Survey Office Melbourne
29th June 1841.

No 41/81.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a Plan and Description of the Land of this Run as a Special Survey (3120 acres) by Wm Wm Buckley which has been recently measured in the Parish of Willsmere

I have the honor to be &c
Lyd R. Roddle.

To
Surv. Genl

Survey Office Melbourne.
29th June 1841.

No 41/82.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit Descriptions in Duplicate of the Lands proposed to be immediately advertised for Sale in compliance with your Honors instructions of the 25th Inst.

I have the honor to be &c
Lyd Robt Roddle.

To His Honor
The Superintendent

Survey Office Melbourne.
29th June 1841.

No 41/83.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that Mr Buckley educated at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst and late a Lieutenant in the 82nd Regt a Gentleman competent to act as a Draftsman in this Branch of your Department has been employed from 1st Inst. with the sanction of His Honor the Superintendent in accordance with your letter No 41/82 of 15th Instant 1841.

I have the honor to be &c
Lyd Robt Roddle.

Copy enclosed.

To
Surv. Genl

Survey Office Melbourne.
5th July 1841.

No 41/84.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of this Days Gazette containing the advertisement of Lands about to be thrown open for sale.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt Servant
Lyd Robt Roddle

To
The Surv. Genl

Survey Office Melbourne
8th July 1841.

No 41/84.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit Sections in compliance with your Honors Instructions of the 5th Inst. which have been complied by the time mentioned, but have since discovered that in consequence of the letters not being clearly defined other Sections have been obliged to be taken which has retarded my progress until this morning.

I have the honor to be &c
Lyd R. Roddle.

To
His Honor
The Superintendent.

Survey Office Melbourne.
7th July 1841.

No 41/85.

Sir

I have to request you will without delay wait on His Honor the Superintendent for instructions

I have the honor to be &c
Lyd R. Roddle.

To Assistant Surveyor
Smythe.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/86. 8th July 1841.

Sir

I beg leave to enclose the accompanying letter from Mr Sergeantson, and request your Honors Instructions on the subject.

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

To His Honor
The Superintendent.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/87. 8th July 1841.

Sir

In attention to a minute from His Honor the Superintendent of this date I have to inform you that no reservation of one Hundred feet of high water mark is to be made. You will accordingly make no reservation in the measurement of the Survey you are now employed on.

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

To
Mr. Draftsman Smith.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/88. 12 July 1841.

Sir

In compliance with your requisition of the 19th Ult. for articles of equipment &c I have to state that they are herewith forwarded.

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

To
Mr. Lt. Lewis
Encumbered.

Survey Office Melbourne
12th July 1841.

No 41/89.

Sir

In attention to instructions received by His Honor the Superintendent from the Colonial Secretary dated 24th Ultimo No 41/322. I have to inform you that no reservation of one hundred feet from high water is to be made in future Surveys.

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

To
Assistant Surveyor
Encumbered.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/90. 12th July 1841

Sir

I have the honor to enclose requisition for Instruments and articles of equipment necessary for this Branch of your Department and to urge upon you the necessity of the requisition being complied with at your earliest convenience.

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

To
Surveyor General

Survey Office Melbourne.
21st July 1841.

No 41/91.

Sir

In reference to your letter No 41/208 dated 1st Inst referring to my letter of the 1st June in which I stated that I had more confidence in Mr Smythes Survey of the Parish of Will Will rook than in Mr Wallisons for explanation I have to inform you that part of the Parish on Broome Broome Road was surveyed by Mr Smyth. and Sections No 12 & 13 next to Mount Cuvil by me, and the whole of the remainder

With respect to Mr Mollison's qualifications. The Plan and Field Book speak for themselves and I have only to add that he made more mistakes in calculating the areas of his last Map, than I ever met with in the most inexperienced person who arrogated to himself the title of Surveyor. I have further to observe that I examine all the Surveys sent from this Office and if I had the same trouble to correct them as I had with Mr. Mollison, my whole time would be taken up little to my satisfaction or benefit of the Public Service.

To.
Surveyor General.

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

No. 41/92.
Survey Office Melbourne
26th July 1841.

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. of 6th July 1841. directing me to mark out a village Reserve and Police Barracks with a Paddock of 25 acres at the new crossing place. I beg to apprize you that I have already received orders from His Honor the Superintendent to proceed to the Goulbourne and enclose you a copy of my instructions.

The
Surveyor General

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

No. 41/93.
Survey Office Melbourne

Sir

I have the honor to state that owing to the three Men named in the margin having obtained their tickets of leave three more in addition to the number named in my requisition No 41/90 of the 12 Inst are necessary for the efficiency of this branch of your Department.

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

To
Surveyor General.

No. 41/94.
Survey Office Melbourne
2nd August 1841.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you an amended Description with the Plan of the land as now measured and selected by Mr Henry Dendy as a Special Survey in compliance with your request as contained in letter No 41/211 dated 6th July 1841.

Surveyor General.

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

No. 41/95

Survey Office Melbourne.
2nd August 1841.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you a Description and Plan of the land applied for by Mr. Hugh Jamison as a Special Survey which has been recently measured.

Surveyor General.

I have the honor to be &
Sgd Robt Hoddle

No. 41/96.
Survey Office Melbourne
22nd July 1841.

Sir

I have to request you will be pleased to go on with the Survey of the Goulbourne River from the New crossing place and make a plan of the ground adjacent to it to the extent of a mile in each direction shewing accurately the features. The Survey of the River is to be continued to the old crossing place at Mitchells Tower and Eastward from the new crossing place as far as you can trace it before I join you which I expect will be in a few days. Upon receipt of this

letter you will despatch your Bullock Dray for three months Provision for yourself and party.

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd R. Hoddle.

Assistant Survey[or] Rickney

Survey Office Melbourne
4th August 1841.

No 41/44 a.

Sir

Thomas Nicholson the free Emigrant sanctioned by your Honor to be employed in this office as a Messenger, possessing no possible means of procuring clothing of any kind, he being on the lowest gratuity scale of 1d per diem. I have to solicit your Honor's sanction to the person in question being placed on the highest grade, and on the allowance of 1/9d per day.

To His Honor The Superintendent.

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd Robt Hoddle.

Survey Office Melbourne
5th August 1841.

No 41/97.

Sir

In reference to my letter of instructions to you dated 6th May No 41/40, desiring you upon completing the Survey for determining a line of Road to Geelong to mark a line of road to the Campaspe, and afterwards to make a Survey of that river and the Loddon with their tributaries, with full direction for your guidance in the performance of these duties. I have to request that before commencing the Survey you will mark in as permanent a manner as possible the line of road to Geelong as shewn on your plan furnished me on the 3rd Inst. marking off at the

points where it crosses the Werribee & Cocoroc Rivers and Limeburners' Creek, or any other eligible place, small portions calculated for present sale, taking for your guidance the clauses in your general guidance instructions referring to small portions. You will then complete the unfinished Streams in your present district, particularly Limeburners' and Kororait Creeks, marking in accordance with the Surveyor General's instructions one series of Sections only on each side of the Streams in such situations as the quality of the Soil would warrant for the double purpose of proving your work and affording portions for sale.

Mr Asst Surveyor Darke.

Upon the completion of these duties in the absence of any other direction you will proceed to carry into effect the instructions conveyed in my letter No 41/40. already adverted to.

Survey Office Melbourne
9th August 1841.

No 41/98.

Sir

I beg leave to inform you that Mr Mainwaring Chitty has declined taking up the appointment of Contract Surveyor stating the reason, being from incapability to procure funds to meet the necessary equipment, and further stating that he expected £300 would have covered the expense whereas double that sum would prove insufficient.

Major Sir Thos Mitchell.

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd Robt Hoddle.

Survey Office Melbourne
7 August 1841

No 41/98. a.

Sir

In reply to your Honor's instructi

of this date requesting to be forwarded with returns of the land disposed of under the New Regulation. I have the honor to forward them herewith. By which you will observe that   acres have been disposed of by ordinary tenders and   acres by Special Surveys making the total number of acres altogether disposed of   acres. I beg also to enclose a list of the numbers of acres to be offered for selection on the 8th of Oct. next.

To His Honor
The Superintendent.

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

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 41/99. 10th August 1841.
Sir

I have been requested by His Honor the Superintendent to request that you will point out to the Contractor an eligible place for the erection of a Police Barracks on the Goulbourne River if possible on high ground and overlooking the crossing place.

Mr. Asst. Surv.
Pickering.

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

Survey Office Melbourne.
No. 41/100. 10th August 1841.
Sir

I herewith transmit a Plan of the Reserve marked out at the new crossing place at the Goulbourne River also a Paddock for the Mounted Police as directed in your letter No. 210. dated 6 July 1841. and from his Honor the Superintendt. No. 41/725. 16. July a copy of which letter I have already transmitted which may explain the cause of a larger quantity of acres being marked out for the

Mounted Police than is directed in your letter.

I should observe that the grass is not so luxuriant as in many other parts of this Colony, and it is likely a larger force of Police may be stationed in that neighbourhood than at present.

It is not improbable to surmise that a better line of Road may be found and therefore a Village Reserve may be premature at present. I have marked out the outside boundary for your approval. The principal cause of the present Road being used is from the facility afforded by a Punt, and an Inn built at the crossing place, which is rarely fordable.

The Country is level and is contiguous to a high Range of Mountains which are not sufficiently known to warrant the answer that no good road may be found across them more direct to the Main Sydney Road.

I have instructed Mr. Pickering to survey the Goulbourne River, and its tributaries as far as the old crossing place and to survey upwards from the New as far as the Country appears eligible to be settled and afterwards to be connected with former Surveys of the Company which Mr. Pickering has not yet transmitted.

To Major
Sir Thos. Mitchell.

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

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 41/101. 11th August 1841.
Sir

I do myself the honor to forward you herewith Mr. Smythe's Surveys in five Sheets of ought.

Sheet No. 1. Woods Gulch. Bet. Yarra Yarra and Plenty and
" 2. Woods Gulch.
" 3 Woods Gulch and Little Woods Gulch.

Sheet No 5. Road from Dennent's Sheep Station to little Wood's Yalook.

Survey Office Melbourne
12th August 1841.

Survr General

No 41/102.
Sir
I take leave to herewith forward an application from Mr Asst Surveyor Townsend. to fill the vacancy taken place by the removal of Mr Dixon
I have the honor to state that during the period I have known him I have found him an attentive and zealous Officer. and I feel much pleasure in forwarding his application
I have the honor to be
Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

To
Survr General.

Survey Office Melbourne

Goulburn River.
No 41/103. 28th July 1841.
Sir
1st. You will be pleased to trace the present line of Road from the New crossing place on the Goulburn River to Stony Creek. noting all fences Stock Yards, Stations on both sides the said track; water courses, Ponds the nature of the ground. and any thing that is remarkable.
2nd To trace the Goulburn River as before directed to the old crossing place, upon completion of this duty to send a messenger to Melbourne with the Plan of it drawn upon the Scale of two Inches to a Mile.

3rd. to make a complete Survey of the Tributary Creeks. and Streams on both sides the Goulburn River. Sites and names of all Stations with the description of Country adjoining, whether it is hilly level or fit for pasture or agriculture. Afterwards from the New crossing place to trace River Goulburn as far as it appears fit for any useful purpose. and also the Creeks. Streams, Ponds. or permanent Waters on both sides. As the Survey proceeds to take bearings to all remarkable objects. To survey all large Swamps and Streams. or Morasses. and to note every thing that may be useful, to delineate the hills the whole to be on a Scale of two Inches to a Mile. This duty is to be performed previous to returning to the Campaspe Country.
4. The Creek which empties itself near the New crossing place may be traced to its source near Mount Macedon Range. which can be connected with your first Survey which I have not yet received.
I have the honor to be
Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

Assistant Surveyor
Pickering.

Survey Office Melbourne
19th August 1841.
No 41/104.
Sir
In attention to your letter No 41/203 of the 24th Ultimo in which you desire to be furnished with a Plan of the Parish of Bulleen as arranged since Mr Unwin's selection was taken out of it I have herewith the honor to forward one accordingly.
I have to state that owing to

Surveyor General.

the detention of the Sydney Mail your letter to which I have adverted but yesterday came to hand.

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

Survey Office Melbourne.

No. 41/105.

Sir.

With reference to your Honor's minute of yesterday respecting Mr. Patterson's request for a sketch of the lands for sale in this neighbourhood I have the honor to state that it has been my practice to give every facility to persons applying for information at this Office and the only objection I can urge as to Mr. Patterson's application are these. In the first place the smallness of the Office would prevent the course of the Public business and in the next place if erroneously sketched it would lead to much trouble and annoyance but of course if competent persons be allowed to take sketches this last objection could be removed.

To His Honor
The Superintendent.

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

No. 41/106. Survey Office Melbourne
24th. August 1841

Sir.

I do myself the honor to forward you herewith a plan of the Township of Geelong shewing the boundary as directed to be marked by His Honor the Superintendent.

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

To
Surv. General.

Surv. Office Melbourne.
No. 41/107. 2nd. Sept. 1841.

Sir.

I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to request that you will complete the Plans sent to this Office last July, which were deficient in the details required by your contract which see Section 9 and 10. The whole of the Field Books of former Surveys are requested to be sent to this Office and the Field Books to be written in Ink, and not left in pencil. I am informed that you are employing yourself in surveying lands at Indented Head, which is not immediately required. if such is the case I have to request you will be pleased to discontinue it, and to employ yourself agreeable to my Instructions as contained in letter No. 41/47 dated 6th. May 1841.

To Asst. Surveyor
Smythe.

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

Surv. Office Melbourne.
No. 41/108. 3rd. September 1841.

Sir.

I am directed by the Surveyor General to inform you that your service as a Contract Surveyor will no longer be required as the work already transmitted has not been performed in a scientific and satisfactory manner. The Surv. Genl. in his letter No. 41/218. with reference to you states. "He is very deficient in his drawing and seems from the surveys which he has made to lack that dexterity and knowledge of business which would ensure perfect and useful work. as his Survey of Eureka."

I have therefore to request you will without loss of time transmit the work performed in order that it may be examined and that you will return the Plan to the Survey Dept. at Melbourne under my Charge.

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

To
Mr Surveyor Wilkinson.

Surv. Office Melbourne
3. Septr. 1841.

No 41/109
Sir

With reference to your letter No 41/225. dated 20 July 1841. respecting the transmission of the Govt Gazette. I beg leave to state that no copy of the same has as yet been received and as it is of considerable importance that this Branch of your Office should be regularly furnished with a copy I take the liberty of again calling your attention to the subject.

I have further to observe that on application at the Post Office it was stated that no copy had been directed either to myself or any other connected with this Office as you were led to infer as conveyed in your letter to which I have before alluded.

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

To
Surv. Genl.

No 41/110.
Sir.

Surv. Office Melbourne
4th Septr. 1841.

In accordance with instructions contained in the Depth. Surv. Genls. letter No 39/262 of 20th May 1839. I do myself the honor to transmit for your information a Return of the sale of 3 allotments situated near the Werribee which were sold by auction on 4th Instant. I may take this opportunity of

informing you that no land has been sold under the new regulations since that selected by Mr Elgee as a Special Survey on 1 Augt last.

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

To
Surv. Genl.

Survey Office Melbourne
10th Septr 1841

No 41/111
Sir.

With reference to your Honors letter No 41/1084 requesting me to ascertain from actual inspection whether there is free stone on land open for selection on 8th of next Month.

Yesterday I repaired to the spot and found that the Quarry opened and worked by Mr Dixon the Contractor for the erection of Govt. Buildings is situated on Section No 31. Parish of Jika Jika.

I have been informed that free stone of good quality is to be found below the falls of the Yarra Yarra convenient to water Carriage. I shall lose no time in ascertaining the fact and communicate to your Honor the result of my enquiry and personal inspection

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

To His Honor
The Superintt

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/112. 10th Septr 1841.

Sir

With reference to your Honors Letter No 41/1084. and my letter of this days date respecting the reservation of Land where free Stone is found I have the honor to inform you that there is a Boundary of

Fine Stone of good quality opposite the Ford on the Yarra Yarra River and below it, distant by land about 2½ mile from Melbourne and close to the River where it might be conveyed in any quantity by lighters to the Settlement

I have the honor to be &c.

Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

To His Honor
The Superintendent.

Survey Office Melbourne
12th Septr 1841.

No 41/113.

Sir,

I beg leave to state that from the increase of business I have received many letters both from persons connected with this Dept. and also from individuals requiring information "on Her Majesty's Service" yet bearing postage and having been to considerable expence in meeting heretofore these postages I hope for the future you will kindly adopt measures as to exempt me from such charges.

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

Surv. General

Survey Office Melbourne
12th Septr 1841.

No 41/114.

Sir

With reference to your Honor's minute respecting my signing a Certificate for Mr. Mollison concerning the accuracy of his Surveys of the River Hopkins and Lake Bolac, and referring to recent communications from Sydney I have the honor to inform you that although Mr. Mollison is not competent to sketch Ground and is but an indiff. Draftsman I find by plotting his Survey of Lake Bolac and the recent surveys of the Hopkins it is correct, and the drawing passable as he has employed a competent Draftsman to assist him. Under these circumstances I signed the certificate.

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

His Honor
C. J. La Trobe Esqr.

Survey Office Melbourne
15th Septr 1841.

No 41/115.

Sir,

I have the honor to draw your attention to Letters No 38/13 – 38/103 and 38/126 respecting the necessity of a supply of instruments, and I beg leave to request that at the earliest convenience two new circumferentors may be forwarded to this branch of your Dept. I have to observe that the instruments now in use are very inferior, and furthermore owing to accidents happening on two different occasions with the instrument of one of the Surveyors in the field he was obliged to return to Melbourne and there to wait until the instrument had undergone the necessary repairs thus loosing his services for a considerable period

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

To
Surv. General

Survey Office Melbourne
15th Septr 1841.

No 41/116.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 41/269 respecting the transmission of a Plan of the Town of Geelong, and in reply I have to state that a Plan of the same I forwarded to your address

in the 24th Ultimo.

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

Sur. General.

Survey Office Melbourne

No 41/117. 17th Sept. 1841.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Inst and in reply have to state that you have misconstrued my letter No 41/107 in that I have not stated that your plans were erroneous but simply "different in detail as required by your contract" and I have to remark, that several of your plans are very rudely they should be so drawn as to admit of engineers readily arriving at a right conclusion as to the country, and I must again draw your attention to sections 9 and 10. of your instructions.

I have here to remark that had I followed the advice of His Honor the Superintendent I should have sent for you on the present account.

I have the honor to be &c

(Sgd) Robt. Hoddle.

To H. W. H. Smythe Esqr.

17th Sept. 1841.

No 41/118. Survey Office Melbourne

Sir

I have the honor to forward Plans and Descriptions of Mr Mollison's Survey of the River Hopkins and lake Bolok and at the same time a copy of my letter in reply to His Honor the Superintendent's minute relative to my certificate of Mr Mollison's work.

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

Surveyor General.

Note.

No 41/119. A of 18 Sept 1841 was omitted here but is entered at page 305.

Survey Office Melbourne

No 41/119. B. 22nd Sept. 1841.

Sir

I have to request you will be more regular in attendance to the Office hours of vizt. from 10. until 4. oclock daily in order that any Returns that may be required be not in arrears.

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

To Mr D. G. McArthur Senior Clerk to Survey Office.

Survey Office Melbourne

22nd Sept. 1841.

No 41/120.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of a circular addressed to me from the Surveyor General. the particulars of which you will abide by.

I have the honor to be &c

Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

To Asst. Surveyor Pickering.

Copy of above sent to Messrs. Darke. Smythe. Asst. Surveyors Townsend. Nutt. and G. Smythe. / forgt No 41/121 - 122. 123. 124 and 125.

Survey Office Melbourne

No 41/127. 22nd Sept. 1841.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 41/270, and beg leave to enclose you a copy of a letter No 41/117 to convince you that I have not been unmindful of your wishes on the subject at a Map should

should afford any information to the Public.

I have the honour to be &c
Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

Surv. General.

Surv. General's Office
No 41/128 29th Sept. 1841.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo respecting the 3 Men made over to you by Mr Chetty and in reply I have to state that when a convenient opportunity offers itself they might be transferred over but in the mean time I hope you will find them employment. A list of articles of equipment is herewith forwarded.

I have the honour to be &c
Sgd Robt. Hoddle.

Do.
Dpt Surv Examined.

Surv. Office Melbourne
4th Oct. 1841.

No 41/129

Sir.

I beg leave to state Mr. Dpt Surveyor Thomas had requested me to apply on his account for the usual increase. I have to state that during the period I have known him I have found him a steady and zealous Officer.

Surv. General.

I have the honour to be Sir
Your Most obdt Servt
Sgd R. Hoddle
Surv. Office Melbourne.

No 41/131. 4th Oct. 1841.

Sir

I have the honour to forward Eight Medium Drawing Papers as required by you.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obdt Servt
Sgd Robt. Hoddle.

Surveyor Gen.

Surv. Office Melbourne.
No 41/132. 4th Oct. 1841.

Sir.

I beg leave to intimate that your request for increase of salary has been complied with by the Surveyor General.

I have the honour to be &c
Sgd. Robt. Hoddle.

Dpt Surv. Hammond.

Surv Office Melbourne
12th Oct. 1841.

No 41/133.

Sir.

I herewith forward you a copy of the Surv. Gen's Circular No 41/205. dated 28th June intimating that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor that at the beginning of next year the Officers of the Surveyor General's Department are to receive their Equipment at a valuation and to receive £100 per annum afterwards to keep them in a state of efficiency. I have therefore to request that at that time you will be prepared to carry into effect these instructions.

Dpt Surv Examined.
Copies sent to
Dpts.
Hull.
Pickering.

I have the honour to be &c
(Sgd.) Robt. Hoddle.

Surv Office Melbourne.
No 41/134. 4 Oct. 1841.

Sir.

In attention to your letter No 41/31. requiring a statement of the Men in this branch

To
Major Sir Thos Mitchell
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of your Department. I have the honor herewith to forward a list of the same.
I have the honor to be &c
(Sgd) Robt Hoddle.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/135. 16th Oct. 1841.
Sir
In reference to your Honor's Minute of this Morning respecting the employment of Mr Tracey, I have the honor to inform you that I have perused the Testimonials and they appear satisfactory. He states that he has been employed in the Survey in Ireland, but he has not produced any certificate that he has been so employed. I am not aware there is any vacancy in the Department, and Mr Tracey has not the means to procure the necessary outfit as a Contract Surveyor.

His Honor
The Superintendent.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/136. 16th Oct. 1841.
Sir,
I have the honor to request that this Office may be furnished with a copy of the regulations and terms of agreement which are necessary for a contract Surveyor to enter into, there having been none hitherto furnished to this Department.
I have the honor to be &c
(Sgd) Robt Hoddle.

To
Major Sir Thos Mitchell.
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Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/137. 26th Oct. 1841.
Sir
In reply to your letter of the 16th inst respecting a certificate for the increase of your salary, I beg leave to forward a true

To Asst Surveyor
Kennedy.

copy of the Surveyor General's Letter relative to the same.
I have the honor to be &c
Sgd. Robt Hoddle.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 41/138. 4th Nov. 1841.
Sir.
It is with regret I have to inform you that there is small reliance to be placed on the rumour of the Ship "Rover" having been wrecked, the vessel by which you state in your letter No 41/274 to have forwarded seven Govt. Men for this Branch of your Dept. also the articles of equipment for which I made a requisition.
I beg leave to state that I have not a man available, and am therefore in much need both of Men and articles of equipment. I have therefore to request the same may be furnished by an early opportunity.
At the instance of Mr J. Smythe contract Surveyor I have the honor to notice that he is unable to proceed with his work from the paucity of his Men.
I have the honor to be &c
Sgd. Robt Hoddle.

To Major
Sir Thos Mitchell
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No 41/139. Survey Office Melbourne
5th Nov. 1841.
Sir
I beg leave to recall your attention to my letter No 41/93 of July last relative to 3 Govt. Men attached to my party having obtained their tickets of leave and requesting they may be replaced. I have further to add that one of Mr Asst Surveyor Pickering's Men was drowned, one attached to Mr Chilly's party was lost in the woods and the third attached to Mr Contract

Surveyor Burke has been sentenced to the Iron Gang. I have therefore to request that his Irons Irons may be sent to replace them.

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

Major Sir Thos Mitchell

Surv. Office Parkhouse
No 4/140. 10th Nov 1841.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of the Return of Lands applied for under the Regulations of 1st March 1841 from the 8th Oct to 31st 1841.

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

Sir Thos Mitchell

Surv. Office Parkhouse
No 4/141. 10th Nov. 1841.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a description of the Town of Geelong as required by your letter No 4/351 referring to letter No 4/209.

I have communicated with His Honor the Superintendt who states the Post roads are to be of the same width as usual.

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

Major
Sir Thos Mitchell

Description of Geelong.

Parish of ——— Bounded on the North by the Continuation of the Southern boundary of the Parish of Moorpanyal, being on a line bearing East 4 chains and 1/4 links and by Corio Bay, being exactly two Miles in width. On the East by a Station line bearing South (247) Two hundred and forty seven chains. On the South by the Barwon River and by Warrion Chain of Ponds, and on the West by the Parish Boundary line of Barrabool and Moorpanyal, being a line bearing North 319 chains.

Surveyor Office Parkhouse
No 4/142. 10th Nov 1841.

Sir

I have to apprize your Honor that Mr Mc Arthur Clerk in this branch of the Survey Dept commences his leave of absence for a Month Prior yesterday.

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

To His Honor
The Superint.

Survey Office Parkhouse.
No 4/143. 15th Nov. 1841.

Sir

With reference to your circular No 4/205 dated 20th June informing me that His Excy the Governor having intimated to you in Colonial Secretary's Letter No 4/314 decided that the Officers of this Dept shall at the beginning of the year 1842 receive their ~~Uni~~ Equipment at a valuation to be deducted by quarterly payments from their salaries and be allowed ever after the sum of £100 per annum to keep their equipment in an efficient state. I trust that before such an arrangement takes place, that I may be permitted to state the impossibility of carrying on the duties required in this distant part of the colony with so small an allowance of £100 per annum to find the means of transport, provisions stores slop clothing for men and the common articles of drawing, writing, stationery &c. The article of clothing alone will cost here at least £50 per annum and I consider to cover risk and the common interest of money for the payment of a complete

Surveyors equipment and to cover the common wear and tear, casualties &c. he should not receive less than £200 per annum which amounts to £280 per annum. If this arrangement is persevered in it will leave the Asst Surveyor who has now [illegible] an income of about £50 provided he sustains no loss by the death of his cattle, Break down of his Drays &c. under these circumstances I trust you will be pleased to recommend to His Excy that this arrangement will not take place at Port Phillip and the present plan be continued.

To Major Sir Thos Mitchell.

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

No 41/144.

Survey Office Melbourne.
15th Nov. 1841.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a plan and description of the Land appropriated for public Markets in the Town of North Melbourne Parish of Melbourne

To His Honor The Superdt

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

No 41/145.

Survey Office Melbourne.
17th Nov. 1841.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit Two Plans being a Survey from the Mouth of Tangenong Creek in the harbour of Port Phillip to Western port along the Coast shewing the internal features by Mr G. D. Smythe Contractor,

The Surveyor General

I have the honour to be &c
Sd Robt Hoddle

No 41/146

Survey Office
Melbourne 17th November 1841-

Sir

I have to request you will be pleased to proceed to the Goulbourn River for the purpose of Surveying it to its source in the Mountains you will first commence to Survey the Chain of Ponds & Creek from Ruttledge Special Survey on the Sydney Road to its Junction and there connect it with Mr Pickering's Survey of that River at the old or new Crossing place you are to Survey all the Creeks on the South Side of the Goulbourne River from Jamiesons Creek upwards as far as you can cross with your dray and Party returning again on the River, and to take note also where large Branches empty themselves on the North Side of the River also to intercept and take angles to ascertain the different widths of the River you are to observe every particular that is usual in Surveying and more particularly attending to the following particulars — Your plan should shew the features of the Ground and also to distinguish by the usual Methods or by colouring the heavily or lightly timbered country, the extent of brush or Swamps, flats whether they are alluvial or otherwise — Description of Timber Whether the forest land consist of Sandy, gravelling or Clayey soil, Whether the Water is fresh brackish or Salt and if fresh whether it is permanent or not in holes likely to dry up, the velocity of the Streams nature of the Banks the quality of the subjacent Rock whether of Sandstone trap granite or limestone

Mr Nutt Draftsman

I have the Honor to be &c
Sd Robert Hoddle

41/147.

Survey Office 1 Decr 1841-

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 41/379 dated 11th Ulto respecting the progress of Messrs Assistant Surveyors Townsend and Rickey and referring to letter No 41/94. The Monthly reports of these Gentlemen I herewith transmit, and beg to inform you that I am promised by Mr Pickering his Maps to be completed of some portion of the Goulbourn River and the Campaspe which is to be corrected without loss of time by Mr Pickering. The Goulbourne and its tributaries on the South side

The Surveyor General

is now commenced by Mr Smith

Mr Townsend is at present engaged drawing his Fair Map of Corner Inlet which I expect will be forwarded in about a Month – From the nature of the Country and the extreme unsettled State of the weather in almost climate I am perfectly satisfied that Mr Townsend has used his utmost exertions had a less experienced Surveyor have been sent the result I fear would not have been so successful his Map will speak for itself – I cannot help observing that I have felt a delicacy of interfering with Mr Townsend as you have been pleased to send him his instructions without my being made acquainted with the tenor of them.

I have the Honor to be &c
Sgd Rbt Hoddle

Major
Sir Thomas Mitchell
&c &c

Surveyor Generals Office Melbourne
1st Novr 1841.

No 7/148

Sir

I have the honor to forward a fair return of the Land sold under regulation 1st March 1841 between 1st Novr 1841 and 30th of the same month.

I have the honor to be &c
Sgd Rbt Hoddle

Return of Land Sold under Regulation 1st March, and 30th Novr.

Major
Sir Thos Mitchell

Surveyor Generals Office Melbourne
9th December 1841.

No 7/149.

Sir

With reference to your Letter No 7/396 requesting to be informed at what rate I could hire Single free men to be employed instead of Convicts in the Bush of the Port I have the honor to inform you that Single might be hired from £25 to £30 per an. with rations but for no longer period than from 6 to 12 months. I fear that when their services would be required at distant places such as Corner Inlet and the proposed journey to Mennon Plains there would few be found anxious to engage in such employment, and emigrants I fear would as readily abscond as Convicts.

I have &c
Sgd R Hoddle

Three men for surveying parties.

Surveyor General.

Surveyor Generals Office Melbourne
18th September 1841.

No 7/119.

Sir

Mr Chetty

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ultimo respecting the three men made over to your party by Mr Chetty In reply I have to request that you will give them employment until a convenient opportunity offers for them being transferred.

A list of articles of equipment is herewith forwarded according to your requisition with the exception of the Camp Cloak which is not procurable in Melbourne

I have &c
signed Robert Hoddle

This Letter should have been entered at p 295.

Asst Surr. Townsend.

Surveyor Generals Office Melbourne
10th December 1841.

No 7/150.

Sir

I beg leave to enclose your Honor a Copy of Mr Atkinson's resignation and have the honor to observe that from the Clerical business of this office not being at present on the increase I do not consider it necessary to fill up the vacancy as I feel confident the duties can be carried on with the means at present at my disposal

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

Mr Atkinson's resignation

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

Surveyor Generals Office Melbourne
10th December 1841.

No 7/151.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a

Letter

Mr. Atkinson's resignation

a letter tendering the resignation of Mr. Atkinson and I beg leave to inform you that I think it unnecessary to fill up that appointment as my present Clerical means are sufficient to carry on the duties.

Mr. Atkinson has performed the duties satisfactorily.

I have &c.
signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Major Sir D. S. Mitchell
Surveyor General

Surveyor's Office Melbourne
13 December 1841.

No 41/152.

Sir.

I have to request that you will immediately upon your arrival at the Goulburn Station, mark off a Paddock of about 100 acres for the Mounted Police to include the Barracks now erected and transmit a plan of the same without loss of time.

I have &c.
signed Robert Hoddle.

Mounted Police Paddock Goulburn River

Asst Surv. Pickering.

Surveyor's Office Melbourne
13 December 1841.

No 41/153.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose for your Honors information, the Copy of a Letter I have received from the Surveyor General upon the subject of employing free men or Surveying Parties

I also enclose a Copy of the reply I transmitted to the Surveyor General.

I have &c.
signed R. Hoddle Surveyor

No 41/396
22 Nov 1841.

His Honor C. Latrobe Esq
Superintendant.

Memorandum for His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq Superintendent on the subject of employing Free men in the Survey Department instead of Convicts.

I am convinced that free men would not enter the Department unless they received high wages and greater rations than are allowed to Convicts.

In difficult situations they would absond, and more difficulty would be encountered to punish or commit them than with convicts

Free men.

Surveyor's Office Melbourne
13th December 1841

signed Robert Hoddle
Surveyor

No 41/154 Surveyor's Office Melbourne
14 December 1841.

Sir.

I shall feel obliged by your forming one of a Board to morrow at 3, for the purpose of investigating the cause of the burning of part of the Assistant Surveyor Pickering's equipment.

The Board to meet at this office.

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

Major St. John R. E.
James Rathenbury Esqr.
R. S. Webb Esq

No 41/155. Surveyor's Office Melbourne 24 Dec 1841.

Sir.

In drawing your attention to your Circular No 41/206 I have to request the favor of being informed of the following particulars in accordance with your instructions

1st What proportion of the value of the Equipment is to be deducted from each Individual yearly.

2d What is to be done with the remainder of

of the Stores after the officers have taken
what they require?

3rd How is the office and Office Keeper to be supplied with wood and water.

4th What allowance is to be made for Stationary &c for the Land Office and Drawing paper for the Survey Office.

I have &c

The Surveyor General — Signed; Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
27 December 1841.

No 41/156

Sir

I herewith transmit the Surveys of Mr Assistant Surveyor Pickering in the neighbourhood of the Goulburn River which he has recently completed, being the whole produce of his Surveys during the time he joined this branch of your department, with the exception of about twenty miles surveyed by him on the Campaspie River.

Herewith are also transmitted Mr Assistant Surveyor Townsend's Map and Report of Corner Inlet.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

The Surveyor General — Signed, Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
28 Decr 1841

No 41/157

Sir

I do myself the honor to inform you that I forwarded per Sea Horse Steamer which left this yesterday Mr Townsend's Survey of Corner Inlet and Mr Pickering's of the Goulburn River.

I have the honor to be &c

The Surveyor General — Signed, Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
30. December 1841

No 41/158

Sir

I do myself the honor to enclose you herewith a return of all the Lands selected between the 1st and 30 November 1841 in accordance with the Regulations of 21 January 1841.

I have the honor to be &c

Surveyor General — Signed, Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
30 December 1841.

No 41/159

Sir

I do myself the honor of enclosing you a letter from Assistant Surveyor Pickering reporting the burning of part of his Equipment. I forward also a List of the Articles destroyed together with the report of the Board, which sat for the purpose of enquiring into the origin of the burning, by which it appears that it was purely accidental.

I have the honor to be &c

Major Genl. L. Mitchell }
Surveyor General } — Signed Robert Hoddle Surveyor.

Survey Office Melbourne
30th December 1841.

No 41/160.

Sir

In compliance with the Instructions contained in your Circular letter No 41/205 dated 5 June and subsequent letter No 41/417 of 9 Inst. I do myself the honor to enclose you a list of my equipment, with Mr Pickering's and Mr Nutts as valued by a Board consisting of Major St. John R. M. R. S. Webb Esqr. Col. of Cus and F. A. Powlett Com: of Crown Lands at the undermentioned rates viz.

My own Equipment £120. 6/6 Mr Pickering's £142. 3/- and Mr Nutts £115. 10/-

I have &c

Surveyor General — Signed, Robert Hoddle Sur.

No 42/1. Survey Office Melbourne 2d January 1842.

Sir,

With reference to my Letter No 41/155 dated 24 December 1841. I do myself the honor to enclose you herewith a Return of the Articles in store here together with the Report of the board as to their quality.

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

Surveyor General

No 42/2. Survey Office Melbourne 3d January 1842

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose you herewith a Return of the Sale, by Auction, of Town Allotments at North Geelong held here on Wednesday the 1st Decr 1841 in terms of the Gov. Regul. of 1 Augt 1831.

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

Surveyor General

No 42/3. Survey Office Melbourne 6th Jany 1842

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose you herewith a Plan and Description of Ten acres of Land which I have caused to be marked out for a Cattle Market in accordance with your Honor's Instructions to me dated 4 Instant.

I have &c.

Signed Robert Hoddle Surveyor

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq.

No 42/4. 6th Jany 1842

to G. T. Lloyd, see Individual Letter Book

No 42/5 Survey Office Melbourne 6th January 1842

Sir,

I have to request that you will remark without loss of time the boundaries of the allotments, and Town Boundary of Geelong.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Asst Sur. Smythe Contractor

No 42/6 Survey Office Melbourne 10th January 1842

Sir,

Having been applied to by Assistant Surveyor Smythe Contractor for a recommendation for an advance on his Surveys and having inspected such portions of his rough plans as are completed and examined his field Books. I find from the former that he has planned upwards of 200 Miles and conceive that an advance of 75 per cent on that amount, might be made to him to enable him to pay the expenses contingent on the Survey for the last six months.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed, Robert Hoddle Sur.

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

No 42/7 Survey Office Melbourne 10th January 1842

Sir,

With reference to my letter No 42/5 dated 6 Instant. I beg to forward you a plan shewing the boundaries and Town of Geelong in order that you may experience no difficulty in carrying the instructions referred to above, into effect.

I have &c

Signed, Robert Hoddle Surveyor

Asst Sur. Smythe

No 42/8. Survey Office Melbourne 12 January 1842

Similar letter to No 42/6 in favor of Mr Darke, he having planned as stated in the letter upwards of 400 Miles

Survey Office Melbourne
13 January 1842.

No 42/9.

Sir.

With reference to your Honor's memorandum of this morning requesting to be furnished with the number of men attached to each Surveying Party and also the number of men ~~attached to~~ each Contract Surveyor is really entitled to, in reply I beg to give your Honor the following information. viz

My own Party		none
Mr Townsend's do	7	
in addition to which the 3 men forwarded to Corner Inlet, have for the present, been attached to Mr Townsend.	3	10
Mr Darke		7
" H. W. H. Smythe		6
" George Smythe		1
" C. Mollison		4
" Hill		7
Overseer of Stock		1
Hut Keeper		1
Total Number		37

The terms of the Contract as notified in the Government Gazette of 1839, proposed to allow only four men to each Contractor, but Messrs Darke and Smythe having at the time of accepting the Contracts been in possession of 7 men each, as Asst Sur., and they having represented to the Surveyor General that four men were insufficient to carry on the Survey I was directed to furnish them with their original party which consequently formed part of the terms of their Contract.

These two gentlemen, I may further add, are always liable to be sent on duty on their old footing, it was probably thought desirable, under these circumstances that they should retain the same party as would in that case be ~~one~~ indispensable.

I have &c

signed Robert Hoddle

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esq

Survey Office Melbourne
14 January 1842.

No 42/10.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to forward to you a plan and Description of a Road which has been marked from the Moonee Creek to the Village Reserve on the Yarra Rivulet parish of Yan Yean.

I have the honor to be &c
signed Robert Hoddle

Surveyor General

The plan was forwarded to His Honor which he returned 15th January 1842.

Survey Office Melbourne
21 January 1842.

No 42/11

Sir.

I herewith transmit a Plan shewing the situations of the Markets as Marked out by desire of His Honor the Superintendent, with Descriptions of the same.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
21 January 1842

No 42/12.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to forward to Plans of the River Hopkins as surveyed by Mr Mollison, which terminates his contract. viz (18 miles)

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

The Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
25 January 1842

No 42/13.

Sir.

In reply to your letter No 42/21 informing me that you had not received

Mr Townsend's Survey of Corner Inlet and Mr Pickering's of the Western Port I beg to state that I immediately caused enquiry to be made at the Post Office (through which the Packet in question was forwarded) when the Postmaster reports as follows

"The Package was too long to be put into the Mail bag and placed by the side of the window to go loose with the Mail but was overlooked in the hurry of despatching the Mail per Sea Horse but forwarded by the first sail Mail afterwards."

signed D. Kelsh "
P. Mastr.

I may further state that Mr Kelsh is not certain by what vessel he forwarded the packet but thinks it was by the "Emma" I trust by this time you have received them safe as I am very anxious about them

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

Surveyor General.

No 42/14. Survey Office Melbourne 26 Jany 1842

Sir.

With reference to your Honor's minute of this day respecting the application of Captn Ryans to have a Police station marked out alongside of Mr Scott's station at Pirron Yalock, the best way to prevent loss of time would be for Captn Ryans to erect his buildings on the spot he wishes and when Mr Asst Surveyor Smythe is surveying in the neighbourhood he can then mark out the boundaries of the Section applied for.

I have &c.
signed Robert Hoddle Sr.

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esqr.

Survey Office Melbourne
27 January 1842

No 42/16.

Sir.

Captn Ryans having applied to His Honor Mr Latrobe to have a section of Land marked out for the Border Police at Pirron Yalock adjoining Mr Scott's station I have to request that when you are Surveying in that quarter you will mark out the section in question and transmit to me as usual a plan and description. You had better communicate with Captn Ryans, who in the meantime to prevent his suffering from delay, can erect his buildings on the spot he may think proper to select and which you can afterwards mark out

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

H. W. H. Smythe Esq
Asst Sur.

Survey Office Melbourne
1 February 1842.

No 42/16.

Sir.

I have to report for your Honor's information that Mr Mollison late Contract Surveyor, received on the 2 Septr 1841 an intimation that his services would no longer be required at the expiration of 3 months and was directed to return the Government men assigned to him for the purpose of enabling him to perform the Contract. Mr Mollison sent in his plans on the 20 Jany last but the men have not been returned.

I do myself the honor to request your Honor will be pleased to cause the Police Magistrate to direct that the men be returned to the Dept.

I have &c.
signed Robert Hoddle

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esqr.

No. 42/17 — Survey Office Melbourne 31 Jany. 1842.

Sir

In accordance with the request contained in your letter No. 42/ I do myself the honor to enclose you a Receipt for plans of the Hopkins River as surveyed by Mr. J. Allison, Contract Surveyor. Hitherto Mr. Kerr, the Postmaster, through whom all plans are forwarded, has refused to grant receipts but in future, this will not be the case as His Honor Mr. Latrobe has ordered him to comply with your wish.

Surveyor General. — I have &c. signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

No. 42/18. — Survey Office Melbourne 1 Feby. 1842.

Sir

I do myself the honor to enclose you a Return of the land selected under the Regulations of 21 Jany. 1841 between the 1st and 31st of Jany. 1842. I may remark that this is all the land selected previous to Nov. last a Return of which was duly forwarded.

Surveyor General. — I have &c. signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

No. 42/19. — Survey Office Melbourne 3 February 1842.

Sir

In obedience to the Instructions contained in your letter No. 42/ I do myself the honor to forward you, without loss of time, the returns required.

With regard to the Portland District I regret that I cannot give you the information required as the plans &c. are not sent through this office.

Surveyor General. — I have the honor to be &c. signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Surveyors

Name of Persons belonging to Survey Department	Description	Date of appointment	By whom appointed	Salary	Allowances	Remarks
Robert Hoddle	Surveyor	1823	Sir T. Brisbane	£400	Rations and forage when employed in the Field.	In Charge
C. J. Tyers	do		Sir G. Gipps	[illegible]		Portland Dist.
[illegible] Townsend	Asst. Surveyor	1836	Sir R. Bourke	£300		Under orders to return to Head Quarters.
W. W. Darke	do	1836	do			Surveying [illegible]
W. H. Smythe	do	1837	do			do
[illegible] Kennedy	do		Sir G. Gipps	£220		Portland Dist.
William Pickering	do	1841	do	£200		Employed on General Survey
[illegible] Neill	Draftsman		do	£180		Employed at [illegible]
W. H. Buckley	do	1841	do	£150		At Melbourne
[illegible] Mathews	Clerk	1836	Sir R. Bourke	£185		do
G. Smythe	Contract Surveyor					Surveying Roads
J. Allison	do					His services are dispensed with.

Survey

State the Number of Labourers employed in the Survey Department	State the annual? expense	State the Price paid to the Survey Department	Contingent Expenditure of the Survey	Total Expenditure	State what quantity of Land [illegible]	State the average cost of Survey	Remarks
2							
7							
7							
7							
6							
7							
7							
1							
4							
48	£136 19/-	£1639 1. 10	£6381. 8 1	£8020. 9 11	271 673 acres; 2 560 miles lineal measurement	1/2 per acre or 30/ per mile lineal measurement	With the exception of a Messenger at 8d per diem, with Rations, the Labourers are Convicts under various sentences. 3 of whom [illegible] allowance 8d per diem and included in Price of Expenditure.

Return of Land Received, Sold and Granted during the Year 1841.

Paid into Treasury £66. 399. 2. 0

£309. 18/

£4028. 15/

£5531. 0. 0

£1400

£200

6345 English acres

Major St. Webb 300

Major St. John 300

Capt. E. D. Smyth 150

Dr. Atkinson 150

Lieut. Chamberlain 100

Capt. S. Reid 200

Surgeon Reid [?] R.N. 200

Capt. [?] 200

271. 673 acres of land

2. 560 miles survey [?]

Survey Office Melbourne
5th February 1842.

No 42/21.

Sir.

No 42/20.
Individual Book

Your Contract having ceased I have to request that you will be pleased, without further delay, to return to this office, the government men which were assigned to you during the continuance of your Contract.

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

C. Mollison Esq.

Survey Office Melbourne
5 February 1842.

No 42/22.

Sir.

As Mr. Draftsman Kett [?] has left incomplete certain instructions I request you will be pleased to finish them before you leave the neighbourhood of the Goulburn River, which is to be traced up to its source in the mountains to be afterwards surveyed to its junction with the Campaspie River. You are to survey all the Creeks on the South side of the Goulburn River upwards and afterwards return and connect your Survey with the Campaspie River, Mount Macedon Range &c. and take note also where large branches empty themselves on the North side of the River Goulburn also to intersect and take angles to ascertain the different widths of the River, you are to observe every particular that is usual in surveying and more particularly attending to the following. Your plan should shew the features of the ground and also to distinguish by the usual methods or by colouring the heavily or lightly timbered country the extent of brush or swamps, flats whether they are alluvial or otherwise. Description of timber, whether the forest land consists of sand gravel or clayey soil, whether the water is fresh, brackish or salt

salt, and if fresh whether it is permanent or in holes likely to dry up, the velocity of the streams nature of the banks the quality of the subjacent Rock whether of sand stone, trap granite or limestone.

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

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/23. — 9 February 1842.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 27 Ultimo acknowledging the receipt of Mr Pickerings plans and expressing your approbation of the same and directing me to keep in view the Surveys of the Swampy, Kings and Ovens Rivers. I have the honor to inform you that I had, previously to the receipt of your letter, directed Mr Pickering to trace the Goulburn towards its source, the Creeks on the South side of it, and afterwards to connect the Goulburn with the Surveys of the Campaspe.

I should observe that I consider the number of men and equipment as now allowed inadequate for carrying on Surveys in such remote parts of the country and wherever the Surveys are required to be performed I am requested by His Honor to apply to you for adequate supplies which cannot be obtained here except at considerable expense which the Superintendent stated he is not disposed to incur.

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

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/24. — 14 February 1842.

Sir,

Cancelled

As you have returned from the Goulburn River without completing it I have instructed Mr Assistant Surveyor Pickering to finish it. I have to request you will furnish me with Plans of what you have already surveyed and then proceed to complete the Survey of the Yarra Yarra River, instructions for which were furnished you in my letter No 39/27 dated 17 April 1839. I have to request you will lose no time in setting about it taking with you Pack Saddles and at least two months provisions. As you will be unable to proceed with the Dray much further that Mr Ryrie's station you had better form a depot there and take Pack ~~saddles~~ Bullocks with as little baggage and lumber as possible.

The Instructions have been Cancelled. see No 42/26 to Darke.

I have the honor to be &c.
Mr Draft. Nutt. — signed Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

No 42/25 — Survey Office Melbourne 16 February 1842.

Sir,

I beg to enclose you a copy of the Surveyor General's letter No 42/30, in which, with reference to the burning of part of your equipment he remarks "that it is one of the most essential and important duties of a Surveyor to take care that his tent is secure from fire, that none but officers neglecting their duty meet with such misfortune and that it has always been the practice to require the party so devoid of proper caution to make good any losses so sustained."

In communicating this to you, in accordance with the Surveyor General's wish, I have to express a hope, that you will be more cautious in future so as to prevent a repetition of such an occurrence.

I have the honor to be &c.
Asst. Sur. Pickering — signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/26. 16 February 1842.

Sir.

I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to employ you in the Survey of the Yarra Yarra River up to its sources, to commence at Mr Ryrie's station and to note the Section lines on your Plan which terminates a Parish. The Main Branch is to be first surveyed and to shew all the Main features at the head of it. The branches and tributaries to be afterwards surveyed.

You are to observe all the particulars of which your former Instructions will point out what is required.

From your experience and talent I have no doubt you will complete this important duty creditable to yourself and the Department.

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

W. W. Darke Esq.
Contract Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/27. 19th February 1842.

Sir.

In addition to my instructions conveyed by my letter No 42/26 dated 16th Inst. you will be pleased to include in the Survey therein directed the heads of the Goulburn River commencing at the junction of, and including the tributary on which Mr Snodgrass's head station is placed and then following it and the Main Stream of the Goulburn as well as the branches that fall on either ~~side~~ bank upwards to their sources.

You will avail yourself of the opportunity on reaching the many heads of the Yarra and Goulburn to examine and fix correctly as much of those great dividing ranges as possible having for your guidance throughout this Survey the instructions for similar duties already in your possession.

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

W. W. Darke Esq.
Contract Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/28. 23rd February 1842.

Sir.

I beg to enclose you a copy of the Surveyor General's letter No 42/4 dated 9 Instant intimating that your services as a Contract Surveyor, from the abandonment of the system of surveying lands by Contract will no longer be required.

I have therefore to request that all plans of land surveyed by you since the last forwarded be sent here with as little delay as possible in order that you may be paid accordingly.

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

W. W. Darke
H. W. H. Smythe
G. D. Smythe

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/29. 23 February 1842.

Sir.

I have to request that you will forward, without loss of time, one of the men now attached to your party as the Surveyor General has directed me, by letter No 42/3 of 19 January last to reduce each surveying party to six men with seven oxen or four horses.

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

Mr Draftsman Watt.

Survey Office Melbourne 24 Feb 1842
No 42/30.

Sir.

The Surveyor General has directed me to forward to you five men who were lately attached to Mr Mollison and other parties but from one of the men having absconded I am unable to forward you more than the four named in the margin.

The Surveyor General states that he intends to forward the other men to you by the first possible opportunity.

I have &c.
signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Charles Stubbs
Charles Harcourt "
John Bibby
Borrowdale "
Thomas Gunn
Bengal Merchant
John Leighton
William Goodall

C. J. Tyers Esq.
Surveyor

No 42/31 Survey Office Melbourne 25 February 1842

Sir

The Surveyor General has directed that all Surveying parties in this District are to consist of six men only, instead of seven as formerly and has ordered me to call on you to return one of those now attached to you. I have therefore to request that you will have the goodness to forward to this office, with as little delay as possible one man in accordance with the wishes of the Surveyor General.

I have the honor to be &c.

signed Robert Hoddle, Surveyor

W. H. Darke Esq.
Assistant Surveyor

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/32 25 February 1842

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the remainder of the Plans completed by Mr Mollison Contract Surveyor and also plans by Mr Darke.

In accordance with the Instructions contained in your letter No 42/74 of 9 Inst. I have intimated to Messrs Darke, H. W. H. Smythe and Geo. D. Smythe that their services as Contractors will no longer be required. These Gentlemen consider themselves entitled to three months notice agreeably to the ~~notice~~ terms as published in the Government Gazette and His Honor the Superintendent, whom I consulted upon the subject, also thinks they are justly entitled to this period to compensate them for the expensive arrangements they have entered into for the carrying on the Survey.

Mr Darke has therefore, at the request of Mr Latrobe, received my instructions to Survey the Yarra Yarra River up to its source and then to connect that Survey with the Goulburn River

Surveyor General

Accompanying

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Accompanying these plans is a Survey by Mr Nutt, under my immediate inspection of certain lands which His Honor requested to be marked out.

I have the honor to be &c.

signed, Robert Hoddle

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/33 28th February 1842

The Surveyor General has directed me to apply to your Honor for a passage to Portland Bay for fourteen men who are to be attached to the Surveying parties of Messrs Tyers and Howard.

May I therefore request the favor of your Honor furnishing me with the necessary authority in order that I may forward the men in question with as little delay as possible.

I have the honor to be &c.

signed, Robert Hoddle Sur.

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esq

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/34 1 March 1842

Sir

I beg to enclose for your Honor the copy of two letters I have received from Messrs Darke and Smythe upon the subject of the discontinuance of the Contract System of Surveying lands for Sale.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Honor's mo: obedt servt
signed, Robert Hoddle

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esq.