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*Colonial Secretary's Office,
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HIS Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following despatch, with its enclosure, for general information.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Downing Street, 13th July, 1876.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you for your information and for publication in the Colony under your Government, a copy of an Order of the Queen in Council, dated 17th May last, extending to Norwegian vessels the advantages held out by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1862, to ships of foreign countries adopting the rules for the measurement of tonnage which obtain in this country.

I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

The Officer Administering the
Government of Western Australia.

*Board of Trade,
Marine Department, June, 1876.*

INSTRUCTIONS TO MEASURING
SURVEYORS.

International Tonnage.

The Board of Trade forward herewith for the information and guidance of officers concerned in the duties of measurement and registry of ships, a copy of a recently issued Order in Council which extends to vessels of the Kingdom of Norway the advantages held out by the 60th section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1862."

In consequence of the amount of deduction for propelling power being different in the two countries, option is granted by the enclosed order to the masters of steam ships of the kingdom of Norway whereby the said masters may elect to have the engine room measured under the rules relating to British ships.

When the engine room is measured according to the British rules in such cases, a "Certificate of British Tonnage" is to be granted, adopting thereon the gross tonnage as stated in the Norwegian Certificate of Registry, and deducting from the gross

tonnage the allowance for engine room under the British rules, and also the allowance on account of spaces occupied by seamen or apprentices, and appropriated to their use.

A copy of the document furnished to the Norwegian master is to be sent to the Principal Surveyor for tonnage, with a note thereon of the measurement of engine room and the amount of deduction under the Norwegian rules.

The fees for admeasurements under the accompanying Order in Council are to be the same as for the admeasurement of British ships for the time being, but only for the spaces actually measured.

EDWARD STANHOPE,
Secretary.

THOMAS GREY, *M. 7790.*
Assistant Secretary. *1876.*

At the Court at Windsor, the 17th day of May, 1876.

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 Royal Norwegian Government, with the exception of a slight difference in the mode of estimating the allowance for engine room, and such rules are now in force in the kingdom of Norway having come into operation on the 1st day of April 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 Norway, the measurement whereof shall after the said 1st day of April 1876 have 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 Norway, which are propelled by steam or any other power requiring engine room, the measurement whereof shall after the said 1st day of April, 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 Norwegian steam ship desires the deduction for engine room in his ship to be estimated under the rules for engine room measurement, and deduction applicable to British ships instead of under the Norwegian rule, the engine room shall be measured and the deduction calculated according to the British rules.

(Signed) C. L. PEEL.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 19th September, 1876.*

HIS Excellency The Governor directs the publication of the following letter, with its enclosure, received from the Government of India, addressed to this Government, for general information.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 880 S. GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
*Military Department,
Simla, the 31st July, 1876.*

To The Colonial Secretary,
West Australia.

SIR,—I am desired by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to forward for general information the accompanying notice (Dated 31st July, 1876,) regarding the purchase of remounts required for the Bengal Army, and to request that, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor, it may be published in the leading journals and circulated as extensively as possible.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H. K. BURNE, *Colonel,*
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 889 S. To Staff Vety. Surgeon W. THACKER,
Remount Agent.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified, with reference to the advertisement of the 21st June, 1875, that the Government of India are prepared to purchase about 600 horses suitable for army purposes during the year 1876-77, and about the same number in the year 1877-78.

The purchases will be made by Remount Agents at the stations named in the margin. [Calcutta, Allahabad, Cawnpore, Lucknow, Agra, Morar, Meerut, Bareilly, Umballa, Lahore, Mooltan, Sialkot, Rawul Pindi, Peshawur].

The purchases will, except under special circumstances, be made only between the 1st October and 1st April.

Horses and mares of all breeds will be received, but they must be within the prescribed age, four to seven years.

The average price for a remount has been fixed at Rs. 550. Every horse presented for purchase will be valued separately, and higher or lower prices may be given, provided that the average of the purchases does not exceed that limit.

H. K. BURNE, *Colonel,*
Secy. to the Govt. of India, Military Dept.
Simla, the 31st July, 1876.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Government of Western Australia will be ready to enter into an arrangement with some person or firm desirous of taking guano from one of the Lacedpede Islands, situated in about 17° 6' S. lat., and 122° 10' E. long., the same being the second Westernmost of the group.

The Government is willing to grant the exclusive right of removing guano from the Island in question for a term of three years, to commence from the 1st day of July, 1877; the licensee to guarantee to take a minimum amount of 40,000 tons during the three years; of which at least 5,000 tons must be taken in the first year and 20,000 tons within the two first years. Tenders to state the royalty per ton to be paid in each year and the nature of the security (to the extent of One thousand pounds) to be given for such payment. The license to be granted will bind the licensee to take the whole of the guano from any block of not less than five acres in extent before proceeding to take it from any other part of the Island, and to conform to such regulations as may be made by the Governor of the Colony respecting the mode of taking the guano and the mode and time of payment.

The Government do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any Tender. Tenders to be addressed to the Crown Lands Office, Perth, W. A., and to be sent in on or before 31st January next.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.
Perth, 18th September, 1876.

*Crown Lands' Office,
Perth, September 15th, 1876.*

HIS Excellency The Governor has been pleased to place the management of the Kojonup Common Lands in the hands of the Roads Board of the Kojonup District, and their successors in office, and to delegate to them the power of regulating fees for depasturing thereon, provided that any rules or scale of fees proposed are submitted for his approval before adoption. The names of the present board are:—

LOUIS F. VANZUILECOM, Chairman.
WILLIAM H. GRAHAM,
JOSEPH SPENCER,
THOMAS CHIPPER,
JAMES SPRATT,
JOHN NORRISH,

MALCOLM FRASER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 19th September, 1876.*

In the Matter of "The Industrial Schools' Act, 1874."

IT is hereby notified, that on the 19th day of July, 1876, His Excellency The Governor, in Executive Council, gave his approval to the School and Orphanage now carried on in the buildings erected on the Mission Grant in the Middle Swan District, and called the Swan Branch of the Perth Protestant Orphanage, for the purpose of providing for and educating Orphan and Necessitous Children, and also to the Venerable Archdeacon Brown as its Manager and Director, *vice* the Very Reverend Dean Gegg, who has resigned the Managership of the Boys' Branch of the Perth Protestant Orphanage, upon its removal to the Middle Swan.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Conveyance of the Albany Mail.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 18th August, 1876.*

TENDERS (endorsed "Tenders for Albany Mail,") will be received at this Office until noon of Thursday, the 21st of September, 1876, for the conveyance of a second mail between Perth and Albany, once in every four weeks, from a date to be fixed on acceptance of Tender, for one, two, or three years. Each trip to be performed in 72 hours, subject to a penalty of £1 for each hour in excess of that time, to be deducted from the Contractor's monthly pay.

The mails must be carried in a four-wheeled spring vehicle.

The Contractor will be required to convey the mails at such dates in each month as the Postmaster-General may fix.

The Contractor will be required to convey and deliver all Inland Mails *en route* which may be entrusted to him under the authority of the Postmaster-General, and provide secure and watertight covers for the mails.

Two approved sureties will be required to join the Contractor in a guarantee for the due fulfilment of the Contract.

No payments on account of the Contract will be made until a Bond shall have been signed by the Contractor and his sureties; and any breach of Contract will subject the Contractor to a loss of a proportionate part of his monthly pay or the cancellation of his Contract.

The Contractor will be required to provide an officer of the Post Office or Telegraph Department with a free passage to and from Albany, when required to do so.

The Contractor will be required to provide a free passage for a Mail Guard, if called upon to do so by the Postmaster-General.

The Government will reserve to themselves the right to terminate the Contract at any time by giving three months' notice.

Further particulars may be obtained on reference to the Postmaster-General, at whose Office Special Forms of Tender may be obtained, as well as from the various Resident Magistrates.

The Government do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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

NOTICE.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 5th August, 1876.*

THE Contract with the Government for the conveyance of Mails and Passengers Coastwise by the Steamer *Georgette* being about to expire, Tenders will be received from

parties willing to perform a similar service, with a Steamer of not less than gross register of 337 tons.

Further particulars can be obtained on application at the Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth, Western Australia.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Crown Lands' Office,
Perth, 12th September, 1876.*

IT is hereby notified, for general information, that the undermentioned roads in the "Murchison Road District" are open for traffic as Main Roads.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

1. From Mullawa to Wenmillia, thence to Karla, from Karla to Mungarra, and from thence to Warra-Warra.
2. From Wenmillia to Urawa, from thence to Indindie, and from thence to Yuin.

Notice to Postmasters and the Public.

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

*General Post Office,
Perth, 16th September, 1876.*

IT is hereby notified, for general information, that the postage on letters for the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, NATAL, ST. HELENA, and ASCENSION has been reduced to *Eleven pence per half ounce.*

A. HELMICH,
Postmaster-General.

Transfer of Land Act 1874.

TAKE NOTICE that James Albert Herbert of Fremantle W.A. innkeeper has made application to bring under the operation of the above Act the following parcels of land viz. :-

FREMANTLE:—Town Lots Nos. 267, 282, 283, 364, 365, 482, 536, 537, 696.

COCKBURN SOUND:—Locations Nos. 17, 153.

SWAN:—Location No. 350.

GUILDFORD:—Town Allotments Nos. 74, 75, 76, as the same are respectively described and defined in the maps and books of the Survey Office and are of record therein.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that all persons claiming to have any right title estate or interest in the above lands or in any of them ARE REQUIRED to lodge with the Registrar of Titles on or before the seventh of October next a *caveat* forbidding the same to be brought under the Act.

J. C. H. JAMES,
Commissioner of Land Titles.

September 16, 1876.

LAND SALES.

Crown Lands' Office, Perth, 19th September, 1876.

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.							
Oct. 4	Perth	Perth Town	Y 277	1	3	13	£9.
Do.	Geraldton ...	Geraldton ... Sub.	46	3	1	37	30s. per acre.

MALCOLM FRASER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands' Office, Perth, September 1st, 1876.

RETURN of Applications for Leases and Licenses of Crown Land approved during August, 1876:—

No.	APPLICANTS.	CLASS	ACRES.	RENT.	No.	APPLICANTS.	CLASS	ACRES.	RENT.
	AVON.					VICTORIA.			
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
79	W. Dinsdale ...	S.O. Lease.	100	5 0 0	851	C. S. Oliver ...	S.O.L.	200	10 0 0
895	T. Greay, Jun. ...	S.O.L.	100	2 10 0	853	T. Craine ...	"	100	5 0 0
900	Halgood, Absolon & Co.	"	100	2 10 0	854	A. H. du Boulay ...	"	150	5 12 6
904	W. Chidlow ...	"	200	5 0 0	856	J. Smith ...	"	204	7 13 0
906	W. Pettit ...	"	100	2 10 0	878	F. Pearse ...	"	100	3 15 0
907	R. Ashworth ...	"	100	2 10 0	A 1536	T. Burges ...	2	3000	1 10 0
918	W. Turton ...	"	100	2 10 0	" 1537	Do. ...	2	5000	2 10 0
935	M. Curley ...	"	100	2 10 0	" 1726	R. Bell ...	1	4000	4 0 0
A 1915	J. W. Cowan ...	1	1250	1 0 0	" 1790	E. & F. Wittenoom ...	2	2000	1 0 0
" 1943	T. O'Neill ...	"	1000	1 0 0	" 1791	Do. ...	"	5000	2 10 0
" 1944	G. Walton ...	"	6000	3 0 0	" 1811	J. Eakins ...	"	5000	1 17 6
" 1946	Do. ...	"	2000	1 0 0	" 1812	J. S. Maley ...	1	1000	1 0 0
" 1947	Do. ...	"	3000	1 10 0	" 1813	J. Morrissey ...	2	2000	1 0 0
" 1948	S. E. Walton ...	"	3000	1 10 0	" 1814	Do. ...	"	2000	1 0 0
" 1949	Do. ...	"	6000	3 0 0	" 1815	Do. ...	"	2000	1 0 0
" 1951	D. Bresnahan, Jun.	2	4000	1 0 0	" 1816	J. Craney ...	"	10000	3 15 0
" 1952	Do. ...	"	4000	1 0 0	" 1817	Do. ...	"	10000	3 15 0
" 1953	Do. ...	"	4000	1 0 0	" 1818	M. Morrissey ...	"	5000	1 17 6
" 1956	C. C. Smith ...	1	1750	1 0 0	" 1819	Do. ...	"	5000	1 17 6
" 1975	R. Sheehay ...	"	1000	1 0 0	" 1820	Do. ...	"	5000	1 17 6
" 2007	T. Lockyer ...	2	12000	6 0 0	" 1829	W. Rosser ...	1	3300	2 9 6
	MELBOURNE.				" 1831	C. Sewell ...	"	2000	1 10 0
A 2008	J. Burnett ...	1	1000	1 0 0	" 1832	T. Burges ...	2	8000	3 0 0
	MURRAY.				" 1833	Do. ...	"	15000	5 12 6
A 1989	G. Pollard ...	1	2000	1 0 0	" 1834	Do. ...	"	3000	1 2 6
	NORTH.				" 1869	H. Herbert ...	"	1000	1 0 0
N 622	G. J. Brockman ...	C	17000	3 3 9	" 1874	W. Fane ...	"	2000	1 0 0
" 627	Do. ...	"	4000	1 0 0	" 1875	J. Williams ...	"	6000	3 0 0
" 635	K. McLean ...	"	7000	1 6 3	" 1886	M. Heelan ...	1	1000	1 0 0
" 637	Grant, Harper, & Anderson	"	20000	3 15 0	" 1897	T. Williams ...	2	4000	1 10 0
" 638	McKay, Brothers ...	"	20000	3 15 0	" 1898	J. S. Davis ...	"	2000	1 0 0
" 639	Do. ...	"	20000	3 15 0	" 1899	J. Craney ...	"	2000	1 0 0
" 640	Do. ...	"	20000	3 15 0	" 1900	Do. ...	"	5000	1 17 6
" 641	Do. ...	"	20000	3 15 0	" 1901	Do. ...	"	3000	1 2 6
" 642	Do. ...	"	20000	3 15 0	" 1907	Est. J. Smith ...	"	5000	3 15 0
	SWAN.				" 1908	Do. ...	"	5000	3 15 0
934	W. T. King ...	S.O.L.	150	3 15 0	" 1909	Do. ...	"	3000	1 2 6
7	H. Lukin ...	P.P.R.	3635	4 0 0	" 1945	G. Walton ...	1	2000	1 0 0
A 1984	W. T. King ...	1	2000	1 0 0	" 1970	T. Brandrick ...	"	2000	1 0 0
					" 2012	G. Pollard ...	"	1000	1 0 0

MALCOLM FRASER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Comptroller of Convicts' Office,
Fremantle, 16th September, 1876.

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

Reg. No. 5758 John Wallis
 " 8155 Thomas Wilson
 " 9652 Henry Austin

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

Reg. No. 6711 John J. Riley
 " 8400 Anthony Ryder
 " 10086 Peter Vigo
 " 10126 John Symmons

W. R. FAUNTLEROY,
Comptroller of Convicts.

I HEREBY give notice that I intend applying to the York Road Board for permission to put a gate across the branch road from

Tipperary Farm to the 17-mile post on the York and Guildford Road, where it crosses the boundary between my lands and the lands of Mr. Thomas Grigson.

SAM. E. BURGES.
Tipperary, York, Sept. 7th, 1876.

I HEREBY give notice that I have applied to the Wellington Roads Board for permission to erect two swing gates across the line of road passing through S.O.L. No. 675 and S.O.L. No. 676, at the Ferguson.

E. G. HIGGINS.
Bunbury, 4th September, 1876.

I HEREBY give notice that I have applied to the Beverley Roads Board for permission to close the old road leading from Moorambine through my Tillage Lease to Nalyrin.

H. T. WALTON.
Rosedale, July 10th, 1876.