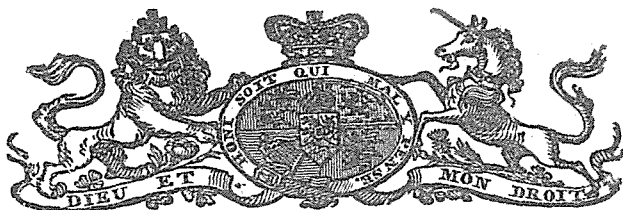


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PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency CHARLES FITZGERALD, Esquire, Commander in the Royal Navy, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Territory of Western Australia and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

IN pursuance of the authority in me vested by a certain Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the 5th and 6th years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for regulating the Sale of Waste Lands belonging to the Crown in the Australian Colonies," I do hereby notify and proclaim, that the following portion of Land in the district of Sussex, will be offered for sale by Public Auction, by the Sub-Collector of Revenue at Bunbury, on Wednesday, the 13th of June next, 1849, at the upset price affixed thereto, on the terms and conditions set forth in certain Land Regulations dated 14th June, 1843:—

Sussex Location No. 19—comprising (25) twenty-five acres, more or less, on left bank of the Ludlow River; bounded on the West by a south line from said river 17 chains in length, passing through a spot 17 chains east from that part of the new Vasse road marked Q on the maps of the Survey Office,—on the East by a south line from the Ludlow, aforesaid, at 15 chains from the west boundary,—on the North by said river,—and on the South by an E. and W. line 15 chains in length; all bearings being true. Upset price, £1 per acre.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the colony this 9th day of May, 1849.

CHARLES FITZGERALD,
Governor, &c.

By His Excellency's command,
R. H. BLAND,

Acting Colonial Secretary.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
May 23, 1849.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication of the

following Report of the Superintendent of Public Works.

By His Excellency's command,
R. H. BLAND,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

SIR,—I beg to state, for His Excellency's information, that, in obedience to his command, I have fixed the beacon on the Fish Rock, bearing, by compass, from Arthur's Head, south 18½ deg. west; distance two miles. This rock was at all times dangerous for small craft, navigated by strangers, coming in from the southward, being directly in their track and just under water. As the beacon is also an excellent thwart-mark for Owen's Anchorage, it will be of great advantage, not only as a warning of the danger, but as a guide to the best part of the anchorage.

I have stayed the land side of the beacon with an anchor and copper bar, which will require removing next summer—and I have done so to test the effects of the salt water on the two metals, and consequent durability of each, as I am led to suppose, from some observations, that the water in these seas is much more destructive on iron than in England.

This rock differs widely in its component parts from that forming the bar at the entrance of the Swan, it being a red sandstone; and in boring to the depth of 6 feet 6 inches, it had no trace of coral, which forms the substrata of the said bar.

I beg also to state, that I have examined the still more dangerous rock, known as the Challenger, at the entrance of the passage between Garden Island and Carnac; it is 22 feet in width and 50 ft. in length, or thereabouts, varying in depth of water from 3 to 9 ft., and rising perpendicularly from 5 fathoms all round, being the nearest measurement I could arrive at, in consequence of the heavy swell. It is my opinion a beacon may be fixed here, without much difficulty, on the same principle as the one lately erected on the Fish Rock, and, with a small annual expense, would probably stand for years.

But the erection of this can only be attempted in calm weather and a smooth sea; the heavy swells rolling in from the north-west at all other times would render the attempt difficult and hazardous.

The Nine-feet Patch, or "Scott's Ledge," on the Success Bank, about half-way between Arthur's Head and the Mewstone, and nearly in a line, may, in my opinion, be marked in the same manner, or any other dangerous rock in the various passages to our roadstead.

I trust the Governor will see the necessity of carrying out these works the earliest opportunity, being of great utility, and to be effected with comparatively trifling expense.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
HENRY TRIGG, Superintendent of Public Works.
To the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

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