

# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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The following Address has been presented to His Excellency:—

*Presented at Government House, Sept. 7th.*

To His Excellency CAPTAIN CHARLES FITZGERALD  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony  
of Western Australia, &c., &c.

SIR,—

*May it please your Excellency,*—On the part of the Roman Catholic Clergy and community of this town and the adjoining districts, I have the honor of presenting this Address to your Excellency, expressive of devoted fidelity to our beloved Sovereign, and of gratitude for the selection that has been made of a representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty in this colony, so well calculated to render loyalty not only a duty to be recognised with submission, but a homage to be rendered with alacrity; and the reverence of Government an obligation at once, and a grateful sense of the claims of authority on our respect.

In your Excellency's character—the reputation of a gallant officer—of a just, energetic, and impartial Governor—gained in other spheres of arduous and important duties—in the prestige (let us add) of a name that is dear and familiar to us, as one of an old and honorable house—in the evidence and earnest already given here by your Excellency of a fair, firm, temperate, and judicious administration of affairs—we have reason to augur well for the colony, and for the future peace and concord of its people, and for the extension to it of perfect freedom of conscience, and respect for its privileges. We anticipate for our creed and its professors the same equality, the same justice, the same protection, the same encouragement, that is accorded to any other faith and the followers of it.

In this well-founded confidence, we deem it unnecessary to advert, on this occasion, to evils that are past, and to ills that we have just cause to bear in remembrance; believing, as we do, that a recurrence of them is now an impossibility—and for this consummation, that has been for a long time “most devoutly to be wished,” we are beholding to the character of the Government we are now blessed with.

We believe it will end, as it began, in entire accordance with the liberal and enlightened principles of the present British Ministry, and those broad views of justice and religion, in connection with the government of the colonies, which pre-eminently distinguishes the policy of the noble Lord who presides over that department.

That policy, we are quite sure your Excellency well knows, has nothing in common with those antiquated principles on which it was formerly attempted to identify the eternal interests of justice with the temporal advantages of a class possessing power, to make a little Goshen of their own, of a government intended for a people, or with those small polemics by which it was sought to manifest a zeal for the truths of religion, of Divine love and mercy inviolating charity, irritating the feelings, prejudicing the civil rights, or withholding the just privileges of the members of our Church, which incurred the guilt of not being theirs.

We desire, in all sincerity of heart and soul, to live in peace and amity with our fellow-subjects of all denominations. The world of a wilderness which surrounds us is wide enough for all our efforts. The interests of the colony include those of Christianity of various creeds. Good government is the want, the right, and the desire of each of them.

The contributions of all go to the general fund for governing the colony, and in the expenditure of that revenue each member of the community, no matter what may be his creed, has a right to a fair and equal share of the advantages derived from it.

While we refrain from complaining of the unjust and unequal distribution of those advantages, or of any other matters wherein we may deem ourselves aggrieved—from the motives of confidence, in, and respect towards, your Excellency, and of forbearance towards others, whom we are willing to believe were actuated towards us by mistaken feelings and misapprehensions, we reserve for a more fitting occasion an application to your Excellency on the subject of an existing grievance which we labour under, from the operation of the recent Marriage Act, and the want of a convenient place of interment, for which we have applied hitherto in vain to the Local Government.

That Providence may watch over your Excellency's efforts to rule this colony with justice, and that when you retire from this Government, it shall be with health and honour, and that, whether those efforts fail or prosper, it may be with the same full confidence in the fair intentions and integrity of your Excellency, which is now felt by all classes in this colony, is the earnest prayer of

Your Excellency's very humble and obedient

servant,

JOHN BRADY, R. C. Bishop.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

*My Lord Bishop and Gentlemen of the Roman Catholic persuasion,*—I thank you for the expressions of devoted fidelity you have tendered to our gracious Sovereign, as also for the favorable results you anticipate from my advent to the Government of this colony; and I wish you to be assured I come here to know no party, save the inhabitants at large, without distinction of creed, country, or colour,—giving to all (their undoubted birth-right as subjects of a Government the envy of the world) the utmost toleration, the fullest protection, and a just proportion of the means that may enable them to worship their God with the reverence and decorum usual in civilized communities, without let or hindrance, according to their consciences.

I rejoice to see you disposed to forget the past, and hope that henceforth all will be peace and love; believing, as all must, that the exercise of mutual forbearance, and the interchange of kindly feeling, will be the best evidence we can give of having partaken deeply of the divine precepts of the Gospel.

I have the honor, &c.,

General Post Office, Perth,  
September 7, 1848.

Considerable inconvenience having been experienced, owing to the practice of delivering Letters previous to the payment of the postage thereon; notice is hereby given for general information that in future, no letters will be given up, except on the postage due upon them being immediately paid.

A. HELMICH,  
Postmaster General.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
September 8, 1848.

His Excellency the Governor directs it

to be notified for general information that the Tender of George Bell, for alteration and additional work to the Pilot boat of Fremantle has been accepted.

*By His Excellency's command,*  
R. R. MADDEN,  
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office Perth,*  
September 6, 1848.

**T**ENDERS will be received at this Office up to 12 o'clock on Tuesday the 19th of September for performing the following work at Government House:—

Room over Dining Room. To take down the entire flooring, ceiling and partitions, and to relay the same with native materials. Tenders to be inscribed, "TENDERS FOR REPAIRS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE."

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

*By His Excellency's command,*  
R. R. MADDEN,  
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office Perth*  
September 9, 1848.

**T**ENDEES will be received at this office up to 12 o'clock on Tuesday the 19th inst. for the supply of,

One hundred (100lbs) black Tea,  
Forty (40) Twilled Baize Blue Shirts.  
Forty (40) Scotch Caps.

Samples of the above to be sent with the Tender.

*By His Excellency's command,*  
R. R. MADDEN,  
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office Perth,*  
September 6, 1848.

**T**ENDERS will be received at this Office up to 12 o'clock of Tuesday the 19th of September for supplying by the Bag such quantities of Rice as may be required during the ensuing 6 months by the Goal Establishment at Perth. Tenders to be inscribed,

"TENDERS FOR RICE."

For further particulars application to be made at this Office.

*By His Excellency's command,*  
R. R. MADDEN,  
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,*  
September 8, 1848.

**T**ENDERS will be received at this Office, up to 12 o'clock on Tuesday, the 19th Instant, for supplying the undermentioned articles required for the Light-house on Rottneest:—

2 Doors, 2ft. by 6ft. 6in., with frames

2 Windows and frames, 4ft. by 3ft.

12 Joists, 13ft. by 2½ft.

1800 Feet of lin. board (mahogany).

Tenders to be inscribed "Tenders for Light-house."

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

*By His Excellency's command*  
R. R. MADDEN,  
Colonial Secretary.

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