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No. 186.—C.S.O.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 30th October, 1878.*

DOUBTS having arisen as to the interpretation to be put upon Section 72 of the New Land Regulations, fixing the fees to be paid for Licenses to cut down and remove timber on Crown Lands, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to notify that the construction to be placed upon this section is as follows:—

Persons engaged in cutting down trees to be used or exported as piles or baulks, will be required to take out a license for the purpose, for which they will have to pay £3 each, or £5 the pair per month; but they will not be required to take out a further license for the persons employed in removing the same during the currency of their licenses.

Persons engaged in cutting down trees in any shape, so long as the same are cut and removed simply and *bonâ fide* for the purpose of being split or sawn up, and not for use or shipment as piles or baulks, will have to take out a license for such cutting down, for which they will have to pay 5 shillings per month each; and all persons engaged in the removal of such timber, will have to take out a similar license before they can assist in its removal.

It is further to be understood that persons holding a five shilling license may cut down a tree and remove it as a log or baulk to their saw pit; and a company or person having saw mills at a distance from the place where the trees are to be found, may, on taking out a five shilling license for every person engaged in cutting down or removing such trees, lawfully cut down and remove them in baulk or as

logs to their saw mills, so long as they do this solely for the purpose of splitting or sawing them up, and not for the purpose of using or exporting them as piles or baulks.

By His Excellency's Command,
ROGER TUCKER^D. GOLDSWORTHY,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 183.—C.S.O.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 29th October, 1878.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. WILLIAM FINLAY to be Clerk and Landing Waiter at Albany, *vice* Mr. E. W. Howard, resigned.

By His Excellency's Command,
ROGER TUCKER^D. GOLDSWORTHY,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 187.—C.S.O.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 30th October, 1878.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. JOHN ADAM to be Clerk to the Bench of Magistrates and Clerk of the Local Court at Perth, *vice* James Cowan, Esquire, promoted.

By His Excellency's Command,
ROGER TUCKER^D. GOLDSWORTHY,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 184.—C.S.O.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 29th October, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs the following Report of the Inspector of Charitable Institutions to be published for general information.

By His Excellency's Command,
ROGER TUCKER^D. GOLDSWORTHY,
Colonial Secretary.

Perth Poor House,
October 9th, 1878.

SIR,—I beg to report having, on the 12th of September, visited and inspected the Native and Half-caste Mission for Boys and Girls, Perth. No. of boys 8, No. of girls 13, total 21, who were present; they were clean and neatly dressed, and appeared healthy and well fed. The dormitories and offices have lately undergone a thorough repair and were clean and well ventilated; the food supplied to the children is of good quality, and they are allowed sufficient for their wants; their health during the past quarter has been good.

I also visited, the same day, the R. C. Orphanage for Boys at Subiaco. 56 boys are maintained in the institution, 45 of whom are paid for by Government.

I examined the boys in the schoolroom; they were clean, neatly dressed, and appeared in good health. The provisions supplied to them were good in quality and sufficient for their wants.

The dormitories were clean and well ventilated.

A lavatory has lately been built for the use of the boys, which will add greatly to their comfort during the summer months.

The health of the inmates continues good, there having been no case of sickness since my last visit. Sister Mary Francis, who is in charge, reported to me that several of the elder boys had not behaved well lately, had given her a great deal of trouble, and had not attended to their lessons. I spoke to each, taking their names down, and informed them that I trusted at my next visit I should hear a better account of their conduct, if not I should have to report them.

Between school hours the boys are instructed in various kinds of work of a useful nature.

On the 13th inst. I visited and inspected the P. P. Orphanage for Girls; 34 girls were present, 4 of whom are supported from private funds; they were all clean, healthy looking, and neatly dressed. There has been no sickness during the past quarter.

The dormitories were clean and well ventilated.

The food supplied to the children is of good quality, and they are allowed sufficient for their wants; school is conducted daily, and the girls are also trained to habits of industry.

On the 17th I visited and inspected the R. C. Orphanage for Girls. Number of children on roll, 67; eight of whom are maintained by private funds. There has been no sickness among the inmates during the past quarter: the children were neatly dressed, and appeared healthy and well fed.

I examined the provisions; they were good in quality, and the children are not stinted.

The dormitories were clean and well ventilated.

The conduct of the children has been good.

On the 27th I visited and inspected the Swan Protestant Orphanage for Boys. Number of inmates, 36; five of whom are maintained by private funds.

The children have greatly improved in appearance; they were clean, healthy looking, and neatly dressed. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard appear to take a great interest in the welfare of the boys, who, on their part, seem much attached to them.

I inspected the provisions; they were good in quality, and a liberal dietary scale is allowed the children.

The health of the children continues good.

The dormitories were clean and well ventilated. It is hoped that the cots lately ordered for the boys will soon arrive, as they are much required.

I should like to see my suggestion of May 16th, respecting the dormitories being made more cheerful-looking, carried out, as well as a little additional furniture. It is much required, and would add greatly to the comfort of the inmates, and ought not to cost much.

I have, &c.,
W. DALE,
Inspector Charitable Institutions.
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

No. 185.—C.S.O.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 29th October, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following Notice to Mariners, for general information.

By His Excellency's Command,
ROGER TUCKER^D. GOLDSWORTHY,
Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.—No. 699, 1878.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Cape of Good Hope,
19th August, 1878.

THE subjoined Despatch received from the Commodore Commanding, Simon's Bay, enclosing the report of Captain WHARTON, H.M.S. *Fawn*, of a recent survey of the coast in the neighbourhood of the wreck of the Mail Steamer *Kafir*, is hereby published for general information.

J. GORDON SPRIGG,
Colonial Secretary.

Active, in Simon's Bay, 10th June, 1878.

His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir BATTLE FRERE,
Bart., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., &c., &c., &c.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward herewith a report from Commander WHARTON, of Her Majesty's Surveying ship *Fawn*, enclosing a tracing showing the result of his survey of the Coast, in the neighbourhood of the recent wreck of the mail steamer *Kafir*, and request your Excellency will be pleased to give directions for the same to be communicated to those whom it may concern.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) F. W. SULLIVAN, Commodore.

REPORT ON DANGER, OFF OLIFANT'S POINT.

H.M. Surveying Vessel *Fawn*, Table Bay,
5th June, 1878.

Commodore F. W. SULLIVAN, C.B., Senior Officer.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that on the 3rd instant, I made an examination of the locality where the Union mail steamer *Kafir* struck and was lost in February last.

2. The Survey has not been exhaustive, as time would not allow me to fill up thoroughly the great blanks that have been left in the chart of the entire west shore of the Cape Peninsula, nor was there any occasion why a very close survey of the waters off Olifant's Bosch should be undertaken.

The locality is well known to fishermen, who spend great part of their lives there, and three visits that I have made by land from Simon's Town have convinced me that these men know of no danger outside the rock called by them the "Albatross," on which they one and all declare the *Kafir* to have struck, they having been eye witnesses of her movements.

3. The result of my examination is that the "Albatross" rock is 1,200 yards from the shore of Olifant's Point, or 500 yards farther seaward than previously shown on the Chart.

4. The spot where the *Kafir's* remains now lie is 1.6 miles to the S.E. of S. of this rock.

5. A *tracing of my soundings in this vicinity is enclosed for your information.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. J. L. WHARTON,
Commander in charge of Survey.

* Filed in Surveyor General's Office, for general information.