Survey Office Melbourne
No 4/4. 23rd January 1841.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose a letter received from Mr Assistant Surveyor Parker, Contractor, applying for five men to make up his party that number having been disposed of as set forth in his letter

I would beg to recommend that this request be complied with as early as possible as it is impossible to obtain a Surveyor's Man for less than £52 per annum.

I have the honor to be &c
signed J. S. Townsend.

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 4/5. 25 January 1841.

Sir.

In accordance with the verbal Instructions received from His Honor the Superintendent directing me to point out the field for your operations as a Contract Surveyor I have to request that you will complete the Survey of the Parish of Yuroke which is bounded on the South by the Parish of Bulla Bulla. East by the Merri Creek and North by a continuation of the North boundary of the Parish of Bulla Bulla.

You will shew all natural features Roads, Stations &c on your Map and on the Ground you will carefully mark the Section lines by blazing the Trees in the usual Manner the fore and aft by digging holes at every five chains and piling the earth up adjacent to them (but not so near as to allow the rain to wash it back to the holes and thus fill them up)

The mound from the corner of each section must be marked on four sides with the number of the Section on it thus South West corner it forms and on all frontages to Rivers or Creeks you will mark the number on the corner at the River or Creek and in every instance note the distance and bearing of each tree from the exact corner at which point you will place a stake.

You will shew on your plan a Tabular Schedule shewing the number and area of each Lot with a blank column to be afterwards filled up with the name of the purchaser, also a second schedule referring to and describing the marks that have been made on the Ground at the corner of each Lot so as to shew the natural and artificial marks on the lines bounding each Lot, this being such as local circumstances will admit and you will likewise attach to this schedule some account of the quality of each Lot so that individuals on inspecting your Maps may acquire at some knowledge of the Land of the marks by which it has been distinguished on the ground.

You will also shew on your plan the length of each boundary line surveyed and a description of the quality of the soil in black. You will be careful to preserve to each portion a Road, or right of way, to the nearest River or main Road. In marking off your

(Melbourne Ex.)

your Sections you will take the East boundary of the Parish of Bulla Bulla as your base and I am fearful that the Section lines which bound the portions already measured and sold on the Merri Creek will not accord with those in Bulla Bulla but you will not allow them to govern you in any way.

So soon as you have completed this survey you will transmit to me a Map in duplicate of your work accompanied by descriptions of each Allotment and one of the Whole Parish.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed, T. S. Townsend in Charge

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/6. 27 January 1841.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to transmit herewith plans and descriptions of Six Parishes in the County of Grant viz.t

Karangueu
Birregurra
Gnotuarra
Ellimenyite
Nalangil
Wardinie

also a map of a Salt Lagoon and Marsh North of the Parish of Gnotuarra which have been surveyed by Mr. H. W. H. Smythe in accordance with the terms of his contract.

Duplicates of the Maps are deposited in this office

The Surveyor General. I have the honorable &c.
(signed, T. S. Townsend

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/7. 27 January 1841.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to transmit herewith a Map and descriptions of the Parish of Bullien which has been surveyed by Mr. Watt.

I have the honor to be &c.
Surveyor General. (signed, Thos. S. Townsend.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/8. 27 January 1841.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose for your information, a Copy of the Instructions I have given to Mr. Crawford Mollison in compliance with the directions of His Honor Mr. Latrobe received since my Letter No 47/5 dated 23.d January 1841 applying to you for instructions upon this subject.

I have the honor to be &c.
Surveyor General. (signed, T. S. Townsend

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/9. 27 January 1841.

Sir.

With reference to your Letter No 47/479 informing me of the shipment per Jewess of the undermentioned stores for the use of this Branch of your Department. viz.t

12. Bullock yokes.	3. Augurs
3. Men's tents.	2 Claw Hammers
6. Dray ropes	80 Lbs of Slops
100 yards Tent Cord	30 pairs Boots
2. Cart Saddles	1 Box containing a Map
1 Lb. of Buckles	6 Map Cases

Surveyor General

12 Hands new sales. 24 Bow Keys.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of them as per list in Letter & have no further to state.

I have the honor to be &c.

(signed) T. S. Townsend.

Survey Office Melbourne
1 February 1841.

No 41/10

Sir.

In compliance with the verbal Instructions received from your Honor I do myself the honor to inform you that I have made a Survey of the Falls at the head of the Basin on the Yarra Yarra River with sections of its bed and banks a plan of which I herewith transmit. The bed of the Rapid is formed of ferruginous Sand Stone whilst that of the deep water on both sides of it appears to be a stiff Clay.

His Honor
The Superintendent

I have the honor to be &c.

signed, T. S. Townsend.

Survey Office Melbourne
4 February 1841.

No 41/11

Sir.

In obedience to your Honors directions I do myself the honor to point out the Lands which appear to me most available to be exposed in Lots of about eighty acres each beyond those that are necessarily in the Market in consequence of having been already assisted.

The lands alluded to are the two portions in the Parish of Kerkuperrimul varying from 84 to 262 acres. The two portions in the Parish of Merrimu varying from

138 to 270 acres each and the portions in the Parish of Parwan varying from 109 acres to 849 acres. Several of these portions might be advantageously divided and still retain a frontage to Water but there are others which could not be divided and have that advantage without being made from one mile to one and a half in length and only having a width of seven chains.

I would therefore beg to suggest that these Lands should be divided into figures of about 80 acres each as nearly square as circumstances will admit reserving a Road to water for those which have no frontage.

His Honor
The Superintendent

I have the honor to be &c.

(signed) T. S. Townsend.

Survey Office Melbourne.
9 February 1841.

No 41/12.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to transmit herewith the following abstracts and returns which I have made in compliance with Instructions received from His Honor the Superintendent viz.t

1st Comparative Abstract shewing the prices of Land sold by the Government and those obtained when resold by the Individuals purchasing.

2d Comparative Abstract shewing the prices of Town Allotments sold by the Government and those

those Abstracts when resold by the Individuals purchasing.

3rd A Return shewing the number of acres measured for Sale.

4th A Return shewing the quantity of Land measurements performed in the Port Phillip District shewing the Lands hereto not yet been marked for Sale.

5th Abstract shewing the supposed values of the different kinds of Land in the Port Phillip District.

6th A Return of all Lands for Sale under Regulations of 21st January 1841. copies of which I have handed to His Honor.

In explanation of the 1st abstract shewing the comparative values of the Lands as sold by Government and afterwards resold by Individuals I beg to observe that with regard to the three Columns under the head of private Resales I came to those conclusions after having examined and made notes from the books of the principal auctioneers in the Town and from the information of some few private Individuals. The prices under the head of average highest prices will appear exhorbitant but they have been for choice building sites in some other portions having great local advantages. The amounts of the columns under the head of average price per acre were arrived at by taking the mean of the whole of the Lands resold which were purchased from the Government on the date shewn opposite to each in the first column of the Abstract. It is the result of ingraving into about one hundred and twenty sales.

2d Abstract. A similar method in obtaining the amounts in the second abstract was

was adopted as in the first after searching into about 150 resales.

3rd Return shewing the number of acres surveyed for Sale. This includes some Townships surveyed by Mr. Darke the Maps of which are in progress and will be transmitted to you shortly.

4th Return shewing the lineal measurement. This includes the whole of the remaining Surveys performed in the District with the exception of the Work of Messrs. Skaifington and Darcy there Accounts Journals not being in possession of any of those Maps.

5th Abstract shewing the supposed value of the different kinds of Lands in the Port Phillip District.

It will be presumed that the Lands in the immediate neighbourhood of the Town possess the first five heads have been considered of equal value, this is in consequence of those being purchased as building sites, but if sold in large portions such prices could never be expected. The whole abstract involves a very difficult question admitting of great diversity of opinion in fact it is almost impossible to obtain any good data upon which to work.

6th Contains the whole of the Lands which have been advertised for sale at different times at a less upset price than 20/ per acre. and are now open for Sale under the Regulations of 21st January 1841.

I have the honor to be &c.
signed. P. S. Townsend
Asst Surr. in Charge

The Surveyor General
&c &c

Survey Office Melbourne
9 February 1841.

No 4/13

Sir

I do myself the honor to call your attention the rapidly increasing business of this Branch of your Department and to request the appointment of an efficient Draftsman as a great portion of my time is occupied in compiling and drawing Maps.

Surveyor General

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) T. S. Townsend Asst Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
9th February 1841.

No 4/14.

Sir

I do myself the honor to call your attention the rapid increase of duties and consequent anxieties attendant on my present situation in superintending the Survey of this District and conducting the details of the office besides the latter of which obliges me to become an almost constant resident in Town at a very heavy expense. May I therefore respectfully request your favorable recommendation of me to His Excellency for the appointment of Surveyor.

I have the honor &c &c
(signed) T. S. Townsend.
Asst Surv. in Charge

Surveyor General.

No 4/15

Survey Office Melbourne 15 Feb 1841.

Sir

I have to request that you will take the earliest opportunity of forwarding a corrected Map of the Survey you transmitted on 7th Nov last, part of which I examined on the ground, and I regret to be compelled to inform you, once more, that no

no the Survey of yours can be received hereafter until the one mentioned above is completed.

C. O. Smythe Esq
Colonial Surveyor

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) T. S. Townsend
Asst Surv. in Charge

Survey Office Melbourne
16th February 1841.

No 4/16.

Sir

In compliance with your Honorable Instructions desiring me to prepare a Sketch shewing the directions in which it appears advisable the principal Roads in the District should be laid out. I do myself the honor to transmit a Sketch in accordance therewith the general direction of those lines marked on it that appear to be required at present making Melbourne and Geelong the grand points of departure also to inform your Honor that should the general arrangement meet with your approbation Mr Purchas will be in readiness to commence the Survey of such line as you may wish to have completed first.

His Honor
The Superintendent.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) T. Townsend

No 4/17

Survey Office Melbourne
16 Feb 1841.

Entered in Individuals Letter Book

Survey Office Melbourne
16 February 1841.

No 41/18.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to inform you herewith a certificate in favor of Mr Draftsman Natte in order that, should you approve of my recommendation, he may obtain the annual increase in question.

I have the honor to be &c.
signed T. L. Townsend
Asst Sur: in Charge.

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
16th February 1841.

No 41/19.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to inform you a letter I have received from Mr Crawford Mellison Contract Surveyor, reporting the absconding of one of the men of his party and applying for one to replace him, which from all the Surveying parties here being plotted and there being none in the survey here disposables, cannot be complied with. May I therefore request that you will cause my requisition dated Feb 8 No 41/2. to be immediately complied with.

I have the honor to be &c.
signed T. L. Townsend
Asst Sur: in Charge.

Surveyor General.

Nos 41/20. 41/21. 41/22.
See Individuals Letter book.

Survey Office Melbourne
22d February 1841.

No 41/23.

Sir.

With reference to your Letter No 41/20 calling my attention to the Notice contained in Vol 1st Gazette of the 1st January and amongst other instructions desiring me to keep a book of records of all selections made under these regulations to transmit to you monthly returns of all such selections as may be made and to state what, if any, clerical assistance I may require to carry into effect the intention of the Government and in so doing, ordering me to confer with His Honor the Superintendent.

I do myself the honor to inform you that previously to the receipt of your Letter His Honor had made temporary arrangements, in consequence of want of room in this Building to have the Land Office adjoining that of the Clerk of Works which is distant about three hundred yards from this.

Mr Macarthur will have to attend there from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. for the purpose of showing the Maps and giving information to the Public a duty to which much of his time must be devoted but I hope to be able to keep the business from falling into arrears should you accede to the request contained in my letter No 41/13 to allow an efficient Draftsman to be attached to the office.

I have the honor to be &c.
signed T. L. Townsend
Asst Sur: in Charge.

The Surveyor General.

Surveyor Office Melbourne
26th February 1841.

No 41/24.

Sir.

In reply to the Instructions contained in your Letter No 41/2 applying for Tickets of Occupation to be attached to this Branch of your Department and in which you also inform me that eight men have been applied for and will, on their assignment to the Department, be forwarded to this place and desiring also that I will furnish you immediately with a return of the Names of the men who have obtained, or have been recommended for Tickets of Occupation since I have taken charge

I do myself the honor to inform you that the undermentioned men have obtained Tickets of Occupation viz.

Joseph Cave. Recovery attached to my
Caleb Tandy Assia } party.
Joseph Spittlebridge Moffatt attached to Mr Parker's party
Samuel Barber do } attached to
Robert Jenkins do } Mr Hemsley's party.
John Todd do attached to Mr H. W. Knollys's party.
George Nott Amherst attached to Mr Nott's Party

and the following is a List of those who have been recommended for Tickets of Occupation

Thomas Lawley. Bengal Macedon attached
Samuel Evans do } to my party.
Richard Curtis Hoagley } formerly attached to
John Hickman Moffatt } Mr Hood's Party now with me.
Charles Dennant Parish George. Office Keeper
Robert Golden. attached to Mr Parker

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedt Servt
signed, P. L. Townsend.
Asst Surr. in Charge

Surveyor General.

Surveyor Office Melbourne
26 February 1841.

No 41/25.

Sir.

In obedience to the Instructions contained in your Letter No 41/27 desiring me to forward to you a plan and descriptions of the 455 acres of Land sold on the 15th April 1840 in the Parish of Keilbella and of the Village Reserve adjoining it. I do myself the honor to enclose a plan and descriptions accordingly.

I have the honor to be &c
signed, P. L. Townsend
Asst Surr. in Charge

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

Surveyor Office Melbourne
3d March 1841.

No 41/26.

Sir.

In compliance with your Honors verbal instructions I do myself the honor to enclose a list of those portions of land which appear to me most advisable to subdivide into portions varying from 7 to 100 acres each. There are some few exceptions where the Lands are not of first rate quality as in the instance of the Parish of Carrajungemeroong although from its locality must be saleable, being well watered and having so good proximity to Geelong, but if divided into less portions some of them must be without water a circumstance which is objectionable when the land is second rate quality, as the whole of the Colonists, if allowed frontage, &c. thrown into long narrow strips of a most inconvenient shape. I am therefore

under

under the impression that should they be sold in the way now recommended, in all probability this fine and healthy portion of the Island would be purchased as homesteads in which case the depasturing over the back lands would soon become of great value to holders of the small portions and the consequence will be that the whole of the back lands adjoining will come into the market.

This remark will apply to almost the whole of the lands mentioned in this list as care has been taken to select them in the centres of good grazing countries. The portions in the Parishes of Tooroorara, Ellimiyite and Nalangil have been already subdivided by Mr Stapylton and are consequently ready for the market also several portions in the Parishes of Tooliepowineal, Mooniima and Pooran have been subdivided by Mr Cook as mentioned in my letter No 41/11 but some of these I think might be advantageously cut into smaller portions as they vary from Eighty to three hundred and fifty acres

I have the honor to be &c
signed T. S. Townsend
Asst Surv: in Charge.

His Honor
T. S. Labrobe Esq.

No 41/87 Survey Office Melbourne 3d March 1841

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose a letter which I have received from Mr Dugdale Norman Neill requesting that a Salary may be allowed to Richard Stevens pro Ship Neptune who has been attached to his party.

party for upwards of two years.

I have the honor to be
signed D. Townsend
Asst Surv: in Charge

Sir Thomas L. Mitchell
Surveyor General

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/88 8th March 1841

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose a list which I have made in compliance with Instructions received from his Honor the Superintendent of those lands which it appears most advisable to me to subdivide, and to state that I have furnished Mr Labrobe with a copy of it which was transmitted to him in my Letter No 41/26 a copy of which is also enclosed.

I have the honor to be &c
signed D. S. Townsend
Asst Surv: in Charge

Sir T. L. Mitchell
Surveyor General

List of Lands which it is proposed to divide into portions varying from eighty acres upwards in the Parishes already Surveyed.

1st Parish of Willert portion No 4 containing 1095 acres. The back portion to be sold as 640 acres and the remainder to be divided into six portions of about 76 acres each. (If not sold as coming under the Regulations of 31 January 1841.)

2d Parish of Mooniang portion No 14 containing 640. to be divided into eight portions of 80 each (If not sold under the Regulations published on 21st Inst. 1841.

3d Parish of Bulla Bulla Portion No 37

containing 676 and 417 acres. To be divided into 13 portions containing 80 acres each.

4th Parish of Tuckinformack previously alluded to in my letter No 4/11.

5th Parish of Pomona Co Co

6. Parish of Merrima Co Co

7 Parish of Yonnockburkyhep

No 9 containing the back portion to be sold as 640 acres and the remainder to be divided into four portions.

No 10 containing to be divided in the same manner as No 9.

Portion No 15 containing 651 acres to be divided into eight portions of about eighty acres each No 16 containing 720 acres to be divided into eight portions containing about 90 acres each

No Parish of Dorset Portion No 1 containing about 320 acres to be divided into four portions of about eighty acres each No 7 containing about 1200 acres the back portion to be sold as 640 acres and the front portion to be divided into seven No 8 containing about 1000 acres to be divided into four portions

These lands are all situated to and above the crossing place on the East bank of the Werribee on the present Geelong and Ballarat Roads.

Parish of Werribee No 1 containing about 640 acres. 240 acres to be excepted the remaining 400 acres to be divided into five portions. Portion No 8 containing 300 acres to be divided into five.

No 9 containing about 800 acres to be divided into seven

Parish of Carrungemmong.

Portion No 1 containing 643 acres. Portion No 10 containing 782 acres. Portion No 11 con.

containing 1207 acres, Portion No 17 containing 1247 acres. Portion No 18 containing 753 acres, Portion No 19 containing 777 acres and portion No 20 containing 754 acres each of these portions to be divided by a line running through the centre.

Parish of Lake Lake Modern the back sections of portions 8. 9. 16 and 17 to be sold as 640 acres each the remaining quantity of 2078 acres to be divided into thirty five farms of about 80 acres each.

Parish of Tarrawarra. Section No 10 already divided into four portions containing 240. 235. 2. 0. 287. 1. 0. and 211. 1. by Mr Smythe Section No 19 also divided into four portions containing 230. 1. 0. 231. 234 and 219 acres Section No 30 in that Parish divided into eight portions fours containing 158 acres each the remainder 79. 3. 14. 79. 3. 36 118. 3. 4 and 141. 3. 19. Section 29 divided into four portions containing 158 acres each Section No 30 divided into twelve portions four containing 20 acres each and eight containing 40 acres each.

Parish of Ellinmyte Section No 9 already divided by Mr Smythe into twenty two portions containing 35. 2. 36. 38. 1. 20. 44. 3. 19. 45. 4. 6. 0. 21. 49. 0. 11. five portions containing 40 acres each, two containing 36 acres each two containing 35. 0. 16. each and five containing

Parish of Balaing C. Section No 6 divided into four portions containing 179 acres 146 ac 180 ac and 163 ac. and Section No 16 also divided into four portions containing 158. 204. 200 and 193 acres

Survey Office Melbourne
No 1/39. 8th March 1841.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to transmit herewith a Map of part of the Eastern shores of the Bay of Port Phillip and the adjoining Country which has been surveyed by Portland by Mr George D. Smythe and to inform you that a Map of this work was transmitted to Head Quarters on 26th November last No 1/37 for the decision of the Deputy Surveyor General as in meandering between the points A B C and D for the purpose of testing the work I discovered an error of upwards of twenty chains my own work having closed to within about fifty chains after a circuit of nineteen miles. Therefore at the same time that I forwarded the Map to Head quarters I returned Mr Smythe his duplicate and informed him that no other work of his could be received until this was corrected and on the 21st Ultimo he furnished me with the accompanying Map in duplicate

I have applied the work from my field Book to this Map and have shown the differences between us by corresponding letters in red and Black the Black letters shewing the position of each station by Mr Smythe and the red the same points determined by me. There is an error of about four chains at the point D shown by the letters N. P. I have examined the plotting of the whole of the work with Mr Smythe's field Book by scaling each line and in many instances by protracting the bearing and find an error in the plotting as some of the lines are too short others too long but the greater number coincide exactly with

Surveyor General.

with my scale which is a proof that the error is not merely an apparent error caused from a difference in the scales but that there is an actual error caused from inaccurately plotting, however as the difference of Latitude between us is a distance of nine miles (from A to D) measured by me and nearly double that distance by Mr Smythe, is only four chains a discrepancy which may easily occur from a difference of Instrument and as I am to be answerable for the accuracy of his field book, having plotted several portions of it over myself of which the traverse of that portion of the Coast from Mordialloc to the South end of the Map and the swamp at the back (marked in pencil E. F. G H) is an instance and I found upon carefully back tracing that the points must very nearly agree. Although by no means pleased with the work I did conceive myself justified in entirely withholding a certificate from Mr Smythe I therefore gave him one to the following effect at the foot of his account viz. "I certify that I have examined Mr Smythe's work above mentioned both by running proof lines on the ground and by scaling and protracting the plotting in many places and I believe his field book to be accurate but the plotting is not so good as could be worked." This was referred to His Honor the Superintendent who gave his position to Mr Smythe's receiving payment.

Beg to observe that I have never received any intimation

relative to the Method to be adopted in the specification of the Contractors Work. also to call your attention to the absolute necessity there is for having a check over some of those gentlemen as Mr Smythe has actually made with to the accuracy of his Map previously to my going over it in November last

I have the honor to be &c.
signed Thos L Townsend
Asst Surr in Charge

Surveyor Office Melbourne
No 40/30. 9 March 1841.

Sir

In compliance with the Instructions contained in the Despatch Surveyor General's Letter No 7/310 with which he returned Mr Kelps plan and descriptions of the lands in the Parish of East Bourke in order that the names and descriptions of the portions bordering on the Harbour might be adjusted to meet the Regulations proclaimed in his Circular No 4/69

I do myself the honor to return the plan and descriptions with the necessary alterations made thereon in all the portions having frontages on the Harbour Hobsons River and the Salt Water River as far as it is Navigable and I crave leave to mention that a similar reservation has not been made in the Lands on the opposite bank of the Salt Water River in the parish of Doutta Galla and as this River is navigable it may perhaps be considered necessary to introduce it.

I have the honor to be &c signed T L Townsend

Sir J L Mitchell
Surr Genl

Surveyor Office Melbourne
No 7/31. 13 March 1841.

Sir

His Honor the Superintendent has desired me to instruct you to return to Geelong and make a Survey of the Coast in the direction which it is advisable the principal lines of Road should take in that District through the Lands which have been marked for Sale and I have to request that you will do so at your earliest convenience.

From your previous Surveys I presume that you are so well acquainted with the localities as to make a general Survey of the Country in the vicinity of the proposed lines unnecessary and that you will be able in a few days to transmit a plan for approval shewing the courses you propose these Roads should take. The lines which it is His Honors wish should be first marked are these viz.t

1.st That leading to Lake Colac and Karangamite and which may be ultimately continued to Port Fairy.

2.d That leading to the Yarrowee on Lis Plains to the Paddy alias the Portland Bay Country and ultimately to the Town of Portland.

3.d The lines through the Parish of Wurnel on the West bank of the Moorabool and thence to the Barrinya Country.

On your Map you will be careful to shew all the features of the Ground and note the nature of the Soil and the Lands which you pass on it.

I have the honor to be &c.
signed T L Townsend

H W H Smythe Esq
Assistant Surveyor

Surveyor Office Melbourne
13th March 1841.

No 4/32.

Sir.

I have to request that you will proceed on a Survey of a Parish North of Bulla Bulla. Bounded on the West by the Maribyrnong or Westernport Branch of the Salt Water River on the South by the Parish of Bulla Bulla on the East by the Eastern Branch of the Salt Water River and on the North by the Section line four Miles North of the Northern boundary of the Parish of Bulla Bulla.

You will be guided in the Minutia of your Survey by the Instructions you received previous to your commencing the Survey of the Parish of Epsom.

I have the honor to be &c.
signed, T. S. Townsend

Crawford Mollison Esq.

Surveyor Office Melbourne
23d March 1841.

No 4/33.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to transmit herewith a plan and descriptions of the Lands in the Parish of Werribee which have been Surveyed by Mr Watt.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
signed, T. S. Townsend
Asst Surr in Charge

Sir T. L. Mitchell
Surveyor General
&c &c &c

Surveyor Office Melbourne
24 March 1841.

No 4/34.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to inform you that His Honor the Superintendent has intimated to me that he has received a letter from you apprising him of the appointment of Mr Chitty as a Contractor and desired me at the same time to request you to be good enough to cause men to be attached to him to be forwarded to this branch of your Department at your earliest convenience should Mr Chitty be employed on the same terms as the other gentlemen holding contracts in this District.

I have the honor to be &c.
signed, T. S. Townsend Acting Surveyor

Sir T. L. Mitchell
Surveyor General
&c &c &c

Surveyor Office Melbourne
1st April 1841.

No 4/35

Sir.

In obedience to the Instructions contained in your letter No 4/20 directing that a Book should be opened to record the Selections of Land made under the Regulations published on the 1st January and that monthly returns should be made to your office I do myself the honor to enclose an Abstract accordingly of all those Lands which have been selected under the Regulations

I have the honor to be &c.
T. S. Townsend
Asst Surr in Charge

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c
Sydney

Survey Office Melbourne
9th April 1841.

No. 4/36

Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit herewith a return of all Stores Equipments Convicts and Cattle belonging to your Department in this District together with a copy of requisition dated 8th July 1840. and 8th Jany 1841. which have not yet been complied with. together with a copy of letter dated 8th Jany 1841 in which the necessity for complying with the requisition for men is pointed out and I now beg to inform you that if it is not complied with shortly the field operations will be stopped.

I have the honor to be &c
&c. T. S. Townsend.
Lt. Sur in charge

The Surveyor General &c &c Sydney.

No. 4/37. See Individual Letter Book.

Survey Office
Melbourne 20th April 1841.

No. 4/38.

Sir

I do myself the honor to submit herewith a plan and description of a portion of the Lands remaining unsold in the Parish of Yeerook measured by Mr Hollison Contract Surveyor which I regret to say has been marked at variance with the general system adopted in the Department in consequence I imagine of a difference in the compasses of the Gentlemen

who surveyed the adjoining Parishes as well as an error in their chaining therefore in order to make the portions as nearly equal as possible Mr Hollison without my knowledge marked the lines leading northerly one degree fifteen minutes West of North, he having found by his instrument that to be the bearing of the Eastern boundary of the Parish of Bulla Bulla, whilst the lines running East and West are marked towards those points. with the exception of the Southern boundary of portion No 5 which he found marked on the grounds one degree North of East. I have examined his work in the grounds by running a diagonal line through it and find the lines all correctly marked in accordance with his plan. but his attempt at representing the ground is very humble. the features in the Southern part of the parish being steep and bold near the water shed, whilst the higher lands are generally undulating on the South side of the Parish, which I do not consider to be at all represented in his Map. I have therefore directed his attention to the above circumstances and requested an improvement in his next Survey.

I have the honor to be &c
Lt. T. S. Townsend.
Apst. Sur. in charge.

The Surveyor General &c &c Sydney.

Survey Office Melbourne
27th April 1841.

No 4/39.

Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit a plan and description of Henry Dendys 5120 acres Special Survey which I have measured

measured, and marked and having re-
served a distance of one hundred feet
from high water mark for Government
purposes in accordance with the direction
contained in your letter (Circular) No. 41/38.

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd. T. S. Townsend.

To
The Surveyor Genl.

Survey Office Melbourne
20th April 1841.

No. 41/40.

Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit
herewith a plan and descriptions of a portion
of the lands remaining unsold in the
Parish of Yarrabe measured by Mr Erskine
Contract Surveyor which I request to day
have been marked &c. &c.

Error. See Letter No. 41/38.

Survey Office Melbourne
5th May 1841.

No 41/41.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that
from the accumulation of plans, it is
impossible to refer to them without having
a proper case to arrange them for their
safe custody. Will your Honor have the
goodness to sanction an order for one
to be made with the least possible delay.

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd. R. Hoddle.
Surveyor.

This Honor
The Superintendent

No 41/42.

Survey Office Melbourne
5th May. 1841.

Sir

The Surveyor General having

sanctioned a requisition for supplies which
I brought with me in the Australasian
Packet with the exception of Bullocks and
Horses, which I was recommended to
purchase here I therefore request the
favor of your sanction to purchase Six
fourteen Bullocks for the use of the
Department the number applied for
and also four Horses which is to replace
four horses that are becoming unfit
from old age.

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd. R. Hoddle.
Surveyor.

To
His Honor
The Superintendent

Land Survey Office Melbourne
5th May 1841.

No. 41/43.

Sir

His Honor the Superintendent having
signified his wish that you proceed to
Corner Inlet for the purpose of reserving a
site for a Town and Reserve for Public
Services I have to request you will be
pleased to make arrangements for that
purpose. From your talent and experience
I doubt not you will make a good selec-
tion, bearing in mind the necessity of every
access and abundant supply of good fresh
water. The Coast and Rivers must be trace
with descriptions of the Country, its soil
and capabilities as to its probable future
settlement, and any other information
that is interesting in a geographical point
of view, not forgetting the quality of the
Timber, Minerals &c &c.

Mr. Thomas Chitty is to be
employed as a contractor there, as he has
no knowledge of the Country you will
have the

have the goodness to undertake every assistance in your power so as to enable him to fulfil the object of his contract.

I have the honor to be &c.
Sgd. Robert Hoddle.

Apt. Surveyor Townsend.

Land Office Melbourne.
8th May 1841.

No. 41/44.

Sir

The Surveyor General having notified to me your being employed as a contract Surveyor under my direction, I have therefore to request you will be pleased to proceed with Mr. Assistant Surveyor Townsend to Corner Inlet, who will point out to you the scene of your operations.

You are to observe the following particulars in tracing the Rivers, Water Courses and coast. 1st. All permanent Water sufficient to form natural Boundaries are to be traced, and the quality of the water to be noted, the velocity of streams, also the nature of the adjoining Country, Timber, Mountains, undulations, level, alluvial or other particulars that may be useful to the agriculturist or grazier or that may be in a geographical point of view.

2nd. In tracing a River where it is likely that Settlers may occupy, you will mark the section lines across such portions of land as either have water frontage, or are so situated as to be readily saleable at the fixed price of one pound per acre.

3rd. You will lay off such section lines chiefly along river frontages, so that those sections including the River, and being consequently broken by it may as broken sections be also marked together to make six hundred and forty acres. The extension of such lines and

to such sections must depend on the quality of the land, and is not to be carried further than where land is likely to be in request under present circumstances.

4th. Although it is not contemplated to mark out whole parishes you will keep parochial divisions in view to determine the frontage side which will be in with five miles and the centre across common water courses is to be reserved for a village containing three hundred and twenty acres on the most eligible by the centre section, you will number half of the square miles or parts of square miles along such frontage with reference to each parish, commencing at No. 1. giving to each parish such short & easily remembered names as may best please the public but native names is the most desirable you will perceive that this is necessary for the sake of description, and reference, and that it will thus be possible to complete the sections and series of numbers in each parish at any future time should they be required.

In marking out the site for a village in each parish, keeping always in view as best for such purpose, the most probable lines of thoroughfare through the Country.

5th. Your Plans must be accompanied by accurate descriptions, such as I have been required hereto for insertion in deeds of grant of all sections so marked off in the course of such surveys, and you will distinguish on your Plan by a red color the spots you would propose as most eligible for a village, and also by a green colour all those other parts of the Country which may appear to you eligible for subdivision into small portions

portions, as forms because of the quality of soil, abundance of water and other local advantages.

6th The immediate wants of the public require the survey of rivers before that of Bays, but the highest points must be fixed by angles in tracing the Rivers, Creeks, Water courses or Coasts.

7th Your work will be estimated by linear measurement only, and you must shew on your Map, trace and angles in red lines, also the stations, and remarkable objects in your Surveys, so that any point may be recognized on the ground, to correct any future survey. You will furnish the Office with a copy of your field Book, and also two Maps of your Surveys which is to be on a scale of two inches to a mile, and to be furnished with a scale and North point, also shewing the variation of the Compass in your Surveys you will delineate the Hills and shew the nature of them and whether they are composed of Granite, Sandstone, Limestone and whether Coal, Slate or marble found. On the Map you will insert a tabular Schedule xxxxxxxx shewing the numbers and area of each Lot with a blank column to be afterwards filled up with the names of the purchasers also a second schedule referring to and describing the marks that have been made on the ground at the corner of each Lot so as to shew the natural and artificial marks that have been made at the xxxxxxxx of each on the ground to shew the natural and artificial marks on the lines bounding each Lot this being such as local circumstances will admit, and you will likewise attach to the schedule some

amount

amount of the quality of each Lot so that individuals on inspecting your Map may arrive at some knowledge of the land by the marks by which it has been distinguished on the ground. You will also shew on your Plan the length of each boundary line or broken line on each side of the Creek or River in red, and a description of the quality of the soil in black. You will be careful to preserve to each a Road or right of way to the nearest River or Main Road.

I am &c.

sgd. Robert Hoddle.
Surveyor.

To
Mannaming Clitty Esqr.
Contract Surveyor.

Land Office Melbourne
6th May 1841.

No. 41/45.

Sir.

I have to request you will be pleased to furnish the Office with a Map of your latest Surveys with as little delay as possible, and that you will afterwards proceed to survey the sources of the Rivers Hopkins from Mount Cole. You are to observe the following particulars in the course of your Survey.

as foregoing letter.

To
Mr William Esqr.
Contract. Surveyor.

No. 41/45.

Letter and instructions
as No. 41/45.

To
R. Daikle Esqr.
Contract Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
8th May 1841.

No. 41/47.

Sir.

I have to request you will be pleased to furnish the Office with a Draft of your latest Surveys with as little delay as possible, and that you will afterwards proceed to complete the Subdivision of the Parish Barrawan as directed in your previous instructions, finishing the Survey of the Rivers Yarrowee and Moorabool up to their sources with all their tributary Creeks.

You will also trace the present principal line of Roads after having completed which you will furnish a Plan shewing the old with the new line which you propose. The Road towards you will mark as far as Tailors Point including that Stream in your Survey. You will be pleased to observe the following Instructions in your future Surveys.

In instructions in Letter No. 41/40.

To
H. W. H. Smythe Esqr.
Contract Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
11th May 1841.

No. 41/48.

Sir.

I have been requested by His Honor the Superintendent to send Assistant Surveyor Lawrence to Corio Bay for the purpose of fixing a Site for a Town and Port Reserve and have directed Mr. Brannon Chief Contract Surveyor to accompany Mr. Lawrence in order to make a complete Survey

survey of that part of the Colony as Several special Surveys have been already applied for in that direction. I trust this arrangement will meet your approval.

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surveyor Genl.

Survey Office Melbourne
11th May

No 41/49. a.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose you a list of the Reserves on the Surveyed Lands and also others that it is desirable to make on the lines of Road towards Geelong the Campaspie Geelong and Portland Bay as soon as the last line is determined.

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esqr
Superintendent.

At the proposed crossing of the Geelong Road about a mile above the junction of the Yarra with the Salt water River.
Section on the Salt Water River.
Crossing of Geelong Road at
Korroroit.
Winoka
Barunde (or little River) and
Batis on Linchurnis Creek.
Reserves recommended on the line of Road to Portland Bay from Geelong.
Junction of the Yarrowee and Barrawan Rivers including the crossing place and the
From the Yarrowee.
Reserve about 12 miles West on creek running
underneath.
on the Woodes Jalcock and on the fresh
Water

Water Springs under "Terramallum" or "Elliptambill"

List of Reserves

All Reserves for Villages in the Parishes of Gunnedah

Bahrau R.	Gulla bulla R.
Boroondara R.	Gillamarine R.
Bulden	Cut-Paw-Paw R.
Millennibik R.	Kororrait R.
Melbundora R.	Pyrobetyork R.
Willowitroot	Moonadarroot R.
Jita Jita	Yerrinoork R.
Wallert R.	Murrinna R.
Moroney R.	Nookupperinna R.
Yan Yan R.	Goorchenut ghap R.
Walkallo R.	Purnwan R.
Merang R.	Ballaing R.
Taurourong R.	
Wabdallah R.	
Murphie Colen R.	
Yherrinyhop R.	
Barrenbool R.	
Gnawarree R.	
Carrungmoroong R.	
Lak-Lake-wollert R.	
Tutegong R.	
Yan Yangurk R.	
Whonne R.	
Nanyuna R.	
Tarewana R.	
Illiminyh R.	
Birregund R.	
Yalangil R.	

Also reserves to be made at Point Napier Limestone on the Bank opposite Arthurs Seat. Point Lonsdale to Shortland Bluff Land where the Quarantine ground was formerly held. Melbourne, Williams Town and Geelong Rivers.

Reserves on the Road to Camperdown & Sydney

At Deep Creek Jackson's &c. Harvey's Cattle Station

Station. Eskdale head station. Junction of the Camperdown and Colleboop Rivers. Charles on the Goulburn. Hughes Creek about 10 miles from Goulburn Templeton's Station on the Creeks about 35 miles from Goulburn. The Broken River about 30 Miles from Templetons Near the Reserves.

It would be desirable to secure all the usual halting places for the Public.

Survey Office Melbourne
11th May 1841.

No. 41/49. B.

Sir

I do myself the honor to enclose you herewith a description and tracing of Nine Thousand one hundred and twenty acres of land selected for a special Survey by Mr. Jedric Wright Surveyor of Sydney, and have to request that you will proceed to measure the same, and transmit to me a plan and description of it without loss of time. For this you will be careful not to include the Village Reserve on the Nine Thousand one hundred and twenty acres as it is the intention of the Government still to retain it themselves.

I have the honor to be &c

Mr. T. H. Mutt

Sd. Robert Hoddle.

Survey Office Melbourne
11th May 1841

No. 41/50.

Sir

I have only to add in addition to the remarks I have given for general guidance in surveying lands that

Survey Office Melbourne
12th May 1841.

No. 41/51.

Sir.

With reference to my letter No. 41/48 desiring you to proceed to Corner Inlet to fix on the Site for a Town and lay out a few Blocks of Allotments for sale, also to select reserves which may be required for the Public Service, I have to request that after you have completed Your Instructions in which I trust you will meet with consideration the assistance from Mr. Chitty, you will send Plans of your Survey to measure the Special Surveys selected by the undermentioned parties, viz.

John Mn. 5120. a. 1st Selection on the East bank of the Albert.
Wm Rutledge 5120. acres. 2nds do. do.
Mr. Reines 5120. a. 1st do. in Yarra.

You will have the goodness to send Plans of your Surveys for inspection of His Honor the Superintendent previous to the measurement of the Special Surveys applied for and note on the Plans the precise spot applied for by those applicants

I have &c
sgd Robert Hoddle.

Sp. Surveyor Townsend.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 41/52. 13th May 1841.

Sir

I have to request that you will forward to this Office complete Maps of your Surveys with as little delay as possible and that you will not proceed further with your present work until you have furnished me with the maps in question. After you have complied with this request I shall then be prepared to give you further instructions for your future guidance.

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

G. D. Smythe Esqr.

Survey Office Melbourne.
No. 41/53. 13th May 1841.

Sir

I do myself the honor to enclose a letter which I have received from Sp. Surveyor Townsend requesting that a salary may be allowed to Wm Featherstonhaugh Rowan instead of Thomas Sanley "Bengal Medical" who has just received his ticket of leave. Featherstonhaugh has been six years attached to your Department.

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
The Colonial Sect.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 41/54. 14th May 1841.

Sir

I do myself the honor to enclose herewith a list of Lands which are proposed to be immediately advertised for Selection.

The list I have proposed in compliance with a verbal instruction which I received from His Honor the Superintendent. A copy of which list I shall have leave to transmit.

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surveyor General.

List of Lands proposed to be immediately advertised previously to be offered for Selection. acres.

P. J. Batman — 7635
P. J. Parsons 19915
P. J. Merrimm — 10731

	acres.
P.of. Cauitta Galla.	3601.
P.of Murgle bolen	17208
P.of. Carrungemmung.	14511.
P.of Ellimingt	13115.
P.of. Balangil.	24450.
amt of acres.	111221

Survey Office Melbourne.
No. 41/56. 19th May 1841.

Sir

With reference to the Government Gazette of 7th May 1841. by which I observe that two allotments situated on this Town are advertized for sale on 4th of August next. I do myself the honor to call your attention to the fact of this being advertised at variance with the plan of the allotments in question a copy which was transmitted to you with descriptions by my letter No 40/41. dated 13th June 1840. The contents of No 4 allotment is two roods and two perches, which is erroneously advertised two roods and two perches.

I have the honor &c
sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne.
No. 41/58. (Sent by Post) 21st May 1841.

Sir

I do myself the honor to enclose herewith a plan and description of the Parish Survey of the Werribee and its tributaries shewing the lands measured for sale in the vicinity which I have examined both on the ground and on paper and find them correct.

I have the honor &c
sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surveyor Genl.

Survey Office Melbourne.
No 41/59. 27th May 1841.

Sir

I do myself the honor to enclose for your Honors information the copy of a letter I have received from the Surveyor General intimating to me His Excellency the Governors approval of Mr. A. H. Stanson being employed as Clerk of the 3rd Class at this Office.

I have the honor to be &c
sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
His Honor
The Superintendent.

Survey Office Melbourne.
No. 41/60. 27th May 1841.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you a copy of a letter which Capt Surveyor Townsend received from the Surveyor General on the subject of appointing a Draftsman &c. Capt Surveyor Townsend did not act upon this instruction. I beg leave to recommend for your Honors sanction the temporary employment of Mr. Bradley educated at the Military College at Sandhurst and late of the 32nd Regt. who is I presume qualified to act as a Draftsman in this Branch of the Surveyor Generals Department.

I have the honor to be &c
sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
His Honor
The Superintendent.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/61. 27th May 1841

Sir

I have the honor to transmit for your Honors perusal the probable expence of this Branch of the Survey Dept for the ensuing year in compliance with your request as contained in your

in your letter of the 7th Inst. The excess above the Surveyor Generals calculation is principally caused by the probable cost of the contract system of surveying, which is not approved of by him as it is found to be more expensive.

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
His Honor
The Superintendent

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/62 27th May 1841.

Sir.

In reference to your Honors minute respecting the Road application of Mr Porter, steps will be immediately taken to remove the fences &c. obstructing the Road.

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
His Honor
The Superintt

Survey Office Melbourne.
No 41/63 29th May 1841.

Sir.

With reference to your Honors letter No 41/527 dated yesterday, respecting the appointment of Mr. H. A. Watson to act as a Clerk of the 3rd Class in my Office, and also acknowledging the receipt of my letter respecting the appointment of Draftsmen which your Honor appears to approve of the appointment one which is necessary.

The latter paragraph in your letter in the form of a question admits but of plain answer which is the clerical duties in either Land or Survey Office could be discharged by one Clerk devoting his time and attention fully to the duties of his

Office

To
His Honor
The Superintt

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd Robert Hoddle.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/65. 31st May 1841.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose for your Honors information the report of the Board which met this morning for the inspection of the horses belonging to this Branch of the Surveyor Generals Department by which you will observe that four of them are unfit for service and are consequently recommended to be sold for the benefit of the Govt. I have the honor to request that your Honor will be pleased to sanction my proceeding your others to auction three condemned.

I have the honor to be &c.
Sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
His Honor
The Superintt

Survey Office Melbourne.
No 41/67. 31st May 1841.

Sir.

As I presume you have had sufficient time to make yourself acquainted with the usual method of marking and surveying Lands in this colony I request you will be pleased to proceed without loss of time to attend to the following instructions for your guidance

1st You provide yourself with the usual equipment and complement of men which you will receive from me.

2nd You will proceed to the neighbourhood of Mount Macedon where the Section lines to be marked will proceed to connect those with such lines to be marked at Mr. Clow's principal station which will be pointed out to you

for a village on the Campaspe River which has been surveyed by me a little beyond this station and Trees marked H. As you might lose some time in looking for the lines. It will be better that you commence at Chalmers station which will be the centre of a Parish to be after-wards marked.

3rd You will proceed then and survey the Campaspe to its source in the Mountains with its tributaries.

4th After completing this stream, you will proceed to the Survey of the Coliban commencing when I left off at a station formerly occupied by Mr Brennan, afterwards by a person of the name of Humphrey. It is distant about five miles South of Mr Mollison's Station. The tributaries of this stream are also to be traced to their sources in the Mountains, and all Rivers to have the Margins of all Lakes, Lagoons & swamps.

You are to observe the following portions

1st You will mark the Section lines across such portions of Land as either have water frontages or are so situated as to be readily saleable at the first Sale of one pound per acre.

2d Para. of the instructions to Mr Chitty 24th/44.

The Plans must be drawn on a scale of five inches to the mile to show all the features of the ground, and in fact to contain the best results of the Survey particularly delineating every Buildings, fences or stations, and to bear a title with scale and compass delineated thereon, the Plans should also show by small writing in general terms, the nature of the soil and whether timbered or not. The corner of each portion is also to be represented by a letter of the Alphabet and on the Plan is to appear a schedule pointing out by to such letters the bearing and distance and description

description of the Tree or Trees or other marks used to determine the corner. A schedule of the Portions showing the No and area must also be placed on the Plan with a description of the soil appended to each such as good, saleable, alluvial, light Forest land, stony &c &c Moreover the length of each line must appear in small red figures, and within each portion must appear the No and the area in Roman letters or Capitals, the bearing and survey stations are also to be shown in small red dots.

Whenever a Parish is to be compiled it should contain from 25 to 30 square miles or sections and to be square provided there are no natural features to form the boundaries: natural features are however to be preferred. The parishes will be run general five miles along a River or stream. No section lines are to be broken and are to be each 80 eighty chains. the width of Rivers being included where the lines cross.

The variation of the compass is to be noted but the section lines must be magnetic, but great care must be used to ascertain the local attraction which exists so frequently in many parts of the Country.

As soon as you have completed your surveys of the Campaspe and Coliban as directed, you will have the goodness to furnish me with a Plan.

You will be regular in transmitting your Monthly reports of Progress in order that the Surveyor General may be made acquainted with the progress you are making on the Survey of this interesting part of the colony.

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd Robert Hoddle.

To

Assistant Surveyor

Pechering.

Survey Office Melbourne
1st June 1841.

No. 41/68.

Sir,

In attention to your letter of the 19th ultimo No. 41/54 respecting the necessity of making a Survey of the country about Corner Inlet in order that special Surveys may be allowed there, I have the honor to state, that at the desire of His Honor the Superintendent already made to me, Mr Townsend has proceeded to that place accompanied by Mr Clithy a contract Surveyor whose cooperation would tend to facilitate the close of the Survey.

A Boat and other necessary Equipments have been supplied Mr Townsend, together with my instructions a copy of which I have now the honor to forward.

I have the honor to be &c
Lt. Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surveyor Genl.

Land Office Melbourne
1st June 1841.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 41/55. 19th May 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Plans of Surveys by Mr. Darke and C. W. H. Smyth which have been examined previous to my arrival by Assist. Surveyor Townsend, and found correct, viz the Werribee and its tributaries Survey of the Portland proposed Road from Geelong to Portland Bay. old Road and proposed new line to Flinders Bluff; also a Plan of the Parish of Bellarine with descriptions which I have examined and found correct allowing for error of plotting

North for South, which I attribute to the inexperience of Mr Mollison as a Surveyor employed by contract. His Field book I also transmit.

I have the honor to be &c.
Lt. Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surveyor Genl.

Land Office Melbourne
No. 41/69. 1st June 1841.

Sir,

In reference to the instructions contained in your letter to Assist Surveyor Townsend No 41/20 of 1st Feb. I do myself the honor to enclose a Return of the Lands sold under the regulations of 1st March 1841 between the 1st and 31st ultimo

I have the honor to be &c.
Lt. Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surveyor Genl.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 41/70. 1st June 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 41/57 of the 22nd ultimo referring to Mr Townsend letter No 41/38. dated 20th April requesting explanation "Why the section lines in Hall Hollow rock have been made eighty two instead of eighty chains. I beg leave to inform you that I am not aware that the section lines in the Parish of Hall Hollow have been made more than the usual length viz eighty chains, and from the accuracy general of Mr W. H. Smyth who measured those sections I have more confidence that the chain used by Mr Smyth was correct and that he allowed for the irregularity of the ground which may account for the difference by Mr Mollison who ought to have

to have been made aware that he should have measured his section lines eighty chains and have allowed for the difference of the instrument which I am sorry to say may considerably from 1° one to 2° two degrees.

I have the honor to be &c.
sgd. Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surveyor Genl.

Land Office Melbourne
1st June 1841.

No. 41/71.

Sir

I do myself the honor to enclose for your Honors information a return of the lands sold under the regulations of 1st March 1841. between the 1st and 31st ultimo.

I have the honor to be &c.
sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
His Honor
The Superintendt.

Survey Office Melbourne
2nd June 1841.

No. 41/72.

Sir

You will be pleased to proceed without loss of time to mark out the special survey applied for by Mr. Rutledge, and be particular in observing the usual practice as directed in Govt. Regulations dated 4th March 1841. The land must consist of a regular unbroken area or block of land within a continued boundary. The block can never contain more than the Gallowsey proportion of frontage measured upon any River watercourse, lake or other boundary, which by the custom of the colony has hitherto been or may reasonably be considered water frontage, that is to say not more than the proportion of one mile of such frontage for every four square miles of area, the frontage however being measured in the usual way and not made to follow the sinuosities of coast or shore. If both sides of the River or other boundary be taken each side will reckon as water frontage and the other boundaries fixed by any special survey must be straight lines running from North to South and from East to West and must coincide as far as possible with the ordinary section lines of the colony in all situations where such section lines may have been established.

I enclose you a description for your guidance, and you will shew the connection and bearings on your map of the part of the country so as to shew its relative situation on the general map. The true and Plan must be shewn on the usual scale viz two inches to the mile.

I have the honor to be &c.
sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
Mr. Draftsman
Rutt.

No 41/73. Survey Office Melbourne
4th June 1841.

Sir

I herewith enclose a Survey of the Squatting County of Bourke with descriptions which has been marked by Mr. Rutt Draftsman. I have examined the Plan and have found them to be correct.

I have the honor to be &c.
sgd Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surv. Genl.

No 41/74. Survey Office Melbourne.
4th June 1841.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a letter which I have received from Mr. Rutt which was accompanied his Survey of Gering which has been transmitted. I have to observe that Mr. Rutt is very attentive and appears anxious to give satisfaction since my arrival as assistant.

Assistant Surveyor Townsend spoke favorably of him during the time I was absent from the Department

I have the honor to be &c.
Lt. Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surveyor Genl

No. 41/75. Survey Office Melbourne
3rd June 1841.

Sir

Referring to your Honors minute of the 31st inst. I do myself the honor to enclose you a description of the Land applied for by Mr Jamison as a Special Survey. The Land has been measured and the Plan and description will be forwarded to the Surveyor General by the next Post.

I have the honor to be &c
Lt. Robert Hoddle.

To
His Honor
The Lieut Gov.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 41/76. 3rd June 1841.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you Plans and descriptions of the Lands applied for by Messrs Jamison and Elgar as Special Surveys containing each 5120 Five thousand one hundred and twenty acres which have been recently measured.

I have the honor to be &c.
Lt. Robert Hoddle.

To
The Surv. Genl.

Survey Office Melbourne.
No 41/78. 4th June 1841.

Sir

In attention to your Honors Minute of this date relating to a road applied for by several Landed Proprietors on the Yarra Creek. I beg leave to intimate that there is a road already

marked out and shewn on the Map from the Yarra ravine to Melbourne I do not therefore perceive the necessity of marking another.

I have the honor to be &c
Lt. Robert Hoddle.

To
His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esqre

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/79. 10th June 1841.

Sir

No copy of the Government Gazette having been received since any last joining this office I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to cause a copy to be regularly forwarded as from the want of it the business of the Dept cannot be carried on with such regularity as I could wish

I have the honor to be &c
Lt. Robert Hoddle.

To
Surveyor General

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/80. 24 June 1841.

Sir

I have to request you will be pleased without loss of time to measure the Land applied for as a Special Survey by Mr Jamieson 5120 acres near Mount Martha. you will measure it as near as the description will admit, and not to deviate from the usual allowance for water frontage. by two miles and not to be measured within 100 one hundred feet of high water mark.

I have the honor to be &c
Lt. Robt Hoddle.

To
Mr Deputy Surveyor Hull