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HIS Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct the publication of the following extracts of letters which have been received from Mr. W. N. Clark, for the information of the public:—

"In my former letter I stated that a dose of the essence of the plant called *lobelia* was given to the sheep on the evening of the 5th of November, and that, when Mr. Drummond left us on the following morning, the sheep was alive and well. On the evening of the 8th November (thus allowing an interval of three days), when the animal appeared in perfect health, the plant called by Mr. Preiss *Burtonia*, was thrown into the stomach in the following manner: A quantity of the leaves, small tendrils, and flowers were pounded together in a mortar, made up into small balls, after being reduced to a proper consistency, and thrust with the finger into the sheep's throat, when it swallowed them successively, until the whole mixture was exhausted. It was then tied to a tree by a long rope, beside some fine grass, close to the door of the house. About ten o'clock next morning the sheep shewed symptoms of internal disorder by running round in a circle, and by having trembling fits at intervals. Between 11 and 1 o'clock, saliva began to run from its mouth; on visiting it about 1 o'clock, with a handful of the plant in its natural state, to try if it would eat it, the sheep was standing still, and saliva was still running copiously. The plant was offered to the animal, but it only smelt at, and would not touch it, a gentle push was then given, when the sheep suddenly sprang forward, run violently round in a circle, till the rope round the tree checked its motions, and, while the overseer, Mr. John Craigie, was endeavoring to untwist the rope, the animal gave a slight shudder, dropt down, and almost immediately expired. I believe one minute did not elapse from the time it bounded forward until its death. The body was then opened, and there was no appearance of any disease; all the internal organs were in a healthy state. The veins were filled with blood, but we remarked that the blood at the heart was of an unnaturally dark color. The coat of the first stomach was quite rough as usual, whereas, in other sheep that were opened, it peeled off on applying the finger. Probably they had retained the poison longer. On the head being opened, a quantity of water appeared on the surface of the brain. We burned the entrails, and gave the carcase to the dogs who ate it without the least bad effect. I beg to enclose to His Excellency several dried specimens of this dangerous plant, as I am told it is to be seen on, or near, the Middle Swan. I likewise send some of the *Lobelia*, which I have seen growing close to the *Burtonia*.

"The *Burtonia* plant has been again tried by us, on another animal, and I have again to communicate the particulars to His

Excellency the Governor, in the hope that the public attention will now be thoroughly aroused, and means devised to remedy the evil. On the 22d of this month, a powerful kangaroo dog was selected for the benefit of science. On the first trial, some of the leaves of the plant were pounded together, and given to the dog in slices of kangaroo, but with no other visible effect than violent motions of the bowels. Next day the dog hunted and assisted in killing two kangaroos—on his return another dose was administered to him in slices of kangaroo and baked dough, and, on this occasion, a handful of the berries (the plant being now in seed,) was pounded together in a mortar, and swallowed about 2 o'clock, P. M. The dog continued sleeping in an outer house till midnight, when all at once he uttered a most unnatural howl, and the other dogs ran away from him and commenced barking furiously. A light was procured, and the dog was observed sitting on his haunches, see-sawing his head to and fro in a strange manner. He then howled again, and fell into convulsive fits, in the same way as the sheep was attacked, with the legs stretched out, the eye-balls much distended, and very heavy and choking respiration. The dog immediately, and as if in violent pain, made a sudden rush outside; speedily every sleeper was awakened (ten of us in the house, including two natives), and the doors and windows were blocked up to prevent the dog's ingress in his maddened state. He was heard rolling violently on the ground outside, and roaring with anguish; all of a sudden he started up, ran violently forwards, plunged through the garden fence, and made for the bed of the river (now dry in that place), where he was found dead the next morning, with rushes in his mouth, which he had evidently clutched in his agony. The body was opened; the liver was much enlarged, the puddings were of an unnatural white color, and distended, and the blood about the breast was very black. We burned the body to prevent further mischief. Thus, any lingering doubt respecting this destructive plant, is at an end, and now it is clearly ascertained to be a deadly vegetable poison. The entrails of our sheep that died here from eating the plant, affected the very birds, for the crows were observed dead, in numbers, around the carcasses. We have two very intelligent natives now with us, one called *Bucket*, from the Hay River, and the other, *Towlett*, who accompanied Capt. Grey to Adelaide, and came back to King George's Sound, being unwilling to proceed to England, as at one time intended. *Bucket* informs me that the native name of the *Burtonia* is *cheel-ye-mit*, that it grows on part of Capt. Hassel's grant at Mr. Macdonald's station, *Moor-e-lup*; several sheep were lately lost there by poison, as supposed; and at Lake Matilda, or *Took-at-up*, all the way to Kojonup, at the latter place there is plenty of it. I sent

you dried specimens of the *Burtonias* in flower, I now enclose some with the seed berries attached, ocular demonstration being far better than the most highly wrought description. The dog's name was Hector, and he was in the charge of George Swift of King George's Sound, who has repeatedly driven sheep overland to York. Swift would not be convinced that the sheep died of poison until the death of the dog removed his scruples."

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
December 22, 1840.

DEEDS OF GRANT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned Deeds of Grant in Fee Simple of Crown Lands and Town Allotments, have passed the Executive Council, and are now ready for delivery at this Office,—

T. L. Symers,	Albany lot	B	39
George Grey,	do.	S	100
John McKail,	do.	B	15
Wm. Glover,	Perth sub.		29
Wm. Habgood,	Fremantle		126
Thomas Helms,	Perth	A	14
George Swift,	Albany	S	116
Patrick Taylor,	do.	S	108
Peter N. Brown,	Fremantle		484
James Annice,	Albany	S	111
Henry Townsend,	do.	S	19
Luke S. Leake,	Perth lot	Y	40
Isaac Jecks,	do.	L	59
Do.	do.	L	60
Do.	do.	L	61
Do.	do.	L	62
Richard Lewis,	Fremantle	7 & 8	
John Bateman,	do.	No.	59
Charles Heal,	Guildford lot		3
John Stanton,	Perth	V	27
John Gill,	Busselton	No.	8
Edward Lane,	Albany	S	101
Wesleyan Trustees,	Fremantle lot		229
Do.,	do.		230
Do.,	do.		242
Do.,	do.		243
Charles Heal,	Guildford lot	No.	2
John Mason,	Albany	S	35
John Bateman,	Fremantle	No.	295
Do.,	do.		294
John T. Leake,	Perth lot	Y	41
George W. Leake,	Fremantle	S	394
John Molloy,	Augusta sub.	e	
Ann Pace,	Fremantle lot	No.	49
John Young,	Albany	S	102
Henry H. Atkinson,	do.	B	11
James Cooper,	do.	S	43
John Williams,	do.	B	24
John Robertson,	do.	B	32
George Cheyne,	do.	S	13
Thomas B. Sherratt,	do.		171
Elijah Dawson,	Busselton	No.	7
Frederick Ludlow,	do.	No.	6
John Bateman,	Fremantle	No.	60

George Leake, William River, 2,560 acres

Wm. Tanner, Swan River, Location 14,
190 acres
Marshall MacDermott, Cockburn Sound
Location 7, 100 acres
Alfred Hawes Stone, Swan River Location
89, 10 acres
Do., do. A3, 17 acres
By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
December 22, 1840.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been
pleased to appoint George Eliot,
Esq., as Government Resident of Leschen-
nault, until the pleasure of Her Majesty's
Government be known.

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
December 14, 1840.*

A Building in Perth having now been
prepared for the purposes of a Colo-
nial Hospital, under the direction of the
Colonial Surgeon, His Excellency the Go-
vernor is pleased to direct it to be notified
that such persons on application to that
officer, at the Hospital, between the hours
of 10 and 12 in the morning, will be receiv-
ed as patients into the same, should it ap-
pear on examination that their cases are
such as to require this accommodation.

Further particulars as to the internal
rules and charges may be learned on ap-
plication to the Colonial Surgeon at the
Hospital.

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
December 16, 1840.*

SALE OF LAND.

The Collector of Revenue will offer
for sale, by Public Auction, at the
Public Offices, Perth, on Wednesday, the
13th day of March next, at one o'clock, the
undermentioned portions of Land, subject
to the existing regulations,—

Location O on the right bank of the Avon
River, containing 2,250 acres, between
the estates of R. I. Brockman and J.
Morrell, and adjoining part of the
Southern boundary of Major Nairn's
grant near the Townsite of Northam.

For further particulars application to be
made to the Surveyor-General and Collector
of Revenue.

By His Excellency's command
PETER BROWN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth
November 4, 1840.*

SALE OF LAND.

ON Wednesday, the 3d of February
next, at 1 o'clock, the Collector of

Revenue will offer for sale by public Auc-
tion, at the Public Offices, Perth, the un-
dermentioned portions of Land, subject to
the existing regulations—

Location No. 107, Lake Boorarrubup,
Perthshire, comprising 640 acres at the
North end of the Lake,—next to the
North of E. Jeffers' 200 acres.

For further particulars application to be
made to the Surveyor-general and Collector
of Revenue.

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
October 13, 1840.*

SALE OF LAND.

The Collector of Revenue will offer
for sale, by public auction, at the pub-
lic offices, Perth, on Wednesday, the 13th
day of January next, at one o'clock, the
undermentioned portions of land subject to
the existing regulations,—

Location No. 29, Leschenault—comprising
100 acres on the left bank of the Preston
River, adjoining the North and West
boundaries of the original reserve for
Pictou Townsite, and with a width of 19
chains 27 links North and South.

Location No. 30, Leschenault—comprising
100 acres on the left bank of the Preston
River, adjoining South boundary of lo-
cation No. 29, on the original reserve
for Pictou townsite, and with a width of
17 chains 27 links.

For further particulars application to be
made to the Surveyor-general, and Collector
of Revenue.

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
October 27, 1840.*

SALE OF LAND.

The Collector of Revenue will offer for
sale, by public auction, at the Public
Offices, Perth, on Wednesday, the 27th of
January next, at one o'clock, the under-
mentioned portions of Land, subject to the
existing regulations—

Sussex location, No. 11—comprising 270
acres, adjoining Womerup townsite, and
between Sir James Stirling's land and
Geographie Bay.

Sussex location, No. 10—comprising 824
acres between the Southern shore of
Geographie Bay and the land of Captain
Molloy.

For further particulars application to be
made to the Surveyor-general and Collector
of Revenue.

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN.

*Commissariat Office, Perth,
December 16, 1840.*

TO be sold by Public Auction, by Go-
vernment Auctioneer, at the Commis-
sariat Store, Perth, on Wednesday, 30th
December, 1840, a quantity of Bran.

W. H. DRAKE,
Dep.-Asst.-Com.-General.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the gen-
eral Quarter Sessions of our Lady
the Queen for the Colony of Western Aus-
tralia, will be holden at the Court House,
Perth, on the first day of January next, at
the hour of nine in the forenoon. Dated,
24th December, 1840.

A. H. STONE,
Clerk of the Peace.

NOTICE is hereby given that the next
General Annual Licensing Meeting
of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace
acting in and for the District of Fremantle,
will be holden at the office of the Govern-
ment resident, Fremantle, on Thursday, the
31st day of December inst, at 10 o'clock in
the forenoon.

RICHARD LEWIS,
Clerk to Magistrates.

NOTICE is hereby given that the next
General Annual Licensing Meeting
of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace act-
ing in and for the District of Perth, will be
holden at the Court House in Perth, on
Thursday, the 31st day of Dec. inst., at 9
o'clock in the forenoon.

W. J. LAWRENCE,
Clerk to Magistrates.

Dec. 12, 1840.

NOTICE is hereby given that the next
General Annual Licensing Meeting
of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace act-
ing in and for the District of Guildford, will
be holden at Woodbridge on Thursday, the
31st day of Dec. inst., at 4 o'clock in the
forenoon.

W. J. LAWRENCE,
Clerk to Magistrates.

Dec. 12, 1840.

GENERAL ROAD TRUST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE annual meeting of the Trustees
will be held in the Court House, Perth,
on Monday, the 4th of January, 1841, for
the election of a Chairman and Directors,
and for the general business of the
Trust.

WM. TANNER,
Chairman.

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