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*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 25, 1849.*

HIS Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct the publication of the following Report of the Superintendent of Public Works.

By His Excellency's command,

R. H. BLAND,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Perth, January 22, 1849.

SIR,—I beg to submit, for the information of His Excellency, the following report of my proceedings on the rocky Bar at the entrance of the Swan River, Fremantle.

In the beginning of the year 1848, I was directed by our late Governor, Lieut.-Colonel Irwin, to meet Mr. Scott, the Harbour Master, to inspect the Bar, and report on the probability of making a safe passage through the same, near Rouse's Head, for boats drawing four or five feet water, to prevent if possible the frequent losses sustained by the merchants and boatmen in bringing goods through the present dangerous entrance into the river, as also to prevent the loss of life, which was not unfrequent, particularly at the early part of the settlement.

On examining the same with that gentleman, we found it not only possible, but very probable, that a safe passage could be made for boats, if not for coasters, drawing from eight to ten feet of water. My estimate for the boat passage was under £300. I was then directed to make an experimental blast, to ascertain the nature of the rock and the quality of some fuses in the possession of Mr. Caporn; which I did, and found the fuse to answer very well.

I beg further to state, in now carrying out the work in accordance with the orders given me on the spot by His Excellency Captain FitzGerald, I have the satisfaction to say a small passage is cut through the rock, with every prospect of succeeding beyond our expectation. I have fired 20 blasts, consuming thereby 220lbs. of powder. The quantity of stone removed I calculate at 260 tons; but from the want of proper implements, barges, &c., I have not been able to remove from its bed more than two-thirds of that quantity.

The width of the passage is twenty feet in its narrowest part, and three feet six inches deep, which I expect to increase in the next range of blasts to thirty feet wide and six feet deep at low water. I have therefore no hesitation in saying that a channel of 40 feet wide and six feet deep will be effected, and at an expense below my estimate.

The top of the rock is a very hard concrete, say four feet thick, under which lies a bed of coral, probably of great depth, and which I suppose has been left there by those insects for

centuries. This, I submit, argues favourably for the widening and deepening of the passage.

His Excellency will be pleased to remember that fifty fathoms within the Bar a sand spit was formed when formerly there was a depth of fourteen feet of water, as stated by the Harbour Master. This, I am happy to say, is fast removing, apparently from the effects of the current through the new channel, and I have no doubt that as the passage through the rock is deepened, the bank will be removed to a corresponding depth.

From outside the Bar to the distance of thirty fathoms, the water gradually deepens from five to twelve feet on the intended course, and therefore the expense will be in proportion to the depth and consequent distance to which the channel is cleared.

His Excellency will be aware of the great difficulty under which the work has been carried on from the want of more efficient implements to clear away the shattered rocks, and the tediousness of carrying on the work without them. I therefore submit, that as we must shortly discontinue the work, from the high water and ground swells rolling over the Bar, the Governor will be pleased to provide the following, that the works may be commenced early next season:—One large flat; two helmets, with necessary appendages, for working under water; a galvanic battery, or a quantity of patent safety water fuses.

One great objection to the removal of the Bar is from a supposed formation of a sand bank outside. If I may be permitted to risk an opinion on the subject, I believe nothing of the kind will occur; and this opinion is founded on the peculiar construction of the two heads (Arthur's and Rouse's), and from the singular set of the northern current in connexion with the eddy of the southern, caused by these projecting points of land, which I have watched for some years, and found this eddy has removed all attempts of nature to deposit the sand on the outside of the intended passage, as the rocky bottom is left constantly bare for a considerable distance outside the Bar.

I beg further to inform His Excellency, the boring machine suggested by Von Sommer, improved by John Byrne, and manufactured at Mr. S. Moore's foundry, will, I believe, answer well.

I beg also to state that the prisoners have been very diligent and cheerfully industrious in assisting to carry out the work in hand, particularly John Dearden and — Stracy.

I have the honour, &c.,

H. TRIGG, *Superintendent of Public Works.*

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 25, 1849.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication of a list of Officers who have been appointed at Albany to carry out the provisions of an Act of Council intituled "An Act to provide for the Improvement of Towns in the Colony of Western Australia."

Chairman—Mr. T. L. Symers.
Treasurer—Mr. H. McDonald.
Committee—Messrs. J. Robertson, J. Cooper, H. McDonald, J. Uglow, J. Daniels.
By His Excellency's command,
R. H. BLAND,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 25, 1849.

ACCEPTED TENDERS.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, for the information of all whom it may concern, that the following Tenders have been accepted:—

A. Shenton, for executing all printing required by Government, with the exception of the Gazette and Official Forms.
W. Holmes, for relaying the Verandah at the Government Offices.
By His Excellency's command,
R. H. BLAND,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 8, 1849.

DEPASTURING LICENSES—The following applications have been received:—

1849, Jan. 5—George Elliot, 640 acres, more or less, Leschenault district, adjoining the fee-simple lands of Sir James Stirling, J. K. Child, and F. Ommanney.
Jan. 5.—James Payne, 4,000 acres, Leschenault district, adjoining the fee-simple land of William Hutt, Esq.
Jan. 8.—John York, 4,000 acres, Swan, adjoining the fee-simple lands of R. Edwards and G. F. Moore.

By His Excellency's command,
R. H. BLAND,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

RETURN of the Revenue of the Colony of Western Australia for the Quarter ending December 31, 1848.

	Amount.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.	
<i>Duties Inwards.</i>				
Duty on Spirits	866	13 0	1931 8 11	
Ditto on Wines	123	2 0		
Ditto on Tobacco	234	11 6		
Ditto on Goods, <i>ad valorem</i> ..	757	2 5		
<i>Licenses.</i>				
To sell Spirits	6	13 4	293 13 4	
To occupy Crown Lands	260	0 0		
To cut Timber and Sandalwood	27	0 0		
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>				
Auction Duty	11	1 7	195 17 2	
Duty on Transfer of Land	8	9 11		
Warehouse Rent on Goods in } bond	27	0 2		
Fees of Public Offices	33	5 4		
Judicial Fines and Forfeitures..	6	17 0		
Post-Office Department	74	2 10		
Repayment on account of } Colonial Hospital.....	2	2 0		
Rottneest Establishment	16	8 4		
Repayment of Crown Debts ..	16	10 0		
				195 17 2
				£2470 19 5

Audit Office, Perth, Jan. 15, 1849.

W. KNIGHT, Colonial Auditor.

ABSTRACT of the Expenditure of the Colony of Western Australia for the Quarter ending December 31, 1848.

From the Parliamentary Grant.				
Salaries.	Amount.	Total.		
His Excellency the Governor..	194 3 6	1268 14 8		
Colonial Secretary's Office	164 18 6			
Survey Department.....	267 14 3			
Commissioner of Civil Court ..	72 16 3			
Advocate-General	72 16 3			
Colonial Chaplain.....	60 13 6			
Colonial Surgeon	66 9 0			
Resident Magistrate, Fremantle	24 5 6			
Ditto, Albany	16 3 8			
Ditto, Vasse	24 5 6			
Ditto, York	24 5 6			
Ditto, Toodyay.....	12 2 9			
Ditto, Murray	12 10 0			
Ditto, Banbury	12 2 9			
Ditto Swan	12 2 9			
Clerk of the Peace	24 5 6			
Sheriff	24 5 6			
Commandant	44 13 1			
Protector of Natives, Perth....	60 13 6			
Protector of Natives, York....	60 13 6			
Sub-Ditto, Albany	16 13 4			
<i>Contingencies.</i>				
Lodging allowance to Colonial } Chaplain	12 10 0		296 5 8	
Printing and Stationery	25 10 0			
Forage allowance to Protector } of Natives	39 16 3			
Survey Contingencies	65 13 8			
Maintenance of Colonial Vessel	152 15 9			
<i>Special Charge on Parliamentary Grant.</i>				
Salary of Guardian of Govern- } ment Juvenile Immigrants }	36 8 0			56 14 4
Forage allowance ditto	14 19 0			
Expenses of Immigrants.....	5 7 4			
Total on Parliamentary Grant		£1621 14 1		

From the Colonial Fund.			
Heads of Service.	Salaries.	Contingencies	Total.
Audit Office.....	75 0 0		75 0 0
Colonial Secretary's Office	33 8 0		33 8 0
Colonial Treasurer's ditto	11 10 0		11 10 0
Customs and Revenue.....	186 16 8	42 12 2	229 8 10
Council Office.....	37 10 0		37 10 0
Ecclesiastical Department	91 13 4		91 13 4
Governor's Office	25 0 0		25 0 0
Harbour Master's Department ..	79 1 8	29 16 0	108 17 8
Judicial Department	150 2 6	155 19 6	312 2 0
Medical Department.....	37 15 0	37 2 6	74 17 6
Natives and Native Schools	15 0 0	39 6 7	54 6 7
Police Force	91 19 8	81 13 10	173 13 6
Post-Office Department	63 15 0	92 3 9	155 18 9
Public Works.....	25 0 0	427 18 6	452 18 6
Registrar-General of Births, &c.	5 0 0		5 0 0
Registrar of Deeds	12 10 0		12 10 0
Roads and Bridges.....		134 14 0	134 14 0
Rottneest Establishment	44 19 0	53 12 7	98 11 7
Schools.....	45 0 0	18 19 4	63 19 4
Surveys and Explorations	93 13 0	39 5 5	133 0 5
Miscellaneous	24 4 6	351 1 4	375 5 10
Total.....	£1155 0 4	41504 5 6	2659 5 10

Audit Office, Perth, Jan. 15, 1849.

W. KNIGHT, Colonial Auditor.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 22, 1849.

HIS Excellency the Governor being about to visit the inland districts, directs it to be notified, for general information, that the Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary, R. H. Bland, Esq., will act for His Excellency during his absence from Perth.

By His Excellency's command,
R. H. BLAND,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency CHARLES FITZGERALD, Esquire, Commander in the Royal Navy, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Territory of Western Australia and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Local Legislature passed in the 10th year of the reign of

her Majesty Queen Victoria, No. 19, constituting and appointing a Central Board of Works, the Governor is empowered to establish, by proclamation, all tolls, rates, dues, or charges, which may thereafter be made payable at or by means of the use of any lines or modes of communication within any part of the said colony; and whereas the Board of Works have recommended that the following revised scale of charges and tolls shall be made payable at the Causeway across the Flats from and after the seventeenth day of February next;—Now, therefore, I, the Governor, by virtue and in exercise of the authority given to me by the said recited Act, do hereby establish the following tolls and charges, and do order that the same shall and may be demanded and paid at and for the use of the said Causeway, upon and after the date above given, viz. :—

	<i>d.</i>
For every horse, ass, or mule	3
For every head of neat cattle	3
For every score of sheep	3
Unweaned stock following their mothers	exempt
For every gig, chaise, cart, dray, or other vehicle drawn by one horse, ass, or mule, or by one pair of oxen	6
For every additional horse, ass, or mule, or pair of oxen	6

Except, nevertheless, His Excellency the Governor and his Private Secretary, the Protectors of Natives and Guardian of Government Juvenile Immigrants when on duty, all Her Majesty's Officers and Soldiers, being in proper staff or regimental or military uniform dress or undress, (but not when passing in any private or hired vehicle), and all recruits marching by route, and all carriages and horses belonging to Her Majesty and employed in her service, under the provisions of the Mutiny Act, when conveying persons or baggage, or returning therefrom; all persons in the employ of the Survey Department, including their horses and carts, when actually on duty; the police and mail-carriers, when on duty; and all persons actually going to or returning from any place of worship on Sunday, and their horses and vehicles, who are respectively to be exempted from any charge or toll whatsoever.

An additional charge of one-half the above scale to be made between the hours of nine P M. and five A.M. from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of March, and seven P M. and six A.M. from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of September.

Given under my hand and Seal, at Perth, this 19th day of January, 1849.
 CHARLES FITZGERALD,
Governor, &c.

By His Excellency's command,
 R. H. BLAND,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
 GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !!

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth, Jan. 19, 1849.
TENDERS FOR LEASE OF CAUSEWAY.
TENDERS will be received at this Office up to 12 o'clock on Tuesday, the 6th February, for farming the Tolls, as established by the above Proclamation, leviable at the Causeway across the Flats, Perth, from the 17th day of February, 1849, to the 31st of March, 1850.

Parties tendering, or an authorised agent, will be required to attend at this Office on the day appointed for opening the Tenders; and each tender must bear the signature of two respectable persons, who will be required to enter into a bond with the contractor for the due performance of the conditions of the lease.

Tenders to be inscribed "Tenders for leasing Perth Causeway."

For further particulars application to be made at this Office.

By His Excellency's command,
 R. H. BLAND,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth, Jan. 17, 1849.

ALBANY MAIL.

TENDERS will be received at this Office up to 12 o'clock on Tuesday, the 20th March next, for conveying a Mail between Bunbury and King George's Sound once a month for 12 months, commencing from 1st April ensuing.

Parties tendering, or an authorised agent, to attend at this Office on the day appointed to open the tenders; and each tender is to bear the signature of two respectable persons who are willing to enter into a bond with the contractor for the safe conveyance of the mail, and the due performance of the contract.

For further particulars application to be made at the Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth, or to the Resident Magistrates, Bunbury and Albany.

By His Excellency's command,
 R. H. BLAND,
Acting Colonial Secretary.