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## RETURN OF THE REVENUE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA FOR THE QUAR- TER ENDING 31ST OF MARCH, 1841.

### FIXED REVENUE.

	£	s.	d.
Duty on Imported Spirits..	1,654	3	9
Do. on Wines.....	159	7	6
Do. on Tobacco.....	41	10	4
Do. on Goods sold by Auc- tion.....	100	9	10
Retail Licenses.....	490	0	0
Auctioneers' do.....	10	0	0
Fees of Public Offices....	99	13	3
Warehouse Rent on Spirits in Bond.....	44	2	0
Freight per Colonial Govern- ment schooner.....	36	17	7
Post Office Department....	29	19	8
License to practice in Civil Court.....	4	0	0
	2,670	4	1

### INCIDENTAL REVENUE.

Judicial Fines.....	12	15	9
Sales of Crown Lands....	156	0	0
Fines on land.....	40	0	0
Repayment of Loans.....	310	7	4
	3,189	7	2

### RECEIPTS IN AID.

By Drafts on Commissariat Chest on account of the Parliamentary Grant..	1,547	19	6
Total.....	4,737	6	8

## ABSTRACT OF THE PUBLIC Expenditure of the Colony of Western Australia for the Quarter ending 31st of March, 1841.

### FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY GRANT.

#### SALARIES.

	£	s.	d.
The Governor.....	200	0	0
Colonial Secretary's Office..	168	15	0
Surveyor-General's Office..	143	6	8
Commissioner of Civil Court	75	0	0
Advocate-General.....	39	11	8
Colonial Chaplain.....	62	10	0
Colonial Surgeon.....	68	8	9
Gov't Resident Fremantle..	25	0	0
Do. Albany....	26	4	0
Do. Augusta....	25	0	0
Do. York.....	25	0	0
Do. Toodyay....	21	5	8
Clerk of the Peace.....	25	0	0
The Sheriff.....	25	0	0
The Commandant.....	45	0	0
Protectors of Natives.....	125	0	0
	1,100	1	9

#### CONTINGENCIES.

Foraging allowance Colonial Chaplain.....	12	10	0
Printing and Stationery....	28	12	0
Maintenance of Colonial Ves- sel.....	309	18	6

Forage allowance of Protec-  
tors of Natives.....

24 14 0

Extra Surveys.....

72 8 3

447 17 9

Total chargeable on Parlia-  
mentary Grant.....

1,547 19 6

### FROM THE COLONIAL FUND.

#### SALARIES.

	£	s.	d.
Treasurer.....	11	5	0
Registrar of Deeds.....	25	0	0
Superintendent of Govern- ment Works.....	25	0	0
Clerk Colonial Secretary's Office.....	18	15	0
Survey Office.....	128	15	0
Collector of Revenue.....	50	0	0
Sub-Collector Fremantle....	12	10	0
Tidewaiter Fremantle.....	25	0	0
Do. Albany.....	22	18	4
Do. Perth.....	6	5	0
Harbour Master Fremantle, Do. Albany...	50 14 10 108 6 8		
Gaoler Fremantle.....	18	15	0
Superintendent of Rottne- st Establishment.....	25	0	0
Gaoler, Albany.....	37	10	0
Postmaster Perth.....	12	10	0
Do. Fremantle.....	12	10	0
Do. Guildford.....	3	15	0
Do. Albany.....	22	10	0
Do. York.....	7	10	0
Baliff of Civil Court.....	5	0	0
Constable Perth.....	5	0	0
Do. Fremantle.....	5	0	0
Do. Murray.....	5	0	0
Housekeeper Public Offices	8	15	0
Interpreter to Natives.....	22	10	0
Confidential Clerk.....	37	10	0
Clerk of the Councils.....	25	0	0
Registrar Clerk of Civil Court.....	25	0	0
Sheriff.....	32	10	0
Clock Keeper.....	2	10	0

#### CONTINGENCIES.

Allowance to Resident, Swan	25	0	0
Police Establishment.....	84	17	2
Issues to the Natives.....	26	8	4
Surveys and Explorations...	298	17	11
Schools.....	13	17	4
Collection of Revenue.....	115	0	3
Relief to Destitute Persons	8	18	0
Administration of Justice...	280	6	1
Conveyance of Mails.....	80	14	2
Furniture, Public Offices....	8	6	0
Repairs of Public Buildings	9	16	6
Introduction of Labor—being purchase of buildings for the reception of emigrants on arrival.....	610	0	0

#### Miscellaneous as under.

Rent of Offices, Albany....	30	0	0
Allowance to Resident Mur- ray.....	12	10	0

Medical Attendance Fremantle.....	12	10	0
Expenses of Colonial Hospi- tal.....	65	1	8
Pay of extra Clerks.....	37	18	8
Subscription to "Inquirer"..	4	0	0
Cleaning Court House.....	3	10	0
Extra Road Making.....	17	14	0
Half salary to Colonial Sur- geon during passage from England.....	54	0	0
Sundries for Flag Staff and Guns.....	3	3	0
Travelling Expenses.....	2	2	0
Petty Contingencies.....	8	0	2
	1,812	11	3

Total chargeable on Colo-  
nial Revenue.....

2,610 16 1  
By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
April 1, 1841.

HIS Excellency the Governor has  
been pleased to direct the publication  
of the following despatch lately received  
from the Secretary of State for the Colo-  
nies.

By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN.

Downing Street,  
Sept. 5, 1840.

SIR,—I have received your despatch,  
No. 60, of the 1st of August, 1839, enclos-  
ing a memorial from the Agricultural So-  
ciety and other landholders of Western  
Australia, on the subject of their grants.

I have attentively considered the prayer  
of the memorialists, together with the ob-  
servations contained in your despatch on  
the subject of the memorial. I referred  
the subject for the consideration of the Co-  
lonial Land and Emigration Commission-  
ers, and I enclose for your information, a  
copy of the Report which I have received  
from that Board, containing a review of the  
whole question of the land system in West-  
ern Australia, and suggesting such reme-  
dies as they have considered most applica-  
ble to the difficulties under which the colony  
is at present suffering.

This Report enters fully into the subject,  
and I concur, to a great extent, in the  
views, and in the suggestions of the Com-  
missioners.

Admitting that the principles on which  
the Colony was founded were such as sub-  
sequent experience has shown, to be in some  
respects highly erroneous, I am still far  
from considering that the difficulties con-  
sequent on those errors, are irremediable;  
on the contrary, I anticipate the eventual  
success of the settlement.

The early history of British Colonies  
sufficiently shews the truth of the principle,  
which was, in former times, generally  
acknowledged, that the infancy of a colony

must be a period of great difficulty, of extreme frugality, and of slow growth; and it is now too prevalent an error to look for immediate success in such undertakings. Time alone can effect this end, and it is impossible to combine the slender resources of an infant colony with the magnificent establishments of a large country.

Referring to the suggestions of the Commissioners, I am prepared to adopt the measures which they propose, to the extent, and with the qualifications, which I am about to explain:

1st. With regard to the class of non-residents, applying the term to those who have entirely left the colony, and who have made no effort, and incurred no expense, in improving their land, but merely retain it in the hope that it will obtain value from the improvement of the neighborhood, I am disposed to agree with you that, in such cases, the penalties to which they have subjected themselves should be enforced, whether of fine or forfeiture of their lands; but, on the other hand, it has been urged by the Commissioners, that the distinction proposed would be difficult in practice; you will be at liberty to make that distinction, if, on further reflection, you remain of the same opinion.

2nd. Those persons who have improved their lands to the extent required by the terms of their grant, should at once receive a title in fee-simple to the whole.

3rd. Those who have been in the colony, but who have not in any degree performed the conditions on which their grants were made to them, should receive a full title to one-fourth of their land upon surrendering the remaining three-fourths; provided that the portion so confirmed shall not exceed 2,000 acres.

4th. Those who have in part performed the conditions, should receive the portion to which the extent of the improvements would entitle them; and, also, one-fourth of the remainder upon the surrender of the other three-fourths.

5th. Those who, having received the whole quantity of their land in separate blocks, have only improved one block, should be given a full title to the improved portion, and to one-fourth of the unimproved land upon surrendering the remaining three-fourths.

6th. All those who have made valid purchases of grants from private individuals shall be dealt with, in regard to the fulfilment of the conditions on such lands, as the original grantees.

7th. No extension of time, for the performance of location duties, can be granted to persons on the plea that they have had to wait until the boundaries of their locations were marked, or that they had been allowed to make a new selection of their grants.

The Commissioners have suggested, as a measure which might avoid the dissensions and difficulties attendant on minor arrangements, that if a sufficient land tax were imposed the grantees might have their titles confirmed at once without any further qualification or restriction. I agree with the Commissioners that such a measure would be preferable, if it were practicable; and if you should find that, by that inducement, you can obtain a sufficient land tax, you are at liberty to waive all the other conditions before proposed.

These are the arrangements in regard to

the tenure of lands under the system of grants, which it appears to me that it would be most advantageous to adopt. There are also some measures of a more general character, which I have been led to consider with a view to the benefit of the colony.

The Commissioners suggest:

1. That a large addition be forthwith made to the surveying department.

2. That all country lands be sold in future at a fixed minimum price.

3. That they be sold in sections of not less than half a square mile.

4. That the price of those lands be 1*l.* an acre.

5. That a tax of 3*d.* per acre be laid on all the assigned or appropriated land in the colony.

6. That a duty of 1*s.* per acre be paid on the registry of all private transfers of land.

7. That a loan of 12,000*l.* be forthwith raised, to be applied exclusively to purposes of emigration, and to defraying the increased expense of the surveying department.

You are already informed that provision has been made, in the Parliamentary Estimate for the present year, for three additional surveyors. I am fully sensible of the importance of strengthening the survey department, but any further increase must depend upon the practicability of raising the fund necessary for that purpose. In reference, therefore, to this subject, I may observe on the 7th proposal of the Commissioners, that I cannot entertain the proposal of raising a loan of 12,000*l.* on the credit of the colony. If the proposal of the loan should be adopted at all, it will be to a much more limited extent, and solely for the purpose of increasing the survey department; but upon that subject, and also on the question of the fixed price at which the land should be sold, I am in communication with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and shall address you again on a future occasion.

The 5th suggestion is, that a tax of 3*d.* per acre should be laid on the assigned or appropriated lands in the colony. I propose rather to substitute the lower rate of one halfpenny, unless a land tax should be imposed under the circumstances before stated.

The 6th proposal is, that a duty of one shilling per acre should be imposed on the registry of all private transfers of land. I consider that a duty of three pence will be preferable, and should be imposed.

There are some other points connected with this subject generally, on which I am in communication with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, but I am desirous, in the mean time, to convey to you the views of Her Majesty's Government on the question of the tenures of lands, because it is one regarding which very general anxiety must, probably, prevail throughout the colony.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. RUSSELL.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,*  
March 31, 1841.

#### SURRENDER OF LAND.

THE undermentioned application for the surrender of land having been received in conformity with the public notice issued

on the 29th September, 1837, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the same to be notified for the information of parties who may be in any way interested:

William Tanner—640 acres of land in the Williams District, being the remainder of location D.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,*  
April 1, 1841.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint WILLIAM HORATIO SHOLL, Esquire, to perform the duties of Colonial Surgeon, during the absence of James Crichton, Esquire, M.D., on leave.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,*  
March 26, 1841.

#### LOCATION DUTIES ON LAND.

WITH reference to a Notice which appeared in the Gazette of the 12th of February last, leaving it optional with parties to commute their Location Duties by the payment of the sum of nine pence per acre on their unimproved lands held under the Colonial Office Circular B; and the sum of one shilling and six pence per acre on those held under the Circular C,—His Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified for the information of persons interested, that, in consequence of a communication which has been received from Her Majesty's Government, the intentions of the Local Government, as set forth in that notice, are, for the present suspended.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,*  
March 25, 1841.

#### TOWN ALLOTMENTS IN BUNBURY.

THE Governor directs it to be notified for general information, that the Town-site of Bunbury is now open to public selection for purchase; and that a plan of the allotments may be seen on application at the Survey Office in Perth, or to the Government Resident on the Townsite.

All applications to purchase will be advertised at Bunbury for five weeks, at the end of which period each lot will be offered for public sale on the Town-site, at the minimum price of £25, and will be granted in fee-simple to the highest bidder.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,*  
March 16, 1841.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to notify for the information of the public that from and after the first day of May next, certificates of remission, in discharge of lands surrendered, will be issued from this Office at the rate of one shilling and six pence for each and every acre surrendered; and be received at the Collector's Office at the same rate, without any regard to the existing minimum price of land.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 25, 1841.*

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Marshall Waller Clifton, Esq., F.R.S., Chief Commissioner of the Western Australian Company in Australia, to be a Magistrate of this Territory.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 17, 1841.*

**H**IS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified for general information that, by a Circular from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, the melancholy intelligence has been communicated of the decease of Her Royal Highness the Princess Augusta Sophia, which event took place at Clarence House, St. James's Palace, on the 22d of September last.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 19, 1840.*

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the appointment of James Cooper to be a Constable at Albany.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 25, 1841.*

#### SALE OF LAND, AND TOWN ALLOTMENT.

**T**HE Collector of Colonial Revenue will offer for sale by public auction, at the Public Offices, Perth, on Wednesday, the 28th day of April next, at one o'clock, the undermentioned portion of Crown Land, and Town Allotment, subject to the existing regulations:

Location Y 8, containing 964 acres, comprised between Avon locations Y 3, 5, 10, 11, and 12, and situate half a mile N.N.W. from summit of Mount Bake-well.

Fremantle building allotment No. 87.

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

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 25, 1841.*

**T**ENDERS in triplicate will be received at this Office on Tuesday, the 6th proximo, for stripping and reshingling, with Colonial shingles, on the present battens, the roof of the principal Government Building on the South Beach, Fremantle. All the lead on the roof to be relaid by the contractor, and any lead which may be required will be allowed for.

For further particulars application to be made to the Resident, Fremantle, or the Superintendent of Works, Perth.

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

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 25, 1841.*

**N**O eligible offer having been obtained for fitting up two rooms on the ground floor of the Public Offices, as advertised in the Gazette of the 19th inst., notice is hereby given that fresh tenders will be received at this Office on Tuesday, the 6th proximo.

For further particulars application to be made to the Superintendent of Public Works.

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

#### GENERAL ROAD TRUST.

**T**HE next Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees will be held at the Court House, Perth, at 12 o'clock, on Monday, the 5th of April, pursuant to Act of Council.

EDWARD HAMMERSLEY,  
Chairman.

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