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Proclamation.

By His Excellency CHARLES FITZGERALD, Esq., 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 will be offered for sale by Public Auction, by the Collector of Revenue at Perth on the 2nd day of May, 1855, 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:—

Fremantle suburban lot No 24, containing four acres. Upset price 4l. per acre.

By the Sub-Collector of Revenue at Bunbury on the 25th day of April, 1855:—

Wellington Location 121—Comprising 10 acres more or less, extending 8 chains East and 12 chains South from centre of a square post about 106 chains East from a tree on the Vasse road, marked with a diamond about 19 chains on the Bunbury side of the 9th mile mark, opposite boundaries parallel and equal and all true. Upset price 1l. per acre.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, at Perth, this 31st day of March, 1855.

CHARLES FITZGERALD,
Governor, &c.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!!

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-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 will be offered for Sale by Public Auction by the Sub-Collector of Revenue, at Albany, on the 7th May, 1855, at 1 o'clock, at the upset price, on the terms and conditions set forth in certain Land Regulations, dated 14th June, 1843:—

Plantagenet Location No. 121—Comprising 11 acres more or less, on N.E. side of Albany Road towards the Swan, bounded on the SW by 11 chains of said Road between J. Annice's Location 64 and the 2nd mile mark, on the NW by Location 64 aforesaid, and by opposite boundaries parallel and equal. Upset price £1 per acre.

Albany Building Lot No. 33C.—Contents 3 acres. Upset price £120.

Albany Building Lot No. 163. Upset price £20.

Albany Building Lot No. 164. Upset price £20.

Albany Building Lot No. 202. Upset price £20.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, at Perth, this 21st day of March, 1855.

CHARLES FITZGERALD,
Governor, &c.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!!

Proclamation.

By His Excellency CHARLES FITZGERALD, Esq., 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.

WHEREAS by clause of the 4th Chapter of a certain order in Council by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, bearing date the 22nd day of March, 1850,

and promulgated in this colony on the 9th of September, 1851, it is made "competent for the Governor of the said colony, with the advice of his Executive Council at any time within three months after the determination of any pastoral lease, and notwithstanding any right of renewal thereof, to declare by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, that all or any of the lands comprised in such lease which may be within one mile of any lands which have been granted in fee by the Crown, shall thereafter be deemed to be within class A." And Whereas Pastoral Lease, No 492, containing 2000 acres of land on left bank of the river Pallinup, has recently ceased and determined. I, do hereby notify and proclaim, with the advice aforesaid, that the following portion of the said Lease will henceforth be deemed to be within class A, and will be subject to all the rules and regulations applicable thereto:—namely, all that land on the left bank of the river Pallinup, bounded on N.W. by a N.E. line from said river at 80 chains N.W. from North corner of G. Cheyne's location No 69, on the S.E. by a similar line at 62 chains S.E. from North corner aforesaid, and on the N.E. by a S.E. line of 142 chains at 80 chains N.E. from said North corner, all bearings true. *Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, at Perth, this 31st day of March, 1855.*

CHARLES FITZGERALD,
Governor, &c.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!!

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
March 31, 1855.*

IT is hereby notified for general information that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. JOHN STONE, Clerk to the Crown Solicitor, vice Mr A. Curtis, resigned, to take effect from the 1st proximo.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Pastoral Lands.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
March 31, 1855.*

THE undermentioned Pastoral Leases have been cancelled, and others substituted with altered boundaries:—

No.	acres.	
131 Avon	6000	J. Taylor
87 "	6000	R. G. Meares
23 "	5000	S. S. Parker
137 "	9000	J. W. Brown
97 "	20,000	W. Chidlow
41 "	16,000	Joseph Hardey
376 "	8000	G. Christmass
37 "	6000	J. F. Smith
284 "	6000	J. W. Brown
29 Victoria	20,000	Hamersley & Co.
66 "	16,000	Do. & McIntosh
499 "	8000	G. Sewell
273 "	4000	W. Burges
135 Swan	7000	F. C. Irwin
311 "	10,000	J. M. Butler
117 "	10,000	J. Thompson
74 "	4000	S. Mortimer
142 "	12,600	T. W. Hazelwood

91 "	12,000	J. Edwards
356 Melbourne	2000	S. N. Walcott
100 "	10,000	J. Drummond, jun.
145 "	4000	J. M. Butler
226 "	4000	Do.
8 Kent	3900	Barrett, brothers
250 Kojonup	12,000	E. Quartermaine
83 Hay	5000	Joseph Spencer
384 "	5000	A. Muir.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Pastoral Lands.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
March 31, 1855.*

IT is hereby notified for general information that the undermentioned pastoral runs have become vacant by the surrender of their respective leases, or are forfeited by non-payment of rent for the current year.

The said runs are now open to general selection for fresh leases, and any information respecting them may be obtained at the Survey Office, or from the Resident Magistrate of the District in which the lands may be situated:—

122 Melbourne	20,000	G. B. Clarke
3 "	13,000	Do.
103 "	18,560	J. Drummond, jun.
283 "	6000	G. B. Clarke
435 "	20,000	J. Jackson
186 Avon	2100	R. De Burgh
18 "	4000	R. G. Meares, jun
36 "	10,000	J. W. Hardey
336 "	10,000	J. Lockyer
494 "	5000	R. Morris
163 Sussex	12,000	Bussell and Co.
333 "	4000	F. & E. Higgins
502 "	10,000	J. G. Bussell
205 Williams River	10,000	L. J. Bayley
256 "	10,000	J. H. Monger
270 "	10,000	J. Seabrook
305 "	10,000	J. H. Monger
324 Victoria	5000	W. Burges
359 "	5000	W. & R. Habgood
465 "	20,000	Y. Whitfield
466 "	20,000	Do.
211 Swan	4000	Joseph Logue
416 "	6000	G. Slater
431 "	10,000	J. Marsh
313 Murchison	15,000	J. Du Boulay
360 Murray	5000	W. Pollard
329 "	20,000	B. U. Vigers
370 Wellington	12,000	W. P. Clifton
371 "	13,000	G. Eliot
408 "	4000	W. House
512 "	4000	E. Clarke
413 Nelson	20,000	J. Reynolds
452 Kojonup	10,000	W. Andrews
492 Kent	2000	G. Cheyne.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Government Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of our Lady the Queen, for the Colony of Western Australia, will be holden at the Court House, at Perth, on Wednesday, the 4th day of April next ensuing, at the hour of nine in the forenoon of the same day.

Dated, Perth, 9th March, 1855.

A. H. STONE,
Clerk of the Peace.

*General Post Office, Perth,
31st March 1855.*

List of Unclaimed Letters lying at this Office:—

Barr, G.; Bidwell, Thomas; Burton, Robert; Butler, A. G.
Homer, Mrs.
Murphy, James.
Scott, George; Skilling, Mary Ann; Spelman, T. E.
Whitely, W.; Whitely, Mrs; Willie, Mr; Woodham, Richard; Woods, John.

A. HELMICH,
Postmaster-General.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
March 24, 1855.*

CONDITIONAL Pardons have been this day signed for the following men:—

Reg. No. 1110 James Greenaway
" 1136 Henry P. Pearce
" 1165 William King.

By His Excellency's command,
W. A. SANFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council.

His Excellency the Governor read his Address to the Council.

HON. GENTLEMEN,—

It has again unexpectedly become my duty to convene this Council from the belief that were I longer to abstain from so doing in the hope of my successors arrival, I might by possibility be hazarding the public interests, looking at the various vicissitudes, and consequent uncertainty that must at all times attend the completion of a long sea voyage.

My successor may arrive within a fortnight, perhaps not in three months; to await the latter period before convening this assembly, looking at the importance to the commercial and working classes of the Ordinances that it will be my duty to submit for your deliberations, would be in my opinion an act little short of neglecting the important trust which my sovereign has confided to my keeping until the swearing in of my successor.

Were I however to consult my own private feeling and inclinations, they would naturally suggest leaving the duty I am now discharging to another, and I have little doubt a more gifted individual. At the same time there are circumstances to which it will be my melancholy task to allude, however feebly, that may I think more appropriately fall within the scope of my observations than from the lips of a perfect stranger.

The melancholy event, gentlemen, to which I allude is the duty of announcing to you that since last we met, the Almighty Ruler of Events has summoned, to that tribunal before whom all must appear, our venerable and much esteemed Colonial Chaplain the Rev. J. B. Wittenoom, an officer of this Council, who for nearly a quarter of a century has periodically on bended knees invoked that the blessings of Almighty God should guide your deliberations for the honor, happiness and prosperity of the people of this province.

I need scarcely remind you that the venerable pastor whose loss we deplore, was the pioneer of christianity to this then benighted land, and might with truth be said to have come to make easy the way to the christian churches which now under the blessings of Divine Providence dispense the glad tidings of gospel truth throughout the length and breadth of the land.

To speak of Mr Wittenoom's many virtues, his unostentatious piety, his benevolence of disposition, his kindness of heart, would to such old friends as I am now addressing who had known him so much longer than I have be indeed but a waste of time, but this I may be permitted to say, our loss is no ordinary one, and the community at large, without distinc-

tion of creed or color, are alike sensible of having lost a kind and amiable benefactor and a warm friend.

Here I wish I could close this tale of woe, but I am not permitted so to do, for that same Providence has also thought proper for his own wise purposes to summon to himself, another, and one of the oldest members of this Council—Mr Sutherland, late Treasurer and Collector of Internal Revenue.

It was not always my lot to think alike with this departed gentleman on public matters, I have always thought him an individual more than ordinarily gifted, as possessing the clearest understanding, the most unflinching principles, and the strictest integrity. My great regret has ever been that he had from some time been precluded from taking that active part in the deliberations of Government he was so well fitted to sustain, had Providence been pleased to have given him that greatest of blessings—health. In all the various relations of private life, whether as a husband, parent, or friend, this gentleman, as well as the valued and reverend friend who went before him, was alike distinguished; yet I lament to say from causes beyond their control, both have left widows and helpless families behind them to deplore their irreparable loss, and with means for the battle of this life of the most slender kind. It will therefore be my duty at the proper time when the Estimates are submitted to make to you a proposition on behalf of the widows and children of both these gentlemen; that I look forward with no small confidence will receive your unanimous support, and thus as I hope while evincing our respect for the memory of the departed, afford some relief from immediate difficulties to the widow and the fatherless.

In offering a short retrospect of our progress during the last year, I regret to inform you that our fiscal resources have fallen considerably short of your estimate in that behalf; this falling off I attribute to two causes, the first is the very short harvest of the previous year throughout the colony, causing an expenditure of some £30,000 for imported bread stuffs. Secondly, the provisions of the new Tariff not having come fairly into working operation before the commencement of the present year in consequence of the large amount of goods taken out of bond in the early part of last year under the old scale of duties, but now that the new Tariff may fairly be said to be in full operation, I trust that while it will be found to afford considerable relief to all classes, its increased duties on articles that may justly be said to come within the catalogue of luxuries, will give such a return to our Revenue as to render unnecessary, I hope for the present year at least, the adoption of any change of a less liberal character. It will be obvious to you that this unexpected falling off in the Revenue must necessarily have caused considerable disarrangement in carrying out the various measures you contingently provided for, and the consequent necessity of discontinuing many works and buildings otherwise so necessary, occasioning, from causes beyond the control of Government, as will I trust be made obvious to you at the proper time, large overdrafts as well as underdrafts for the last year.

At the present moment (notwithstanding the passing difficulty alluded to) we have every reason to be most grateful to Divine Providence for the blessings he has vouchsafed in a most bountiful harvest, the general prosperity of all classes, and the obedience and support given to law and order by the community in general, which notwithstanding our being a penal colony, are not exceeded in any other portion of the British dominions.

In short gentlemen you will no doubt concur with me in thinking, that if our progress

is not as rapid and brilliant as in other colonies, it is not less sure and stable, as is shewn by many unmistakable evidences, but more especially in the general disposition of the community to invest their capital in land which has been done to an extent in the last year unprecedented in the annals of this colony. In further support of this view I would draw your attention to a compilation of Statistics now submitted in a new form with the Blue Book, and given as the careful result of the late Census taken with more than usual accuracy throughout the colony. In this compilation is a comparison with the state and condition of the colony when the last general Census was taken in 1848, from which it will be seen that within that time our population has increased three fold. Stock, notwithstanding the greatly increased consumption, has, with the exception of Sheep, nearly doubled, contrary to all expectation. The Imports and Shipping inwards are nearly three fold, Exports have increased one fourth, and the Land under cultivation has nearly doubled.

In conclusion, it affords me great pleasure among the last acts of my administration, to bring before you a report, plan, and estimate by the Comptroller General, assisted by Capt. Wray, shewing the feasibility of making a navigable channel from the Sea to Rocky Bay and the construction of a breakwater off Arthur's Head. The advantage of such a work is too obvious to require any remark.

The first proposition embraces the formation of a channel not less than 12 feet deep, and not less than 200 feet wide in the narrowest part from the sea to Rocky Bay, a distance of 2 miles, whence to Perth there is deep water. The cost is estimated at £6,600, of which £1800 is for blasting a channel 90 feet wide through the Rocky Bar at the mouth of the River.

The proposition respecting the Breakwater embraces the formation of a secure harbor off Arthur's Head, having an area of 38 acres perfectly secure from all storms, and of 13 acres covered even from all sea-breezes, with from 15 to 20 feet depth of water, the length of this breakwater will be 880 yards, and the cost of the material and plank to be supplied by the colony, is estimated at £15,000.

It is proposed to commence first with the improvement of the channel of the River if this Council so determine, as involving the least amount of expenditure, which will not probably exceed £1,000 next year, for the amount of work that can be done.

There is a further proposition for supplying water to the shipping at the end of the Jetty in South Bay, Fremantle, which I beg also to submit for your approval. This contemplates the formation of a Tank on the summit of the hill above the Convict Establishment, to be filled by Prison labor, the water being conveyed by iron pipes to the sea. The estimated cost of this latter work is £700.

These plans reflect much credit on both the Comptroller General and Capt. Wray, officers whom I have always found ready to lend their services and abilities to any measure having the good of the colony for its object, for which I avail myself of this opportunity to tender them my best thanks on which I am sure you will cordially join.

I beg also to lay on the table the Blue Book and the Report of the Board of Education for the Year 1854.

SHEXTON, Government Printer, St. George's Terrace, Perth.