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*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 24, 1837.*

TENDERS in Triplicate will be received at this Office on the 1st Proximo, for the supply of

- (3) Three dozen common Cotton Shirts,
- (3) Three dozen pair of Trousers,
- (3) Three dozen pair of Shoes,

for the use of the Prisoners in Fremantle Gaol, and to be delivered at that place, and subject to the inspection and approval of the Gaoler.

For further particulars, reference to be made to the Resident, Fremantle, or at this Office.

*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN,
Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 25, 1838.*

SCHOOLMASTER WANTED.

A SCHOOLMASTER being required for the Fremantle School, Candidates are hereby invited to send in their Applications to this Office on or before the first of March next.

For further particulars, personal application to be made to the Resident, Fremantle.

*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN,
Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 18, 1838.*

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR is pleased to direct the undermentioned Copy of a Pastoral Letter, which has been addressed to the Scotch and other Presbyterian Inhabitants of this Colony by certain Clergymen of the Church of Scotland and Synod of Ulster, and

transmitted to him by Dr. LANG, senior Minister of the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales, to be published for general information.

*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN,
Colonial Secretary.*

PASTORAL LETTER.

TO THE SCOTCH AND OTHER PRESBYTERIAN INHABITANTS OF THE COLONY OF SWAN RIVER.

*On board the ship Portland,
King George's Sound, Nov. 13, 1837.*

DEARLY RELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD,—We, the undersigned Ministers of the Church of Scotland and the Synod of Ulster in the North of Ireland,—which, you are probably aware, are now happily reunited, after a long period of separation, and are walking together in the pursuit of one common object in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,—having been led by the good providence of God to touch at this port, on our voyage out from England to New South Wales, to procure refreshments for the sick on board our vessel, are happy to avail ourselves of the opportunity, which is thus unexpectedly afforded us, of expressing our friendly and sincere regard for your spiritual and eternal welfare, and our earnest prayer that grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father, from Jesus Christ, and from the Holy Spirit, one Eternal and ever blessed God, may be multiplied unto you all.

It has given us sincere pleasure, dearly beloved brethren, to have ascertained, during our short stay in this harbour,—which, we feel confident, from its great natural capabilities, will at no distant period be the seat of a flourishing and important settlement,—that the great and unforeseen difficulties that necessarily attended the first establishment of this Colony, have now, by the bless-

ing of God, been in great measure, if not entirely surmounted; and that the Colonists of Western Australia—highly favoured, as they unquestionably are, with a climate of unrivalled excellence, with a soil adapted equally for pastoral and for agricultural pursuits, and with a position as favorable for commercial intercourse with all the world as any on the whole face of the globe—can now entertain the reasonable hope and prospect of eventually attaining the same measure of temporal prosperity as has already crowned the exertions of their fellow colonists of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land. In a state of things so unquestionably favourable, especially after all the hardships, privations and sufferings that have hitherto been experienced by many reputable and respectable families and individuals in this Colony, we unsighedly rejoice; and we beg to assure you of our cordial and best wishes that the Lord God Almighty, who alone is able to give the increase, whether in the natural or in the spiritual world, would be graciously pleased to bless all the people of this land with the dew of heaven and the fatness of the earth, and with plenty corn and wine—causing them to prosper in all their undertakings and in all the labour of their hands.

But while we cordially sympathise with you in the prospect of your future temporal prosperity, it is our special desire, as ministers of the everlasting Gospel, and our earnest prayer to Almighty God on your behalf, dearly beloved brethren in the Lord, that your souls may prosper and be in health, and that the moral wilderness around you, in the midst of which, we trust, you have been sown as seed upon the mountains, may flourish as Eden, and the solitary place of your sojourning as the garden of the Lord. With a view to this blessed consummation, it is earnestly to be desired and longed for, and we need not inform you how earnestly we desire and long for it on your behalf, that, in this remote land of your earthly habitation, you may be speedily blessed with the regular dispensation of the ordinances of religion, agreeably to the hallowed institutions of our truly scriptural and apostolic Church, and that your interesting offspring may ere long enjoy the benefit and the blessing of a sound scriptural education, that most distinguishing privilege and glory of our beloved father-land. For the attainment of these important objects, some effort, in the way of assistance and support, will be requisite on your part; but this, we are fully confident, dearly beloved brethren in the Lord, you will cheerfully make, especially as every such effort will henceforth be met by Her Majesty's truly liberal and enlightened Government in a spirit of beneficent liberality hitherto unexampled in the history of the Presbyterian Church in the British Colonies. That Church, we are most happy to inform you, has been already placed by Her Majesty's Government on precisely the same footing as the Church of England in the Colonies of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land; and we are virtually authorised to inform you, on the express declaration of one of Her Majesty's Under Secretaries of State for the Colonies, made to one of our number, that the important arrangement, in virtue

of which this most desirable and salutary change has been effected in the whole Colonial Ecclesiastical System of the Empire, will be extended also to this Colony, in the event of its Presbyterian inhabitants being desirous of availing themselves of it. The leading principles of that arrangement are, that Government will advance an amount equal to the voluntary contributions of the people for the erection of churches and dwelling-houses for ministers wherever they are required, and that whenever not fewer than one hundred adult persons shall subscribe a declaration of their adherence to a minister of their communion, a salary of £100 per annum shall be issued to that minister; the said salary to rise to £150 per annum whenever the number of adult persons subscribing the declaration shall amount to two hundred, and to £200 per annum when it shall exceed four hundred.

This admirable arrangement, we fully anticipate, dearly beloved brethren in the Lord, will enable you to obtain the regular dispensation of the ordinances of religion, agreeably to the hallowed institutions of your native land, and to contribute whatever additional amount may be requisite for the comfortable maintenance of your future pastors, with comparative facility. As it is difficult, however, for the scattered inhabitants of a remote Colony to make the requisite arrangements for the accomplishment of so important an object, as far as relates to what is necessary to be done in the mother-country, we propose and hereby pledge ourselves, on our arrival in New South Wales, to write to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies on the one hand, and to the Ecclesiastical authorities of our beloved Presbyterian Church on the other, that two ministers of that Church may be sent out by the first opportunity to the Colony of Swan River. The one of these ministers, we conceive, should be settled in the town of Perth, and should visit the towns of Guildford and Fremantle, as subordinate stations; the other should itinerate in the other most distant stations in the northern sections of the Territory, or be settled permanently at King George's Sound, conjoining, in the latter case, the duties of a schoolmaster with those of a minister. And in the event of the Presbyterian population of the Colony being unable in the first instance to support a second minister in either of the localities we have mentioned, without external aid, we hereby pledge ourselves to use our utmost exertions to supply whatever may be deficient for the accomplishment of so desirable arrangement, by means of voluntary contributions in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land.

In the meantime, we request that a few of your number will do us the favour to form themselves into a Provisional Committee, 1st, to ascertain the number of the Presbyterian inhabitants of the Colony and their general sentiments in regard to the desirableness of the regular dispensation of the ordinances of religion, agreeably to the hallowed institutions of the Presbyterian Church, in this Colony; and, 2d, to correspond with us on the subject by the earliest opportunity.

In conclusion, although it is not our intention,

as indeed it would be impracticable in our present circumstances, to address you at any length on the subject of your duties and obligations, as professing christians, we would earnestly exhort you, dearly beloved brethren in the Lord, to bear in mind, in this dry and parched land of your adoption, the lessons of heavenly wisdom you were doubtless taught, the examples of piety and virtue that were set before you, and the spiritual privileges you once enjoyed, in the land of your nativity—recollecting that, although deprived for a season of the public ordinances of religion according to the institutions of our apostolic Church, you are still invited and encouraged to draw near to the Lord God of your fathers in your family circles and in your individual capacities; to peruse his holy word, which will prove a light to your feet and a lamp to your path; and to walk by faith in your once crucified, but now glorified Redeemer, through whose merits alone, as perishing immortals, you can hope for peace with God and everlasting life. Be persuaded, we entreat you, to follow the praiseworthy example of the patriarch Abraham, who, wherever he pitched his tent in the pastoral land of his sojourning, uniformly built an altar to the Lord, and worshipped the Lord there. Wherever the christian man, and especially wherever the christian family, inhabiting the wilderness or the solitary place, unite in pouring out their hearts before their Almighty Maker, in humble dependence on their Saviour's merits and in patient expectation of his promised grace, that place is none other than the house of God and the gate of heaven.

In particular, we would earnestly exhort you to remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy. This, at all events, dearly beloved brethren, is fully practicable even in your present circumstances: for it is written, “let not the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people; for, thus saith the Lord, The sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him—every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it—even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer.”—

Finally, brethren, follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all other things that are needful, either for this life or for that which is to come, shall be added unto you. Honor the Lord with all your substance, and with the first fruits of all your increase; so shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your presses burst forth with new wine.

Earnestly commanding you to the love of God and to the richness of his grace in Christ Jesus, who gave himself for you, that he might redeem you from all your iniquities, we remain, dearly beloved brethren in the Lord,

Your sincere friends and faithful servants in the Christian Ministry,
 J. DUNMORE LANG, D. D., Senior Minister of
 the Presbyterian Church in N. S. Wales,
 JAMES FORBES, A.M. THOMAS DUGALL,
 ROBERT BLAIN, GEO. MACFIE,
 J. INBBERTON, G. ANDERSON,
 H. R. GILCHRIST, C. ATCHISON,
 JOHN GREGOR.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
 November 29, 1837.*

SALE OF CROWN LANDS.

 N the 30th of January next, at Twelve o' Clock Noon, the Sub-Collector of Revenue at Albany will offer for Sale by Public Auction, the undermentioned Portion of Land, subject to the general Land Regulations, viz. :—

1,200 Acres of Land, situate at the mouth of a River in a bay eastward of Cape Riche.

For further particulars, reference to be made to the Offices of the Surveyor-General, Perth, and the Sub-Collector of Revenue, Albany.

*By His Excellency's command,
 PETER BROWN,
 Colonial Secretary.*

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