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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 Aus-
tralia and its Dependencies and Vice-Ad-
miral of the same.

IN pursuance of the authority in me
vested by a certain Act of the Impe-
rial Parliament of Great Britain and Ire-
land, passed in the 5th and 6th years' of
Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act
for regulating the sale of Waste Lands be-
longing to the Crown in the Australian
Colonies." I do hereby notify and pro-
claim that the following portion of land
will be offered for Sale by Public Auction
by the Collector of Revenue at Perth on
Wednesday the 13th of February next at
one O'Clock, at the upset price affixed
thereto, on the terms and conditions set
forth in certain Land Regulations; dated
14th June, 1843.

Perth Suburban Allotment, No. 18.

Upset price £2 per acre.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal
of the Colony, at Perth, this 9th day
January, 1850.

CHARLES FITZGERALD,
Governor, &c.

By His Excellency's command,
R. H. BLAND
Acting Colonial Secretary.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!!

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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 will be
offered for Sale by Public Auction, by the
Collector of Revenue, at Perth, on Wed-
nesday, the 27th day of February next, at
one o'clock, at the upset price affixed
thereto, on the terms and conditions set
forth in certain Land Regulations dated
14th June, 1843:—

Avon Location No. 70,—comprising 12
acres, more or less, and extending 10
chains E.N.E. and 12 chains N.N.W.
from that part of the N.W. boundary
of J. Bateman's location 1 situate
E.N.E. from that location's West
corner.

Upset price, £1 per acre.

Given under my hand and the Public
Seal of the Colony, at Perth, this 26th
day of January, 1850.

CHARLES FITZGERALD,
Governor, &c.

By His Excellency's command,
R. H. BLAND,
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Admiral of the same.

WHEREAS by the first Section of an
Ordinance passed in the 9th year
of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "an Or-
dinance to make provision for the Trial of
Criminal Offences at Albany and other
remote districts of the colony of Western
Australia." It is enacted that Courts of
General Sessions of the Peace for the va-
rious districts of this colony may be holden
at such times and in such places as the
Governor shall by Proclamation from
time to time appoint,—now therefore I,
the Governor by this my Proclamation,
appoint that Courts of General Quarter
Sessions may be holden for the future at
Albany, on the third Wednesday in Fe-
bruary, the third Wednesday in May, the

profit in some of the other Australian colonies.

10. After the subject of Exploration the colonists advert to a supply of Labor, but they observe that it would not be really serviceable unless carried on upon a large scale to all the Australian colonies, for the relief of the United Kingdom and by means of Imperial Funds. I need not say that put in this form, the question, as the colonists themselves perceive, is a National one; and that it can only be decided at home whether or not it be an advisable policy to make a large Grant for this purpose out of the Revenue raised in the United Kingdom. The subject is surrounded by considerations of the greatest importance. It would be out of place to enter into any discussion of it here, but I will merely say that no measures by which the wishes entertained by the colonists on this point could be fulfilled, have yet been suggested which are not open to insurmountable objections.

11. The question of Steam Communication with the Australian colonies being mentioned in the Address, I am unwilling to omit stating that I am fully alive to the general importance of the object, and am most anxious to afford it every reasonable encouragement, but I cannot in this place undertake to express any opinion on the merits of particular Lines.

12. The remaining topics of the Address bring into view the natural advantages of the colony. I have been much gratified by the favorable Reports which have now and previously been made of the Timber in the colony, which appears to be well fitted for various purposes of construction, and also for ornamental furniture. The account of the success with which horses are bred is very satisfactory. And if the hope of raising various articles of Mediterranean Produce could be realised, this would doubtless be a great benefit to the settlement. But though the settlers appear to deprecate the policy which would leave the development of these natural resources to individual enterprize, and though I fully acknowledge the force of their remark that the means of the present settler may be supposed to be already too deeply engaged in their existing pursuits to admit of being diverted to others, I am compelled to point out that such enterprises never are and never can be advantageously undertaken by a Government. The Address, in urging the importance of endeavors to improve these natural resources refers to instances in other colonies where the aid suggested has been given. The colonies alluded to are not named, but I need scarcely inform you that in no colony have any such undertakings as those proposed been entered into by the Government, and that they would be entirely foreign to its proper duty,

which is limited to giving every facility and security which a Government can give, to individual industry and enterprize and is clearly opposed therefore to lending the authority of the Government, or the Public money, to either Agricultural or Commercial undertakings.

13. I have thus noticed the subjects which have struck me as most important of those contained in the Address, because it appeared to me indispensable to guard against misapprehension as to what aid the colonists have a right to look for and to communicate my views upon questions on which it seemed to me important that the colonists should be correctly informed; but I shall regret if anything in this Despatch appears to them to manifest any deficiency of interest in their situation. Nothing can be farther from my real sentiments, though I am sorry that I have been unable to see any prompt and immediate remedy for their difficulties, the removal of which must necessarily be a work of time.

14. Several settlers have in a later Address suggested to Her Majesty's Government the formation of a Penal Settlement in Western Australia. It is possible that a limited number of Convicts, placed on their arrival under good discipline, might be usefully employed in removing the defects of the principal Harbor, which have doubtless constituted one main obstacle to the prosperity of the colony; or in improving the roads and perhaps even in cutting Timber and placing it on board ships to be sent home for the use of the Dockyards, which might be the means of making the Article better known in England and lead to a larger Export trade, I am not yet prepared to convey to you a decision on the subject, but I merely allude to this as one measure which may possibly give some stimulus to the colony. If the advantages which it is said to possess should attract the notice of enterprising persons in this country, the influx of new settlers would doubtless be the greatest benefit of all which the colony could receive, but this does not depend upon Her Majesty's Government. Whatever may occur on these subjects, I have only to repeat in conclusion, my sincere regret for the trials which the settlers have heretofore encountered, and my earnest desire to afford all the encouragement and assistance which can properly be granted to any measures which may be proposed for promoting the future prosperity of the colony.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

GREY.
Governor FitzGerald, &c., &c., &c.

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