions No. 136, of 29th June, 1888, from Mr. District-Surveyor Macfarlane. This land is part of the prospecting area originally marked out by Martin Henderson, and adjoins the Billagoe Company's claim, held under a mineral permit. "B" and "C," were two corners of the prospecting area, and "A" and "B" are points in the north-west and south-east boundaries of said area.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. B. BRIDGES,

Licensed Surveyor.

## No. 6.

## Messrs. Pierce Goold and George W. Watt to The Secretary for Mines.

Sir,

Cobar, 25 August, 1888.

We beg to make application for about 3 acres of land situated between the Mount Billagoe prospecting claim and 10-acre lease taken up by Mr. C. A. Chesney, No. 88-2, on the 4th February, and since transferred to a syndicate which we have the honor to represent.

Our grounds for applying for the 3 acres referred to, are as follows:—

- 1st. When making application for the above lease (10 acres), Mr. Chesney applied for it to start from the western boundary of the Mount Billagoe prospecting property, not knowing at the time that the said property was incorrectly pegged out by the prospectors.
- 2nd. As Mr. King, the then Government surveyor, was employed to survey the different leases, it was his duty to bring under the notice of the different lessees the fact that they had pegged out too much, thus giving them an opportunity of shifting their pegs back to the starting point as applied for.
- 3rd. Persons making application for mineral leases as a rule are not surveyors, and are therefore not supposed to be exact in the amount or measurement of the ground pegged out by them.
- 4th. Mr. King, by virtue of his position as a Government surveyor, and thereby being in possession of information, which he, as a public servant only is able to gain, should not be allowed to use this information in any way, except for the benefit of the department he represents, or the public whom he is supposed to serve.
- 5th. When the 10-acre lease, which we represent, was applied for by Mr. Chesney no other ground had been applied for in the locality, and Mr. Chesney had specific reasons for applying for the property to start from the western boundary of the prospecting claim.
- 6th. The Mount Billagoe prospecting claim was proved to be valuable before Mr. King made the survey of the properties referred to, otherwise he would not have taken up the insignificant strip of 3 acres, and thus separate the two properties which he knew the lessees intended to amalgamate, and would therefore be compelled to buy him out at a very high price.

We are aware Mr. King has evaded the law to a certain extent by applying for the property in the name of his brother-in-law, but we trust you as a lover of justice, will in this case see the fairness of our request, and allow us to shift our pegs up to the boundary, thereby taking in the narrow strip which now separates the two properties.

Trusting this will receive your careful consideration.

We have, &amp;c.,

PIERCE GOOLD.

GEORGE W. WATT.

From what I heard of this while in Cobar, it would appear that these applicants are the people most entitled to the land. I wish a careful report upon the matter.—F.A., 27/8/88. How does this matter stand.—H.W., 27/8/88. Not yet dealt with—plan just in.—E.C.P., 29/8/88. This matter cannot be satisfactorily reported upon till the plans are received. Submitted.—H.W. Approved.—F.A., 1/9/88.

This letter evidently refers to application 88-24, Cobar (Oakden and Moore), which is going on for refusal, having been lodged within three clear days of the time of taking possession. The area originally formed part of the Mount Billagoe prospector's claim, but their pegs appear to have been shifted back eastwards because they (the prospectors), had pegged out more than they were entitled to hold. Mr. C. A. Chesney (for the Company), appears to have pegged out and applied for the adjoining land on the east and west of the prospectors' claim (applications 88-1 and 88-2), with the object of amalgamating their property. This being the case Mr. King should have surveyed application 88-2, so as to adjoin the prospectors' claim when he reduced the latter; in place of this it is asserted that he holds an interest in the spare ground which was applied for by his brother-in-law (Moore) and Oakden. As Mr. King was acting at the time in the capacity of a Government mining surveyor, the assertions appear to me to convey a very grave charge against him, and I think he should be asked for an immediate explanation.—E.F.P., 20/9/88.

Submitted.—H.W., 20/9/88.

I am informed that Mr. King has left the Government employ, and if this be so, I do not think he will furnish any satisfactory explanation. If he is still in the service of the department he should be asked to explain his conduct.—F.A., 20/9/88.

Mr. King has not yet been paid in full for his services in this department, and it might be desirable to have the explanation before paying him in full. Submitted.—H.W., 21/9/88. Very well; ask him to supply it.—F.A., 21/9/88.

## No. 7.

## Minute for Executive Council.

Recommending the refusal of certain application for gold-mining lease.

Department of Mines, Sydney, 7 September, 1888.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the application for the gold-mining lease of Crown lands specified in the annexed schedule be refused, as three clear days were not allowed to elapse after possession was taken, &c.

FRANCIS ABIGAIL.

The Executive Council advise that the recommendation herein set forth be approved, and the necessary notices issued.—A. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Min. 88-44, 19/9/88. Confirmed, 25/9/88. Approved, CARRINGTON, 19/9/88.

## SCHEDULE ALLUDED TO.

Cobar Mining District.—Cobar 88-24; P. Oakden and another; Mount Billagoe; 4 acres; applied for on 26th May, 1888.

## No. 8.

## Mr. C. A. Moore to The Secretary for Mines.

Sir, 367, Crown-street, Surry Hills, Sydney, 15 September, 1888.

I should feel obliged if you would let me know when the surveyor's plan of Oakden and Moore's gold lease, 88-24 Cobar, is received into the Mines Department, as I am anxious to return to Mount Billagoe.

I wrote the Warden of Cobar asking him to register my address at 221, Riley-street, Surry Hills, Sydney, and have not as yet received any reply. I enclosed two shillings and sixpence in stamps to cover cost of registration.

I now desire to register my address at 367, Crown-street, Surry Hills, Sydney, and should the department require to notice me *re* any mining at Mount Billagoe, Tindary, Cobar, I desire the notices will be forwarded direct to me at 367, Crown-street, Surry Hills, Sydney.

Trusting you will give my letter your early attention.

Yours, &c.,  
C. A. MOORE.

## No. 9.

## Statement by Mr. Moore.

Gold Lease, 88-24 Cobar.

THAT he had to ride 25 miles into Cobar to post up the notices, and was informed by the Warden that if such notices were posted up before 9 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, May 23rd, he would be in good time and could legally lodge the application for the land at any hour after 9 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, May 26th. He filled up the notices at his camp, before proceeding to take possession of the land, and inserted 1 o'clock of Wednesday morning, estimating that it would be about that hour before the posting, trenching, and nailing up the notice board, &c., would be completed, but, as a matter of fact, he had completed all necessary marking and was in possession of the land pursuant to the regulations at ten minutes before midnight on Tuesday, May 22nd, 1888, although his application states the time to be 1 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday; he did not consider it of any importance or necessary to alter his notices, and filled up the blanks in the printed form of application accordingly on Saturday, May 26th, 1888, and was informed by the Warden that everything had been properly done to comply with the regulations. He is prepared to make a declaration to the effect, and now respectfully applies for permission to amend his application, in order to show that he was in possession of the land applied for prior to midnight of Tuesday, May 22nd, 1888, and have therefore strictly complied with the regulation requiring that an applicant should lodge his application not more than ten days and not less than three days after taking possession.

OAKDEN AND MOORE,

*per* C. A. MOORE.

The writer may be informed that it is now too late to receive evidence from him to contradict his own declaration made at the time of lodging his application.—H.W., 20/9/88. Submitted. Approved. F.A., 21/9/88.

## No. 10.

## Mr. R. W. Thompson to The Secretary for Mines.

Dear Sir, West Maitland, 22 September, 1888.

Referring to our conversation of yesterday relative to the gold claim next to the prospecting claim of the Mount Billagoe Gold Company, I am authorized by my client to say that if you have determined to give the land to the Billagoe Company he will be absolutely contented, as he wishes that the Company should get it rather than that it should be lost to them, and therefore, on that understanding, he will at once withdraw his application, whether it is of any value or not. At the same time, Mr. King, whom I saw immediately after our talk, informs me that you are under a misapprehension as to the survey matter.

Will you, therefore, be good enough not to have the matter gazetted, but deal with it in such a way as will put it into the Company, with whom my client desires to act in perfect good faith.

Yours, &c.,

R. W. THOMPSON.

This letter may be accepted, and the previous decision may be adhered to.—F.A., 25/9/88.

No. 11.

## No. 11.

## The Under Secretary for Mines to Mr. C. A. Moore.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 26 September, 1888.

Referring to the statement forwarded by you with reference to gold lease application 80-24, at Cobar, I am directed by the Secretary for Mines to inform you that it is now too late to receive evidence from you to contradict your own declaration made at the time of lodging your application.

I have, &amp;c.,

HARRIE WOOD,

Under Secretary.

## No. 12.

## The Under Secretary for Mines to Mr. Mining-Surveyor King.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 29 September, 1888.

I have the honor to inform you that it has been asserted that when surveying gold lease application 88-2, at Cobar, you shifted back the prospectors' pegs eastwards, because they had too much ground, and that instead of measuring such application so as to join the Mount Billagoe Prospectors' claim, you surveyed it in accordance with the applicant's pegs, thus leaving an intervening piece of vacant ground, which has been applied for under gold lease application 88-24, at Cobar, by Messrs. Moore and Oakden, and in which it is stated you hold an interest. As you were at the time a mining surveyor in the employ of this department, I am directed by the Secretary for Mines to request you to furnish an immediate explanation why you moved the prospectors' pegs, or induced them to move them, except for the purpose of including the ground held by them in excess in the area comprised under application 88-2.

I have, &amp;c.,

HARRIE WOOD,

Under Secretary.

## No. 13.

## Mr. Licensed-Surveyor King to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir,

Bell's Chambers, 129, Pitt-street, Sydney, 3 October, 1888.

Replying to your letter of 29th September, requesting an immediate explanation why I moved the prospectors' pegs, or induced them to do so, except for the purpose of including the ground held by them in excess of the area comprised under application gold lease 88-2, which application is made and the land described within it held by entirely different people, who have for some time, and are at the present moment trying to sell this land to the proprietors of the prospecting claim, which fact may or may not be known to you.

I have simply to say that I neither moved the pegs nor induced them to do so, and I did not see the land referred to from May 14th to June 10th, nor have I seen it since.

I am surprised that you should ask me to explain why I did not include in the measurement of gold lease 88-2, ground pegged out and lawfully held by other people outside the applicant's pegs, when there was an excessive area within them, and I refer you to general remarks by Chief Mining Surveyor Pittman of April 4th, 1888, to District Surveyor M'Farlane, a copy of which I enclose.

As regards my being a mining surveyor in the employ of the department, being simply a contractor, I ceased to be such on May 19th, 1888. When I discontinued work all unacted on instructions were returned by me on 21st May. Under these circumstances, I cannot admit your right to call upon me for this explanation.

I now make application for a copy of the papers referring to me directly or indirectly, and to which I feel that I am entitled.

I am, &amp;c.,

C. W. KING,

Licensed Surveyor.

## [Enclosure.]

## General Remarks by Chief Mining Surveyor Pittman.

4. If an applicant pegs out less land than he applies for, and the surrounding land has been pegged out by others the surveyor must measure the deficient area only, taking care that he does not exceed the prescribed dimensions in the case of gold-mining leases.

5. If an applicant pegs out more than he applies for, the surveyor should start from the datum peg and measure only the full area applied for within the applicant's pegs.

6. The excessive area over and above that surveyed (*vide* last paragraph), is not available to any other applicants until the application for which the first survey was made has been granted or refused by the Governor (*vide* short Act, 46 Vic. No. 7), the surveyor must, therefore, be careful not to include any so-called spare land which has been excluded by survey in the case of an area found to be pegged out in excess in any surveys he may make of adjoining application. If in any doubt, the surveyor cannot go wrong if he makes it a general rule to survey always within the applicant's pegs, for no applicant can have a legal claim to more land than he has actually pegged out.

E. F. PITTMAN,

Chief Mining Surveyor.

4 April, 1888.

## No. 14.

## Mr. C. A. Moore to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir,

Mount Billagoe, Cobar, 8 October, 1888.

Up to the present time I have said nothing *re* the department's action in the matter of gold lease 88-24, Cobar, applied for in the joint names of Oakden and Moore. In the first place, I do not see what right the department have in trying to find out how I became interested in the gold lease. Is it usual for the department to make inquiries into a man's private affairs and transactions in mining to enable them to refuse or grant a gold lease to a person who has every right to the said lease. In fact, you do not know all about it, as you told me you did. I am of opinion that you are all in error, and that  
your

your informant is, to say the least, anything but a just man, or he would have told the truth. However, it does not matter. I must inform you it was Mr. Oakden who took me in conjointly with him, but I who allowed Mr. Oakden to share the lease with me, and this I would not have done had it not been for Mr. King, for I knew the land was to be got, and I had made up my mind to be one of the first to peg it out when the chance came. I have served my time in the field, and think I have every right to use my knowledge of surveying as it pleases me.

It is a recognised fact about here that the lease is to be refused. They have no doubt about it; and yet I have only been told by the department that the lease would most likely have to be refused. How is it that the public about Mount Billagoe and Cobar know all about this matter, and I am supposed to know nothing? However, I have now only to inform you that the refusal of gold lease 88-24 will not alter my title to the land, as I first took it up as a mineral claim for silver, on 21st May, 1888, and still continue to hold the said land as a mineral claim, under mineral license No. 80, issued at Cobar, 16th May, 1888.

It is a great pity, as you are so anxious to investigate this matter, that you do not try to get at the truth, and not take so much notice of the private letters forwarded to the department from persons who are only trying to get possession of the land themselves. Why did they not lodge any objections they had within the fourteen days? Because they had none. They had to take time to concoct some objection.

I care very little what you do, for as long as I hold a mineral license nobody shall take possession of the land held by virtue of such license. And further, now that I have been forced to take action in the matter, I will see that what has already taken place is brought before the House, for I, as a miner, have as much right to be considered by the department as any squatter who happens to have a little influence. Further, I am given to understand that it is useless my trying to get it as a gold lease, as the department would only refuse my application again.

I find the department have power to alter applications if the flaw was caused by the neglect of the Warden or any other officer. The flaw the department have been good enough to have found in my application 88-24, Cobar, was caused by the Warden at Cobar, which I can prove; yet, I am of opinion that the department will not use the power they have in such cases on my behalf, as others are doing their best to get possession of the land, although other applicants have been more fortunate with their applications, and greater flaws have existed than the flaw found in my application.

Yours, &c.,

C. A. MOORE.

The writer appears to be in error, as to the action of the department in refusing the application. I think I am correct in saying no application lodged before the expiry of the three days has been granted to anyone. I doubt whether the title under mineral license, if ever good, has not been swept away by the possession and application for a gold-mining lease.—H.W., 24/10/88.

Submitted. Approved. The refusal may go on. Oakden to have beforehand notices.—F.A., 25/10/88.

#### No. 15.

#### The Under Secretary for Mines to Mr. P. Oakden.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 5 November, 1888.

I am directed by the Secretary for Mines to inform you that your application for the gold-mining lease noted in the margin will be refused as three clear days were not allowed to elapse after possession was taken, &c.

No. 88-24,  
Cobar.

If you still desire to lease the land, you can, after the notification of refusal which will appear in the *Government Gazette* of the 13th November, take possession after 12 o'clock at night of that day, and apply afresh, in accordance with the regulations. The money already deposited can be applied to the fresh application.

I have, &c.,

GERARD E. HERRING,

(For the Under Secretary for Mines.)

#### No. 16.

#### Gazette Notice.

Department of Mines, Sydney, 13th November, 1888.

#### Notice to Applicants for Gold-mining Leases.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned application for Gold-mining Lease of Crown land has been refused.

FRANCIS ABIGAIL.

Application No.	Name.	Portion No.	Locality.	Area.	Date of Application.
COBAR MINING DISTRICT.					
Cobar 88-24	P. Oakden and another ...	.....	Mount Billagoe .....	a r p. 4 0 0	26 May, 1888

#### No. 17.

#### Mr. Licensed-Surveyor King to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir,

Bell's Chambers, 129 Pitt-street, Sydney, 13th November, 1888.

In reference to my letter of 3rd October, 1888, replying to your communication of 29th September, 1888, I have the honor to again make application for a copy of the papers which your letter informs me contain assertions referring to me.

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I desire to inform you that, should I not receive a reply to this letter within a reasonable time, I will have the papers moved for in the Legislative Assembly.

I also have to request that you will be good enough to pay at your earliest convenience the fees due to me for work done for the Department of Mines prior to May 19th, plans of which were sent on as requested in your letter of 25th July, 1888.

I have, &c.,  
C. W. KING.

Inform that the fees, if any due, will be paid speedily, and that the papers are urgently required by the Warden, his request for copies will be considered as soon as the Warden returns the papers.—H.W., 28/11/88.

The writer may be asked to specify the papers, copies of which he desires to obtain.—H.W., 3/1/89.

### No. 18.

The Under Secretary for Mines to Mr. P. Oakden and another.

No. 88-24.

Sirs,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 14 November, 1888.

I am directed by the Secretary for Mines to inform you that your application for the gold lease noted in the margin has been refused, as three clear days were not allowed to elapse after possession was taken, &c.

I have, &c.,  
GERARD E. HERRING,  
(For the Under Secretary for Mines.)

### No. 19.

Application by A. Roxburgh for Gold-mining Lease at Mount Billagoe.

Application No. 88-40, at Cobar, for a gold lease.

1. By whom application was received? Warden's clerk.
2. At what place? Cobar.
3. Date and hour when received? 19th November, 1888, at 10 a.m.
4. Receipt for first year's rent, No. 37? 19th November, 1888.
5. To whom receipt was issued? Archibald Roxburgh.
6. Date when notice to survey was sent to surveyor? 19th November, 1888.
8. Names of objectors, and dates on which they lodged their objections? Charles Albert Moore, 22 November, 1888.
9. Date of inquiry? 3rd December, 1888.
10. Are the applicants holders of miners' rights? Yes.
11. Is the land applied for exempted from leasing under the 34th section of the Mining Act, 1874? No.
12. Is the time proposed for commencing work reasonable? Yes.
13. Is the number of men proposed to be employed reasonable? Yes.

J. V. FOLEY,  
Warden's Clerk.

Questions to be answered by applicants to lease.

When receiving an application to lease land for mining purposes, the Warden, Warden's clerk, or an agent, as the case may be, shall require the applicant or applicants, or his or their agent, to answer the following questions, and shall take down such answers in writing. The statement, when complete, to be read over to, and signed by, the person furnishing the answers:—

In regard to an application for a gold lease,—1. Were you or each of you (applicants) the holder of a miner's right in force at the date of taking possession of the land referred to in application No. 40? Yes. 2. Do you produce them? Archibald Roxburgh, No. 62, 17th January, 1888.

3. What was the date and hour of the day when you took possession of the land referred to in application No. 40? Three minutes past 12 o'clock on the morning of 14th November.

4. Did you take possession by erecting posts and cutting trenches at each angle of the land? Yes. If No. 4 be replied to in the affirmative, then 5, 6, and 7.

5. What was the diameter of the posts? 3 inches.

6. How high did they project above the surface when fixed in the ground? 3 feet.

7. What was the length of each arm of each trench, and what was the depth of each trench? 6 feet long; 9 inches deep.

8. If a substitute for post or trench was used, describe it? None used.

9. At which angle of the land is the datum post fixed? N.E. angle.

10. Did you affix a board or metal plate to the datum post? A board was affixed.

11. What was written or painted on each board or plate? Gold lease, 3 acres, applied for by A. Roxburgh, miner's right No. 62.

12. Where did you post the notices, schedule 1? At Court-house and Post Office, Cobar.

13. When did you post such notices? On 14th November, 1888.

14. Did anybody claim or appear to be in possession of the land applied for, or any portion of it? C. A. Moore claimed land as a mineral claim.

15. Did you serve notice in the form schedule 1 upon every such person, and when? Yes; on 17th November.

16. Have you obtained the consent of every such person to the granting of the lease for which you apply? No.

I, ARCHIBALD ROXBURGH declare that the foregoing questions have been answered by me truthfully in every particular, and the answers thereto have been read over to me and are correctly taken down in writing.

ARCHIBALD ROXBURGH.

Witness to signature,—J. V. FOLEY.

Schedule

## Schedule 1.—Notice of intention to apply for a Gold-mining Lease.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undermentioned persons intend applying for a gold-mining lease of about 3 acres of land, situated at Mount Billagoe, being measured portion gold lease 29.

Possession of the said land was taken by erecting posts and clearing out L trenches at each angle thereof, on the 14th day of November, 1888, at the hour of 12.3 o'clock in the forenoon, and the datum post is adjoining the north-west corner of the Mount Billagoe Prospecting Syndicates prospecting claim.

Application for the said lease will be lodged with Warden's clerk, at Cobar, on the 19th day of November.

Dated, at Cobar, this 14th day of November, 1888.

ARCHIBALD ROXBURGH,  
Cobar.

## Gold-mining Lease Regulations.—Schedule 6.—Notice of Application and Deposit.

Sir,

Cobar, 19 November, 1888.

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day deposited with Warden's clerk, at Cobar, the sum of £3, being the first year's rent in advance of 3 acres of land at Billagoe, for the purpose of gold-mining, and the sum of £1 10s., being the fees for survey of the said land. The number of my application is 40.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary for Mines, Sydney.

ARCHIBALD ROXBURGH.

## Gold-mining Lease Regulations.—Schedule 2.—Application for Gold-mining Leases.

To the Honorable the Secretary for Mines, Sydney.

Sir,

Cobar, 19 November, 1888.

I hereby make application for a gold-mining lease of that piece or parcel of land situated at Mount Billagoe, being measured portion gold lease 29, containing about 3 acres, of which I took possession on the 14th day of November, at the hour of 12.3 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of mining thereon and therein for gold, for a period of fifteen years, by erecting posts and cutting trenches at each angle thereof. The datum post is adjoining the north-west corner of the Mount Billagoe Prospecting Syndicates prospecting claim.

Notice of my intention to make this application has been given in accordance with the regulations in that behalf, and I hand herewith a list of the persons who occupy or claim a right to the land aforesaid, or any part thereof, together with such contents as I have obtained. I also hand herewith £3, being the first years rent in advance of the said land, and £1 10s to cover the cost of survey. And I hereby request that survey may forthwith be made of the said piece or parcel of land.

I hereby acknowledge that this application is made upon the distinct understanding and condition that if I shall abandon or fail to proceed with it, or if it is refused, the Secretary for Mines for the time being may deduct from the sum of £3 deposited as aforesaid any cost to which, in his opinion, the Crown may have been put in or about or in respect of this application; and this application shall thereupon become and be void, and the possession aforesaid shall cease and determine. And if the lease shall be granted I shall and will commence mining operations upon or in connection with the demised land within fourteen days from and after the granting thereof, and shall and will employ upon such land not less than two men during the first six months of the term thereby created, and not less than four men during the remainder of such term. And shall and will at any time when called upon in terms of the regulations relating to gold-mining leases, to do so, execute, and take delivery of such lease, or failing therein for a period of fourteen days, after being so called upon, I shall and will forfeit the said sum of £3, and all right, title, or interest in and to the said land and the possession thereof, and the said lease shall be forthwith cancelled.

I have, &c.,

ARCHIBALD ROXBURGH,  
Cobar.

Miners' right dated at Cobar, 17th January, 1888, No. 62. This application was received by me this 19th day of November, 1888, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and is numbered 40.—J. V. FOLEY, Warden's clerk.

## No. 20.

Mr. C. A. Moore to The Warden, Cobar.

Sir,

Cobar, 22 November, 1888.

I hereby object to the issue of a gold lease to Archibald Roxburgh, in virtue of his application No. 40-88, Cobar, on the grounds that the land is, and has been, in my possession under and by virtue of mineral license No. 80, Cobar, as a mineral claim to work for and win silver since 21st May, 1888.

2. That the said Archibald Roxburgh did not comply with the requirements of regulations No. 4 of the gold-mining lease regulations, of the 13th July, 1874, in respect to his above application No. 40-88.

3. That the said Archibald Roxburgh took forcible possession of the said land applied to be leased by him referred to herein as application No. 40-88, contrary to the Mining Act and regulations.

I have deposited £5 with the Warden's clerk.

CHARLES ALBERT MOORE.

## No. 21.

Telegram from Mr. Warden M'Kell.

Cobar, 27 November, 1888.

PLEASE forward me, first post, Oakden and Moore's application for gold lease 88-24; urgently required for Warden's Court on 3rd December.

T. C. K. M'KELL,  
Warden.

Forward papers, as requested.—H.W., 20/11/88. Mr. Warden M'Kell.—Papers returned.—T.C.K. M'K, Warden, 6/12/88.

## No. 22.

## The Under Secretary for Mines to Mr. C. W. King.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 29 November, 1888.

Referring to your letter of the 13th instant, requesting to be supplied with copies of certain papers connected with Messrs. Oakden and Moore's gold lease application 88-24, at Cobar, I have the honor to inform you that the papers are urgently required by the Warden, but your request will be considered as soon as they are returned.

2. With regard to your request for speedy payment of fees, owing you by this department, I may inform you that the fees, if any due, will be paid speedily.

I have, &amp;c.,

HARRIE WOOD,  
Under Secretary.

## No. 23.

## Inquiry.

3 December, 1888.

INQUIRY held before the Warden, at Cobar, into the objection by Charles Albert Moore, against the granting of gold lease application 88-40, lodged by Archibald Roxburgh.

Mr. Hogan for objector, and Mr. Bolton for applicant.

*By Mr. Hogan:*—*Charles Albert Moore*, on oath, saith: I am the objector in this case; I produce a receipt from the Warden's clerk, Cobar, for £5; the notice produced was lodged by me, on 22nd November last, and is signed by me; prior to that, I received the notice produced (Exhibit C) from Mr. Roxburgh; I know the land referred to in Exhibit C; I was in possession of that land on 14th November last, and was in possession of it since 21st May last; I held possession by virtue of my mineral license, which I produce, and which is dated at Cobar, 16th May, 1888, and numbered 80; the land measures in area about 3 acres; on 22nd May I applied to be registered as the holder of the land conditionally; on 21st May last I took possession by erecting posts and cutting L trenches of the required dimensions; I posted a notice on the datum post as follows:—Mineral claim for silver, held by C. A. Moore, 21st May, 1888; on 26th May I applied for this land as a gold lease, of 4 acres, in the name of Philip Oakden and myself, after re-taking possession on 23rd May; my intention was to convert the land from a mineral claim to a gold lease; on the 13th November last the land was gazetted as refused; in October last I started work on the land; on the night of the 13th November and the next morning I was on this land; I saw Mr. Roxburgh then, and told him not to peg the land out, as I held it as a mineral claim; I saw Mr. Roxburgh put the point of one peg on my land; he did not cut any trenches; at this time I made him acquainted with my claim to the land; on the south-west corner of the land I observed that a trench had been cleaned out; the other trenches remained undug by Mr. Roxburgh; I saw his datum post; on it is a board, on which was written "Gold lease, 3 acres, A. Roxburgh"; the date is also on the board on the datum post, and the number of Mr. Roxburgh's miner's right; since then I have observed that the words "Applied for by" have been added to what was formerly on the board; on the 2nd or 3rd of October I started continuous work on the land; I claim that Mr. Roxburgh took forcible possession of the land, and I claim possession of the land by virtue of my mineral license.

*By Mr. Bolton:*—Before the 26th May I pegged out this land twice (application 88-24 and questions put in); although I applied for the land as a gold lease, I considered I held possession of the land by virtue of my mineral license; I did not get suspension from work from the Warden; I did not work on the claim after I applied for it as a gold lease; after the gold lease application was refused I did not re-peg the land; I put up a notice as follows:—"Mineral claim held by C. A. Moore for silver mining purposes in virtue of mineral license, No. 80, 14th November, 1888"; this notice was put up before Mr. Roxburgh took possession; I heard Mr. Roxburgh call out something, and it was then I put the notice up before Mr. Roxburgh put in pegs or cut trenches; I put my notice over my original notice; the land is now a surveyed portion, and was at the time Mr. Roxburgh took possession; the surveyors pegs are still standing; I cannot swear if the alteration of Mr. Roxburgh's notice was made before or after Mr. Roxburgh left the place; a man was not paid from 26th May to 13th November to look after the land; the answer to question No. 3 on schedule of questions attached to my application for gold lease produced is untrue; question No. 4 is also untrue; the Warden told me to go out and re-peg; he told me it was only necessary to touch the pegs that had been already erected; at this time I was applying for the land as a gold lease, and had not pegged out as such; the Warden knew that I had pegged out the land as a mineral claim; when I applied to be registered as the holder of this land as a mineral claim the Warden told me he could not register me as the holder of the land as there were not 4 acres in it, and he told me to apply direct to the Department of Mines.

*To Mr. Hogan:*—I do not wish to impute anything wrong to the Warden; whatever contention has arisen between us is on a matter of law; it is through a misapprehension on my part that the answers to questions which accompany my application for gold lease are incorrect; I saw Mr. Roxburgh's notice on 14th November; also saw it on 15th November; I did not examine the notice on the 15th instant; I again saw the notice about a week later, and saw that something had been added to it by the Warden; the application produced is my application for the land, and the authority produced is the authority I received from Mr. Oakden to sign his name to the application; nothing was said about the mineral claim when I applied for the land as a gold lease; I do not know that land held under a mineral license when applying to be leased must be noted on the application; I have filled in the schedule of questions which accompany gold lease applications; the reason I did not tell the Warden that the land I applied for as a gold lease included my mineral claim was that I did not think it mattered; the mineral claim was not in the names of Oakden and Moore, but solely in my own name; I have served my time in the field as a surveyor, and I have assisted in making surveys under Mining Act and Regulations; I am not thoroughly acquainted with those regulations; the land held by me by virtue of my mineral license is over 3 acres and under 4 acres in area.

Sworn before me at Cobar, 3rd December, 1888,—

THOMAS C. K. M'KELL, Warden.

C. A. MOORE.

By



*By Mr. Hogan:—John William Fox, on oath, saith: I am a barman at the hotel at Billagoe; I know the applicant and the objector; I know the land in dispute; before 13th November I knew nothing of the pegs on the land; on that date, about 12 o'clock at night, I was with Mr. Moore, the objector, on the land; I saw Mr. Roxburgh put a peg in the land about 3 feet back from the original pegs; it was afterwards moved to the original peg into the trench that was already made; Mr. Roxburgh did not, to my knowledge, interfere in any way with the trench; at one corner a trench had been cleared out indicating the boundary of the land; the trenches at the other corners remained untouched; Mr. Moore made a claim to the land; he told Mr. Roxburgh the land was his, and if he (Mr. Roxburgh) put a peg in he would "posh him;" Mr. Roxburgh did take possession of the land, and he meted a notice as follows:—"Gold lease, 3 acres, applied for by A. Roxburgh, 14th November, 1888, miner's right, 62;" when I first saw the notice I do not think the words "gold lease applied for" were written on it; two men named Turner and Kemp were also on the land assisting Mr. Roxburgh; there is a shaft sunk on the land about 10 or 12 feet in depth; I cannot say who sunk the shaft; I saw Mr. Kemp put in a peg; Mr. Roxburgh was not at the peg at the time, he was on the land, but not at the corner where Kemp put the peg in.*

*To Mr. Bolton:—It was moonlight at the time; I saw everybody that was on the land; I saw Mr. Roxburgh put in one peg, and saw Turner put one in; I cannot say how the pegs were put in.*

*By Warden:—I struck a match, and read the notice Mr. Roxburgh put up; Mr. Moore also read the notice; I saw Mr. Moore put up a notice; I did not read it; the notice put up by Mr. Roxburgh was written on a board; it was put up on the peg erected by Mr. Roxburgh; I went around the land with Mr. Moore; I saw pegs had been erected; there were also trenches indicating the boundaries of the land; I do not know who made the trenches; I heard Mr. Moore claim them; it was during the pegging out that the datum peg was put into its proper position.*

J. W. H. FOX.

Sworn before me, at Cobar, 3rd December, 1888.—

THOMAS C. K. M'KELL, Warden.

*By Mr. Hogan:—Richard Frainy, on oath, saith: I am a miner, and reside at Billagoe; I know the land in dispute; I was on the land in October last; Mr. Moore was then in possession; before Mr. Roxburgh took possession (in October last) I noticed the trenches had been cleaned out; at this time I was working on the land for Mr. Moore; I worked for three or four weeks; Mr. Moore was working on the land about the beginning of November; in November I put a shot or two in the shaft on the land; I saw the land since Mr. Roxburgh pegged out; the trenches have not apparently been touched since Mr. Moore cleaned them out in October; on 21st May last I saw a board with a notice on it; mineral something was written on it—I cannot say what; I have not seen it since; in October last I did see some notice on the land, but cannot say what it was; I saw the land last Saturday, and I also saw it before the date on which Mr. Roxburgh is alleged to have pegged out; I was not present at the pegging out, and cannot say whether Mr. Roxburgh pegged it out properly or not.*

R. FRAINY.

Sworn before me, at Cobar, 3rd December, 1888.—

THOMAS C. K. M'KELL, Warden.

*By Mr. Bolton:—Archibald Roxburgh, on oath, saith: I am a general agent, and reside at Cobar; I am the applicant for a gold lease at Billagoe; the application produced is mine, and the questions attached have been answered by me; the answers are true; I took possession of land in the manner described in form of questions attached to my application; I produce my miner's right; I put in my datum post and cleaned out the trench myself with a pick and shovel; I went to the other trenches and assisted in putting in posts and cleaning out the trenches; I cleaned out the trench myself at the datum post, and afterwards went to the other three corners of the land and touched the trenches and claimed possession.*

*By Mr. Hogan:—I affixed a board on the datum post; on it is written: Gold lease, 3 acres, applied for by A. Roxburgh, November 14th, 1888, miner's right, No. 62; I am certain that this is written on the board, and was written at the time I affixed it; exhibit C is the notice I served on objector; Mr. Moore claimed the land as a mineral claim when I took possession; I was present when Mr. Moore took possession of the land in May last as a mineral claim; Turner and Kemp assisted me at my request to peg the land out; they did not hold any authority from me under the Mining Act.*

*By Warden:—I produce a Gazette showing that Oakden and Moore's lease, of 4 acres, No. 24 of 1888, at Mount Billagoe, has been refused; Gazette notice is dated 13th November, 1888; when I took possession of the land Mr. Moore claimed to be in possession; I took no notice of his claim, but took possession and served him with notice (schedule 1); the writing was on the board when I put it up; I saw it on Saturday; it has not been interfered with, and is exactly the same as when I put it up; it took me about 15 or 20 minutes to take possession of the land; I did not peg out the land by telegraph time, I pegged out by local or mean time; as I drove my datum peg in Mr. Moore put a piece of paper on a nail, and claimed to be in possession of the land.*

ARCHIBALD ROXBURGH.

Sworn before me, at Cobar, 3rd December, 1888.—

THOMAS C. K. M'KELL, Warden.

*By Mr. Bolton:—Francis Kemp, on oath, saith: I am a miner, and reside at Billagoe; I saw Mr. Roxburgh at Billagoe on night of 13th November last; he asked me to go and help him peg out a piece of ground; it is the piece of ground in dispute; a Mr. Turner went with Mr. Roxburgh and myself to the land; we pegged out the ground; I put in pegs at two corners; I saw pegs at the other two corners; the pegs were of the dimensions required by law; I cleaned out the trenches at the corners where I fixed the posts; the trenches were of the required length and depth; the trenches were, I believe, made by the surveyor; the land is surveyed; the other trenches were also cleaned out, and were of the required dimensions; I saw a board on Mr. Roxburgh's datum post; I do not know what was written on the board.*

*By Mr. Hogan:—I know Moore, the objector; I have seen him working on the ground in dispute, but I cannot say if it was in October or not; I have no interest in the land; I went to assist Mr. Roxburgh merely*

merely at his request; I had no authority from Mr. Roxburgh in writing to peg out the land; Mr. Moore did not speak to me until after I had finished marking the two corners; I cleaned out the two corners; I cleaned out the two trenches with a shovel; I afterwards walked round with Mr. Roxburgh, and saw the other two trenches had been cleaned out; I won't swear the trenches were made by the surveyor in the first instance; I won't swear whether or not there was a board on the datum post before Mr. Roxburgh took possession; I saw one about May last; the night I assisted Mr. Roxburgh to peg out; Mr. Moore told me he had possession of the land or something to that effect; the posts I put in were afterwards touched by Mr. Roxburgh.

F. KEMP.

Sworn before me, at Cobar, 3rd December, 1888,—

THOMAS C. K. M'KELL, Warden.

*By Mr. Bolton:—Andrew Turner, on oath, saith: I am a miner, and reside at Billagoe; on 13th ultimo, I remember seeing Mr. Roxburgh at Billagoe; he asked me to assist him in pegging out a piece of ground; I did so; it is the ground in dispute; I affixed a post of the required dimensions at one corner of the land; there was a trench at the place where I put in the peg; I cleaned it out; the trenches at the other corners of the land did not appear to be cleaned; I did not examine them; immediately after fixing the post, I ran the shovel along the trenches; I have no interest in the land; Mr. Roxburgh did not tell me who he was pegging out for; about a fortnight before, Mr. Roxburgh took possession, Mr. Moore was frequently on the ground; previous to 14th ultimo, I saw a board on the land, but don't know what was written on it.*

*By Mr. Hogan:—The night Mr. Roxburgh pegged out, I heard some altercation; I heard Mr. Moore say, this is my land; I did not notice what was written on the board affixed by Mr. Roxburgh on the 14th or 15th instant.*

*By Warden:—For a month previous to Mr. Roxburgh pegging out, Mr. Moore was working on and off on the ground; for some months previous, Mr. Moore had been away from Billagoe; he returned about six weeks ago; I have no interest in the land; I estimate that £15 would cover the costs of all work done on the land; for about a fortnight before Mr. Roxburgh pegged out, Mr. Moore was not working on the land; I believe he was unwell; the land in dispute is a surveyed portion, and I believe the trenches were dug in the first instance by the surveyor.*

A. TURNER.

Sworn before me, at Cobar, 3rd December, 1888,—

THOMAS C. K. M'KELL, Warden.

#### No. 24.

#### The Warden, Cobar, to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir,

Warden's Office, Cobar, 5 December, 1888.

I have the honor to forward herewith an application, 88-40, of Mr. Archibald Roxburgh, of Cobar, for a gold lease of 3 acres of land, situated at Mount Billagoe, near Cobar, together with the usual forms.

On the 22nd ultimo a notice of objection was lodged by Mr. Charles A. Moore, of Cobar, and in accordance with the regulations an inquiry was held before me on the 3rd instant, and I now forward herewith the depositions and several exhibits for the consideration and decision of the Minister.

From the evidence it appears that the land in dispute was taken possession of by Mr. Moore on the 21st May last, under a mineral license, but no work was done, as required by the 5th regulation, of 12th March, 1885, but instead of working two days afterwards, on 23rd May, Mr. Moore retook possession of the land in the names of himself and Philip Oakden for gold-mining purposes, and on the 26th applied for a gold lease in the conjoint names, and signed as agent for Mr. Oakden.

The usual questions were answered and the declaration made by Mr. Moore as to the correctness of the application, but nothing was said, either in the application or questions as required to show that Mr. Moore held the land under a mineral license, but it is clearly stated, in answer to questions 14 and 15, "that nobody claimed or appeared to be in possession of the land applied for or any portion of it, and that no consent to the granting of the lease applied for was required,"—thus clearly showing that Mr. Moore did not claim the land nor intend to rely upon his previous possession, having abandoned it for the purpose of applying in different names and for a different purpose, viz., gold-mining instead of silver-mining.

The first time Mr. Moore worked on the land was in October last—a little over four months after his first pegging—when the gold lease application was pending, and it was in consequence of having heard there was a likelihood of the lease being refused.

Regulation 2, of March, 1855, enables the holder of a mineral license for the purpose of working for and winning minerals other than gold or coal, to take possession of and hold 4 acres of Crown land. The land in dispute is under 4 acres—about 3 acres;—the question then arises, has the holder of a license any right to take possession of less than 4 acres? If not, Mr. Moore could not claim the land under a mineral license, being less than 4 acres, and even if he could he failed to prosecute continuously the search for minerals thereby forfeiting any claim that he may have had to the land.

On the 13th November last the application 88-24, of Messrs. Oakden and Moore was gazetted refused, and the land again thrown open to the public, and on the 14th the land was pegged out by Mr. Roxburgh, in accordance with the gold-mining lease regulations, in the presence of Mr. Moore, who did not re-peg, but simply posted up the following notice:—"Mineral claim held by C. A. Moore, for silver-mining purposes, in virtue of mineral license No. 80, 14th November, 1888.

After carefully considering the evidence and Mr. Moore's action in connection with the land I am of opinion that the objections filed have not been supported, and Mr. Roxburgh having complied with the regulations when taking possession of the land on the 14th ultimo, I would recommend that Mr. Moore's claim be not sustained, and that the lease be granted to Mr. Roxburgh.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS C. K. M'KELL,

Warden.

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## No. 25.

Mr. C. A. Moore to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir, 367, Crown-street, Surry Hills, Sydney, 13 December, 1888.

I have the honor to apply for a refund of £4, being the first year's rent paid to the Warden at Cobar on May 26th, 1888, on gold lease application 88-24 Cobar and refused by the Mines Department November 13th, 1888, and to request that such rent may be paid to me or my order at your earliest convenience.

I acted as agent for P. Oakden and C. A. Moore under registered authority, and hold all receipts for rent, survey fees, and registration of authority.

I paid the fees myself, as I held and hold this land as a mineral claim under my mineral license No. 80, Cobar.

My address was properly registered in the Warden's office, and in the Mines Department, yet in the face of those facts known to you, the notice of refusal was sent addressed to P. Oakden and another, Cobar; and I have reason to believe that information was sent to P. Oakden prior to refusal of the said lease, informing him the day it would be gazetted.

I desire to inform you that in due time I will have the matter properly investigated.

I have, &amp;c.,

C. A. MOORE.

Gold lease application 88-24 Cobar refused. Deposit may, I presume, be refunded?—H.W., 3/1/89. Submitted. Approved.—F.A., 4/1/89. Refund voucher to Mr. Moore.—9/1/89.

## No. 26.

Mr. C. A. Moore to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir, 367, Crown-street, Surry Hills, Sydney, 13 December, 1888.

I have the honor to apply for a copy of all depositions, papers, and Warden's report, on gold lease application 88-40 Cobar, applied for by Archibald Roxburgh, November 19th, 1888, and to inform you that I applied for same at the Warden's office on Tuesday, December 4th, the day after the inquiry, but was informed that the papers had all been sent on to Sydney, and that I could get a copy there, and request that no delay will occur in supplying me with same.

I have, &amp;c.,

C. A. MOORE.

Copy may be supplied on the usual terms.—H.W., 17/12/88. Copy supplied.—W.H.T., 20/12/88.

The view expressed by the Warden, namely, that Mr. Moore, by taking possession of the land and applying for a gold lease in the name of himself and Mr. Oakden abandoned any claim he may have had to the land as a mineral claim, and the evidence appears to bear out the Warden's recommendation that the objection be disallowed and the application to lease No. 88-40 be allowed to go on. The Warden's recommendation may, therefore, be adopted.—H.W., 2/2/89.

Submitted. If the above submission be approved of, ask Warden what order he has made or intends to make respecting the objector's deposit.—H.W., 2/2/89. Approved.—J.M.C., 6/2/89.

## No. 27.

Mr. C. A. Moore to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir, 367, Crown-street, Surry Hills, Sydney, 16 January, 1889.

Herewith I enclose you account, signed by myself, for a refund of £4, rent deposited on gold lease application, 88-24; also a statutory declaration setting forth that the money was paid by myself, and that P. Oakden neither directly or indirectly paid any portion of it, and I further state that he has no claim to the money, and I request you to be good enough to pay to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours, &amp;c.,

C. A. MOORE.

This is a declaration from C. A. Moore that he paid the money deposited with gold lease application, 88-24, Cobar. Submitted that in view of this declaration the Treasury be asked to make the refund to the order of C. A. Moore.—E.F., 22/1/89.

Submitted.—H.W., 20/2/89. Approved.—J.M.C., 21/2/89.

## No. 28.

The Under Secretary for Mines to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor King.

Sir, Department of Mines, Sydney, 16 January, 1889.

Adverting to your letter of the 13th November last, applying for copies of certain papers, I have the honor to request you to specify the papers, copies of which you desire to obtain.

I have, &amp;c.,

HARRIE WOOD,

Under Secretary.

## No. 29.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor C. W. King to The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir, Bell's Chambers, 129, Pitt-street, Sydney, 17 January, 1889.

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have the honor to request a copy of all the papers in reference to gold lease, 88-24, at Cobar, including all Ministerial minutes, departmental reports, and outside correspondence.

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During my long connection with the Lands Department I have always received from them the greatest amount of courtesy and consideration, a state of affairs I regret to say I have not received at the hands of the late Minister for Mines.

I hope you will see your way clear to supply me with the copy asked for, failing which I shall be obliged to have the papers moved for in the Legislative Assembly, a course I do not wish to follow.

I have, &c.,

C. W. KING.

Early reply is requested. I doubt whether this request should be complied with. Mr. King was asked to specify the papers copies of which he required, and in reply he asks for copies of all papers.—H.W., 8/2/89.

Submitted. I see no reason why copies should be supplied to Mr. King.—S.S., 29/3/89. Mr. Moore, the objector, wishes that action may be stayed on this case till Mr. De Courcy Browne has an opportunity of seeing the Minister.—H.W., 7/2/89. Submitted. How does this matter stand?—S.S. Mr. De Courcy Browne has called, and says he does not intend to move in this matter, as he concurs in the view taken in this department.—H.W., 21/3/89. Submitted. Seen.—S.S., 21/3/89.

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No. 30.

The Under Secretary for Mines to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 5 March, 1889.

I have the honor to forward herewith a voucher upon which the Secretary for Mines has approved of a refund being made to C. A. Moore, in view of the declaration attached, without the signature of the other applicants as follows:—P. Oakden and C. A. Moore, £4, deposit lodged with gold lease application 88-24. Cobar.

I have, &c.,

HARRIE WOOD,

Under Secretary.

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No. 31.

Memo. to Mr. Warden M'Kell, Cobar.

Gold lease application 88-40, Cobar, A. Roxburgh, and C. A. Moore's objections thereto.

Department of Mines, Sydney, 30 March, 1889.

Will the Warden please say what order he has made, or intends to make, respecting the objector's deposit in the above matter?

GERARD E. HERRING

(For the Under Secretary.)

My report of 5th December, 1888, was forwarded to the department with the papers in it. I recommended the lease being granted to Mr. Roxburgh, for reasons therein stated.—T. K. M'KELL, Warden, Cobar, 3/4/89.

I cannot find that the Warden has made any order as regards objector's deposit; if not, ask him again.—G.E.H. (for U.S.), 16/4/89.

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No. 32.

The Under Secretary for Mines to Mr. C. W. King.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 3 April, 1889.

Adverting to your letter of the 17th January last, requesting to be supplied with copies of all papers in reference to gold lease 88-24, at Cobar, including all Ministerial minutes, departmental reports, and outside correspondence, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary for Mines cannot see any reason why you should be supplied with copies of the papers referred to.

I have, &c.,

HARRIE WOOD,

Under Secretary.

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No. 33.

Memo. to Mr. Warden M'Kell, Cobar.

Gold lease application 88-40, A. Roxburgh, and C. A. Moore's objection thereto.

Department of Mines, 24 April, 1889.

The Warden does not appear to have made any order as regards objector's deposit. Will he be good enough to say what order he has made, or intends to make, respecting the same.

GERARD E. HERRING

(For the Under Secretary.)

I never made any order respecting the objector's deposit, believing that the disposition thereof rested with the Minister, who finally dealt with the matter. My decision was against the depositor, and therefore, as the applicant was put to legal costs, he should be allowed at least two guineas.—T. K. M'KELL, Warden.

Two pounds out of the deposit may be paid to the applicant for costs, and the balance of the deposit be refunded to the objector. Submitted.—H.W., 17/5/89. Approved.—S.S., 17/5/89.

## No. 34.

## Memo. to The Warden's Clerk, Cobar.

Department of Mines, 22 May, 1889.

WILL the Warden's clerk please fill in particulars as to number and date of Treasury receipt on enclosed vouchers, and, if possible, obtain signatures of applicants and return to this office.

GERARD E. HERRING,  
(For the Under Secretary.)

Particulars filled in as requested, and Mr. Roxburgh's signature obtained. I have requested Moore to call at your office and sign.—J. V. FOLEY, Warden's clerk, 31/5/89.

[Enclosure.]

## REFUND VOUCHER.

Department of Mines, Dr. to Archibald Roxburgh.

	Amount to be refunded.		
	£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz.:—Part of deposit lodged on objection to gold lease 88-40, Cobar, by C. A. Moore; date of Treasury receipt, 3rd December, 1888; number of Treasury receipt, 36,191; by whom paid in, J. V. Foley, Warden's clerk, Cobar .....	2	0	0

I hereby authorize and direct the above-mentioned amount to be paid on my behalf to Commercial Bank, Cobar.

ARCHIBALD ROXBURGH.

Witness—J. V. FOLEY.

## REFUND VOUCHER.

Department of Mines, Dr. to C. A. Moore.

	Amount to be refunded.		
	£	s.	d.
For the following refund, viz.:—Balance of deposit lodged on objection to gold lease, 88-40, Cobar; date of Treasury receipt, 3rd December, 1888; number of Treasury receipt, 36,191; by whom paid in, J. V. Foley, Warden's clerk, Cobar .....	3	0	0

## No. 35.

## Mr. C. A. Moore to The Secretary for Mines.

Sir,

Sydney, 29 June, 1889.

My case is with reference to a mineral claim held by me, a gold lease application, No. 88-24, Cobar, in the joint names of Oakden and Moore, and a gold lease application, No. 88-40, Cobar, by Archibald Roxburgh, all of which refer to the same piece of land.

Up to the present date I have not bothered to bring my case under your notice, but I now desire you will be good enough to see into the matter independently of the Under Secretary for Mines, Mr. H. Wood, as you will see further on I have reason to complain of Mr. Wood's treatment as Under Secretary for Mines.

On the night of May the 21st, 1888, between the hours of 10 and 11 p.m., I took possession of the land now applied for as gold lease, by Archibald Roxburgh, under application 88-40, Cobar, as a mineral claim of 4 acres, for the purpose of working and mining silver, in virtue of my mineral license, No. 80, Cobar, and renewed in Sydney, January 1st, 1889.

The witnesses to my pegging the land, &c., as a mineral claim were Mr. M. Henderson, of Cobar, and Mr. A. Roxburgh, of Cobar. I may here mention that Mr. A. Roxburgh carried my mineral claim notice board up to the land for me on the night of May 21st, and he is the person who is now the applicant for the land under application 88-40, Cobar.

On May 22nd, 1888, I applied to the office of the Registrar, at Cobar, to conditionally register the mineral claim.

The Registrar, Mr. M'Kell, was absent, but I saw Mr. Foley, Mr. M'Kell's clerk. The clerk said he did not understand it, as he had only been in the office a week or so, and therefore could not act. I then asked the clerk to make a note of the time, which he did, and I deposited £1 to cover the cost of conditional registration fees, as the clerk could not tell me what charge would be made. No receipt was given for the £1 deposited. The clerk promised to tell Mr. M'Kell—Mr. M'Kell was acting as Warden and Registrar at the time—as soon as he came in.

I walked over to the Post Office about half an hour after leaving the Warden's office, and at the Post Office door met Mr. M'Kell and his clerk; it was after office hours. Mr. M'Kell upon seeing me remarked, "You were up at the office, and I was out?" I answered, Yes. Mr. M'Kell then said, "You can't take up that land like that; you cannot hold it; I can't register it; come up to the office and I will show you you cannot hold it as a mineral lease." I accompanied them to the Warden's office. Mr. M'Kell then produced the Mining Act, and attempted to show me that I could not hold a mineral claim of 4 acres in virtue of my mineral license. I directed his attention to the clause in the regulations relating to mineral licenses, under which I had taken up the mineral claim, and upon his reading it he seemed surprised, and remarked, "Oh! Well I can't help it; I have no authority to register it, you had better apply to the Minister for Mines."

I then informed him it was my intention to conditionally register the mineral claim, and then convert it into a gold lease in the joint names of Oakden and Moore. He said the only way I could convert it into a gold lease was by re-pegging, etc. I then asked him "Had I to mark fresh trenches?" He answered, "Oh! no; just touch the old pegs and clean out the trenches again." At this stage Mr. Oakden and Mr. A. Roxburgh entered. Mr. M'Kell remarked, "I suppose they must not know," or something to that effect. I said, "Oh! its all right, they know all about it," after which Mr. M'Kell repeated to them his version of the mineral claim, holding, etc., and informed Mr. Oakden and myself that it would be our only course in converting the mineral claim into a gold lease for me to go out and re-peg the land, etc. Mr. M'Kell seemed to think the land could not be held as a mineral claim.

Mr. M'Kell advised I should go and re-peg, etc.; just touch the old pegs and trenches, and post another notice on the land, and have schedule 1 of the gold-mining lease re-posted at the Court-house and Post Office before 9 a.m. on the morning of May 23rd, 1888, so that it could be applied for on Saturday morning, May 26th, 1888, and that the application would have to be lodged before 10 a.m., May 26th, 1888, as he would be too busy with the License Court after that hour and he would be away on the following Monday. Mr. M'Kell then asked Mr. Oakden if he could be in before 10 a.m. Saturday, May 26th, 1888, to sign the gold lease application with me, and he said he thought so. Mr. M'Kell then said, "In case you are not in you had better sign this and I will witness it," at the same time producing a blank gold lease form. Mr. Oakden duly signed it, and Mr. M'Kell witnessed it. I may here mention that Mr. Foley, Mr. M'Kell's clerk, was a witness in the room during the whole conversation.

Outside the Warden's office it was agreed between Mr. P. Oakden and myself that I should go out and re-peg, as directed by the Warden, for the purpose of converting the mineral claim into a gold lease in the joint names of Oakden and Moore.

I rode out to the land and did as directed, without disturbing my mineral claim board, or pegs, or trenches, and on the morning of Wednesday, May 23rd, 1888, posted notices, schedule 1 of gold-mining regulations, at the Court-house and Post Office as required. The time of re-pegging was stated on the notices as having been done at 1 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, May 23rd, which was an error, as explained in my statement lodged with the Under Secretary for Mines about September 20th, 1888, which he refused to accept.

After posting notices, schedule 1 of gold-mining regulations, as required, I told Warden M'Kell that I had done so, and he again requested me to be in to lodge the gold lease application before 10 a.m., Saturday May 26th, 1888, and I promised to be there in time. Mr. Foley, the clerk, then, at my request, returned the £1 deposited by me on May 21st.

Between the hours of 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 26th, I informed Mr. M'Kell, at the office in Cobar, that I was ready to lodge the gold lease application of Oakden and Moore. Mr. M'Kell then produced the blank gold lease application form mentioned previously, signed by Mr. Oakden on the afternoon of May 21st, and requested me to fill it in, which I declined to do, as I doubted the legality of the affair, as Mr. Oakden might have died in the meantime. Mr. M'Kell then told me he knew what he was about. I said, "I prefer to use Mr. Oakden's authority, and I would rather sign his name under the authority." Mr. M'Kell then took the authority, upon which I paid the £1 stamp duty, and he then handed me a fresh gold lease application form, which I filled in, Mr. M'Kell doing the other part of the business; when he had filled in schedule of the gold-mining regulations, Mr. M'Kell pushed the schedule towards me and said, "Sign it please." I attempted to read it, but he said, "Can't you understand plain English—sign it, I have no time to waste now;" so I signed it, and Mr. M'Kell assured me everything was all right. I may here mention that I did mention in the application that I held the land under a prior right, viz., a mineral claim under a mineral license, and that I had no objection to the mineral claim being contained in the gold lease of Oakden and Moore. I was not aware at the time that it was necessary as I was one of the applicants. Mr. Oakden then came into the Warden's office and said, "Have you done that Moore—has everything been done all right?" I told him I thought so, and that I had used his authority in taking up the gold lease conjointly, in preference to filling in the gold lease application form he had signed and left with the Warden. Oakden said, "That's all right, but come round and see Mr. M'Kell." We then went to M'Kell. Mr. Oakden, addressing M'Kell, said, "Has Moore taken up the lease all right?" M'Kell answered, "Moore has used your authority and taken up the lease conjointly; he would not fill in the form you had signed." Oakden said, "That's all right, but is everything else correct?" M'Kell answered, "Yes, I have seen to everything."

Mr. Oakden then said, "Mr. Moore wishes to transfer a claim to me as legal manager for the Mount Billagoe Prospecting Syndicate." Mr. M'Kell filled in the transfer form, and asked what the consideration money was. I said, "Oh, it's nominal, as I am transferring it on account of an interest in with Mr. Oakden with the other land," so the nominal amount was named as five shillings. Mr. Oakden and I signed the paper. Oakden then said, "Now everything is all right and the papers are filled up properly." Mr. M'Kell answered, "Yes." Mr. Oakden, Mr. Roxburgh and I then left the office. Roxburgh was present all the time.

I paid all the money in connection with taking up the gold lease. Mr. Oakden did not contribute anything, but he should have paid his share as agreed.

Upon returning to Mount Billagoe I found that schedule 6 of the gold-mining regulations had not been forwarded to the Minister for Mines, so I wrote and forwarded, as soon as possible, in registered letter, and telegraphed the Minister I had done so. (See registered letter receipt marked A attached hereto).

The land being originally abandoned land, and the working of the mineral claim being protected during the pendency of Oakden and Moore's gold lease application 88-24, and no objection to the application being lodged within the fourteen days, I left the land, and left a person in charge to keep my pegs and notices erected until the survey was completed, and to the best of my belief, to wit, a miner attended to them, and he was paid for so doing. Shortly after this I came to Sydney, inquired at the Mines Department, and was informed everything was going on all right. Shortly after I received the letter attached hereto marked H, with its contents, also marked H. You will, by these papers, be good enough to notice that they were with reference to gold lease application 88-24, Cobar, of Oakden and Moore, and I was recognized as the proper person to write to, but when notice of refusal of gold lease application 88-24 was sent, it was addressed to Cobar to Oakden and another, and was opened by Mr. A. Roxburgh.

On September 15th, 1888, I wrote the Secretary for Mines (copy of letter attached hereto, marked B). In the face of this letter the notice of refusal was sent to Cobar, addressed to Oakden and another. Shortly

See No. 3.

See No. 8.

Shortly after this Messrs. Abigail and Inglis, M's.L.A., took a trip to Cobar, and while at the banquet Mr. Abigail was heard to promise some persons who owned the adjoining land to my mineral claim that Moore would not get the lease.

I heard it reported in Sydney shortly after their return from Cobar that my gold lease application 88-24, Cobar, would be refused. I can give the names of the parties who had this information, yet I could not obtain such information. After hearing the report I went to the Mines Department, and was informed that the lease would most likely have to be refused, as the application had been lodged too soon. (See paper attached hereto, marked C.)

I then prepared a statement, in which I desired to alter part of my application. (See statement handed to Under Secretary for Mines about September 20th, 1888, which he refused to accept). I then called upon him, he quietly informed me he knew all about the matter, and insinuated that I got the land illegally, and finished up by telling me I would get no beforehand notice of refusal, and that it was the Company's land, and they would get it. I therefore saw that Mr. Wood had been posted up by somebody, and that he thought they were telling the truth.

My solicitor, Mr. Thompson, M.L.A., called upon Mr. Abigail, the Minister for Mines, and Mr. Abigail told Mr. Thompson that the land belonged to the Company, and they would get it, &c., &c. I therefore knew that the lease would be refused, but upon what date I could not find out, so I at once went to Mr. De Courcy Browne, and stated a case, and was informed by him that my title to the mineral claim was indefeasible, and not to mind what the Mines Department said.

I then returned to Mount Billagoe and worked the land as my mineral claim, so as to be in possession as soon as the lease was refused. Shortly after arriving at Mount Billagoe I wrote a letter to the Under Secretary for Mines, stating that I did not care whether the lease was refused or granted, as I held the land under a prior right, viz., a mineral claim, in virtue of my mineral license No. 80, Cobar, &c., &c.

On November 13th, 1888, I received a telegram at Mount Billagoe, from a friend in Sydney acquainting me that the lease had been refused as per *Gazette* of that date, so I went up to my mineral claim, being the land applied for in 88-24, Cobar, half an hour before midnight of that date. (See evidence See No. 20. given in Court of Inquiry *re* this matter.) I also hand herewith copy of objections lodged against application for gold lease 88-24, Cobar. The enquiry was anything but a just one, in fact it was an acknowledged fact that Mr. M'Kell would give a recommendation against me, and as soon as I got into the witness box I found that I was going to get a very poor hearing. I was called first, and then my witnesses, after which the Warden adjourned the court, thereby giving Mr. Roxburgh a chance to have a chat with his witnesses, if this was justice I am greatly surprised, in fact the whole enquiry to my belief was an understood thing. Evidence and questions asked during the enquiry never appearing in any of the depositions, as can easily be proved by the fact that the Warden upon my solicitor applying for a suspension of the work on the mineral claim for me granted or requested that neither parties need work until the dispute was settled, and that such a request was made is proven by the Warden's letter, copy of which I herewith attach marked E.

Some of the questions asked at the enquiry were put in such a manner that a person could not well answer them without doing harm to my case.

I attach, hereto, a letter forwarded to a friend of mine marked D, and can get other witnesses who were disgusted with the enquiry, and who left the court.

I applied personally to the Registrar and Warden's clerk at Cobar on December 4th, 1888, for copies of depositions and Warden's report, and was informed I could not get them as they had been sent on to Sydney, this was false, as they were not in Sydney when I went to the Mines Department some days afterwards to make enquiries.

Before leaving Cobar I registered my address and deposited 2s. 6d. to cover cost of same. When I received a copy of depositions and Warden's report from the Mines Department I found there was no mention of suspension of work having been granted by the Warden so I wrote him, copy attached hereto marked F, and received reply, copy attached hereto marked O. I again wrote as they would not acknowledge that a suspension of work had been granted, copy of letter hereto attached marked G, to which I received reply, copy of same marked E herewith attached to sheet 8.

I again called on the Under Secretary but to no purpose, as he informed me that he was of the same opinion as the Warden, and that he had recommended that Roxburgh's application 88-40 be gone on with. I then requested that the case be held in abeyance until Mr. De Courcy Browne had interviewed the Minister on my behalf, which request I think Mr. Wood asked of the Minister.

I heard nothing more about the matter until I received letter herewith marked X. I have not received any official notice from the Mines Department or from the Warden, that the Court of Enquiry has been decided against me, and upon what grounds.

I have seen the Under Secretary since, and upon my giving him an idea of my opinion of the matter he told me he knew his business, and that he did not care about arguing the point with the outside public.

In conclusion I beg to request you to give the matter your personal consideration. The Mines Department have no power to deal with a mineral license holding when there is a District Warden, and no objection having been brought against my mineral claim, and all other conditions having been fulfilled I fail to see any flaw in my title, and should you issue a lease to A. Roxburgh in virtue of his application I will action him the moment he attempts to take possession of the land.

I have, &c.,  
C. A. MOORE.

[Enclosures.]

C.

Department of Mines, Inquiry Branch, 18 September, 1888.

C. A. Moore, 367, Crown-street, Surry Hills, Sydney  
(late of Mount Billagoe, Tindary, Cobar),—

HAVE you received plan of Oakden and Moore's gold lease 88-24, Cobar, and when will lease be issued, as I do not wish to leave town until I get same?

C. A. MOORE.

The application does not appear to have been made in accordance with the regulations, and will most likely have to be refused.

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D.

Dear Sir,

Cobar, 3 December, 1888.

I was in town to-day, as Charley told me he would want me to swear to some of his pegs, but he was afraid to call me on account of the questions being asked, principal questions apparently were taken no notice of, and from what I heard, the whole court was against him, and his solicitor, to my belief, did not question referring to the case half enough as he should have done, and if there is an appeal, be sure and have it in Sydney, for I noticed whenever Charley's solicitor asked a question, the opposite one would refer to the Warden, and of course it was decided in his favour, in fact the whole of Cobar mining people are against him, and the whole court throughout, and I heard whenever Charley went to give an explanation on the case, he was stopped immediately, and my opinion on the case in Cobar is very slight.

Evidently they did not want Charley to give a true explanation of the case as it would implicate too many to my belief. Referring to myself, I am getting on very well; next week I am going to drive the cart for my uncle; so that is all this time. And remain your faithful servant,

PHILIP HENNESSY,  
Cobar.

E.

Sir,

Warden's Office, Cobar, 2 January, 1889.

Your letter of 31st December last, addressed to the Warden and Mining Registrar, duly to hand, and in reply thereto, I have the honor to inform you that there is no record in this office of suspension of work being granted you in connection with gold lease application 40 of 1888, now in dispute between yourself and Mr. Roxburgh, as no such order was made.

A verbal request was, however, made by the Warden in open court that neither party should interfere with the land in dispute until the matter was decided by the Department of Mines. I beg to return you herewith your enclosure of stamps, value 1s. 6d.

I have, &c.,  
J. V. FOLEY,  
Mining Registrar.

Mr. C. A. Moore, 129 Pitt-street, Sydney.

F.

The Warden, Bogan Gold-field, Cobar,—

129, Pitt-street, Sydney, 22 December, 1888.

Sir,  
Kindly send me a copy of the order of court suspending work on my mineral claim, pending dispute, applied for in open court by my solicitor, on 4th December. I applied to the Warden's clerk at Cobar for copies of all depositions and Wardens' reports, &c., in reference to my mineral claim dispute. The clerk, after seeing the Warden, informed me that the papers had all gone to Sydney. Yet, upon applying at the Mines Department, I find that such was not the case, and that the Warden's report, forwarding papers, &c., was dated at Cobar on 5th December, 1888, an apparent discrepancy which I should like you to explain.

I left 2s. 6d. with the clerk to register my address. I find there is no fee for such registration; therefore it will cover cost of copy of court order above referred to. An early reply will oblige.]

Yours, &c.,  
C. A. MOORE.

G.

T. C. K. M'Kell, Esq., Warden and Mining Registrar, Cobar,—

129, Pitt-street, Sydney, 31 December, 1888.

Sir,  
Referring to letter dated 27th December, 1888, from the Warden's clerk, I herewith enclose you 1s. 6d. in stamps, being the prescribed fee, and request you to be good enough to register suspension order on my mineral claim at Mount Billagoe, granted in open court on the application of my solicitor, on 3rd December, 1888. The cost of copying such from the records of the Warden's court, if noted there, will be 1s. 6d.: stamps for same herewith.

I applied to you for a copy of the order in my letter of 22nd December, 1888, for the purpose of this registration, as such does not appear in the copy of the papers supplied to me by the Mines Department.

Yours, &c.,  
C. A. MOORE.

O.

Sir,

Warden's Office, Cobar, 27 December, 1889.

I have been instructed by Mr. Warden M'Kell to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 22nd inst., and have the honor to inform you that all papers in connection with the application of Archibald Roxburgh for a gold lease at Billagoe, No. 88-40, were forwarded by me to the Under Secretary for Mines, from whom, no doubt, any copies you may require may be procured.

I find that a sum of 5s., as fee for registering your address, was received in error at this office, and beg to return same herewith.

I have, &c.,  
J. V. FOLEY,  
Warden's Clerk.

Mr. Moore, 129 Pitt-street, Sydney.

X.

Sir,

Cobar, 31 May, 1888.

I have this day forwarded to the Department of Mines a refund voucher for £3 in your favour. Be good enough to call at that office and sign same at your convenience.

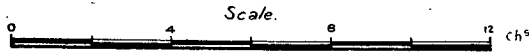
Yours, &c.,  
J. V. FOLEY,  
Warden's Clerk.

Mr. C. A. Moore, Sydney.

[One plan.]



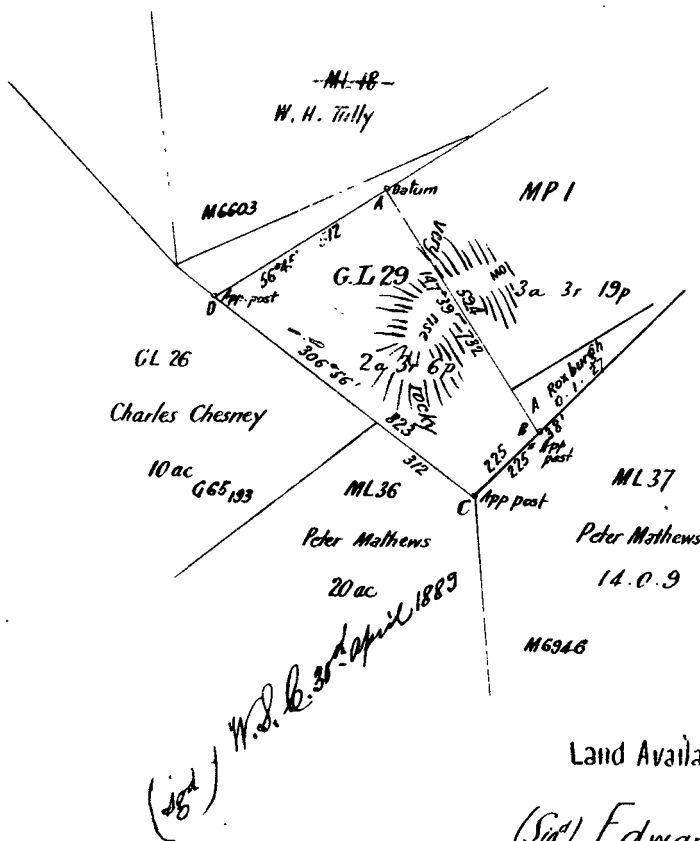
**TRACING**  
Of portion *G.L. 29* in the  
*Parish of Moquilamba*  
*County of Robinson*



Applied for by *Oakden and Moore*

clause of the C. L. A. Act of 18

*Application 88/24 at Cobar Pass 23<sup>rd</sup> May 88 Refused 13.11.88*



Land Available for Mining purposes

*(Sig<sup>d</sup>) Edward MacFarland*

District Surveyor

6 Sept 1888

A	Post	GL29 MPI
B	"	GL29 ML
C	"	GL29 ML
D	"	GL29

Instrument

Date of Survey 21<sup>st</sup> July 1888

Improvements

Date of Letter 24<sup>th</sup> August 1888/11

*(Signed) W. B. Bridges*  
Licensed Surveyor.

1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

LINWOOD COLLIERY.

(REPORTS OF INSPECTOR OF COLLIERIES ON.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 22 May, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 14th May, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of the Reports of the Examiner of Coal-fields and the Inspector of Collieries on the recent subsidence at Linwood Colliery.”

(*Mr. Burns.*)

No. 1.

Report of Mr. Inspector Dixon on the Linwood Colliery.

Sir,

Merewether, 18 April, 1890.

I have the honor to report inspection of the Linwood Colliery on Monday last, 14th instant, as follows:—

There were about thirty men, &c., employed in the mine, and supplied with 5,000 cubic feet of air per minute.

The whole of the working bords (ten in number) were on the west side of Hannell-street, and skirting the southern boundary of the Maryville Coal Company's land. These bords were about 6 yards wide, and only the height of the bottom section of coal (about 5 feet 7 inches). In this portion of the mine the top section of coal has been denuded, and in several places I saw a mixture of sand and gravel down on to the morgan, and, in parts, even lower than the morgan. As a rule, the timber is set to the 4-inch coal and morgan, but in several places I noticed where this roof had crumbled away over the timber and given vent to the sand and gravel which is to be seen lying on the morgan. Every bord was thickly timbered, but notwithstanding this the roof was cutting up along the sides of the pillars. I did not hear any move in the roof during my visit, and therefore did not deem the bords dangerous enough to justify me in withdrawing the men. However, I served the manager (Mr. M. Yates) with notice, under the 25th section of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1876, a copy of which notice I herewith beg to forward.

In conclusion, I beg to state that in my opinion the Linwood Colliery has about reached its margin of safety in every direction, and I should be glad if you could make it convenient to pay a visit to it at an early date, so that some definite course may be taken as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,

JOHN DIXON,  
Inspector of Collieries.

[*Enclosure.*]

Notice under section 25 of 39 Vic. No. 31.

Sir,

Merewether, 14 April, 1890.

Finding on my inspection of the Linwood Colliery to-day (Monday), of which mine you are the agent, that the practice exists of allowing several bords to be driven in a portion of said mine, where sand and gravel is found lying on the lower or bottom section of the coal-seam, I hereby give you notice that the said practice is dangerous, so as, in my opinion, to threaten the bodily injury of the persons working in said bords.

The particulars in which I consider the said practice to be dangerous are:—

1. That the upper portion of the coal-seam known as the “big tops” has entirely disappeared in that part of the workings.
2. That the 4-inch coal and morgan, which forms the roof in some parts of said bords, is of an extremely tender nature, and crumbles away over the lids and cap-pieces to an extent which renders timber practically useless.

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3. That the nature of the roof is such as to cause the whole weight of superincumbent strata in each bord to rest on the timber over the area of each bord, as the said roof is liable to cut up along the side of each pillar, and consequently a sudden collapse of roof might at any time, and without any warning, take place in any or all of the bords where such roof obtains.

Having thus given you notice of the practice at present existing in the Linwood Colliery, I accordingly require the same to be remedied.

M. Yates, Esq., Manager, Linwood Colliery.

I have, &c.,

JOHN DIXON,  
Inspector of Collieries.

### No. 2.

#### Further Report of Mr. Inspector Dixon on the Linwood Colliery.

Sir,

Merewether, 24 April, 1890.

Referring to my report of the Linwood Colliery, dated 18th April instant, I have the honor to state that I made another inspection of said colliery yesterday (Wednesday), and found that the bords complained of by me, in my notice of 14th instant, had fallen, and that there was no work being done in the mine, with the exception of pulling up rails, &c., by two men and one boy. I was informed by the manager (Mr. Yates) that on Friday last (in the evening) the roof over some of the bords began to give way, and during the night two of the bords fell. The roof continued to work over the weak end, and on Monday last all the miners were discharged. The bords coloured yellow on the accompanying tracing have all fallen in, and those coloured blue were very much disturbed during my inspection yesterday. I was further informed by the manager that his orders were to keep the pit open for a few days, until the shareholders could be got together, in order to settle about future operations.

In conclusion, I beg to state that only a very small quantity of water came off when this fall took place, and with the exception of the bords coloured blue, the roof everywhere was quiet when I was in the mine yesterday.

I have, &c.,

JOHN DIXON,  
Inspector of Collieries.

### No. 3.

#### Report of the Examiner of Coal-fields on the Linwood Colliery.

Sir,

Coal-fields Office, Newcastle, 1 May, 1890.

Referring to the Honorable the Minister for Mines' minute on the Mayor of Wickham's wire of 24th ultimo, respecting a subsidence of the surface at the Linwood Colliery, forwarded me under your blank cover of 25th idem, I have the honor to enclose herewith a tracing showing the colliery workings (copied from record tracing), &c., and to report that I proceeded to the colliery with Mr. Inspector Dixon on the 28th ultimo, and found that the greatest depth of the subsidence was about 1 foot (*vide* letter A on tracing), and that a four-roomed brick house (lettered B) was cracked in several places, and that the only damage done to four-roomed weatherboard house (lettered C), appeared to be a disarrangement of the spouting. Another four-roomed weatherboard house (lettered D) has sunk about 6 inches on its eastern side, and a paling fencing running alongside it.

2. At the time of my visit there was no work being done in or about the mine. Steam had been let down, engine-house closed, and manager informed me that the mine would not be reopened for two months, if then.

I have, &c.,

JOHN MACKENZIE,  
Examiner of Coal-fields.

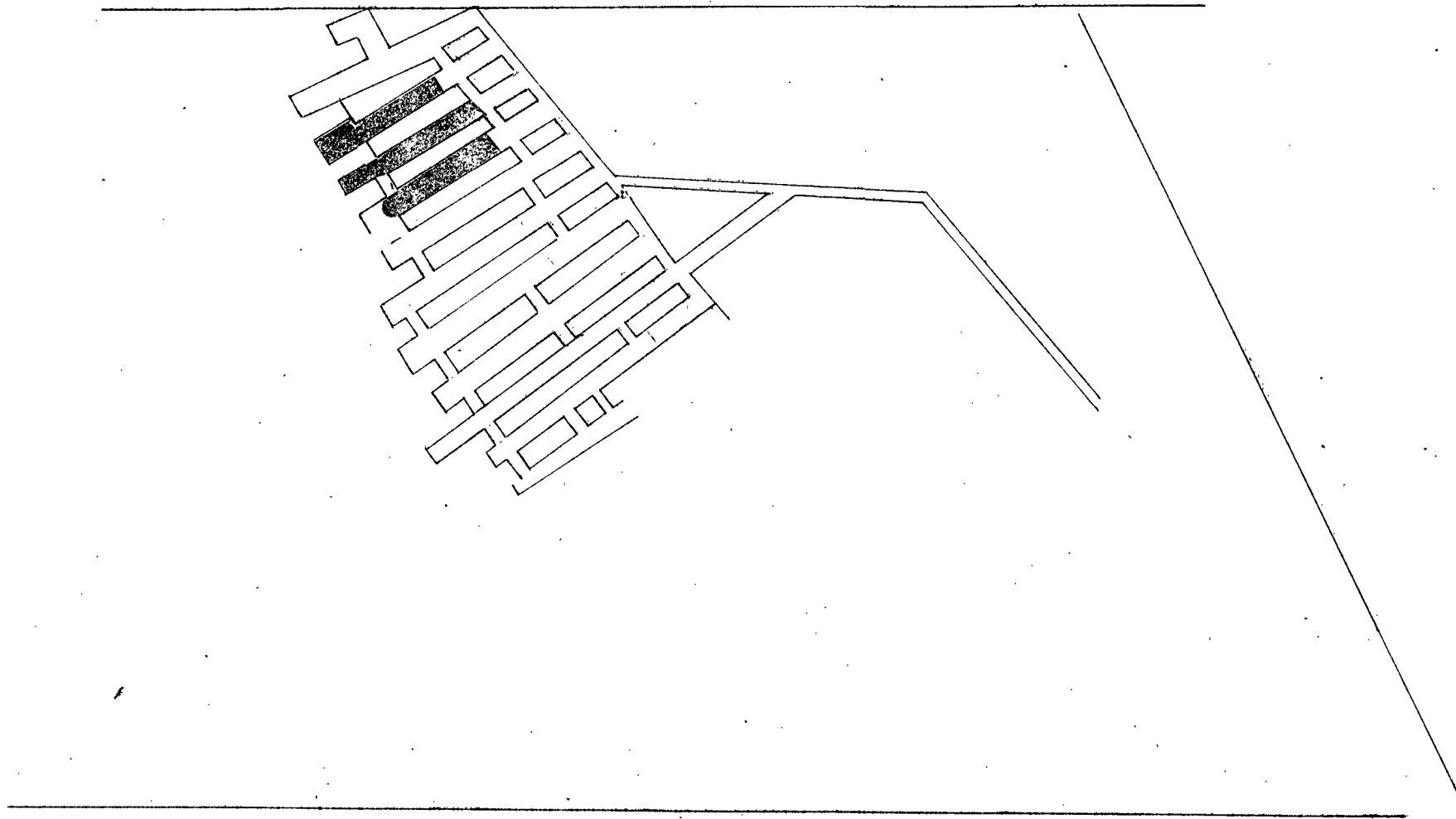
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APPENDIX A.

*Maryville Boundary.*



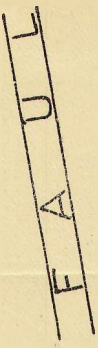
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Enclosure to No 3.

Plan of the Linwood Colliery near Newcastle.

Borehole coal seam workings, copied from Record Colliery Tracing accompanying Examiner of Coal Fields Report dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 1890.

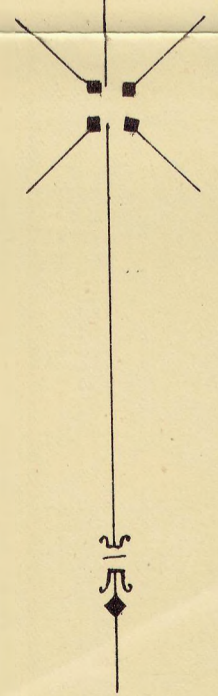
APPENDIX B.



Reference.

The part coloured blue denotes where the creep has taken place in the Mine.

Scale 2 Chains to an inch



1890.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

VALIDATED MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

(RETURN OF.)

*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 16 July, 1890.*

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 16th July, 1890,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“A Return showing the number of mineral conditional purchases validated, subject to the provisions of the 45th section of the Crown Lands Act; also showing the date of each respective application so validated.”

(Mr. Wall.)

RETURN showing the number and dates of Mineral Conditional Purchase Applications validated, subject to the provisions of the 45th section, Land Act of 1884.

No. of C.P.	District.	Date of Application.	Area.	No. of C.P.	District.	Date of Application.	Area.
			acres.				acres.
84- 26	Bathurst .....	1 May, 1884	59½	83- 20	Orange .....	15 Mar., 1883	40
30	” .....	8 ”, 1884	60	27	Parkes .....	16 Aug., 1883	40
103	” .....	13 Nov., 1884	160	84-254	Wagga Wagga .....	19 June, 1884	40
83- 85	Berrima .....	6 Sept., 1883	100	255	” .....	19 ”, 1884	40
84-155	Bombala .....	10 July, 1884	40	435	” .....	2 Oct., 1884	80
83-352	Burrowa .....	15 Nov., 1883	118½	113	Walcha .....	11 Dec., 1884	40
82-211	Carcoar .....	30 ”, 1882	40	82- 41	Wilcannia .....	7 Sept., 1882	40
84- 10	Cobar .....	21 Aug., 1884	40	83- 33	” .....	19 July, 1883	320
83- 27	Condobolin .....	27 Sept., 1883	40	44	” .....	6 Sept., 1883	40
84- 4	” .....	10 April, 1884	40	45	” .....	13 ”, 1883	40
12	” .....	28 Aug., 1884	40	73	” .....	11 Oct., 1883	40
10	Dubbo .....	31 Jan., 1884	40	84- 1	” .....	3 Jan., 1884	40
56	Forbes .....	6 Nov., 1884	40	48	” .....	23 Oct., 1884	40
83-137	Goulburn .....	10 May, 1883	40	49	” .....	23 ”, 1884	40
84- 77	” .....	15 ”, 1884	80	54	” .....	27 Nov., 1884	120
80- 39	Hillston .....	11 Nov., 1880	40	57	” .....	18 Dec., 1884	40
52	” .....	16 Dec., 1880	40	82- 30	Wellyama .....	17 Aug., 1882	40
83- 79	” .....	29 Nov., 1883	80				
84- 20	” .....	25 Sept., 1884	120		Total .....	36	



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(MESSAGE No. 5.)

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CARRINGTON,  
*Governor.*

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In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of coal mines and collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 14th May, 1890.*

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