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THE following Quarterly Average of the Weekly Assets and Liabilities of the Bank of Western Australia from 28th of March, 1838, to the 26th of June, 1838, inclusive, having (in conformity with the 13th section of the Colonial Act No. 1, 8th Wm. IV.) been transmitted to this Office, His Excellency the Governor has directed the publication of the same for general information.

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

Quarterly Average of the Weekly Assets and Liabilities of the Bank of Western Australia from 28th March to 26th June, 1838, inclusive.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Notes in Circulation	2,687	0	0	Specie	5,368	9	11
Deposits	4,130	19	8	Discounted Bills	2,816	1	7
	£6,817 19 8			Dishonored Bills	nil.		
					£8,184 11 6		

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
July 11, 1838.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has directed that the following Communication which has been received from Captain Wickham, of Her Majesty's Ship *Beagle*, should be published for general information.

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

*H. M. S. "Beagle," Owen's Anchorage,
June 19, 1838.*

DEAR SIR,—As every thing relating to the Colony of Swan River must be of deep interest to you, and as I conceive that nothing is of more importance than that it should be known to possess a

perfectly safe and secure Anchorage during the heavy N.W. gales that prevail in the winter, I take the opportunity of stating the opinion formed by all on board the *Beagle* as to Owen's Anchorage being a place of most perfect security in any weather.

The *Beagle* arrived here on the 25th of May. The weather was fair until the 31st, when it commenced to blow from N.W., and continued to do so, with little intermission between that point and W.S.W., but chiefly from N.W., until June 10th. During a part of this time, the squalls were occasionally very heavy, and more particularly on the night of the 5th of June, when a part of the new Whaling Jetty was washed down. The sea was then said to be heavier than usual

Throughout this bad weather the *Beagle* rode

perfectly easy, and without causing the slightest apprehension to any one on board as to her safety. A small 23-foot cutter was moored astern, and a 26-foot yawl was anchored a short distance from the ship, neither of which required to be bailed out after the breeze, excepting for the rain water that had fallen into them.

The *Beagle* was moored N.E. and S.W., with half a cable each way, and as a precaution, a third anchor was dropped during the bad weather; this, however, proved unnecessary, as the ship's position had not changed in the slightest.

The following are the compass bearings of conspicuous objects taken when moored:—Jail, N. $8\frac{1}{2}$ E.; Mewstone, N. $75\frac{1}{2}$ W.; Haycock, Garden Island, S. 48 W.; Mid-Cliff, Ditto, S. 65 E. Open hawse to N.W.; small bower in $8\frac{1}{4}$, mud and sand; best bower in 7, mud and sand.

A better anchorage may be taken up a cable's length more to the N.W., with the Mewstone just clear to the southward of the Seal Rock, bearing N. $76\frac{1}{2}$ W.; the highest part of the No. head on with the extreme of Arthur's Head, N. 7 E.; Jail, N. b. E.; Middle Cliff, abreast of Owen's Anchorage, S. 63 E.; and the Haycock, S. $46\frac{1}{2}$ W. You will there have from 9 to 11 fathoms, over a mixture of sand and mud.

I have the honor to be

Your most obedient Servant,
W. C. WICKHAM.

Sir James Stirling, &c., &c., &c.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
July 11, 1838.*

CONSIDERABLE interest having been excited by reports concerning the width and depth of a Channel said to exist into Warnbro Sound, and circumstances having prevented the completion of the regular survey, which was begun in December last, of that portion of Coast; the Governor, with the view of gratifying in some degree the public curiosity in regard to the reports in question, directed Lieutenant Belches, commanding Her Majesty's Colonial Vessel *Champion*, in the latter part of June, to proceed to Warnbro Sound, and to inquire into the nature and qualities of the Channel said to exist. Pursuant to these directions, Lieutenant Belches has rendered a Report, of which the following is the substance, which His Excellency has directed to be published for general information.

*By His Excellency's command
PETER BROWN,*

Colonial Secretary.

"The Channel between the Patch marked in Mr. Roe's Chart $2\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms and the northern ledge of Sister's Reef, is not safe, without the aid of Buoys and a good Pilot. The distance between the northern extremity of the Reef and a Patch of Rocks lying to the southward of Roe's $2\frac{1}{2}$ Fathoms Patch, is not quite a cable's length, which, I think, renders the Southern Passage intricate for a stranger; but I consider the Passage between the Passage Rock and the $2\frac{1}{2}$ Fathoms Patch a safe one, observing the necessary precautions of having a Pilot, and a Buoy being placed on the ledge. With the assistance of Mr. Roe's Chart and a Buoy on the Patch, this Channel is practicable for

a stranger without the aid of a Pilot, but I would not consider it prudent to recommend Masters of Vessels to run for it from seaward without assistance. The width is rather less than a quarter of a mile, with clear ground. Close to the Patch there is $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms, and the Passage rapidly deepens to 7 and 8 close to the Ledge off the Passage Rock. I could not discover the Bank that is supposed to run in a parallel line with the Coast, although the ground is in some places irregular, having found only $5\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms at the distance of one and a quarter mile from the Beacon. The safety of the Inner Harbour is so apparent, that it is unnecessary to make any remark upon it, and I consider the Roadstead a perfectly secure anchorage against all winds."

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
July 11, 1838.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that, on Tuesday, the 31st day of July, instant, at 12 o'clock,

the Collector of Revenue will offer for sale by Public Auction, the undermentioned Portions of Crown Land and Building Allotments, subject to the General Land Regulations, viz. :—

No. 6. Avon River District, Yorkshire, containing 640 acres, adjoining Major Nairn's 8,833 acres.

No. 7. Ditto, containing 716 acres, adjoining No. 6.

Perth Building Allotment S No. 25.

Ditto N. No. 25.

For further particulars respecting Conditions, &c., reference to be made to the Offices of the Surveyor-General and the Collector of Revenue.

*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN,*

Colonial Secretary.

*Commissariat Office, Perth,
July 13, 1838.*

SEALD TENDERS in Triplicate (marked "Tenders for Wheat") will be received at this Office until Wednesday, the 1st August, at Twelve o'clock, from such Person or Persons who may be willing to supply, for the use of Her Majesty's Government, (1,500) One Thousand Five Hundred Bushels of COLONIAL WHEAT, 60lbs. to the bushel, the growth of the Harvest of 1838, and to be delivered on or before the 15th of March, 1839.

The Wheat to be of unexceptionable quality, clean from smut and drake, and to be delivered at the front entrance of the Commissariat Store, at Perth, free of any charges to the Government, at the cost and risk of the Contractor.

The Wheat to be subject to a Board of Survey before Payment is made.

No Tender will be received for a less quantity than Fifty Bushels; and the Parties tendering will have to enter into a Bond with two good Sureties for the due performance of their Contract, when their Tenders are accepted.

Any further information may be obtained by applying at this Office.

JOHN LEWIS,

Deputy Assistant Commissary General.

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