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*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
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His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication of the Report of the Protector of Natives, York, for the past year.

*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN,*

York, January 20, 1844.

SIR,—Having so recently assumed the office of Protector of Natives for this District, to which it has pleased His Excellency the Governor to nominate me during the absence of Mr. Bland on leave to Europe, I feel a diffidence in drawing up an annual report for the past year, fearing from my short acquaintance with those under my charge, on many points to express a decided opinion, and consequently that it will prove neither so comprehensive or circumstantial as it has heretofore been.

I have, however, great satisfaction in informing His Excellency that the natives continue in the same quiet and well disposed state as they were left by my immediate predecessor. No complaints of any aggression on their part have reached me, except that too general one of their firing the country this season to an unusual extent; on this subject several communications have been forwarded to me, and I regret to state, that on repairing to the scenes of some recent bush fires, I have found the loss to the settlers to have been considerable, particularly so in the case of Mr. Foley of the Northam district, the whole of whose crops and out-buildings I found had been consumed; but after examining the spot, accompanied by a neighboring magistrate, and instituting a strict inquiry, assisted by the Inspector of Police, Mr. Drummond, I feel perfectly confident in stating, that, contrary to the supposition, the fire had come in several miles from the bush; and in this, as well as in every other case which has come under my cognizance, whatever degree of carelessness may be attributable to the natives in their hunting or other avocations, in which the use of fire may be indispensable, there has been no intention to injure the property of the settlers.

I regret to say that the stock feed has been destroyed to a much greater extent by bush fires this season than during any former one, the main cause of their frequency and magnitude I attribute to the unusual abundance and rankness of the grass, consequent on the protracted rains of last year; but I must, in seeking to do common justice to the aborigines, I fear, cast some onus on our shepherds, herdsmen, and others, from their too immoderate habit of smoking; a spark from a pipe, or even the wadding from a gun, it is well known to all old settlers, has been sufficient on many occasions to burn miles of country.

I have, as requested by His Excellency, endeavored to make it as widely understood possible by the native population, that a liberal quantity of flour, and a number of blankets, will be given in York after the first fall of rain, to such as shall come recommended by settlers as having forborne firing the country; and I am aware that the like inducements have been held out at the different settlements generally.

During the past year, from the best information which I have been able to procure, there have been only three depredations on stock: those of a cow being speared at the Toodyay, and the abstraction at different times of about seven sheep from the fold of Capt. Scully, both by the same party, viz., "Derringswert" and "Doonamurrah."

They were, as His Excellency has been informed by Mr. Bland in his last October's report, captured, but unfortunately they effected their escape. They are now with their tribe to the northward of Moore's River. The other instance, was that of a sheep having been stolen, but although a native was confined on suspicion, no evidence was adduced, he was consequently liberated.

I have pleasure in stating my belief, from the arrival frequently of foot passengers from the Sound, that the tribes on that line of road continue to be peaceably disposed, no information of interruption to the person who carries the mail, or others, having reached me.

It is highly satisfactory to observe the good feeling which continues to exist between all classes of the white population and the aborigines, though, I believe, the number of the latter employed by the former has materially decreased of late, not from any want of confidence, but invariably having obtained leave to glean the corn fields, probably they may have (temporarily) found an easier mode of acquiring a livelihood.

I am happy in my ability to state, that the disease which has for so long a time been lamentably prevalent among the natives of this district is rapidly disappearing.

It is my intention, if no part of my duty should detain me in this neighborhood, to visit the southern stations, viz., King George's Sound and Cape Riche, during the ensuing month, on my return from which I shall feel it my duty to communicate to His Excellency the state in which I may find the aborigines in that part of the district.

In conclusion, I cannot avoid expressing my conviction of the clear understanding which the natives appear to entertain of the protection which they will receive on appealing to the officer appointed to that duty, as well as of the restrictions under which they are held, and in which desirable state I have little doubt, strict attention to any trifling misdemeanor on their part, will long retain them.

I have only to add, that for the short time which he has been under my direction, I have found the Inspector of Police, Mr. Drummond, a most efficient and willing officer, and one on whom I feel that I can rely in any case where his services may be requisite.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

THOS. N. YULE,

Acting Protector of Natives.

The Honorable the }
Colonial Secretary. }

P r o c l a m a t i o n .

*By His Excellency JOHN HUTT,
Esq., Governor and Commander-in-
Chief of the Territory of Western
Australia, and its Dependencies,
and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

In pursuance of the authority in me vested by a certain act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for regulating the sale of waste lands belonging to the Crown in the Australian Colonies," I do hereby notify and proclaim that the following portion of land in the District of Wellington will be offered for sale by public auction at the Office of the Sub-Collector of Revenue, in Bunbury, on

Wednesday, the 14th day of February next, at the upset price affixed thereto, on the terms and conditions set forth in certain land regulations dated the 14th June, 1843—

COUNTRY GRANT.

Location No. 53. In form nearly a square, adjoining the east boundary of Leschenault location No. 37, with frontage on right bank of Presto River. Upset price 20s. per acre.

*Given under my hand and seal at
Perth, this 17th day of January,
one thousand eight hundred and
forty-four.*

JOHN HUTT,

Governor and Com.-in-Chief.

By His Excellency's command,

PETER BROWN,

Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!!

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 23, 1844.*

Persons desirous of contracting for the conveyance of the Post Office Mails from and to the undermentioned places for one year from the first of April, 1844, are requested to send in their offers in writing to this office before Tuesday, the 12th day of March next, endorsed "Tenders for the Conveyance of Mails"—

Between Perth and Fremantle daily

Between Perth and Guildford three times a week or oftener.

Between Perth and Albany once a month.

Between Perth and Pinjarra once a week or oftener.

Between Guildford and York once a week.

Between Guildford and Toodyay once a week, or carry the mail the whole round via York and Toodyay.

Between Pinjarra and Bunbury, via Australind, once a week, or once a fortnight.

Between Bunbury and Busselton once a week, or once a fortnight.

The several mails to be carried on horseback, or in light spring carts.

Parties tendering, or an authorised agent, to attend at this office on the day appointed for opening the tenders; and each tender is to bear the signature of two respectable persons, willing to enter into a bond with the contractor for the safety of the mails, and the due performance of the contract.

By His Excellency's command,

PETER BROWN.

C O M M I S S A R I A T N O T I C E S .

*Commissariat Office, Perth,
February 6, 1844.*

The Deputy Assistant Commissary-General hereby gives notice that sealed tenders in triplicate will be received at this office on Wednesday, the 20th March, from such person or persons as may be willing to contract for the supply of such quantities of fresh meat (mutton or beef) as may be required by the Commissariat Department at Perth, William-burgh, Pinjarrah, and York, from 1st April, 1844, for (6) six or (12) twelve months, for which payment will be made quarterly by bill on the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at 30 days sight, payable in London at par.

Two responsible sureties will be required for the due fulfilment of the contract.

Any further information may be known on application at this office.

W. H. DRAKE,

Dep.-Asst.-Com.-General.

Commissariat Office, Perth,
Feb. 2, 1844.

Tenders in triplicate will be received at this Office on Tuesday, the 20th instant, for Two Hundred Weight of Tallow Candles, required for Her Majesty's service.

For further particulars application to be made at this office.

W. H. DRAKE,
Dep.-Asst.-Com.-General.

In the matter of John Gregory, Insolvent.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named insolvent will be held at Williams Hotel, Perth, on Monday, the 19th day of February next, at the hour of ten in the forenoon, for the purpose of determining the mode, time, and place of sale of the real estate of the said insolvent.

W. S. ROGERS,
Assignee.

Perth, Jan. 15, 1844.

In the Civil Court of }
Western Australia. }

Between Thomas Greensill, Plaintiff,
and
William Hutt, Mark H. Sweeney,
John Chapman, James Irving, and
others (forming the "Western Australian Company"), Defendants.

WHEREAS an action has been commenced in this Court at the suit of the above named Thomas Greensill against the above named defendants to recover the sum of £57 17s. 7d. for wages on account of services rendered by the said plaintiff as a Surveyor employed by the said defendants at Australind from 1st October, 1843, to 10th December, 1843, and also to recover the further sum of £100 the price of a cabin passage from Australind to England agreed to be paid by the said defendants under an agreement made on or about the 15th August, 1840, and it being alleged that the said defendants do not reside within this Colony a Writ of Foreign Attachment has been issued returnable on the 4th day of March, 1844, wherein Marshall Waller Clifton, of Australind aforesaid, Esquire, is Garnishee.

Notice is hereby given thereof, and that if at any time before final judgment in this action, the said defendants or any person in their behalf will give the security and notice required by Act of Council 6 Vict. No. 4 intitled "an Act to facilitate actions against persons absent from the Colony and against persons sued as joint contractors," the said attachment may be dissolved.—Dated the 10th day of February, 1844.

E. W. LANDOR,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

In the Civil Court of }
Western Australia. }

Between Thomas Walter Thompson,
Plaintiff,
and
William Hutt, Mark H. Sweeney,
John Chapman, James Irving, and
others (forming the "Western Australian Company"), Defendants.

WHEREAS an action has been commenced in this Court at the suit of the above named Thomas Walter Thompson against the above named defendants to recover the sum of £57 17s. 7d. for wages on account of services rendered by the said plaintiff as a Surveyor employed by the said Defendants at Australind from 1st October 1843, to 10th December 1843, and also to recover the further sum of £100 the price of a cabin passage from Australind to England, agreed to be paid by the said defendants under an agreement made on or about the 15th August, 1840; and it being alleged that the said defendants do not reside within this Colony, a Writ of Foreign Attachment has been issued returnable on the 4th day of March, 1844, wherein Marshall Waller Clifton, of Australind aforesaid, Esquire, is Garnishee.

Notice is hereby given thereof, and that if at any time before final judgment in this

action the said defendants or any person in their behalf will give the security and notice required by Act of Council 6 Vict. No. 4 entitled "an Act to facilitate actions against persons absent from the Colony and against persons sued as joint contractors," the said attachment may be dissolved.—Dated the 10th day of February, 1844.

E. W. LANDOR,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

In the Civil Court of }
Western Australia. }

Between Henry Smith, Plaintiff,
and
William Hutt, Mark H. Sweeney,
John Chapman, James Irving, and
others (forming the "Western Australian Company"), Defendants.

WHEREAS an action has been commenced in this Court at the suit of the above named Henry Smith against the above named defendants to recover the sum of £19 5s. 10d. for wages on account of services rendered by the said plaintiff as a Surveyor employed by the said defendants at Australind from 1st October 1843 to 10th December 1843; and it being alleged that the said defendants do not reside within this Colony a Writ of Foreign Attachment has been issued returnable on the 4th day of March, 1844, wherein Marshall Waller Clifton, of Australind aforesaid, Esquire, is Garnishee.

Notice is hereby given thereof, and that if at any time before final judgment in this action the said defendants or any person in their behalf will give the security and notice required by Act of Council 6 Vict. No. 4 intitled "an Act to facilitate actions against persons absent from the Colony, and against persons sued as joint contractors," the said attachment may be dissolved.—Dated the 10th day of February, 1844.

E. W. LANDOR,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

In the Civil Court of }
Western Australia. }

Between Thomas Treen, Plaintiff,
and
William Hutt, Mark H. Sweeney,
John Chapman, James Irving, and
others (forming the "Western Australian Company"), Defendants.

WHEREAS an action has been commenced in this Court at the suit of the above named Thomas Treen against the above named defendants to recover the sum of £38 11s. 8d. for wages on account of services rendered by the said plaintiff as a Surveyor employed by the said defendants at Australind from 1st October 1843 to 10th December 1843; and it being alleged that the said defendants do not reside within the said Colony, a Writ of Foreign Attachment has been issued returnable on the 4th day of March, 1844, wherein Marshall Waller Clifton, of Australind aforesaid, Esquire, is Garnishee.

Notice is hereby given thereof, and that if at any time before final judgment in this action the said defendants or any person in their behalf will give the security and notice required by Act of Council 6 Vict. No. 4 entitled "an Act to facilitate actions against persons absent from the Colony and against persons sued as joint contractors," the said attachment may be dissolved.—Dated the 10th day of February, 1844.

E. W. LANDOR,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

In the Civil Court of }
Western Australia. }

Between Arley Robert Johnston,
Plaintiff,
and
William Hutt, Mark H. Sweeney,
John Chapman, James Irving, and
others (forming the "Western Australian Company"), Defendants.

WHEREAS an action has been commenced in this Court at the suit of the above named Arley Robert Johnston against the above named defendants to recover the sum of £19 5s. 10d. for wages on account of services rendered by the said

plaintiff as a Surveyor employed by the said defendants at Australind from 1st October, 1843, to 10th December, 1843; and it being alleged that the said defendants do not reside within this Colony a Writ of Foreign Attachment has been issued returnable on the 4th day of March, 1844, wherein Marshall Waller Clifton, of Australind aforesaid, Esquire, is Garnishee.

Notice is hereby given thereof, and that if at any time before final judgment in this action the said Defendants or any person in their behalf will give the security and notice required by Act of Council 6 Vict. No. 4 entitled "an Act to facilitate actions against persons absent from the Colony and against persons sued as joint contractors," the said attachment may be dissolved.—Dated the 10th day of February, 1844.

E. W. LANDOR,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

In the Civil Court of }
Western Australia. }

Between Frederick Humphrey, Plaintiff,
and
William Hutt, Mark H. Sweeney, John
Chapman, James Irving, and others
(forming the "Western Australian
Company"), Defendants.

WHEREAS an action has been commenced in this Court at the suit of the above named Frederick Humphrey against the above named defendants to recover the sum of £19 5s. 10d. for wages on account of services rendered by the said plaintiff as a Surveyor employed by the said defendants at Australind from 1st October 1843 to 10th December 1843; and it being alleged that the said defendants do not reside within the said Colony a Writ of Foreign Attachment has been issued returnable on the 4th day of March 1844, wherein Marshall Waller Clifton, of Australind aforesaid, Esquire, is Garnishee.

Notice is hereby given thereof, and that if at any time before final judgment in this action the said defendants or any person in their behalf will give the security and notice required by Act of Council 6 Vict. No. 4, entitled "an Act to facilitate actions against persons absent from the Colony and against persons sued as joint contractors," the said attachment may be dissolved.—Dated the 10th day of February, 1844.

E. W. LANDOR,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

In the Civil Court of }
Western Australia. }

Between John Harrison, Plaintiff,
and
William Hutt, Mark H. Sweeney,
John Chapman, James Irving, and
others (forming the "Western Australian Company"), Defendants.

WHEREAS an action has been commenced in this court at the suit of the above named John Harrison against the above named defendants to recover the sum of £28 18s. 9d. for wages on account of services rendered by the said plaintiff as a surveyor employed by the said defendants at Australind from 1st October 1843 to 10th December 1843; and it being alleged that the said defendants do not reside within this colony a Writ of Foreign Attachment has been issued returnable on the 4th day of March 1844, wherein Marshall Waller Clifton, of Australind aforesaid, Esquire, is Garnishee.

Notice is hereby given thereof, and that if at any time before final judgment in this action the said defendants or any person in their behalf will give the security and notice required by Act of Council 6 Vict. No. 4 intitled "an Act to facilitate actions against persons absent from the Colony and against persons sued as joint contractors," the said attachment may be dissolved.—Dated the 10th day of February, 1844.

E. W. LANDOR,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

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