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HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the following report of the Harbour Master of Fremantle, of the late disasters to the shipping, to be published for general information :—

“In compliance with instructions dated the 2d instant, I beg to state the following particulars for his Excellency's information :—

“On the morning of the 22d September, at about 1 o'clock, it came on to blow a sudden gale of wind from the north-west. At about 3 o'clock I got up and called my men, and while in the act of doing so, the people on board the *Caledonia* fired a gun, when I could see by the flash that she had drifted. At this time I was on the beach, where I met the mate of the *Shepherd*, and four of his men. He informed me that he had come on shore to look after the long-boat, which had broke from the ship during the night. While we were talking, I could plainly see by the masts of the *Shepherd*, over the hill, that she had also

drifted, and considerably. I asked the mate what had induced him to leave his ship while it was blowing so heavy, and with only one anchor down, and his top-gallant and royal-masts up; when he repeated that he had come ashore to look for his boat. By this time the *Shepherd* was on shore where she now lies. Finding the *Caledonia* was still drifting, I immediately collected a boat's crew, and with great difficulty got on board her, where I found both anchors down, and the cables end for end. I ordered her stream anchor and cable to be let go, which was done, and with the assistance of my own men, had the top-gallant yards and masts sent down, and her top-masts struck. She then hung on, and did not drift any further on to the banks, although she occasionally struck; but on sounding, I found she made no water. I then left her, and went on board the brig *Fox*, as I perceived she was driving during every squall, and did not understand the signals made from the hill for her to strike her top-gallant and top-masts. It was with great difficulty I got on board of her, although in a whale-boat with six good

hands. The people on board the *Fox* informed me they could not strike the masts, and had carried away nearly every block in the ship. I went into the hold and found a top block, and with the assistance of my men we succeeded in striking the top-masts, and sent her top-gallant masts down on deck. She then hung on, and did not drive any further.

"The above vessels were anchored in the usual anchorage, distant one mile from the shore, in $4\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 fathoms water. At about 9 o'clock in the evening previous I examined my glass, just previous to my retiring for the night, as was my usual practice when there were any vessels in the roads, at which time it did not indicate any bad weather.

"The *Elizabeth* schooner was endeavouring to return to the anchorage, after having been at sea 24 hours; but in consequence of the gale carrying away all her sails, she could not weather the north beach, which was a dead lee shore, and was in consequence totally wrecked.

"With respect to the barque *Lancier*, I have only to state, that about 9 o'clock on the morning of Saturday last, I was informed that there was a ship in sight, which was supposed by some to be H.M. *S. Beagle*, and by others she was taken for some man-of-war that had surveyed the coast, as no other vessel would be where she was seen. I immediately sent for a boat's crew for my whale-boat, and just as I was putting off the report came that she was on shore on the Stragglers. I put off to her as quickly as possible, and succeeded in taking four of the crew off the wreck, having previously met the jolly-boat, with persons in her, who informed me they had left them on the wreck, and that the vessel was breaking up fast.

"The *Caledonia* was got off the shore on Thursday last; she has, by the orders of the surveyors, discharged her cargo, and proceeded to Garden Island to be hove down. I expect the *Shepherd* will be got off to-night, with but little damage."

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
October 3, 1839.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified for general information, that at the next Sitting of the Legislative Council on Tuesday, the 15th Instant, a "Bill to regulate the Licensing of Auctioneers, and the Collection of Duties on Property sold by Auction," will be submitted, of which the following are the heads:—

1. Auctioneers are required to take out a License.
2. Manner of applying for a License, and Sureties to be given by persons obtaining a License.
3. License to be renewed every year.
4. A duty of — per Cent. on Proceeds of all Sales by Auction.
5. The above Duty a Charge upon the Auctioneer from the closing of the Bidding at every Sale.
6. Account of all Sales to be rendered within — days. Auctioneers authorized to retain the above Duty from the Proceeds of Sale. To make declaration of the truth of his Account. In case of Judgment being had against an Auctioneer, his License shall become void. Exception.
7. If Sales by Auction are rendered null and void, the Duty paid thereon is to be returned.
8. In case the Owner of any Goods shall become the Purchaser, an allowance of the Duty arising by this Act will be made.
9. This Act not to extend to Goods sold by order of Court; of Collector of Revenue, or distrained for Rent.
10. This Act not to extend to any Sales for the benefit of Creditors; of Ships condemned as prizes; of Ships wrecked; or of Ships foundered at sea.
11. Mode of rendering the Accounts of Sales made under the authority of the Sheriff, or by order of any Court. Penalty — Pounds. Any Sum above £20 to be recovered by Action at Law, and any Sum not exceeding £20 before two or more Justices. All Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, to be paid half to the Colonial Fund, and half to the person informing or suing for the same.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
October 3, 1839.

TENDERS, in Triplicate, will be received at this Office and opened on Tuesday next, the 8th Instant, for the performance of the undermentioned Works:—

To fix a Rail round the Trap Hatch of the Jury Room at the Court-House, Perth.

To paint the same.

To paint all the outside Wood-Work of the Court-House with two coats.

To repair the Roof and Shingling of the Market Shed, near the Public Offices.

If preferred, separate Tenders will be received for the Painting above referred to.

For further particulars, reference to be made to the Superintendent of Public Works, Perth.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
September 6, 1839.*

IT being considered expedient, for the protection of the Settlers in this Colony, that a Police Force should be established: and the Funds at the disposal of the Local Government being inadequate to the support of any increase Expenditure,—His Excellency the Governor proposes to submit to the consideration of the Legislative Council on the 15th Proximo, a Bill for the augmentation of the Revenue by an Assessment on Land.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
July 4, 1839.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has directed it to be notified for the information of all persons concerned, that it is the intention of the Local Government to resume, on the termination of the present year, each and every Town Allotment standing in the name of any person now resident in the Colony on which the Improvements required by the Regulations of the Town in which it is situated may not have been performed; or on which the sum of Ten Pounds, specified in the Notice of the 21st February last to be received in lieu of Improvements, may not on that day have been paid into the hands of the Collector of Revenue.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
September 6, 1839.*

SALE OF CROWN LAND.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on Wednesday, the 4th of December next, at 12 o'Clock, the Collector of Revenue will offer for Sale by Public Auction, the undermentioned portion of Land, subject to the existing Regulations, viz:—

1,020 Acres, Section Q, Avon District.

For further particulars, application to be made

to the Surveyor-General, and Collector of Revenue.
*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN, Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
August 20, 1839.*

SALE OF TOWN ALLOTMENTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on Wednesday, the 27th of November next, at Twelve o'Clock Noon, the Sub-Collector of Revenue at Albany, King George's Sound, will offer for Sale by Public Auction, at that place, the undermentioned Town Lots, under and subject to the existing Regulations:—

- Albany Lot S No. 25.
- Ditto No. 173.
- Ditto No. 174.
- Ditto No. 206.

For further particulars, reference to be made to the Offices of the Sub-Collector at Albany, or the Survey Office, Perth.

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

*Commissariat Office, Perth,
October 4, 1839.*

TENDERS in Triplicate will be received at this Office at Twelve o'Clock on the 23d of October next, from such Person or Persons as may be willing to supply, for the use of Military Hospital, the undermentioned Articles, viz:—

- One Metal Tea-Pot, quart
- One Saucepan, ditto
- One Ditto, two quarts
- One Ditto, four quarts
- One Hair Broom
- One Mop
- One pair of Snuffers

The Articles to be subject to the approval of the Military Medical Officer.

W. H. DRAKE,
Deputy Assistant Commissary General.