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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Thursday, 9th December, 1852.

HIS Excellency the Governor read his Address to the Council.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,—

Since I last had the honor of addressing you the state of the colony has generally been such, that I think it may be considered a subject of congratulation.

The attractions of the gold-fields have drawn even a much smaller number of persons from the colony than could have been expected, and this among other signs is sufficient to show that great inducements exist for the free laborer to remain in the colony.

Other signs of general prosperity may be noticed in the great consumption of articles of luxury, by which the Revenue has been increased far beyond the anticipation of the last Session of Council.

The extent of the increase is estimated at about £7,647 14s. 5d., and a Supplementary Estimate will be presented to you for the expenditure of £6,097 11s 9d, principally on Public Works and in aid to Schools and Churches, leaving a balance in hand at the end of the year which may be estimated at £4,608 4s 4d., a larger amount than was calculated upon when the first Supplementary Estimate was brought before you.

Even if the Secretary of State should call on us for no more than I have recommended towards diminishing the Parliamentary Grant, this surplus will not I think be considered excessive, but as it is possible that the colony may be called upon for the whole amount of the Grant, it would appear absolutely necessary that there should at least be this amount of reserve.

The amount from Land Sales continues large and bespeaks a gratifying confidence in the public mind tending to bind the purchasers to the soil.

Should emigration however to the Eastern colonies still continue, it is probable that a large proportion of those who leave will be glad to return to this quiet colony with their hard earned savings, and thus materially benefit all classes.

This is the more probable as greater facilities are afforded here for small capitalists rising steadily to independence than in any other of the Australian colonies.

You are all sensible gentlemen that the impetus given of late years to this colony has been from the introduction of convicts. I have no direct communication of recent date from the Secretary of State, with regard to the number of that class which may be expected, but from information received from a Mercantile Firm in this town, I am confirmed in the belief, that the supply of labor both free and bond, will be kept up by Her Majesty's Government to the demand, and when I say to the demand, I only name the limit of reasonable expectancy, for surely no district ought to look for a greater amount of labor, than it shall evince a readiness and ability to absorb.

The want of regular communication with the mother country has long been felt in this colony as one of its chief privations. Since I last had the honor of addressing you, the steam ships of two great Companies have touched upon our shores, and although much disappointment has been experienced within the last few days, at the circumstance of the Peninsular and Oriental Company's vessel (the *Porrimosa*) having dropped her mail at King George's Sound, and passed us, without calling at the Port Fremantle; you may depend gentlemen, that if any further representation of mine can lead to a change in this respect—although I have already in my correspondence with the Secretary of State anticipated the contingency, no endeavor on my part, shall be left untried to secure the desideratum, and I earnestly hope, that by the interference of Her Majesty's Government,

the full advantages of a regular and convenient steam communication will be ultimately afforded us.

I am glad to say considerable progress has been made in the erection of Public Buildings within the year. The Hospital is in a state of considerable forwardness, and will I hope be completed within a few months, it is calculated to afford ample accommodation to 40 persons, but its plan is susceptible of extension, so that by additional wards 200 patients could be accommodated; for the present a portion of this building will be used as a Lunatic Asylum.

The other public buildings on which public money has been expended during the past year are, the Abattoir and the new Lock-up at Perth, both of which are now complete from colonial funds. The new Warehouses at Fremantle which are also nearly complete. The fencing of the government domain. The stable, the former one having been merely a wooden shed of 20 years standing, as inconvenient to the inmates of Government House as it was discreditable to the colony; some trifling work about the Government House, and further additions to the Public Offices. The gaol at Bunbury of which the colony will bear half the expense. The Churches at Perth, Fremantle, Bunbury, Guildford, and the two Swan Churches. The two new Parsonages at York and Bunbury. The Girls School and a Roman Catholic School at Perth. The lengthening the Perth Jetty to afford greater accommodation to our increasing commerce, and greater facilities to our expected river steamer.

Preparations are being also made, when the season admits, for further beaconing the shoals and rocks that interrupt our navigation.

I have much pleasure in stating to the Council, that the general conduct of the ticket-of-leave holders throughout the colony, has been on the whole satisfactory. There are now 1071 in the colony, of whom 845 are in private service or working on their own account, and only 156 in the Depots employed on the Government works until engaged by the settlers.

Out of 1071 men who have received tickets of-leave in the colony, 70 are now under sentence in the Convict Establishment, having been reconvicted of offences in the colony, being a proportion of only 7 per cent on the whole number, and one-half of these reconvictions are for drunkenness and other comparatively minor offences, leaving only $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for serious offences, which appears from information, to be a smaller proportion than exists in the other colonies.

The very small number at the disposal of the Government for employment on works in which the colonists are more immediately interested, has prevented my undertaking many works which I consider of great importance. A considerable portion of the available labor has also been unavoidably employed, in the early stage of the Convict Establishment in this colony, in the erection of the necessary buildings for the accommodation of men and officers, stores, &c.

The principal works in which I have been able to employ the men, and which I consider of great importance to the colony, are opening up lines of communication, several of which have been completed and others are in progress, and I consider them of considerable advantage to the districts in which they have been undertaken.

A new line of road has been opened from Toodyay to York, and also from Toodyay towards Perth, the latter of which is a great improvement on the old line; also up the Toodyay

valley. A line of road has been commenced from Bunbury towards Perth and is rapidly progressing, but I consider that the settlers of the southern districts have an excellent highway provided for them by nature, which will always be the most economical and most advantageous means of transport, and the road will only be required for ordinary purposes of travelling for business or pleasure, or driving stock. A new line of road has been cleared from Perth to Fremantle, and will be of great advantage and convenience until the Government has sufficient labor at its disposal, to make a permanent road from the capital to the seaport; this permanent road has been commenced on the north bank of the river, but its progress at present is unavoidably slow. A line of road from Fremantle to the Canning is in course of being cleared.

Substantial Jails are in the course of erection at York, Toodyay and Albany; the two former are just complete, and the latter rapidly progressing. These jails supply a want which has been so much felt in those districts and will be of great service in enabling the magistrates to enforce the law.

Preparations have been made for the construction of a Bridge over the Swan at Guildford, and another across the Capel river, to complete the communication between Perth and the Vasse, and they are to be commenced immediately. A bridge across the Kalgan river near Albany is also in contemplation and has been commenced, but its execution has been delayed from want of hands.

Pensioner Villages have been commenced or are in immediate contemplation, at North Fremantle, York, and Toodyay, and at Bunbury the cottages are built and occupied by the men, who, I am led to believe, are very contented and are likely to make excellent settlers. I consider these villages of great importance, as inducing habits of contentment among a class of men who, if properly cared for by the erection of cottages in other districts, will add much to the prosperity of the colony, as affording means of military protection to the inhabitants, and a force always at the disposal of the magistrates for the enforcement of law and the preservation of order.

The new Powder Magazines at Fremantle are now available for use by the merchants, and are a great convenience to the public.

The Police Barracks and Stables at Fremantle have been completed, and I hope shortly to commence similar ones at Perth. A Barrack and Stable are in progress at Mandurah, and are in contemplation in other districts.

I have directed as much repair as possible to be performed on the York and Toodyay roads, previous to the wool season, and I believe considerable repairs have been effected, and the roads made quite passable, although from the limited amount of labor at the disposal of the Comptroller General, they are unavoidably, by no means so complete as I would have desired.

I consider good roads of the first importance, and hope the means at my disposal will enable me to carry out my intentions, more especially with regard to the districts of York and Toodyay, which have not the advantage of water carriage enjoyed both by the North and South districts. The road from Albany to Perth has been commenced, but is at present discontinued for want of men, I consider it of much importance especially as I fear the steamers are not to call at Fremantle; such gentlemen, are the public works and buildings now in progress and in contemplation

I refer with much satisfaction to the arrival

of some wives and families of ticket-of-leave holders, a step for which the colony is much indebted to the Home Government.

I am happy to state the amount of crime in the colony is not greater than might have been expected, from the description of the population lately introduced; most of the offences which have come to the knowledge of the Police have been detected and punished, but a few serious offenders remain undiscovered, should however instances of this nature increase, it will be necessary to adopt more stringent measures of repression; here I cannot help observing that the frequency of house robberies might be materially checked by the adoption of proper precautions on the part of the inhabitants themselves, the very general insufficient description of the fastenings, offering an undue temptation to the commission of crimes of this nature.

The explorations which have been undertaken I regret to say have not been productive of much valuable information. From an unusual drought, the season was found to be a most unfavorable one for the expedition to the northward, in consequence of which, the party was prevented gaining the banks of the Gascoigne, the examination of which was the principal object in view, in hopes of finding an extent of new and increased pasturage; the difficulty lately experienced must be overcome at a future period by transporting a party by water and disembarking them at the mouth of the river. The expedition has not been attended with any interesting discovery except in a geographical point of view, in fixing the southern extremity of Shark's Bay, and from its having afforded evidence, from which it may be inferred, that the central desert extends from the source of the Murchison to the banks of the Darling.

The southern expedition has been attended with the advantage of making known a more desirable summer route for driving cattle from Albany to Bunbury and thence to Fremantle.

In conclusion, hon. gentlemen, I have the high gratification to inform you that on a recent tour through the York and Toodyay districts, I was much struck with the breadth of new land broken up and fenced in, as well as with the promising appearance of the crops, a state of things which I am told applies equally to other districts. I am quite sensible gentlemen of the critical position in which this colony may be placed from the marvellous discoveries of gold in other parts of Australia, but I fervently trust that with the blessing of God, steady and persevering industry will gain for the settler in Western Australia a competency the more desirable and happy from its being unattended with those feverish uncertainties that attend the pursuit of wealth in regions where the ignorant are led to expect riches without its never failing harbinger toil—that toil which even in the lottery of the gold-fields makes success the exception and the absence of it the rule.

CHARLES FITZGERALD.

Council Chamber,
8th December, 1852.

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.

IN pursuance of the authority in me vested by a certain Act of the Imperial

Parliament, passed in the 5th and 6th 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 portions of land will be offered for Sale by Public Auction, by the Collector and Sub-Collector of Revenue, at the places and on the days hereinafter mentioned, at one o'clock at the upset price affixed to each lot respectively, on the terms and conditions set forth in certain Land Regulations, dated June, 1843:—

By the Sub-Collector of Revenue, at Perth, on Wednesday, the 5th January, 1853:—

Avon Location No. 79—Comprising 10 acres more or less in form of an average square on right bank of the Avon next above Beverly Townsite, the eastern boundary extending 10 chains S.S.E. and the Southern boundary WSW to the river; all boundaries magnetic. Upset price £1 per acre.

Swan Location No. 153—Comprising 10 acres more or less, extending 11 chains W., and 9 chains 9 links N., from a spot 1 chain South from SW corner of Joseph Logue's 10 acre Location No. 111; opposite boundaries parallel and equal, and all boundaries true. Upset price £1 per acre.

Swan Location No. 154—Comprising 10 acres more or less, extending 13 chains East, and 7 chains 70 links North from a spot 50 links South from S.E. corner of Joseph Logue's 10 acre Location No. 137; opposite boundaries parallel and equal, and all boundaries true. Upset price £1 per acre.

Murchison Location No. 2—Comprising 150 acres more or less, extending 40 chains true North and South and 37½ chains true East and West, the centre being at a pile of stones about 110 chains W. by N. from S.W. corner of the Geraldine Mining Company's Location No. 1. Upset price £1 per acre. *This land is known to contain minerals, and any further information concerning it may be obtained at the Survey Office.*

Victoria Location No. 10—Comprising 150 acres more or less in form of an average square on right bank of the river Hutt, the N.E. boundary extending NW from that river through a post on its right bank about 1½ mile in a direct line from its mouth, the NW boundary extending SW 38 chains 70 links, and the SW boundary extending SE to the river, all boundaries true. Upset price £1 per acre.

Swan Location No. 155—Comprising 10 acres more or less, on right bank of Gingin Brook, bounded on the North by 8 chains 80 links South boundary of W. L. Brockman's Location No. 101, on the West by a South line 11 chains, and on the South by an East line to the Brook; all bearings true. Upset price £1 per acre.

Swan Location No. 156—Comprising 10 acres more or less, extending 12½ chains South, and 8 chains West from a spot 48 chains 47 links South from NW corner of W. L. Brockman's Location No. 101; opposite boundaries parallel and equal, and all boundaries true. Upset price £1 per acre.

Northam Building Lots Nos. 42 and 45. Upset price \$7 each.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, at Perth, this 4th day of December, 1852.

CHARLES FITZGERALD,
Governor, &c.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!!

Conveyance of Mails.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 5, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate) will be received at this office, up to 12 o'clock on Friday, 17th December next, for the conveyance of the Post Office Mails to and from the undermentioned places, from the 1st January, 1853, for the periods stated hereunder:—

Daily.

Between Perth and Fremantle for 6 Months ending 30th June 1853.

Twice a Week.

Between Perth and Guildford for 12 Months ending 31st December 1853,

Once a Week.

Between Fremantle and Bunbury via Mandurah for 12 Months ending 31st December 1853.

Between Bunbury and the Vasse for 12 Months ending 31st December 1853.

Between Guildford and Northam for 12 Months ending 31st December 1853.

Between Northam and York for 12 ending 31st December 1853.

Between Northam and Toodyay for 12 Months ending 31st December 1853.

Once a Month.

Between Perth and Kojonup for 12 Months ending 31st December 1853.

Between Kojonup and Albany for 12 Months ending 31st December 1853.

NOTE:—These two last Tenders must include the Conveyance of the bi-monthly Steamers Mail from the Sound for which purpose the departure of the Mail from Albany will if necessary be delayed, and a corresponding delay take place at Kojonup.

Parties tendering for conveying the mail from Perth to Kojonup may, until the Government line of road be declared, use such routes as they consider best adapted for the expeditious delivery of the mail.

The several mails to be carried on horse back or in a light Cart:—

The number of hours to be occupied in the conveyance of the mails to their respective destinations to be stated in each Tender.

The arrivals and departures of the respective mails are to be subject to instructions from the General Post Office, and are liable to alteration at any time during the year.

Two approved Sureties will be required to join with the Contractor in a Bond for the due performance of each Contract.

No payments will be made on account of any mail contract, until such Bond shall have been respectively signed by the Contractor and his Sureties and any breach of Contract, in the willful or negligent departure or delivery of mails at the appointed days and times will subject the Contractor to the loss of a proportion of his monthly payment.

Tenders to be inscribed "Tenders for Conveyance of Mails" and each Tender to bear the signatures of the proposed securities.

Parties tendering to attend at this Office on the day appointed for opening the Ten-

ders, when the security they will be required to enter into for due performance of the respective Tenders will be notified to the parties whose Tenders may be respectively accepted.

Further particulars may be obtained of the Postmaster General or at this Office.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Shoeing.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 6, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate), will be received at this office, on Friday, the 17th December next, for Shoeing the Police Horses in the York and Toodyay districts, during the year 1853.

For further information application to be made to the Guardian of Natives, York.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Tenders for Printing.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 6, 1852.*

TENDERS will be received at this Office, up to 12 o'clock on Friday, the 17th of December next, for Printing the "Government Gazette," Acts of Council, Estimates, Office Forms, and other printing required during the year 1853.

The Tenders may embrace the whole or any part of the above works.

Tenders will also be received for inserting from time to time in the *Inquirer* and *Perth Gazette* Newspapers respectively, such Advertisements as the Government may deem necessary for Public information.

For specifications and other particulars applications to be made at this office.

By His Excellency's command
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Firewood.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 6, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate) will be received at this office up to Friday, the 17th December next, at noon, for supplying such quantities of Firewood as may be required for use at the Gaol, Hospital, Immigration Depot, Servants Home, Lunatic Asylum, and Public Offices, Perth, during the ensuing year. Tenders to state at word.

Similar Tenders will be received on same date, for supplying the Gaol and Public Offices, Fremantle.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 18, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate) will be received at this office up to 12 o'clock on Friday, 17th December next, from parties willing to supply such quantities of 20 per cent Flour, as may from time to time be

required for the use of the Local Government at Bunbury.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 18, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate) will be received and opened at this office, up to 12 o'clock on Tuesday, 21st December next, from parties willing to supply such quantities of Fresh Meat, as may from time to time be required for the use of the Local Government at Bunbury.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 18, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate) will be received and opened at this office up to 12 o'clock on Friday, the 17th December next, for supplying such quantities of Firewood as may be required for use of the Local Government at Bunbury. Tender to state at per cord.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth
November 6, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate), will be received at this office until Friday the 17th December next, at noon for the burial of Paupers in the Towns of Perth and Fremantle during the year ending 31st. December 1853. Tenders to state the price for Burial of every Adult and Child respectively.

A Funeral Car and horse will be provided for the Town of Perth by the Government for the purpose of conveying the Bodies to the place of Interment.

Further particulars can be obtained on application at this office.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Tenders for Fresh Meat, &c.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 6, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate) will be received at this Office up to Noon on Friday, the 17th December next, from such parties as may be willing to supply the Gaol, Hospital, Immigration Depot, Servants Home, and Lunatic Asylum at Perth: the Gaol and Immigration Depot at Fremantle; and such Paupers and others persons as the Government may from time to time authorise to receive rations, with the following provisions, stores, &c., for the 12 months ending 31st December, 1853.

Fresh Meat	} at per lb.
Bread	
Tea	
Sugar	
Rice	

Parties tendering are to attend at this Office themselves, or by an authorised agent, on the day appointed for receiving the tender; and each tender must bear the signatures of two respectable persons, who will be required to enter into a bond with the contractor for the due performance of the contract; and no payments will be made on account of any contract until such Bond shall have been duly executed. Samples of Tea, Sugar and Rice, proposed to be supplied must accompany each tender.

For further particulars application to be made at this office.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Forage for Police Horses.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 6, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate) will be received at this office, up to 12 o'clock on Friday the 17th December next, for supplying the Horses attached to the Native Police at York and Toodyay, with Forage for 12 months, commencing 1st January, 1853.

For further particulars application to be made to the Guardian of Natives, York.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Stabling.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 6, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate), will be received at this office, up to 12 o'clock on Friday, 17th December next, for Stabling Horses attached to any department of the Colonial Service, whilst in Perth, during 12 months ending 31st December, 1853. Tenders to state at per day, and to specify the quantity of hay and corn per diem to be allowed each horse.

For further particulars, application to made at this Office.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Flour.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 6, 1852.*

TENDERS (in duplicate), will be received at this office, until 17th December next, at noon, from parties willing to supply such quantities of 20 ¢ cent flour, as may from time to time be required during the year 1853, for the use of the Police and Gaol at York.

For further particulars application to be made to the Guardian of Natives, York.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
December 4, 1852.*

THE Superintendent of Public Works having to pass his official cash ac-

count with the Local Government, at the close of the present month, requests that all persons holding official cheques will present them for payment at the Western Australian Bank on or before the 31st instant; and he hereby gives notice that for the future all such cheques must be presented for payment within the current month in which they are drawn.

W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Preemptive Claims.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 27, 1852.

TO prevent delay and inconvenience to Lessees claiming to purchase, at the upset price of unimproved land, any portions of their 8 years pastoral or tillage leases, in terms of Her Majesty's Order in Council dated 22nd March 1850, such parties are reminded that, in order to benefit by the regulation referred to, they must be in actual occupation (personally or by agent) of the pastoral or tillage lands out of which they propose to exercise the preemptive right to purchase, and must have paid all rent and license fees due upon the same.

Applicants to purchase land under preemptive right are therefore requested to send in to the Surveyor General, with their applications, a certificate of occupation from the Resident Magistrate of the district in which the land may be situated, and a certificate from the Collector or Sub-Collector of Revenue to whom they may have paid their rent for the then current year.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
November 29, 1852.

NOTICE is hereby given that the families of persons leaving this Colony for the Gold Fields, will not, when so deserted by their husbands, be considered to have any claim on the Local Government for support.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
December 10, 1852.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs the following Sailing Instructions for Vessels approaching a new Light House to be erected on the Bird Islands, Algoa Bay, to be published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

SAILING DIRECTIONS FOR BIRD ISLANDS LIGHT.

Light House.—To show two lights 18 feet apart, one 10 feet higher than the other, latitude 33. 52. S.; longitude, East of Greenwich, 26. 12. 50. E.

Heights above mean water level.

The Foundation.....	25 feet.
To the Eaves.....	55 do.
The centre of Tower.....	60 do.
The centre of Upper Light.....	70 do.

The Plan.—4sided, each side at base 22. 6.
Each side at eaves..... 16. 0.

Painting.—The roof black, body of building white and black, horizontal stripes.

Lights.—The two lights will be laid on the line between them and the Doddington Rock, on which line one will be directly above the other, with a dark space between.

VIDE—Extracts from Capt. FISHBOURNE'S Sailing Directions, in Cape of Good Hope Directory, for 1852, page 55.

Bird Islands.—The Bird Islands, situated in the eastern extremity of Algoa Bay, lie off Woody Cape, which is, as its name imports, covered with wood, except a small patch of sand at its summit, and is the only sea board land that is so, which gives it, in contrast with that for miles on either side, a dark appearance; the land on its west side, from near St. Croix up, rises into small numerous sandy hillocks, quite bare of vegetation, and that to the eastward, up to Padrone Point; is similarly bare.

Woody Cape.—Is high, rugged, and not prominent, scarcely determinable as a Cape, except when very near it; not so Padrone Point, which runs out into a low point of sand, forming a determinable Cape, without vegetation, from which breakers run out some distance, and the water breaks still further out at times, owing to the meeting of currents there, and after strong winds.

Anchorage off, and dangers near, Bird Islands.—The innermost danger from these Islands is fully five miles from Woody Cape, and they afford tolerable shelter behind them in winds from W. to S.S.E., in 13 fathoms, and rather better than half a mile from the northernmost breakers; closer would afford more shelter, but the ground is foul. They are very low and proportionally dangerous, and though the mainland will generally be seen before them, and the distance from them may be estimated by it, yet this is not entirely to be relied on; so, in shaping a course to go outside of them, allowance should be made for the fact, that the eddy, or return current sets in towards them, and then to the eastward.

Doddington.—The Doddington and Western reef should be considered as part of the Bird Island reef, and no vessel should go between them; the water does not always break on them, but in bad weather the breakers extend the whole way from them to the Islands; the Doddington lies about eleven miles from Woody Cape. In clear weather the rugged topped mountain and the Cockscomb may be seen from these Islands, or rather from abreast of them, for the latter would be shut in when on them; but in passing outside the Doddington it should be kept open to the West of the rugged topped mountain, bearing about N. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. and the ship should steer N. W., by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ V.; having passed the Doddington, the high land at the back of Port Elizabeth will soon appear right a head.

Erroneous Statements.—There are many statements current about breakers being seen from time to time in different parts of Algoa Bay; but, I believe, others than those laid down in the Chart, now transmitted, not to have any existence, and that that which has

been mistaken for such, has been the effect of *mirage*."

GEORGE PILKINGTON,
Colonial Civil Engineer.

Annual Licensing Meeting.

NOTICE is hereby given that the next General Annual Licensing Meeting of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the district of Fremantle, for granting Licences to keep Public Houses, Dogs, Carts, and Boats, will be held at the Court House, at Fremantle, on Friday, the 31st December instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

THOS. BROWN,
Police Magistrate.

THE General Annual Licensing Meeting for the district of Wellington, will be holden at the Government Offices, Bunbury, on Friday, the 31st day of December instant, at 11 in the forenoon. All applications for Dog, Boat, and other Licenses, must be sent in at the same time.

GEORGE ELIOT,
Resident.

Resident's Office,
Bunbury, 7th December, 1852.

*General Post Office, Perth,
December 11, 1852.*

List of Unclaimed Letters.

Burnes, B. Brooks, Mr. Bennett, John.

Berry, Bunner, S. Bishop, William.
Cutts, Joseph. Cousins, Robert. Clark, John.
Dudgeon, F. Dermott, William. Dryce, R. S. Downs, Edward. Doggett, John.
Fortesque, Emily.
Grimwood, A.
Hickgord, Thos. W. Healy, Patrick.
Henderson, Mr. Hodges, James. Honeychurch, Wm.
Jervice, George. Jacobs, Lewis.
Knight, George. Kussin, Anthony.
Leadon, Mr. Laterem, N. Lowers, George.
Mansfield, James. Murphy, Thomas.
Mann, George. Murphy, James. McMahon, Patrick.
Nelson, Charles.
Parker, John.
Roper, A. Ritchens, Joseph. Reynolds, S. B. 2 Robinson, George.
Stephen, George. 3 Sullivan, William.
Saunders, James. Staniland, William. Spencer, Mrs.
Thomas, George. Taylor, Thomas. Tymperley, S. Tucker, Mrs. Tunnecliff, Edward.
2 Watson, Thomas. Warner, Thomas.
White, John. Weal, Arthur. White, J.
Woods, John. Whalley, Joseph.
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