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The Earl of Carnarvon to the Governors of the Australasian Colonies.

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street,
3rd December, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of a Note (30th October, 1875.) which has been received at the Foreign Office from the French Ambassador at this Court, with a Translation, showing the steps taken by the French Naval Authorities with the view of frustrating a design which was reported to have been contemplated in Australia for facilitating the escape of Convicts from New Caledonia.

I feel assured that your Ministers would readily co-operate with the French Government for the defeat of such a scheme, and I have requested the Earl of Derby to point out to the Marquis d'Harcourt that if the assistance of the Governments of the Australasian Colonies is wished for, it would be desirable that further particulars, especially with regard to the locality of the apprehended danger, should be supplied.

It will be desirable to publish in the Colony under your Government the Police Regulations which the French Authorities have considered it necessary to adopt.

I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

The Marquis d'Harcourt to the Earl of Derby.

(TRANSLATION.)

London, October 30th, 1875.

MONSIEUR LE COMTE,—The Governor of New Caledonia has been forewarned that preparations have been made in Australia, in furtherance of a plot of which the object is to facilitate the escape of convicts with the assistance of ships which should repair to the coasts of our penal Colony.

To guard against this contingency, the Commandant of Fritzbuier has adopted the following measures:—Should a vessel approach from the north-east coast of Ile des Pins, whether by day or night, the gun-boat stationed in the bay of Uro, will go immediately to meet it, and will intimate to such vessel that by the terms of the local regulations, it can only have communication with the Island after having obtained the consent of the Territorial Commander for doing so, before whom the gun-boat will have to escort such vessel. In case of refusal the gun-boat will remain on the spot; if the vessel anchors (and this will only be practicable in territorial waters) the gun-boat will cast anchor between it and the shore, and watch its movements. She will seize all shore-boats which may endeavor to communicate with the land, as well as those coming from the shore with the intention of coming alongside, and she will prevent such vessel from weighing anchor without having been visited. Lastly, if any convicts are found on board, the vessel shall be laid under embargo, and the captain and crew prosecuted conformably with law.

Should these arrangements be proved to be insufficient, the Governor of New Caledonia reserves to himself the power of interdicting absolutely access to the Ile des Pins outside the anchorage of Uro, in virtue of the powers which are conferred on him, so as to enable him to send away or seize all such vessels as may endeavor to enter or to remain in the territorial waters of the outer points of the coast.

I shall be grateful to Your Excellency, if you would kindly bring to the knowledge of the proper English Department the measures of police which I have just enumerated and which our Government is obliged to take, in order to ensure the custody of the prisoners of New Caledonia.

I have, &c.,
D'HARCOURT.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 22nd February, 1876.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint JOHN CHARLES HORSEY JAMES, ESQUIRE, of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-law, to be Acting Registrar, Master, and Keeper of Records of the Supreme Court, and Official Assignee of Insolvent Estates, during the absence, on leave, of R. C. Loftie, Esq.

A. O'GRADY LEFFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 1st March, 1876.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, provisionally, LAURENCE S. ELIOT, ESQUIRE, to be Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, Registrar of Deeds, and Registrar of Brands, vice F. H. Jauncey, Esq.

A. O'GRADY LEFFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 14th February, 1876.*

HIS Excellency The Governor has been pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen as a Commission to consider and report on a revision of the Tariff:—

HON. H. H. HOCKING, Attorney General,
J. G. LEE STEERE, Esq., M.L.C.,
WILLIAM E. MARMION, Esq., M.L.C.,
GEORGE SHENTON, Esq., M.L.C.,
WALTER PADBURY, Esq., M.L.C.

A. O'GRADY LEFFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 7th March, 1876.*

HIS Excellency The Governor directs the publication of the following Notice, for general information.

ERNEST W. HOWARD,
pro Acting Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

TORRES STRAITS.

THE following information respecting Dangers in Torres Straits and the Inner Route was obtained during the recent Expedition to New Guinea, and is supplied by Captain Edwards, of the "Chevert":—

A Shoal was found to the Southwards of Poll Islet, with apparently 2½ or 3 fathoms water over it. From its Western edge

Poll Islet bore N. by E. ¼ E.
Sand Bank, S.E. ¼ E.

A Coral Reef, with Sand Bank upon it awash at or near low water, and nearly a mile in length N.N.W. and S.S.E., lies W.N.W. 2½ miles from the North end of Warrior Island.

The Reef to the Northwards of Warrior Island does not exist as shown on the Charts. A Narrow Reef lies in the position of its Eastern edge N. by E. and S. by W., 2½ miles long.

A Small Rock, nearly awash, was found in the following position, viz.:—

Lat. 9° 40' 20" S.
142° 56' 40" E.

Also another Rock, nearly awash, in

Lat. 9° 38' 15" S.
142° 57' 35" E.

A Rocky Shoal, upon which the "Chevert" touched while drawing 15 feet, extends some 2 miles South-westwards from the Sand Bank marked on the Chart, in

Lat. 9° 15' 40" S.
Long. 143° 3' 30" E.

A series of Coral Reefs, dry at low water springs, and Sunken Banks, with Channels between them, was found between this Sand Bank and the Coast of New Guinea.

Casts of 7 and 4 fathoms were obtained upon a Rocky Shoal, the centre bearing N.E. ¼ N. from the Dry Sand Bank to the North-eastward of Darnley Island, and lying in

Lat. 9° 24' 40" S.
Long. 143° 55' 20" E.

This foul ground extends for some 2 miles N.W. by N. and S.E. by S., but is less than a quarter of a mile in width.

To Vessels entering the Straits from the Eastward and making Bramble Cay late in the day, Captain Edwards recommends the anchorage under the Cay, in preference to standing on in the dark to anchor under Stephens Island, where the water is deeper and the bottom not so good.

Melanie Rock, Eastward of the Pipon Islands, is about ½ mile in extent, and half-moon shaped. A good mark for clearing this danger when working down is to keep the Peak of North Bay Point to the Eastward, or outside of the Peak near Cape Bowen, and marked on the chart as 1,662 feet in height.

G. P. HEATH, Commander R.N.,
Portmaster.

Department of Ports and Harbors,
Brisbane, 11th January, 1876.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 25th February, 1876.*

TENDERS will be received at this Office until noon of Tuesday, the 7th March, from persons willing to supply a Lighter to lift and overhaul the Buoys and Moorings in the limits of the Port of Fremantle.

Tenders to state the sum required for completion of the whole work, and also the rate of hire at per day.

Further particulars will be supplied on application to the Harbor Master.

The Government do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, and will require the guarantee of two responsible persons for the due performance of the Contract.

Forms of tender may be had on application to the various Resident Magistrates, and at the Public Offices, Perth; and no tender will be entertained unless rendered on the prescribed form.

By Command,
A. O'GRADY LEFFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Public Works Office,
Perth, 25th February, 1876.*

TENDERS (endorsed "Tender for Jarrah Timber;") will be received at this Office until noon of Friday, the 24th March, 1876, from persons willing to supply the following Jarrah Timber, of first-class quality, to be delivered on the Champion Bay Jetty; viz.:—

12 Main Piles, round, 35' long, 18" mean diameter.

100 Sheet Piles, sawn, 24' long, 12" x 9"

8 Walings, sawn, 33' long, 12" x 9"

6 Kerb, sawn, 12' long, 36" x 12"

Intending Contractors to state in their tenders the shortest time they will deliver the above in after acceptance of tender.

The Government do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, and will require the guarantee of two responsible persons for the due performance of the Contract.

Forms of Tender may be had on application to the various Resident Magistrates, and at the Public Offices, Perth; and no tender will be entertained unless rendered on the prescribed form.

By Command,
RICHD. R. JEWELL,
Officer in charge of Works Department.

Crown Lands' Office, Perth, 28th February, 1876.

HIS Excellency The Governor has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, to set apart as a Public Reserve the Land described in the Schedule below, for the purposes therein set forth:—

R E S E R V E .

Recorded Number.	Content. A. R. P.	Description of Boundaries.	Purpose for which made.
207 A.	20 0 0	So much of that part of Clarence Townsite called "Woodman's Point," as is bounded on the <i>North, West,</i> and <i>South</i> by the sea shore at ordinary high water mark; and on the <i>East</i> by a due North and South line about 19 chains in length passing through a spot about 22 chains East, from the Western end of the point.	For a Quarantine Station.

MALCOLM FRASER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

L A N D S A L E S .

Crown Lands' Office, Perth, 7th March, 1876.

THE undermentioned Allotments of Land will be offered for Sale, at Public Auction, on the dates and at the places specified in the Schedule below, at one o'clock p.m.

S C H E D U L E .

Date of Sale.	Place of Sale.	Description of Lot.	Number of Lot.	Quantity.			Upset Price.
				a.	r.	p.	
1876.							
April 5.	Geraldton ...	Northampton ... Town	135	0	3	20	£12.
Do.	Do.	Denison Sub.	3	2	2	0	30s. per acre.

MALCOLM FRASER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Meteorological Observations for the month ending 29th February, 1876.

WIND Registered at Arthur's Head, Fremantle, altitude above the sea 55 feet, in Latitude 32° 03' 14" S., Longitude 115° 45' 12" E., by Mr. Forsyth, Harbor Master.

The other instruments registered are placed in the grounds adjoining the Survey Office, Perth, altitude above the sea 47 feet, in Latitude 31° 57' 25" S., Longitude 115° 52' 02" E.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Surveyor General.

Week ending.	Mean Reading of Barometer, corrected, and reduced to sea level, and 32 deg. Fah.	THERMOMETERS IN SHADE.		RAIN: In Inches.	WIND.		Cloud: mean amount for the week.	Degree of Humidity, Saturation—100: mean amount for week.
		(mean) Maximum	(mean) Minimum		Horizontal movements in miles per hour for the week.	General Direction.		
7th	29.836	91.6	65.3	.04	17	S.W.	2	54
14th	29.924	93.0	63.1	0	15	S.W.	3	45
21st	29.950	101.3	67.5	0	11½	S.S.W.	1	30
28th for the	29.958	94.8	63.1	0	17½	S.W.	1	40
29th	29.990	88.0	62.0	0	18	S.S.W.	0	41

Highest reading of Barometer 30.212—15th.
Lowest do. do. 29.645—1st.

Thermometers in shade. { Maximum 112—20th.
Minimum 57—12th.

The Observations are taken at Perth at 9 a.m., 12 a.m., and 3 p.m., and at Fremantle at 6 a.m., and 6 p.m.

CHAS. YOULE DEAN,
Observer.

MAIL NOTICE.

General Post Office,
Perth, 2nd March, 1876.

MAILS for transmission by Coasting Mail Steamer for Europe, India, Cape of Good Hope, &c.; the Australian Colonies, New Zealand, and Tasmania, will close as under:—

At the General Post Office, Perth, on Tuesday, March 21st, at 11 a.m.

At Geraldton, Champion Bay, on Saturday, March 18th, at 4 p.m.

At Fremantle, on Tuesday, March 21st, at 2 p.m.

At Bunbury, on Wednesday, March 22nd, at 7 a.m.

At Busselton, on Wednesday, March 22nd, at 1 p.m.

At the General Post Office, Perth:—

Money Orders for transmission by the above conveyance will be issued on the United Kingdom, the Australian Colonies, New Zealand, and Tasmania, up to 10 a.m. on Monday, the 20th March.

Letters for Registration must be posted one hour before the closing of the Mails.

Late Letters, on payment of a fee of 6d., may be posted one hour after the closing of the Mails.

Newspapers must be posted one hour before the closing of the Mails, otherwise they will not be forwarded until the next Mail.

NOTE:—Mails for Albany, Bannister, Williams River, Arthur River, Kojonup, and the Albany Road, will be made up and despatched from this Office by the Contractor on Wednesday, the 22nd March at 11 o'clock, a.m.

A. HELMICH,
Postmaster-General.

Transfer of Land Act, 1874.

TAKE NOTICE that John Taylor of Yangedine landed proprietor has made application to bring under the operation of the above Act all that piece or parcel of land situate in the Avon district containing five thousand nine hundred and ninety six and a half acres or thereabouts being part of Avon Location H bounded

On the NW by location G I and G2 and by land at present vacant that is to say by an ENE line from Avon river about 581 chains 65 links in length passing through a squared and pointed post in a trench dug in the W sloping bank about 4 chains 40 links ENE from the probable last run in the said Avon river (at the S corner of Location G) passing also through a similar post piled round with stones in a trench at E corner of said Location G about 203 chains 20 links ENE from Avon river passing also through a post in a trench at S corner of Location J about 72 chains 83 links further ENE then along SE boundary of said location about 71 chains to a post placed in a trench and notched = at each corner of said location then along SE boundary of Location G 2 about 212 chains 49 links to a post placed in a trench and piled up with stones at E corner of said location G2 the NW boundary terminating E at a round post pointed at top and fixed in a trench about 22 chains 13 links further ENE bounded on the NE by a SSE line about 103 chains 79 links in length on the SE by a WSW line about 587½ chains in length to Avon river passing parallel to the NW boundary through a spot 9 chains 70 links SSE from a stake in a cross trench on the Avon base line which represents the fourteenth mile SSE from the summit of Mount Bakewell the SE boundary terminating W at middle of the E shore of a considerable permanent pool of water in the Avon's bed about 100 chains below its junction with the river Dale. Bounded on the SW by Avon river aforesaid between W ends of the NW and SE boundaries.

And further take notice that any persons claiming any estate or interest in the above-mentioned land are hereby required to lodge on or before the 10th day of April 1876 with the Registrar of Titles a Caveat* forbidding the said land from being brought under the operation of the Act.

J. C. H. JAMES,

3rd March 1876.

Commissioner of Titles.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made by Jane Nairn of Perth for bringing the parcels of land known as Fremantle Building Lots Nos. 171, 172, 173, and 174 respectively under the operation of "The Transfer of Land Act 1874."

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person claiming any estate or interest in the land aforesaid is hereby required to lodge with the Registrar of Titles on or before the 25th day of March 1876 a caveat* forbidding the bringing of such land under the operation of the said Act.

J. C. H. JAMES,

Commissioner of Titles for Western Australia.
4th March 1876.

[* Forms of such caveat may be obtained on application personally or by letter at the Office of Titles, Perth, or of the District Resident Magistrate.]

Comptroller General's Office,
Fremantle, 4th March, 1876.

CERTIFICATES of Freedom have been issued to the undermentioned Convicts, whose sentences have expired:—

Reg. No. 8856 David Gray
,, 9385 Thomas Barker
,, 9431 John Dodd
,, 9485 George Jordan
,, 9568 Henry Swyer

CONDITIONAL Releases have been issued to the undermentioned Convicts:—

Reg. No. 8384 John Pickard
,, 9007 George Stainforth
,, 9137 Edward M. Davis
,, 9266 James Piper Piper

HIS Excellency The Governor has been pleased to revoke the Tickets-of-Leave of the undermentioned Convicts:—

Reg. No. 3599 Charles Woolley
,, 5666 William Watkins
,, 6819 James Bickle
,, 8193 James Anderson
,, 8220 Walter Bearder
,, 9681 James Campbell

THE undermentioned man is requested to communicate with this office:—

Reg. No. 3138 Charles Hustler, who received a Conditional Pardon on the 24th October, 1862.

W. R. FAUNTLEROY,
Acting Comptroller General.

I HEREBY give notice that I have this day applied to the Dongarra Roads Board for permission to close the track now running through my Horse Paddock.

LEWIS F. RIDLEY.

Irwin, 1st February, 1876.

WE, the undersigned, hereby notify that we have applied to the Swan Roads Board for the closing of the old road from the Main Swan Road to the Middle Swan Church, rendered impassable since March, 1875.

C. W. FERGUSON,

JNO. URQUHART,
Secretary, P. P. Orphanage.

Middle Swan, February 11th, 1876.