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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 31st January, 1877.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following letter for general information.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Macclesfield, Dec. 2, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—On the 11th of August I wrote to inform you that I had directed the Silk produced at the Government silk-worm establishment at Perth, should be thrown and manufactured into a fabric suited to exhibit its capability and quality, according to the wish of His Excellency Governor Robinson, C.M.G., expressed in your letter of May 15, 1876. This has now been accomplished, and I have the pleasure to inform you that a piece of Golden-colored Silk Satin, 50 yards long, made *entirely and wholly* from that silk, has been forwarded to-day by steamer to His Excellency's address, Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth, Western Australia.

The value of the silk in its manufactured state is estimated at fully 12s. per yard, reckoned on the basis that the organzine (warp) and the tram (weft) were each worth 48s. per lb. in the gum.

(No doubt Mr. Clayton will be able to explain these technical terms).

As I take much personal interest in the subject of Silk Culture in Australia, I wish to be allowed to present any expense expended in this experiment to the Colony. Every one here connected with the trade is satisfied that the result is most satisfactory; and there can now be no doubt but that the production of silk must become a very valuable industry in the Colony.

Some delay was occasioned by the hesitation as to the selection of the color. On the question being referred to Mrs. Niell, that lady decided in favor of gold, as appropriate to the "Fleece."

I have, &c.,
WM. C. BROCKLEHURST.

The Honorable A. O'Grady Lefroy,
Acting Colonial Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.,
Perth, Western Australia.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 1st February, 1877.

HIS Excellency The Governor has been pleased to sanction an exchange of duties for six months between HENRY CALVERT BARNETT, ESQUIRE, M.R.C.S.E., the Colonial Surgeon, Fremantle, and ALEXANDER MILNE ROBERTSON, ESQUIRE, M.B., the Medical Officer of the Vasse District.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

TENDER ACCEPTED.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 2nd February, 1877.

HENRY ATWELL,

To supply Firewood for Colonial and Convict Service at Fremantle, to be delivered at the Government Jetty, North Fremantle, @ 12s. 6d. per cord of 128 feet, during the year 1877.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 17th January, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that Wednesday, the 18th day of April next, has been fixed by His Excellency the Governor in Council for the election of a Local Board within the meaning and pursuant to the provisions of "The District Roads Act, 1871," for the Williams Road District, and that His Excellency the Governor has appointed John Cramporn Rosselloty, Esq., to be the Returning Officer at such election.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 16th January, 1877.*

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint JOHN CRAMPERN ROSSELLLOTY, Esquire, to be the person to do the several acts and things which by "The District Roads Act, 1871, Amendment Act, 1876," are required to be done by the Local Board of any district where such Local Board exists, in and about the settling of an Electoral List for the Williams District; that he appoints the twelfth day of February, the fifth day of March, the fifteenth day of March, the twenty-second and thirty-first days of March, and the fifth day of April next ensuing, as the several days for doing the several acts and things which by the ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, and seventeenth sections of the said Act are respectively required to be done, in districts where a Local Board exists, on the first day of November, the twentieth day of November, the first day of December, the seventh and fifteenth days of December, and the twentieth day of December; and that he appoints the Court House at the Williams as the place for doing the several acts and things required by the said Act to be done in and about the settling of the said lists.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 18th January, 1877.*

TENDERS (endorsed "Tenders for renting Guano Islands in Sharks Bay,") will be received at this Office until noon of Wednesday, the 7th of February, from persons desirous of renting the Guano Islands in Sharks Bay South of an East line from Cape Inscription, for the purpose of collecting, storing, and removing Guano from the said Islands, on the following conditions:—

1. Rent to be paid in advance.
2. Lease to be for such term as may be decided upon, not exceeding three years.
3. Exclusive use of Guano on all unleased Islands in Sharks Bay and its several areas South of the line as aforesaid.
4. Such Guano to be collected and removed not oftener than twice a year.
5. Islands not to be sublet, either wholly or in part.

The Government do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender.

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 LEFROY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Department of Public Works,
Perth, 26th January, 1877.*

TENDERS (endorsed "Tender for Beacons,") will be received at this Office until noon of Tuesday, the 13th February, 1877, from persons willing to supply three new Piles for Beacons, to be 20 ft. long each, 12 in. diameter at upper end, tapering to 8 in.; one to be driven at Currie Spit, one at Armstrong's Spit, the third at Paddy's Blunder,

near North Fremantle. Also to put in thorough repair, paint, &c., all other Beacons on the River between Perth and Fremantle.

Drums for the three Beacons will be supplied by the Harbor Master, Fremantle, from whom further particulars may be obtained, as well as at the Department of Public Works, Perth.

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.

JAS. H. THOMAS,
Director of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Perth, 27th January, 1877.*

TENDERS (endorsed "Tender for Buoys at Bunbury,") will be received at this Office until noon of Tuesday, the 13th February, 1877, from persons willing to repair, clean, remove, &c., the whole of the Buoys in Bunbury Harbor.

New Chains and Buoys will be supplied from the Harbor Master's Department, Fremantle, from whom further particulars may be obtained, as well as at the Office of the Resident Magistrate, Bunbury.

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.

JAS. H. THOMAS,
Director of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Perth, 5th January, 1877.*

TENDERS (endorsed "Tender for Street through Geraldton,") will be received at this Office until noon of Tuesday, the 6th February, 1877, from persons willing to continue the formation and metalling of the road through Geraldton from Bayly to Phelps Street.

Full particulars may be obtained on application at the Department of Public Works, Perth, or the Superintending Engineer, Champion Bay.

Tenders to state the shortest time in which the work will be performed.

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.

JAS. H. THOMAS,
Director of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Perth, 8th January, 1877.*

TENDERS (endorsed "Tender for Girls' and Infants' School, Perth,") will be received at this Office until noon of Thursday, the 8th February, 1877, from persons willing to erect a building for Perth Girls' and Infants' School, on Town Lots Y No. 17 to 20, at such part as will be pointed out.

Plans and Specification may be seen and full particulars known on application at the Department of Public Works, Perth.

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 at the Public Offices, Perth; and no tender will be entertained unless rendered on the prescribed form.

JAS. H. THOMAS,
Director of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Perth, 5th January, 1877.*

TENDERS (endorsed "Tender for Jarrah Timber for Colombo,") will be received at this Office until noon of Tuesday, the 6th March, 1877, from persons willing to supply and deliver at Colombo, Ceylon, for the Government of that Colony, 1340 feet of Jarrah Timber in long lengths, and 13" x 13" square.

The timber being for trial on the wharves and breakwater works of Colombo; none will be passed but that of the very best description.

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 at the Public Offices, Perth; and no tender will be entertained unless rendered on the prescribed form.

JAS. H. THOMAS,
Director of Public Works.

*Comptroller's Office,
Fremantle, 2nd February, 1877.*

A CERTIFICATE of Freedom has been issued to the undermentioned convict, whose sentence has expired:—

Reg. No. 5085 William Clarke

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

Reg. No. 7760 Alexander Knox
" 9812 Thomas MacFadyen

W. R. FAUNTLEROY,
Comptroller.

NOTICE.

NOTICE has been given by the undermentioned persons of their intention to apply at the next Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the Swan District, to be held at Guildford Court House, on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, for licenses to shoot and destroy "Wild Horses and Cattle," at Chittering Brook, in the said district:—

Henry Morley.
John O'Neil.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1877.

E. W. LANDOR,
R. M., Swan.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned persons intend to apply at the next Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the Swan District, to be held at the Guildford Court House, on Tuesday, the 6th day of March next, for Licenses to shoot and destroy "Wild Horses and Cattle" at their runs, at the Moondyne Hills, in the said district.—

John Hastings.
Francis Hastings, Jun.

Dated this 3rd February, 1877.

E. W. LANDOR,
R.M. Swan.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND TITLES.

Transfer of Land Act, 1874.

TAKE NOTICE that William Alfred Stone of Perth a clerk in the Government service as being entitled to an estate in fee simple in possession in the land hereinafter mentioned has made application to bring the same under the operation of the above Act:—

All that parcel of land situate in Perth aforesaid being so much of Perth Building Lot A2 as is bounded on the *South-west* by one and a half chains of St. George's Terrace on the *North-east* by one and a half chains of Howick Street on the *South-east* by Building Lot A1 and on the *North-west* by Building Lot A3 each measuring in length five chains and sixty links.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that all persons claiming to have any estate right title or interest in the lands aforesaid or in either of them ARE HEREBY REQUIRED to lodge with the Registrar of Titles on or before the sixth day of March next a *caveat* forbidding the same from being brought under the Act.

J. C. H. JAMES,
Commissioner of Titles.

2nd February, 1877.

Transfer of Land Act, §§ 15 51.

CROWN Grants of *Fremantle Town Lots Nos. 282 283* in the name of William Temple Graham deceased having been forwarded to this Department any person claiming to be registered as proprietor thereof is hereby informed that he should make application to me in writing accompanying such application by evidence in support of his claim.

J. C. H. JAMES.

Titles' Office, January 24th, 1877.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of William Baldwin Robins, of Guildford, in the Colony of Western Australia, a Bankrupt.

UPON reading a report of the Trustee of the property of the Bankrupt, dated the Twenty-sixth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, reporting that the whole of the property of the Bankrupt had been realised for the benefit of his creditors, and a first and second dividend of eleven shillings and sixpence and one shilling and sevenpence half-penny, respectively, in the pound, had been paid, the Court, being satisfied that the whole of the property of the Bankrupt had been realized and a first and second dividend of eleven shillings and sixpence and one shilling and sevenpence half-penny, respectively, in the pound, has been paid, doth order and declare that the bankruptcy of the said William Baldwin Robins has closed.

Given under the seal of the Court, this thirtieth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

By the Court,
(L.S.) J. C. H. JAMES,
Acting Registrar.

Crown Lands' Office,
Perth, 1st February, 1877.

RETURN of Applications to Purchase
Country Lands approved during January, 1877:—

No.	Applicants.	Acres.	PURCHASE MONEY.		
			£	s.	d.
AVON.					
660	H. J. Twine *	100	25	0	0
910	Cornelius Beard	194	97	0	0
914	Jas. French †	100		
917	Jas. Butterley	100	50	0	0
COCKBURN SOUND.					
214	Jno. F. Lazenby	40	20	0	0
216	Hy. Mead	40	20	0	0
217	Do.	40	20	0	0
MELBOURNE.					
473	Chas. Cook	90	45	0	0
474	Do.	40	20	0	0
475	J. & W. Campbell	40	20	0	0
476	D. Macpherson	40	20	0	0
477	Chas. Clinch	242	121	0	0
NORTH.					
17	F. McRae & Co.	40	20	0	0
SWAN.					
751	John Dewar	100	50	0	0
752	Do.	197	98	10	0
SUSSEX.					
146	Jas. Turner ‡	10	5	0	0
VICTORIA.					
1087	Cornelius Mellon	40	20	0	0
1091	Do.	40	20	0	0
1093	John Williams	40	20	0	0
1096	Wm. Long	40	20	0	0
WELLINGTON.					
355	Jas. Busher, Jun.	40	20	0	0

* Clause 92. † Clause 44. ‡ Clause 43.

JOHN FORREST,
Deputy Surveyor General.

MAIL NOTICE.

General Post Office,
Perth, February 1st, 1877.

MAILS for transmission by Contract Packet
via King George's Sound will close at
the General Post Office, Perth, as under:—

For the Australian Colonies, New Zealand,
Tasmania, and America, on Monday, the
19th February, at 12 o'clock (noon).

For Europe, India, Cape of Good Hope,
&c., on Saturday, the 24th February, at
2 o'clock, p.m.

Money Orders for transmission by the above
conveyances will be issued on the Australian
Colonies, New Zealand, and Tasmania, up to
noon on Saturday, the 17th February, and on
the United Kingdom up to noon on Friday,
23rd February.

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 up to 12h. 30m. for the Colonial
Mails, and up to 2h. 30m. for the European
Mails.

Newspapers must be posted one hour before
the closing of the Mail by which they are
intended to be sent, otherwise they will not be
forwarded until the next Mail.

A. HELMICH,
Postmaster-General.

NOTICE.

WE hereby give notice that we have
applied to the Fremantle District
Roads Board for permission to place two gates
across the Minor Road running through Swan
Location No. 70.

M. HIGHAM & SON.

Fremantle, January 17, 1877.

For Sale at the Government Printing Office.

ACTS OF COUNCIL, Blue Books,
Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative
Council, &c.

LAND SALES.

Crown Lands' Office, Perth, 6th February, 1877.

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.

SCHEDULE.

Date of Sale.	Place of Sale.	Description of Lot.	Number of Lot.	Quantity.			Upset Price.
				a.	r.	p.	
1877.							
Feb. 7	Perth ...	Kelmscott ... Sub.	55 ...	8	0	0	30s. per acre.
Do.	Do. ...	Gingin ... Town	45			£9.
Do.	Newcastle ...	Toodyay ... Sub.	21 ...	6	0	12	30s. per acre.
Do.	Do. ...	Do. ... Do.	22 ...	5	3	16	Do.
Do.	Busselton ...	Busselton ... Do.	49 ...	3	3	10	£1 per acre.
Do.	Do. ...	Do. ... Do.	30 ...	3	0	0	Do.
March 1	Geraldton ...	Geraldton ... Town	350			£15.

JOHN FORREST, pro Commissioner of Crown Lands.