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*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 22nd February, 1876.*

HIS Excellency The Governor directs the publication of the following Order in Council, for general information.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

AT THE COURT AT BALMORAL.

The 26th day of October, 1875.

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the "Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," it is enacted, that whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that the rules concerning the measurement of tonnage of merchant ships, for the time being in force under the principal Act, have been adopted by the Government of any foreign country, and are in force in that country, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by Order in Council to direct that the ships of such foreign country shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in their certificate of registry or other national papers, and thereupon it shall no longer be necessary for such ships to be remeasured in any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions; but such ships shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in their certificates of registry or other papers in the same manner, to the same extent, and for the same purposes, in, to, and for which the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of British ships is to be deemed the tonnage of such ships:

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that the rules concerning the measurement of tonnage of merchant ships now in force under "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," have been adopted by the Government of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, with the exception of a difference in the

mode in certain steamers of estimating the allowance for engine-room, and such rules are now in force in that country, having come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1876, Her Majesty is hereby pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to direct as follows:

1. As regards sailing ships, that merchant sailing ships of the said Kingdom of the Netherlands, the measurement whereof after the said day of January, 1876, has been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such sailing ships, testified by the date thereof, shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in such registers and other national papers in the same manner, and to the same extent, and for the same purpose, in, to, and for which the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of British sailing ships is deemed to be the tonnage of such ships.

2. As regards steam ships, that merchant ships belonging to the said Kingdom of the Netherlands, which are propelled by steam or any other power requiring engine-room, the measurement whereof shall, after the said 1st day of January, 1876, have been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such steam ships, testified by the dates thereof, shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in such registers or other national papers in the same manner, and to the same extent, and for the same purpose in, to, and for which the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of British ships is deemed to be the tonnage of such ships: Provided, nevertheless, that if the owner or master of any such Dutch steam ship desires the deduction for engine-room in his ships to be estimated under the rules for engine-room measurement and deduction applicable to British ships, instead of under the Dutch rule, the engine-room shall be measured and the deduction calculated according to the British rules.

EDMUND HARRISON.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 14th February, 1876.

HIS Excellency The Governor has been pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen as a Committee to consider and report on a revision of the Tariff:—

Hon. H. H. HOCKING, Attorney General,
J. G. LEE STEERE, Esq., M.L.C.,
WILLIAM E. MARMION, Esq., M.L.C.,
GEORGE SHENTON, Esq., M.L.C.,
WALTER PADBURY, Esq., M.L.C.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 16th February, 1876.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. G. R. TEEDE to be Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the Wellington District.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 17th February, 1876.

TENDERS will be received at this Office until noon of Wednesday, the 1st of March, 1876, from persons willing to purchase 25 gallon empty casks, well adapted for wine, packing salted meat, or other purposes. To be delivered at the A Store, Custom House, Fremantle.

The Government do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender, and will require the guarantee of two responsible persons for the due performance of the Contract.

Forms of Tender may be had on application to the various Resident Magistrates, and at the Public Offices, Perth; and no tender will be entertained unless rendered on the prescribed form.

By Command,
A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Public Works' Office,
Perth, 5th February, 1876.

TENDERS (endorsed "Tender for Fencing,") will be received at this Office until noon of Friday, the 25th February, 1876, from persons willing to supply a sufficient quantity of split Jarrah Posts and Rails for about 40 chains of three-rail fencing at Claisebrook.

Specification, with full particulars, can be obtained on application at the Public Works' Office, Perth.

The Government do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, and will require the guarantee of two responsible persons for the due performance of the Contract.

Forms of Tender may be had on application to the various Resident Magistrates, and at the Public Offices, Perth; and no tender will be entertained unless rendered on the prescribed form.

By Command,
RICH'D. R. JEWELL,
Officer in Charge Public Works Department.

Comptroller General's Office,
Fremantle, 19th February, 1876.

CERTIFICATES of Freedom have been issued to the undermentioned Convicts, whose sentences have expired:—

Reg. No. 9297 John Smith
" 9997 Samuel Crawley

HIS Excellency The Governor has been pleased to revoke the Tickets-of-Leave of the undermentioned Convicts:—

Reg. No. 6584 Samuel Fletcher
" 7423 Ellis Green
" 9447 William Flicker
" 9822 Edward Matthewson

W. R. FAUNTLEROY,
Acting Comptroller General.

WE, the undersigned, hereby notify that we have applied to the Swan Roads Board for the closing of the old road from the Main Swan Road to the Middle Swan Church, rendered impassable since March, 1875.

C. W. FERGUSON,
JNO. URQUHART,
Secretary, P. P. Orphanage.
Middle Swan, February 11th, 1876.

LAND SALES.

THE undermentioned Allotments of Land will be offered for Sale, at Public Auction, on the dates and at the places specified in the Schedule below, at one o'clock p.m.

SCHEDULE.

Date of Sale.	Place of Sale.	Description of Lot.	Number of Lot.	Quantity.			Upset Price.
				a.	r.	p.	
1876.							
March 1.	Geraldton ...	Geraldton Town	342	0	2	10	£15.
Do.	Bunbury ...	Bunbury Do.	29, 30, 34, 56, 57	...			£7 10s. each.
Do.	Busselton ...	Busselton Sub.	72	4	0	20	£110s. p acre.
Do.	Do. ...	Do. Do.	52	2	2	23	Do.
Do.	Perth ...	Perth Town	Y 190, 191			£9 each.
Do.	Do. ...	Gingin Do.	6	2	2	27	Do.
Do.	Geraldton ...	Denison Sub.	1	2	2	0	£110s. p acre.

MALCOLM FRASER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.