upon a Government Reserve & therefore report him to you for disobedience of orders and a breach of the Government Regulations

I have the honor to be &c.

The Surveyor General. (signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Survey Office, Melbourne
No 38/138. 18th December 1838.

Sir.

I shall send by the first Vessel which sails immediately the following Instruments to be repaired

1 Theodolite and 2 Circumferentor

Theodolite wanting a Level repairing, adjusting screw of the Telescope, wants cleaning and repairing it was used by the Officers of H.M.S. Rattlesnake and by Mr Darke in taking Levels

Circumferentor No 7. the Index Plate is constantly separating from the Compass requires fresh Screws and a new stand is required.

A long limbed Circumferentor requires the Needle to be touched with the Magnet. Screw to the needle wanting 2 Screws, also Ball and Socket screw.

A Needle of Instruments sent last March to be touched with the Magnet, has not been returned.

By this same Vessel will be sent Surveys of Two Parishes.

There are in the Department here Six Circumferentors and one Theodolite which cannot be repaired, until those now sent are returned. They require some repairs and needles inserted. The Theodolite is perfect except a piece lost from the Index Plate.

Instruments to be Repaired

H

It is precisely as I received them from Mr Russell.

I have the honor to be &c.

Surveyor General. (signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Survey Office, Melbourne
No 38/139. 18th December 1838.

Sir.

As requested by Mr Smythe I do myself the honor to forward herewith a Letter from that Officer recommending the petitioner, named in the margin, for the usual gratuity allowed to Peons for good conduct.

I beg also to call your attention to my Letter, No 38/82. of 19 August 1838. recommending John Walker Lady Augusta and William Castle Asia No. 9 and request your favorable consideration of the same at your earliest convenience

I have &c.

Peons Walker "Moffatt"

Surveyor General. (signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Survey Office, Melbourne
No 38/130. 18th December 1838.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose for your information a Copy of a Letter No 112 dated 18th October 1838, which I addressed to the Surveyor General on the subject of the most likely method to ensure the advancement of the Survey at Port Phillip.

Under present circumstances it is not likely to advance with more rapidity from the recent appointment of the most inexperienced Individuals (Nattle and Kirk) to this Station.

Concerning advancement of Survey at Port Phillip

With

With the exception of Mr. Assistant Surveyor Smythe, a meritorious young officer, I have received no assistance for a very considerable period of time.

Surveying by Contract under the present state of this Settlement, with the offer of only four Convicts, offers but little inducement.

If three competent officers were appointed to this station, with the advantage of the Equipment now and paid by the running mile I have no doubt they would be able to survey a Tract of country, that would sufficient to meet every demand for Land for a considerable period of time. I most humbly hope that my opinion given will not incur your Excellency's displeasure by my addressing you direct, should it not meet with your approbation as I was placed in charge of the Department at Port Phillip by your predecessor and being an old officer may plead some excuse for my addressing you direct.

I have the honor to be Sir
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

His Excellency
Sir George Gipps
&c &c &c

Survey Office Melbourne
22nd December 1838.

No 38/132

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose herewith a requisition for articles of equipment and drawing my attention by me to supply the requisitions made, and those articles being made upon me by the Assistant Surveyors have and I have given proper attention to the same.

I have &c (signed) Robert Hoddle

Requisition for Equipment &c.

Survey Office, Melbourne
No 38/133. 22nd December 1838.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Macarthur, applying for the annual increase of salary granted to Clerks upon the due performance of their duties and I beg to recommend him to your favorable consideration as he has performed his duties to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Recommending Mr. Macarthur's

Surveyor General.

No 33/131. Survey Office
Sir. 18th December 1840.

I have the honor to enclose you a letter which I wish to be laid before His Excellency the Governor without loss of time

I have the honor &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary

1839.

Survey Office Melbourne.
1 January 1839.

No 39/1.

Sir.

I do myself the honor of enclosing you a Copy of a Letter, which I have received from Mr. Assistant Surveyor Smythe, requesting to be relieved of the responsibility of inspecting and accounting for Mr. Nalls official conduct.

As Mr. Nalls incompetent to take charge of a Party and unexperienced in Surveying, I cannot make any other arrangement than I have done.

Mr. Nalls is furnished with a Dray and four men I should be extremely glad to have the responsibility removed from myself as I find him a source of annoyance instead of assistance from the late appointment.

I have the honor to be
(signed Robert Hoddle)

Enclosing Mr. Smythes letter requesting to be relieved of Mr. Nalls.

The Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne.
1 January 1839.

No 39/2.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of 28th December 1838, a Copy of which I have sent to the Depty Surveyor General. I do not wish you

you to be hindered by Mr. Nalls

If you cannot employ him he must look on until you consider he is fit to be entrusted with a Party in the field.

I have applied to the Depty Surveyor General to be relieved of the responsibility of Assistants.

If my strokes are attended to I shall most gladly communicate the result to you.

I have the honor to be
(signed Robert Hoddle)

Mr. Nalls

Asst. Surv. Smythe

Survey Office Melbourne.
1st January 1839.

No 39/3.

Sir.

With reference to your letter of this days date requesting to be furnished with Descriptions of the limits of the Port Phillip and Geelong Districts I have the honor to inform you that they are not exactly defined.

The Werribee River is the division of Geelong and Port Phillip districts. The Northern boundary of the Port Phillip Country is the Murray River.

I have the honor to be
(signed Robert Hoddle)

Limits of Port Phillip and Geelong Districts.

Depty Surv. Genl. Govett.

Mount Macedon
8th January 1839.

Memorandum for Mr. Kerr Esqr.

To survey the branches of the Salt Water River to connect them with the Lines surveyed by Mr.

Kerr

Assistant Surveyor Darke to Town marked at the station of Evans and Brooks

1st To Survey the branch at Yarra by Hovey's Cattle station to follow it until it joins the main branch which is also to be surveyed.

Upon completing this duty proceed up the branch to its source where Mr. Kemp commenced on the 5th Instant, also the branch that runs into it opposite Jackson's Station

To Survey the Mountain stream which forms one of the branches of the Salt Water River and to show the Swamp on each side, and to connect the Survey with a Tree marked on four sides close to my encampment under Mount Macedon

In Surveying Creeks to observe the following particulars -

The quality of the Water, whether in ponds or long Reaches or running. Whether easy or difficult of access The nature of its bed whether Rocky gravelly or Muddy. Their banks whether easy or difficult of access.

To note all stations and the names of the proprietors on both sides of the Creeks, whether used for Cattle or Sheep. The description of Timber whether large or small or thickly timbered whether the Country is Plain, forest, or swampy, scrubby or bushy and to note whether there is Limestone, Ironstone, or Minerals. The description of Rocks, Native names of places &c. &c. as could be obtained

To observe whether the soil is adapted for cultivation or grazing. To take bearings from remarkable Hills.

(Signed) Robert Hoddle

Enclosing Requisition

Pat. Affairs Office to the Surveyor Genl.

Survey office Melbourne
No 39/5. 5th February 1839

Sir.

With reference to your letter 39/11 I do myself the honor to enclose herewith a requisition amended according to your request. In your letter above mentioned you state that several of the articles enumerated in my requisition appear objectionable and that others require explanation. I beg to state with reference to the four articles pencilled by you in the requisition that only eight pairs of trousers were received from the Depôt Store on the 23d May while the party consisted of ten men and it is to make the quality of each man equal that an additional number be now applied for and with regard to the objection to supply me with ball cartridges I may state that I applied for them in consequence of some of the Assistants being unwilling to proceed on Survey until supplied with arms for their party and at the time appointed for the departure of the Surveyor the Sergeant of the Police Guard positively refused to proceed until supplied which obliged me to get from another Assistant all the arms he had which together with my own completed the equipment of the party referred to.

With regard to my specifying for which Surveying Party each article is required I have to observe that as

as each Assistant has been in the habit of making requisitions upon me for the purpose of being supplied from the Store has I excluded in my requisition such articles as I thought likely to be wanted so that I might have a supply on hand and that I put it out of the power of any of the Assistants from making it a ground for the non performance of duty that I did not have the necessary equipment which excuse, I regret has, more than once been offered to me.

I trust that the explanations I have now given will be satisfactory to you and that the requisition now sent will meet with your early attention as I have included in it such articles only as I consider necessary for the carrying on the Survey here

I have &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle

Surveyor General.

Survey Office, Melbourne
7 February 1839

No 39/.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to request that I may be furnished with the names of the purchasers of the Land and Town Allotments sold in September last, to enable me, by making the same on the charts, to furnish the necessary information to many persons who have made frequent applications to me upon this subject

I have &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle

To furnish from Land Sales.

The Surveyor General.

Survey office, Melbourne
12th February 1839.

No 39/.

Sir.

I have to request the early application to His Excellency the Governor for permission to me to be absent from Port Phillip Two Months, to remove my family to this part of the Colony

I have &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle

Application for two months leave.

The Surveyor General.

No 39/9 Survey Office 12 Feb 1839.

Sir.

I received your Plan of the Suburban allotments at Geelong which will be transmitted without loss of time to Head Quarters. In numbers 6 and 9 Sections the Roads are not in the same line with those on the other side of the River which is objectionable in the event of a Bridge being formed.

I shall supply Mr Nott with three men to enable him to be employed with more advantage I shall be happy to know of your reports of his operations

I should wish the little River to be surveyed without loss of time

I have to request you will be pleased to send me the Bearing and distance of Bellarine and of Point Lonsdale Station Peak with as little delay as possible.

I have &c
signed Robert Hoddle

Suggestions.

Plan to be supplied with the new Sales.

Asst Surr Smythe.

Survey Office Melbourne
14th February 1839.

No 39/10.

Sir

I have to request you will be pleased to attend to the following communication which I have received from the Deputy Surveyor General "That however bad the Land may be that you will mark and describe the entire portions in each Parish" "by which means the necessity for many after Surveys will be avoided and so no occasion will arise for disputations and discrepancies between the Surveyors and their Plans which it is almost impossible to adjust"

I have &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle

Assistant Surveyor Smyth
Geelong

No 39/11. Survey Office 14 Feby 1839.

Sir

You will receive the following articles viz.
Pencils Indian Rubber and paper
I have to request you will be pleased to be as economical as possible as the Department here is nearly without Supplies.

I have &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle

Assistant Surveyor Smyth
Geelong

Survey Office Melbourne
18th February 1839

No 39/12.

Sir.

I herewith transmit Mr Smyth's Plan and Descriptions of the Suburban allotments as marked out at Geelong.

I recommend the Portions marked A opposite the Lots to be reserved

I have pointed out to Mr Smyth the Roads in Section No 1 and I should have been in the same line with the Roads on the opposite side of the River in the event of Bridges being erected.

The Plan when these alterations are made, I trust will meet your approval.

I have the honor to be
(signed) Robert Hoddle

Plan and Descriptions of Geelong

The Deputy Surveyor General

Survey Office. Melbourne
20th February 1839

No 39/13.

Sir.

In reference to your letter No 39/47 dated 17 January respecting my having omitted to mark the entire of the portions in each Parish.

I beg leave to refer you to your letter No 38/326 dated 25th June 1838 in which you inform me that it is unnecessary to mark such Lands upon the Sea coast that are destitute of water and unlikely to be in demand.

In obedience to your orders I shall for the future mark both good and bad although I think it a waste of time.

I have accordingly written to Assistant Surveyor Smyth to do and shall forthwith on sending you another Parish in which several Sections contain neither

with wood, water but little pasture and abundance of Rock which renders it very difficult to make permanent roads

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

S. A. Perry Esqr.
Deputy Surveyor General

Surveyor Office, Melbourne
26th February 1839.

No 39/14.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Letter No 39/37 dated 9th January 1839 enclosing a Tracing of Messrs Stapylton and Dawkin's Track and informing me that Mr. Dawkin tenders to Survey at a fixed rate has been accepted.

The Dandenong River should be the first completed as it seems to be the best natural boundary for the County of Bourke and is at present the defined limits of the Police Magistrate of Geelong and Melbourne Districts

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

Remaining the Mt Cooke Scheme under Survey to Portland Bay to complete the Work

The Surveyor General.

Surveyor Office, Melbourne
26th February 1839.

No 39/15.

Sir.

I have to report for your information that I have employed Mr. Kemp in tracing the upper branches of the Salt Water River where Mr. Dawkin left off and he has performed a portion of it to my satisfaction

I have connected the Surveys with Mount Macedon and find the actual distance from it to Batman's Hill at Melbourne, Thirty Six Miles.

Rose

Mr Kemp employed on the Salt Water River.

Mount Macedon distant from Batman's Hill 36 miles.

From Mount Macedon I connected with the Campaspe which I traced to its junction with the Tarrayne and continued to trace it upwards to Coliban Falls. Falls near which Major Mitchell crossed on his journey into Australia Felix.

The Campaspe and Tarrayne consist of many Large Ponds surrounded with extensive Plains and light forest near the Ponds. The Soil after passing the thick Forest of Large Trees at Mount Macedon improves until the junction of the Two Chains of Ponds

The Rocks are principally Granite except near the Falls which is composed of Large Blocks of Granite

I should observe there is no appearance of Granite after leaving the Deep Creek, (except near the vicinity of the Falls) one of the branches of the Salt Water River.

The Rocks of Mount Macedon are generally composed of Trap Rock.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle

Crossing the Campaspe and Tarrayne Rivers.

Mount Macedon

The Surveyor General

Surveyor Office, Melbourne
27th February 1839

No 39/16.

Sir.

In reference to your Letters Nos 39/37 dated 9th January and 39/39 dated 28th January, in which you inform me that Messrs Dawkin and Smythe are the Two Contractors for Surveying and that they are to send their Surveys through me by this

Method

method of publication will be afforded me of filling up the outlines of the County Maps.

I have the honor to inform you that I have seen the Instructions written by you directed to them in which no mention is made of their transmission through me which is positively necessary to prevent any surveying Parties they may be directed to survey.

I have also to remark that Mr Darke is informed that he is to have an Equipment at a valuation.

You must be aware he is at present without one except such portions of Equipment which that officer did not give up to me and for which he has not yet rendered an account.

I wish to be informed what Equipment he is to be furnished with and number of men and who is to produce the Equipment.

I have &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

The Surveyor General &c &c &c

No 3/17 Survey Office Melbourne 5th March 1839

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you in reply to your application for Men Horses Bullocks and Equipment that I cannot comply with your requisitions before receiving further Instructions from the Deputy Surveyor General.

I have &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

H. W. Darke Esqr

Survey Office, Melbourne
No 3/18. 6th March 1839.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that in forwarding the Government Gazette No 370 of 14th November, an notice for Sale of certain Lands in the Parish of Cheverny Corio near Geelong a portion is described as containing One thousand and seventy six acres, No 45, which on the Copy of the Map in this branch office, the original transmitted to you is Section No 1 and contains one thousand one hundred and seventy six acres.

The Surveyor General

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 3/19. 27th March 1839.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter No 7/19 enclosing a Copy of the Colonial Secretary's Letter No 37/68 dated 28th January; conceiving that Letter to convey an imputation on my character I cannot remain silent.

His Excellency must have been misinformed if he imagines I charged or drew Forage for a Horse Groom &c &c for myself, most assuredly that my private riding Horse was shipped on board the "James Pattison" at Sydney in July 1837, and that he has never been out of my possession, and that I have constantly provided him on my Public Duties, the accompanying certificate from Capt Lonsdale will show—

I shall now state that the Government are indebted to me for the Forage and Attendance before the account formerly sent may be passed.

The Surveyor General

I have &c (signed) Robert Hoddle

Survey Office Melbourne
No 29/20 28th March 1839.

Sir

I herewith transmit a Plan of Melbourne shewing the additional Allotments on the North West side of Melbourne and on the same Plan is shewn the proposed Town of South Melbourne which I will mark if you approve of the names and send descriptions of the allotments which contain half an acre each with the exception of allotments No 9, 10 19 and 20 which contain sixty perches each.

The proposed Road to the Beach is nearly on a Level. A Rail Road could easily be formed and Iron Pipes to convey the Water to the Wharf which would require to be near 200 yards from High Water Mark.

A small Tax laid upon the shipping would soon pay the expence incurred and facilitate the despatch of Vessels by watering and loading their Casks within Two Miles of the present Town.

The fall is about 3 feet which is more than sufficient to keep an abundant supply of the Wharf. The Bank of the Yarra Yarra, a little to the West of Batman's Hill does not exceed 4 feet above High Water mark and when attended with Westerly winds the Stream is covered with water.

The whole designated Marshy Plains is liable to be inundated and therefore not fit to form the Town except opposite the present site.

On the spot where I propose the Soldier's Barracks to be built contains Iron Stone about a mile to the Eastward There

is stone fit for building and the formation of Roads and the Wharf.

Between this spot and the Beach the soil is sandy. The Marshy Plains sold in five acres Lots would realize a large Sum of Money.

The Town allotments will be bought with great avidity as being well suited to the Mercantile part of the community. I do not think a Canal practicable as it would be filled by the sand thrown by the Beach and when a strong gale from the South West should set in it would cause the whole flat to be inundated and destroy the good effects of the proposed Dam, which, if managed properly will be of great benefit to the Inhabitants of Melbourne.

The Iron Pipes might be brought out on board the Transport Ships, as ballast, at very little expence.

I have the honor to be &c.
The Surveyor General. signed, Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

The following Certificate the original of which was forwarded with Letter No 29/19 to the Surveyor General, should have been entered immediately after that Letter.

Melbourne Port Phillip
30th March 1839.

I hereby Certify that Mr Hoddle Surveyor has a horse in his possession that arrived by the James Watt Steamer on July 1837 and that the said Horse has been constantly employed to perform his public duties and that I believe it to be Mr Hoddle's private property.

(signed) W Lonsdale. P.M.

Surveyor Office Melbourne
No 39/21. 30th March 1839.

Sir.

I do myself the honour to return herewith the Application of John Basford for a Ticket of Leave and have to state that it will be necessary, before it can be forwarded for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor to insert the number of punishments.

I presented it to Captain Ponsonby but he was unable to forward it in consequence of the omission above alluded to

Upon your obtaining the requisites particulars you had better forward it to the Bench of Magistrates at Geelong as it is usual for applications for Tickets of Leave to be forwarded through the nearest Bench.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed, Patrick Riddle Surveyor.

Mr Smythe
Assistant Surveyor

Surveyor Office, Melbourne
No 39/22. 2nd April 1839.

Sir.

I herewith transmit a Plan of the Parish of Kalkalle.

The whole having been marked with Descriptions of the names, agreeably to your Instructions, contained in Letter No 39/17. 17 January

I have allowed ten acres in each Portion for a Road.

I have to request the favour of your acknowledging the receipt of it as soon as received and the Plans of Melbourne and South Melbourne which I have transmitted for your approval by the Schooner Kate which left on the 2nd April last.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed, Robert Riddle, Surveyor

The Surveyor General.

Surveyor Office, Port Phillip
No 39/24. 4th April 1839.

Sir.

I beg to acquaint you that there are remaining in my Store House Fifteen Casks of Salted Beef which I received from the Deputy Assistant Commissary General on the breaking up of the Commissariat Stores here for the use of the Parties on proceeding into the Interior, but as there is a new Contract from the first of this Month by which the Contractor supplies at so much per ration, and not, as here to fore at so much for each article as regarding the ration he can only be called on to issue all or none of these articles in the usual proportions.

Having

Having therefore no opportunity of consuming this meat it is of no further use to retain it in Store and is more over an incumbrance from the room it occupies. I would beg therefore to suggest that it be sold by auction here.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle

Survey Office Melbourne
No 3/435. 15th April 1839.

Sir.

I beg leave to bring to your Notice that there is a considerable portion of excellent Land adjoining the Town of Melbourne and the Salt Water River admirably adapted for cultivation.

I should recommend it to be divided into portions of from five to twenty acres

The only objection to this land is that there is no fresh Water upon it, but probably by digging Wells there would be sufficient for ordinary purposes.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Survey Office, Melbourne
No 3/436. 17 April 1839.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to call your attention to my Letters No 3/82 of 19 August and No 3/129 dated 18th December 1838 recommending the prisoners named in the margin, for the gratuity usually allowed to prisoners of good conduct and for which Jobs are, by the Colonial Regulations made.

Walker
Carter
Bates.

Probable there will be discovery men which makes us anxious to encourage them as far as possible.

I have &c (signed) Rob Hoddle.

The Surveyor General

Survey Office, Melbourne
No 3/437. 17th April 1839.

Sir.

As soon as you have completed the portion of the Werribee River and furnished me with a Plan of it I have to request you will be pleased to proceed to Survey the Town Town River from its junction with Town Rivulet to its source and after submitting a plan of the Main Branch upon a Scale of two Inches to a mile you will proceed to trace the tributary Streams and Water courses

You will be pleased to attend to the following particulars.

At every miles of distance Surveyed you will be pleased to mark a Tree by a figure or letter so as to enable you to take up any station or point.

To note the description of Country on each side of the River or Water courses. The Soil and description of Timber The breadth of the River and its tributaries. The nature of their banks and bed at several points. The rapidity of the Currents. The height to which the permanent water flows and that to which it rises in times of flood.

You will note in your Plan the situation of the different Huts and Stations and likewise the names of the Proprietors and the extent of their occupations.

You will take bearings to remarkable hills and shew them on your Plan, also endeavour to shew their relative heights and forms.

You will be particular in transmitting regular monthly reports of progress and the state of your equipment &c. you will also

also to return the number of Men, Oxen, and Horses in order that they may transmit Regular Reports to Head Quarters

I have the honor to be &c &c

(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Mr. T. H. Nott
Draftsman

Survey Office, Melbourne
17th April 1839

No 39/28.

Sir.

The Deputy Surveyor General having informed me by Letter dated 9th January No 37/27 that all plans of Lands Surveyed by the Contractors in the Port Phillip and Geelong Districts are to be forwarded through me in order to enable me to complete the County Map, I have to request that you will not fail to attend to the Deputy Surveyor Generals instructions above alluded to.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Messrs Parke and Synnott
Contractors

Survey Office, Melbourne
18th April 1839.

No 39/29.

Sir.

I have to request that you will, without loss of time, return me Two Bullocks, as your Bullock driver upon leaving this took a greater number with him than I had anticipated.

I have the honor to be &c &c

signed, Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Assistant Surveyor Smythes

Survey Office Melbourne
19 April 1839

No 39/30.

Sir.

With reference to your Letter No 37/173 dated 3d April 1839 expressive of your surprise and mortification that I should presume to interpose difficulties in the way of one of the Contractors

I beg leave to inform you that had you

written to me expressive of your wishes it would have been immediately attended to

As it was, I proposed to Capt Lonsdale to give up the Equipment Horses &c if he would on the part of the Government value it. His answer was "that he would have nothing to do with it."

I forwarded Capt Lonsdales your Letter and he returned me the same answer

He also informed me that if I delivered to him the equipment he should make use of them on the Roads.

He gave it as his opinion that a Board should be called to value them which has been done and the articles of Equipment Horses and Bullocks have been given up to Mr Parke at a valuation which is herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be &c

(signed) Robert Hoddle

Survey Office, Melbourne
23d April 1839.

No 39/31.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to inform you that I have given Mr Nott instructions to proceed with the Survey of the Yarra Yarra River and if possible to trace it to its sources.

Mr Kemp is still employed tracing the Salt Water Rivers.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(signed) Robert Hoddle

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
23d April 1839

No 37/32

Sir

I do myself the honor to state with reference to your Letter No 37/173 that the Horses, Bullocks and Equipment stores have been delivered up to Mr Darke's at a valuation.

I regret that in consequence of Mr Simpson having left town previous to signing the Vouchers I am unable to furnish you by this post with the proceedings of the Board but as Mr Simpson returns to town in the course of a day or two I shall not fail to furnish you with the particulars by the first opportunity and in the meantime I enclose you Mr Darke's receipt which will show you the prices fixed by the Board.

Mr Darke has proceeded on Survey.

Surveyor General. I have the honor to be &c

(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
24 April 1839

No 37/33

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Survey of two Branches of the Salt Water River marked A and B which appear to be executed satisfactorily.

I have to request you will be pleased to return the Chain that were formerly attached to Mr Darke's Party to be exchanged for others belonging to the Department.

To prevent as little loss of time as possible I have arranged it so that Mr Darke will return my men back here at the end of this month at Melbourne. You can draw supplies of Provisions at the same time.

Mr Sharp Draftsman } I have the honor to be &c

(signed) Robert Hoddle

Survey Office Melbourne
24th April 1839

No 37/34

Sir

I do myself the honor to request that six men may be forwarded from Head Quarters to be attached to the Board of the Department here as owing to Mr Darke's party having been returned to the gentlemen and the Police Magistrate being unable to supply them places from the gang here I am at present much in want of them and therefore request your earliest possible attention to this application

The Surveyor General &c &c } I have the honor to be &c

(signed) Robert Hoddle

Survey Office Melbourne
11 April 1839

No 37/35

Sir

Town returns for February and March I have received. They would have read better had you mentioned what you were about on Rainy days, drawing Plans &c.

The Plan of the Town must be on a Scale of eight chains to an Inch. The Reserve twenty chains to an Inch will be sufficiently large. Send me fair copies The originals I shall transmit to the Surveyor General

I have the honor to be Sir Your obedient servant

Assistant Surveyor Smythe Geelong } (signed) Robert Hoddle

Surveyor Office Melbourne
April 1839.

No 39/36

Sir.

I do myself the honor to call your attention to my requisition of the 6th February 1839 applying, amongst other articles, for thirty pairs of blankets and to request that if it be not convenient to supply me with all the articles enumerated in the requisition alluded to, that the blankets may be forwarded as soon as possible to supply the men who are much in want of them.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

Surveyor Office. Melbourne 1839
19th May 1839.

No 39/37

Sir.

I herewith return Mr Smythe's Survey of Colanban allotments in the neighbourhood of Geelong corrected agreeably to your Letter No 2094 dated 17th April. I regret that Mr Smythe should have made errors for which you state I am responsible.

The Rough Plan he sent to the office here appears to be the most correct which was also the case on a former occasion as alluded to in my Letter No 39/19 of March.

As making alterations is attended with much embarrassment I recommend the Sections 16 and 17 Parish as they are marked although it would have been better had they been marked differently. I did not chose to make this alteration without your approval. With respect to the numbering of the Sections I desired Mr Smythe to number them according to the Plan

approved by you. I suggested to him some slight alteration in the arrangement of the sections as it was found the Roads would have become useless if marked as at first proposed.

I should also observe that Mr. Smythe was assisted by Mr Watt in copying and reading the descriptions, therefore no errors should have occurred and for which I consider Mr Smythe is responsible.

I have the honor to be &c.
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

The Surveyor General.

Surveyor Office Melbourne
18th May 1839

No 39/38.

Sir.

I have to inform you that Mr Smythe stated to me that he had newly completed another Parish in the neighbourhood of Geelong previous to commencing the Contract.

I recommended him to complete it but he informed me he had received your Instructions directing him what duty he was to perform.

It is my opinion that the Parish ought to be completed by Mr Smythe.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

Surveyor Office Melbourne
No 39/39. 23d May 1839.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to inform you that while surveying at Mr Elder's station on the Campaspie one of the Government Horses under my charge broke from his tether, on the 13th January last, and although I immediately forwarded his description to the Mounted Police and also sent some of the men of my party out in quest of him I have not been able to recover the animal. I therefore enclose herewith a description of the animal and have to request that you will be pleased to get it inserted in the Government Gazette which, I doubt not, would lead to his recovery. I beg also to request that as neither the Horses or Oxen belonging to the Department here have a distinguishing Brand that I may be furnished with two Brands, the one to be used for branding the Horses to be smaller than that required for the Bullocks

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

Surveyor Office Melbourne
No 39/40. 29th May 1839.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter No 39/206 dated 23d April. I regret that my charges against my assistants prove not without foundation and that my letters are considered to be written in a tone very different from that which ought to be preserved in official correspondence.

I am sorry that I have not studied an agreeable style of writing but I assure you that I have no wish to be wanting in respect to my superiors.

As you admit there is no doubt I have a Horse which has been in my possession since July 1837 and consequently as I did not receive the forage for the space of 184 days I am justly entitled to it for that period.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

S. H. Perry Esq.
Deputy Surveyor General

Surveyor Office Melbourne
29 May 1839

No 39/41.

Sir.

In reference to my Letter No 39/38 dated 18th May inst. I recommended Mr Smythe to complete a Parish which he commenced I have just received a Plan from that Office completed which I will transmit as soon as I have inserted it on the General Map.

Mr Smythe informs me that 5945 acres of this Parish alluded to were marked off by him as a Contractor.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

Surveyor Office Melbourne
29th May 1839.

No 39/42.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that I think it my duty to apprize you that I am credibly informed that one of the Contractors is proceeding as a guide to

Survey Office Melbourne
25th January 1840.

Sir

I certify that I have received from Assistant Surveyor Darke the Plans of four Parishes named as follows

Moorabanook
Pyaketjerk
Kororcit and
Djerriwarrk

Total area 66, 833 acres, that I have examined them and I find they are correct.

I beg leave to observe that altho' Mr. Darke is now surveying on Contract, he has been for some time attached to the Department and is in fact to all this time as an Assistant Surveyor and that moreover I have, from long acquaintance with his qualifications and the character of his Surveys the fullest Confidence in the execution of the work he has performed.

To prevent Mr. Darke suffering loss in more than one respect from the delay that must take place, before he can receive full payment for the performance of his Contract, I beg to recommend that an advance be made to him to enable him to defray his expenses of the last year and to continue his Surveys.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esqr.
&c &c &c

A similar certificate to the above was given in favor of Mr. Smythe upon the completion of the four Parishes named in letter No 4/5 of 25th January 1840.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 4/4. 30th January 1840.

Sir.

I herewith enclose Descriptions and Plans of four Parishes named as follows, by Mr. Darke viz.

Moorabanook
Pyaketjerk
Kororcit
Djerriwarrk

I have gone through the Descriptions and computed the areas and I believe the Surveys to be correct.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

Survey Office Melbourne
No 4/5. 30th January 1840.

Sir.

I herewith enclose Descriptions and Plans of four Parishes named as follows by Mr. Smythe viz.

Modewarre
Lake Ka Kewallora
Gate gong
Van Vangunk

I have gone through the Descriptions and computed the areas and I believe the Surveys to be correct.

I must request the favor of Copies both of these Parishes and those surveyed by Mr. Darke being sent to me, as I have no Draftsman at hand competent to copy them correctly.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

Survey Office Melbourne
20th January 1840.

No 27/6.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose you a plan with descriptions of portions of Land in the parish of Moorang, County of Bourke as surveyed by Mr. Kemp Draftsman, also Plans of Suburban allotments on the South side of Yarra Yarra and the Parish of Nillumbik part marked by Mr. Hall, with descriptions of the same.

I have the honor to be &c.

The Surveyor General. (signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
20th January 1840.

No 27/7

Sir.

With reference to the conversation I had the honor of holding with you this morning concerning the sale of Crown Land from which I understood that Blocks 1. 17 - 31 and 32 in the Town of Melbourne are to be put up for sale on an early day and that Blocks 33 and 34 which were proposed to be sold at the same time have been withdrawn. I beg to recommend that all the allotments which have previously been offered for Sale but not sold be again submitted to public competition and that Blocks 27 and 30 be reserved for Squares.

From the great demand for Land caused by the rapid influx of Emigrants of Capital into this District I beg also further to recommend that the undermentioned Sands, Suburban and Town Allotments be put up for Sales as early as convenient. viz.t

Blocks 28 and 29 in the Township of Melbourne.

The Suburban allotments on the left side of the Yarra Yarra River from the Government Reserve

Reserve to the Survey Department Reserve

The small portions in the Parish of Jika Jika from the Moonee Moonee Chain of Ponds to the Darebin Creek and Yarra Yarra being the whole that remains unsold in the parish of Jika Jika with the exception of the Reserves ordered by the Governor.

The Parish of Moorang a plan of which will be transmitted

The back allotments in Blocks No 2. 3 and 4 at Williams Town.

Blocks No. 1 - 2 and 9 at Geelong

Sections No. 1 - 2. 3. 4. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22, and 23 Suburban Allotments at Geelong

The whole of the Parish of Gnarwarry Geelong

I beg to enclose herewith a list of the Allotments not sold in the Town of Melbourne.

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq &c &c &c

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
20th January 1840.

No 27/8.

Sir.

In compliance with the request contained in your Letter No 27/13 dated 1st January I do myself the honor to enclose you herewith the Returns called for by your letter above referred to

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq &c &c &c

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
No 4/9 28th January 1840

Sir.

I beg to enclose herewith, for your information, Letter No 4/7, which I addressed to His Honor Mr Latrobe concerning the Sales of Lands, Suburban and Town Allotments in this District.

The Surveyor General &c &c &c

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 4/10. 23d January 1840.

Sir.

I herewith enclose agreeably to your verbal request of this morning Descriptions of North and South Melbourne in order that those parishes may be proclaimed.

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

No 4/11 Survey Office Melbourne
23d January 1840

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose herewith the copy of a Letter I wrote to His Honor Mr Latrobe furnishing him with Descriptions of the Parishes of North and South Melbourne.

The Surveyor General &c &c &c

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 4/14 1 February 1840.

Sir.

I herewith enclose you a plan of South Melbourne accompanied by Descriptions I have conferred with His Honor Mr Latrobe who suggests that the Broken allotments next to Nos 1. 2. 3. and 8 be advertised after the next

next ensuing Sale.

The Surveyor General &c &c &c

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 4/15 1 February 1840

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose you a plan with Descriptions of Portions of Land in the Parish of Moorooroo County of Bourke, as surveyed by Mr Draftsman Kemp, also Plans of Suburban Allotments on the South side of Yarra Yarra River and the Parish of Nillumbik with Descriptions of the same part marked by Mr Nattle.

The Surveyor General &c &c &c

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 4/16. 3d February 1840.

Sir.

I herewith transmit a Plan of the Parish of Gnarrowaree which I have examined and also Descriptions of the Lands therein contained.

The Survey was made by Mr Smythe contractor, who has furnished Sub one Plan as transmitted.

Surveyor General &c &c &c

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
14th February 1840.

No 47/37

Sir.

A representation having been made to His Honor Mr Latrobe of the irregularity of some of the men of the party under your charge. In future, to obviate, as much as possible, the irregularities complained of, His Honor has been pleased to direct that no Surveying party is to be permitted to encamp nearer to the Town than the Reserves on the Yarra Yarra River appropriated for the use of the Department, to which place you will therefore remove your Camp during the time you may be engaged at your present work.

His Honor further directs that you will not permit any of your party to be in the town without a Pass, as, should they be found without such Pass, they are to be summarily dealt with.

I trust you will see the propriety of immediately complying with these orders so that the attention of His Honor may not again be called to the subject.

I have the honor to be &c.
, signed, Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Mr Draftsman Nutt.

No 47/38 B

Survey Office Melbourne 11 March 1840

Sir.

I have the honor to request for your information that the Village Reserve in the Parish of Kalkallo was sold on 5 Feb. last in consequence of a portion of the Lands being sold before the Parish was completed, as the remainder of the Parish is advertised for sale on 15th April Inclusive a portion of No 23 be reserved as the usual Camp Road of communication affords and also to apply for the Station for usual water the Water in Moonee Creek being of indifferent quality.

I have the honor to be &c.
, signed, Robert Hoddle

The Surveyor General

Survey Office Melbourne
4 April 1840.

No 47/18.

Sir.

I have to request you will without loss of time commence to mark out the Lands according to the enclosed Plan point twenty one Suburban Allotments of Ten Acres more or less on the South side of the Yarra Yarra River near the station lately occupied by the Missionary Establishment

I have the honor to be &c.
, signed, Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Mr Draftsman Nutt

No 47/19. Survey Office Melbourne
4th April 1840.

Sir.

Referring to His Honor the Superintendents Letter No 47/37 in which he informs me that as no instructions have been received with reference to your employment further than that your Tender is accepted His Honor is led to suppose that the choice of a proper field is left to the authorities on this place I therefore give you the necessary instructions in which a continuance of the Survey appears advisable

I have to request you will be pleased to proceed to trace the Eastern side of Port Phillip from the point North of Red Cliff and note the marked trees, when Assistant Surveyor Darke left off and proceed to complete the Survey to Williamstown and describe the Country along side the Coast for about a mile, making a correct Survey of all Values along side the Coast for that distance to be afterwards compleated when the Country appears desirable to be settled which

George D. Smythe Esq
Contractor

which will afterwards be divided into Parishes. — to note the most desirable situations for Towns and Villages on fresh water Streams, to describe the Country as to its formation, and Timber — the exact situation of Coal, Minerals &c the quality of Waters and all other matters that may be interesting in a geographical Survey the points of remarkable hills to be fixed and the ground sketched, — the forms of features of ground shown. The Meridian to be noted at Point Nepean and at Western Port. The Survey to be completed agreeable to the Surveyor Generals Specification

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
No 40/20. 4th April 1840.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this days date respecting the acceptance of the contract of Mr Smythe and in compliance with your suggestion therein contained I have given Mr Smythe the necessary Instructions

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esqr

Survey Office Melbourne
No 40/21. 4th April 1840.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose for your information a Copy of the Instructions I have given Mr Georg. D. Smythe in accordance with the wishes of His Honor Mr Latrobe as conveyed to me by Letter received from him of this days date.

A copy of my answer to Mr Latrobe's Letter is enclosed

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 40/22. 6th April 1840.

Sir.

Mr G. D Smythe has applied to me for fresh men to enable him to fulfil his Contract, which it appears, by Government notice dated 21st November 1838 that he is entitled to. I have the honor herewith, you that he can comply with his request as I have no men to spare.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq
Superintendent

Survey Office Melbourne
No 40/23. 9th April 1840.

Sir.

I herewith transmit Descriptions of allotments at Williams Town as requested by your Letter No 40/87 dated 16 March 1840.

I recommend allotments No 1 and 20 in Section No 1 to be reserved for Public purposes.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor.

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 40/24. 11th April 1840.

Sir.

With reference to the Return of the Sales of Crown Lands, which were sold here on the 5th February last, in which I stated that Mr Reid, the purchaser of Lot 40 portion No 19, County of Grant, Parish of Bonwanbool had forfeited his deposit. I beg now to state that Mr Reid has not forfeited his deposit money.

The mistake originated in his having made arrangements for the payment of the balance of the purchase money in Sydney of which he did not inform the Sub Collector from whom I desired my information

I have the honor &c (signed) R. Hoddle Surveyor

Surveyor General

Surveyor's Office Melbourne
14th April 1840.

No 4/35.

Sir.

From the Returns which I originally marked out for a Village in the Parish of Tullabulla having by some mistake been sold at the last sales and no reply having yet been received from the Surveyor General in answer to my recommendation of part of portion No 33 being reserved for this purpose I do myself the honor to request that you will be pleased to give the necessary direction for a part of this portion being reserved it being the custom to make, at least, one reserve in each Parish which will not be the case if the portion is now advertized to be sold.

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq. &c. &c. &c.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Surveyor's Office Melbourne
20th April 1840.

No 4/36

Sir.

Upon the breaking up of the Commissariat Store a quantity of Salt Beef was transferred to this Branch of the Surveyor General's Department as at that period the terms of the Contract for supplying Parties were for the supply of the whole ration or such part as might be required. As the terms of the present Contract are for the supply of the whole ration the beef on hand has become unnecessary, and as the Store here, is at best, inconveniently small, I do myself the honor to suggest, if it meet your approbation, that the 13 casks of beef remaining on hand, be sold by auction for the benefit of Government.

copy
Approved 23rd April
Mr. H. requests to be
a short announcement to
ability to introduce the
after 1st May.

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq. &c. &c. &c.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Surveyor's Office Melbourne
23rd April 1840.

No 4/37

Sir.

In forwarding to you the enclosed requisition I beg to request that the Instruments which I wish to be supplied in the month of December 1838 may be returned as soon as possible.

I beg also to observe that owing to the Instruments with which the Assistant Surveyor Nathaniel Kemp having both been destroyed this Branch of your Department is, at this moment badly supplied.

The Surveyor General &c. &c. &c.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Surveyor's Office Melbourne
23rd April 1840.

No 4/38

I have to request for your information that persons are in the daily habit of cutting down trees, encroaching on the line of streets and destroying the marked boundaries made by the Survey Department contrary to all Regulations.

I have the honor to request that as all the boundary marks are considered under the protection of the Police you will be pleased to adopt such measures as you may think necessary to call the attention of the Police to this subject in order to prevent further encroachments

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq. &c. &c. &c.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
7 May 1840.

No 4/30

Sir.

I do myself the honor to inform you that in accordance with your verbal Instructions of the 14th February last I directed Mr Nutt to encamp with his party at the Rivers, to report for the use of this Department, on the Yarra Yarra. I find that Mr Nutt has not complied with these Instructions by having sent but a portion of his party to the Rivers while he still remains on the opposite bank of the River at a considerable distance from the spot he is engaged in laying out - thus leaving the greater number of his men without their being under proper control.

I beg to enclose a copy of the Instructions I gave Mr Nutt and have to request that you will adopt such steps as you may deem necessary to oblige him to attend to his Instructions.

His Honor
C. Latrobe Esq.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
7 May 1840.

No 4/30

Sir.

As you did not think it necessary to attend to my Instructions as communicated in my Letter No 4/17 of 14th February I have thought it useless to transmit a Copy of those Instructions to His Honor the Superintendent which were given at his express order. I find that a portion of your men encamped at the Yarra Yarra Paddock without any authority whatever and that you are living in a very improper manner at a distance from your proper work.

Mr Assistant Surveyor Nutt.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
8th May 1840.

No 4/31.

Sir.

In examining your Survey of Suburban Allotments that are to be sold for Sale on 15th June I find many of them are very badly marked particularly near the River Yarra Yarra.

I have also to observe that I find also that you did not remark on number those Journals marked by me. I have to request you will immediately attend to this duty and number them agreeable to the Plan transmitted by you. I have also to observe that you took ample time to do that duty much more safely & accurately than it has been done.

Mr Assistant Surveyor Nutt

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
19 May 1840

No 4/32.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose you Description and Plan of Cultivation Allotments as marked out at South Melbourne by desire of His Honor Mr Latrobe.

The Surveyor General.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Surv Office Melbourne
19th May 1840

No 4/33.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose herewith duplicate returns of the Sale of Crown Lands held here on 15th April last.

The Surveyor General.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Surveyor Office Melbourne
21 May 1840.

No 4/34.

Sir.

I herewith transmit Descriptions and Plans of the three following Parishes Murrayhee Callie, Cowing & murrinong, and Whonel which I have received from Mr Smythies and beg to state that he has furnished duplicates of all the Plans of this transmittal

I have the honor to be &c
signed, Robert Hoddle Surveyor

The Surveyor General

Surveyor Office Melbourne
No 4/35. 25th May 1840.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose you a Medical Certificate of the state of my health which renders it necessary that I urge upon you a favorable application to His Excellency the Governor for permission to go on Sick Leave for two months or such time that I may be able to resume my active duties in the Field.

I must pray you remind you that I am entitled to some consideration as I have passed upwards of Twenty seven years in the Public Service upwards of seventeen years in this Colony and with the exception of Five months on sick leave I have been constantly employed in various parts of the Colony and I trust with much benefit to the Revenues since the period of my arrival at Port Phillip in charge of this branch of the Department for upwards of three years.

I have not yet been favored with an answer to my application contained in my Letter No 37/32 of 24th December which has caused me much anxiety and retarded my restoration to convalescence.

I have the honor &c
signed, Robert Hoddle Surveyor

The Surveyor General

Melbourne 22nd May 1840

The original of this Certificate was enclosed in Letter No 4/35

I hereby Certify that Mr Surveyor Hoddle is at present totally unfit for Field Duty in consequence of confirmed Disease (confirmed attacks of Asthma combined with an affection of his Head threatening apoplexy and occasional discharges of blood from the nostrils

signed R Cussen M. D.

Surveyor Office Melbourne
No 4/36 22nd May 1840

Sir.

Referring to your Letter No 84/644 dated 28 November 1838 in which I am therein informed when I commenced Messrs Nott and Thompson were qualified to be appointed to a higher grade in the Department

With feelings of pleasure I have to report most favorably of the exertions of Mr Nott who is much employed in the Drawing and may be considered eligible to be appointed an Assistant Surveyor.

Regret that I cannot speak so favorably of Mr Nott who performs his Duty in the Field in a most unsatisfactory manner.

I have the honor to be &c
signed, Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Surveyor General

Surveyor Office Melbourne
No 4/37. 25th May 1840

Sir

In the Return for this Ship Lady Nugent having died in the Hospital on the 28th April I do myself the honor to recommend the persons named in the margin for the gratuity

Consult Principal Surveyor

gratuity of eight pence per day, who has been for upwards of two years employed in this branch of your Department.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/38. 23rd May 1840.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to recommend Mr D. G. McArthur, clerk at this Branch of your Department for the usual increase of Salary granted to Clerks for long service and as during my absence last year he acted under Capt Lonsdale at the Sale of Crown Lands I enclose that gentleman's certificate in favor of Mr Mc Arthur.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Surveyor General.

Melbourne 23rd May 1840

I certify that during a portion of last year this Survey Office here was left under Mr D. G. Macarthur's charge and that during the time, the assistance I received from him at the Sale of Crown Lands and the furnishing Deeds, merited my approbation.

I also certify that his conduct, so far as it has come under my notice, has been correct and gentlemanly.

(signed) W Lonsdale

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/39. 6 June 1840.

Sir

His Honor Mr Latrobe having concurred with me in opinion that it is desirable that the Road to Geelong should

should be marked in the most eligible line and as Mr Assistant Surveyor Smythes is well acquainted with the Country in that direction I request the favor of your desiring him to employ him in marking a line of Road and at the same time to mark allotments in eligible situations that may be required for Public and Private purposes.

As soon as he has completed this duty it would be desirable that allotments of land fitted for agricultural sections in Parishes should be laid out in the neighbourhood of Lake Colac and the Barwon of other Lakes, where there is excellent land fit for cultivation.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

The Surveyor General

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/40. 13th June 1840.

Sir.

I herewith enclose you a Plan with a Description of Twelve and a half acres of land as marked, which has been purchased by His Honor C J Latrobe Esqr on 10th Instant.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

The Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/41. 13th June 1840.

Sir.

I herewith enclose you a Description and a Plan of Lots 1 to 6 inclusive marked opposite No 1 Section in the Town of Melbourne

on

1744 on the Banks of the River as directed to be done in your Letter No 47/163 inclosing the Honorable the Colonial Secretary's Letter No 47/243

I have the honor to be &c

The Surveyor General. (signed) Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
18th June 1840.

No 47/42.

Sir.

In compliance with the wish contained in your Letter No 47/149 of the 16th Instant I have the honor to acquaint you that I am willing to retain charge of the Survey Department until the arrival of Mr. Assistant Surveyor Townsend. In so doing I beg to say that I do not waive my claim to the gratuity of Two years Salary given to retiring officers.

I have the honor to be &c

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esqr. (signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

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Survey Office Melbourne
18th June 1840.

No 47/43.

Sir

I herewith enclose Descriptions and a Plan of the Parish of Pebbellak County of Grant surveyed by Mr. H. W. H Smythe a copy of which is deposited in this Branch of your Department.

I have the honor to be &c

The Surveyor General. (signed) Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/44. 26 June 1840.

Sir.

In compliance with your request I do myself the honor to enclose herewith a Return of the postage expenses of this Branch of the Survey Department Port Phillip amounting to £6 17 7

His Honor C. Latrobe Esq

No 47/45. Survey Office Melbourne
26 June 1840.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit Descriptions of the Country of Bourke and Grant agreeably to your Instructions of the 9th inst.

I have the honor to be &c

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq. signed Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/46. 26th June 1840.

Sir.

I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that on the 18th October 1839 I addressed the Deputy Surveyor General requesting as a favor that he would make application to your Excellency that I might be allowed to retire from the Service with the Gratuity allowed a copy of which Letter I beg again to enclose.

I have been informed that I am no longer in the Service. Will your Excellency kindly authorize the payment to me of the said gratuity.

I have the honor to be &c

His Excellency Sir George Gipps KCB. signed, Robert Hoddle Surveyor

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Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/47. 26th June 1840.

Sir.

I have the honor to request the favor of your forwarding the enclosed Letters to His Excellency the Governor and trust that I will meet with your support in procuring for me the object of my wishes.

I need not remind you that the Survey Department in this District of which I have had the charge for the last three years