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HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the following Extracts from an Account of Lieutenant Grey's Journey in search of Mr. Eliot to be published for general information:—

"The route by which we crossed the *Darling Range to the Williams affords greater facilities for the passage of horned stock or sheep than any other I have seen, although I have now crossed this range in four different places. You enter the range by a broad gorge, through which a stream, running strong at the time we saw it, flows to the westward. We followed this stream for three miles into the hills, and found plenty of good feed and much superior land along its banks.

The stream then running more from the northward, we quitted its banks, and continued our due east course, and having travelled nine and a half miles further, we came to a river (I suppose the Murray) running strong through the hills. At the point where we made this river it formed a small lake. The valley in which this was situated afforded much good land and plenty of excellent feed; it would therefore form an admirable station or halting place in the mountains.

We now continued a due east course for fourteen miles, and then found ourselves on the summit of a gentle descent, sloping down to the plains below. This descent ran down a valley in which was the bed of a stream, now dry. This valley affords excellent pasture for sheep. It ran due east, and following it for three and a half miles, we found ourselves on the bank of a river, which I imagine to be the Bannister. The tract of country between this river and the Hotham is the finest for agricultural purposes that I have seen in the York district.

The total breadth of the Darling Range at this point is twenty-four miles, and when a party once gained the Hotham, they could, by the usual routes, reach either the Williams or York.

The route by which we returned from the Williams to the sea coast across the range must, from the steep and difficult nature of the ground, as well as from the thick and tangled nature of the scrub, be useless as a passage over the mountains, unless a regular road is formed, which, in the present state of the Colony, could not be accomplished.

The former route is nearly half way between Pinjarra and Leschenault, and would afford an easy means of reaching the King George's Sound road to persons proceeding in that direction from either of those places."

By His Excellency's command,

PETER BROWN, *Colonial Secretary.*

* Mr. Grey crossed the Darling Range by a pass in the hills about eight miles due south from the gorge of the Murray, and then proceeded in an east by south course. His track may be seen by any Gentleman wishing to examine it on application at the Surveyor-General's Office.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
February 21, 1839.*

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Local Government to propose to the Legislative Council at the ensuing Session a Bill to enable the Holders of Allotments in Townships to assess themselves for the general Improvement of the Streets, &c.; and whereas by an Act of Council passed on the 15th of June, 1838, in the second year of the Reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Management of Roads, Streets, and other Internal Communications,*" it is enacted, that the Holders

only of Allotments in Fee-Simple shall have a voice in affairs relating thereto; and whereas it is the desire of His Excellency the Governor that as many Proprietors of Town Allotments as possible should have the power of voting and deciding on questions in which they are so greatly interested:—He therefore directs it to be notified, for the information of all parties concerned, that the Location Duties on Town Allotments, required by the Regulations, will be dispensed with in favor of all such Holders as may be willing to pay into the hands of the Collector of Revenue, between this date and the termination of the present year, the sum of Ten Pounds, either in one payment, or by instalments; upon which an unconditional Title in their favor will be granted to them; the sum above mentioned being inclusive of the regulated Fee payable on the execution of the Deed of Grant.

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN, Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
February 20, 1839.*

HIS Excellency the Governor directs the following Extracts from the Instructions of the Government Residents to be published for general information:—

“First, as regards the Military, the Governor requests you to observe, that the measures taken on this head fulfil the orders of the Government at home, in the manner bearing most leniently on the settlers, and it is extremely desirable, therefore, that they should not be infringed.

In the fourth clause of the Instructions, it is stated that the Military are never to be employed except on their own peculiar duties. This, of course, is not meant to debar the public from their services in the formation of Roads, and to this important work the Government would wish that your attention should be particularly called.

Further, should the Natives in any portion of the road passing through your district, from one military post to another, be so troublesome or hostile as to warrant any fear on the part of travellers proceeding that way, you are authorised on one day, to be named by you, in every month, to request from the Officer in charge of the nearest Military Station, that a Guard be appointed to escort such travellers. Caravans may thus be formed to traverse the Country with the greatest security to themselves, and at the same time with the least interruption and trouble to the Military.

Secondly, with regard to the Natives, it is impossible on this subject to lay down any but very general directions; still there are some particular rules which His Excellency wishes you should follow in your conduct towards them. No offence which they may commit, if declared to be deserving of punishment, should ever be passed over. For however long a period the offender may escape, let the hand of justice reach him at last. This is a rule of law which they understand, and if firmly and strictly enforced, would tend much to awe them into habits of greater obedience to our orders and regulations. No Native should be allowed to enter any town or dwelling of Europeans armed with a spear. The constant handling and use of this wea-

pon entails endless troubles on us and themselves. Again, the employment of them by the Settlers is of infinite advantage, which, however, would be greatly enhanced, did every one who employed them insist beforehand upon the assuming some sort of clothing, which, while it left them the free use of their limbs, covered their savage nakedness; and if, in addition to this, the Settlers would be careful not to reward them with unground corn, but always with meal, they would at once be weaning them to habits of decency, and take from them the means of concealing the pillage of the farmers' barns and fields.”

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN, Colonial Secretary

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
February 22, 1839.*

WORKS AT THE PUBLIC OFFICES, PERTH.

TENDERS in Triplicate will be received at this Office until Thursday next, the 28th instant, and opened at One o'Clock on the same day, for the performance of the under-mentioned Works. The parties sending in the Tenders are requested to attend at the above hour:—

To lay Ceiling Joists and to Ceil three Rooms in the occupation of the Survey Department.

To hang all the Window Sashes throughout the Building.

To cement the Hearths in imitation of Stone.

To furnish and hang three Bells.

To fix Zinc Gutters round the Front of the Building.

To finish the Ridge of the Roof with Zinc or Saddle Boards.

To Work required in the Ceiling of the Council Room.

To fix a Girder, &c., to strengthen the Floor of the Council Room.

The Contractors will be required to take in part payment of the Work such Materials as may be taken down to make way for the new Work, at a valuation to be fixed by the Superintendent of Public Works.

For further particulars, reference to be made to the Superintendent of Public Works, Perth.

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN, Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
December 14, 1838.*

SALE OF TOWN ALLOTMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given, that, on the first day of March next ensuing, at 12 o'Clock Noon, the Collector of Revenue will offer for sale by Public Auction, at his Office, Perth, the following Allotment, formerly assigned to John Colen Cooper, subject to the existing Regulations:—

Guilford Building Allotment No. 42.

For further particulars, reference to be made to the Offices of the Surveyor-General and Collector of Revenue.

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN, Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 25, 1839.*

IN the first day of March next, the Collector of Revenue will offer for sale, in front of the Public Offices, the undermentioned Portion of Land, viz. :—

800 acres, Section No. 15, in the Avon District. For further particulars, application to be made to the Surveyor-General and Collector of Revenue. *By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN, Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
February 21, 1839.*

SURRENDER OF LAND.

THE undermentioned Applications for the surrender of Land having been received in conformity with the Public Notice issued from this Office on the 29th September, 1837, His Excellency has been pleased to direct the publication of the same, with the view of affording interested persons an opportunity of stating their objections to such Surrenders being made, viz. :—

George Leake 5,350 acres from 7,444 acres, being the southern part of Location No. 1, on the right bank of the Swan River, containing 14,887 acres, granted to the Applicant in Fee-Simple.

William Burges 1,432 acres of Land from the western end of Location A, Swan River, containing 1,920 acres.

Thomas W. Mews 3,140 acres of Land purchased from George Eyre, and situate to the S. W. of lands assigned to W. L. Brockman on the left bank of the Avon River.

Richard McBride Brown. 2,000 acres in Plantagenet, and 3,000 acres, Avon District, respectively assigned to Applicant

*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN, Colonial Secretary.*

*Commissariat Office, Perth,
February 21, 1839.*

LAND AND WATER TRANSPORT.

SEALD TENDERS in Triplicate (marked "Tenders for Transport") will be received at this Office until Wednesday, the 20th March, at 12 o'Clock, from such person or persons as may be willing to furnish for period from 1st April, 1839, to 31st March, 1840, the following Carriage for the Public Service :—

LAND CARRIAGE.

- From Perth to Mahogany Creek, on line of road to York.
- From Perth to York.
- From Perth to Meldrum Springs, on line of road to Williamsburgh.
- From Perth to Williamsburgh.
- From Williamsburgh to Kojenup, on line of road to King George's Sound.
- From Kojenup to Mount Barron, also on line of road to King George's Sound.
- From Mount Barron to King George's Sound.

From King George's Sound to Mount Barron.
From King George's Sound to Kojenup.
From opposite Perth to Kelmscott, on the Canning River.

From Landing-place at Ellen's Brook to Cruize's Mill.

From York to Meldrum Springs.

From Meldrum Springs to Williamsburgh.

WATER TRANSPORT.

From Perth to Guildford.

From Perth to Ellen's Brook, at the head of the Swan.

From Perth to Point Belches.

From Perth to Owen's Anchorage.

From Perth to Cockburn Sound.

From Perth to Gage's Roads.

From Perth to Fremantle.

From Gage's Roads to Fremantle.

From Cockburn Sound to Fremantle.

From Owen's Anchorage to Fremantle.

From Perth to Pinjarra, on the Murray River.

From Perth to the Murray.

From Perth to Rottnest Island.

From Fremantle to Rottnest Island.

The Tenders must express separately the Price per Cwt. to and from each Station, and the party or parties contracting will be required to produce two sufficient Sureties for the due performance of the Contract. Any further particulars may be known on application at this Office.

JOHN LEWIS,
Assistant Commissary General.

*Commissariat Office, Perth,
February 21, 1839.*

FRESH MEAT.

SEALD Tenders in Triplicate (marked "Tenders for Fresh Meat") will be received at this Office on Wednesday, the 20th March, at 12 o'Clock, from such person or persons as may be willing to contract to supply Fresh Meat (Mutton or Beef) for the use of Her Majesty's Troops for three months certain, from the first day of April next, in such quantities as may be required from time to time at the following Stations, viz. :—

- Perth,
- Upper Swan River,
- Murray,
- Pinjarra,
- Kelmscott,
- Mahogany Creek,
- Williamsburgh, and
- York.

The Price per Pound to be stated in figures and words at length, and two sufficient Sureties will be required for the due performance of the Contract. Any further particulars may be known on application at this Office.

JOHN LEWIS,
Assistant Commissary General.