Survey Office Melbourne
1 March 1842.

No. 4/35.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose you two Letters, the one from Mr. Darke the other from Mr. H. W. H. Smythe upon the subject of the discontinuance of the Contract System of Surveying lands for sale.

These Letters I have received since I had the honor of forwarding to you my letter No. 4/32.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
2 March 1842.

No. 4/36.

Sir,

In compliance with the Instructions contained in your Letter No. 4/21 of 13 January 1842 I do myself the honor to enclose a receipt for Mr. Townsend's Field Books and for Plans by Messrs. Darke, Mollison and Nutt which are to be forwarded to you per Sea Horse steamer which leaves this on Friday next the 4 Inst.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
2 March 1842.

No. 4/37.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to inform for your Honor's information that the office is in a very dilapidated state and by the favor of your Honor giving directions that the Government plasterer may be sent to patch up the plaster which is constantly falling down to the great danger of the Clerks &c.

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

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esq.

Survey Office Melbourne
2nd March 1842.

No. 4/38.

Sir,

In compliance with your Instructions No. 4/83 dated 12 Ultimo I have the honor to transmit a plan and description of the prolongation of the Town which I am requested by His Honor the Superintendent to name Collingwood.

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

Collingwood.

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
2 March 1842.

No. 4/39.

Sir,

In answer to your letter No. 4/34 dated 12 February I have the honor to inform you that the proposed Town is a collection of buildings erected upon private property without any defined plan upon particular allotments. No. 48, 49, 50, 58, 69, 70, 71, 72, 82, 83, 84 and 85 the buildings are principally upon 48, 49, 69 and 70.

The only intimation I had upon the subject was by His Honor the Superintendent calling at this office, a short time back, and desiring that the same might be noted as a condemnation of the Town.

On another occasion he directed a Burial Ground of one acre to be marked for the Aborigines in rear of the Western Burial Ground which I accordingly did. I have expected to this Honor on more than one occasion my non-attending was to receive verbal orders on official duty.

The officers of the Department are employed on the following duties;
Mr. Asst Sur. Townsend has marked for Crown Sales.
Mr. Asst Sur. Darke under orders to trace

trace the Yarra Yarra up to its source and to connect it with the sources of the Goulburn River and Ranges.

Mr Asst Sur: H.W.C. Smythe to complete the Hopkins, Lake and to connect these with his former surveys of the Geelong County.

Mr Asst Sur: Pickering to trace the Goulburn to be connected with Mr Darke's surveys to trace the Creeks on the South Side of it and to connect this work with the Survey of the Campaspe and Coliban Rivers.

Mr S. Smythe Contractor at present tracing the Coast from Western Port towards Wilsons Promontory.

Mr Draftsman Nott Marking Land as required by His Honor the Superint.

Mr Draftsman Buckley (an excellent Draftsman) compiling a General Map of the province and making sketches of plans for His Honor the Superintendent whenever required. Mr Macarthur general routine of office duty.

For myself, I am fully occupied in examining the different surveys transmitted by the Assistants and Contractors and when at leisure, compiling a General Map, on a small scale for your inspection when complete also with the usual superintendence of the business of your Department.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 40/40. 2nd March 1842.

Sir.

In reply to your letter No 91/4 of the 16 Ultimo directing me to transfer eight men to Messrs Tyers and Kennedy

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in addition to six others to be forwarded by you on the first opportunity, I beg to observe that the six men in question have arrived by the "Sea Horse" and together with the eight shall be forwarded to Portland Bay without loss of time I having already made the necessary arrangements for their passages I have however to remark that but two of Mr Mathieu's party can be forwarded, the other two having absconded, and Mr Darke's party at present consists of but six one of the men having become free since I last furnished the list of the Department I have written to Mr George D. Smythe a similar letter to that which I sent to the the other contractors (as intimated to you by my letter 40/32) but from this gentleman being engaged in surveying a part of the country with which there is but little communication I have been unable to get the letter conveyed to him and therefore have not received his men.

Under these circumstances I applied to His Honor Mr Latrobe who although unwilling to allow me, more than the road party and who, more than once, refused doing so, still, on this occasion, has been induced, by my representation to lend me four to make up the deficiency, which however he expects to be returned whenever I am supplied with others.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
2nd March 1842.

No 47/41.

Sir.

In reference to your letter No 47/36 dated 15 Ultimo on the subject of Major Dumaresq's eight acres of land in Parramatta Street, and requesting an explanation of what is meant or intended by my writing "now Government Land" I have the honor to inform you that Mr Mudie had revoked to Government the particulars of which I am not in possession.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
2nd March 1842.

No 47/42.

Sir.

For some time past not withstanding my frequent applications you have neglected to forward me your Monthly Reports of Progress.

I have to request that you will no longer delay doing so and transmit to me the Reports now due and continue to forward regularly the Monthly reports in order that I may be enabled to furnish them for the Surveyor General's information.

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

Mr Draftsman Watt.

Survey Office Melbourne
2 March 1842.

No 47/43.

Sir.

I beg most urgently to call your attention to the requisitions now enclosed as I am quite out of every article applied for. the former supply intended for this Branch of your Department having been lost on board the Rose which

which prevents my being able to give the date and quantity of the former supply which under the circumstances I trust will be no impediment. I should have forwarded these requisitions for your approval on the 1 January last, had I not felt (from the new regulations) at a loss how to proceed until I received your letter No 47/18.

With regard to the requisition for men, I beg to observe that four are to replace those lost by His Honor as stated in my letter No 47/40 and the others to replace casualties and to enable me occasionally to perform field duty which at present I am unable to do not having a single man attached to my Party.

William Darley, chief Barrett.
Thos Cannon, Prisoner
Daniel Campbell, Sudan.
John Davis, Pleasantes
Stephen Jones, Bengal
Thos Guiver, do
James Evins, Mistleson
Joseph Myatt, Susan
William Day, Earl Gray
Chas Stubbs, Fast Hornet
John Bailey, Barossa
John Hughes, Mt Barker
Thos Bell.

Surveyor General's Office Melbourne
4th March 1842.

No 42/44.

Sir,

Since writing you my letter No 42/30 informing you of my intention, at the request of the Surveyor General, to forward four men, the Sea Horse has arrived bringing six Convicts which together with the 4 men already named and other four from the prisoners, making in all fourteen are to be forwarded to you per Jane and Emma.

A List of the men I enclose.

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

C. J. Tyers Esq.
Surveyor
Portland

Surveyor General's Office Melbourne
4th March 1842.

No 42/45.

Sir,

By the Jane and Emma I am to forward to Portland, by direction of the Surveyor General, fourteen convicts who are to be attached to the Survey Department there. I enclose you a list of the men and have to beg the favor of your taking charge of them in the event of Mr Tyers being absent from the Bay upon the arrival of the men in question.

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

J. Blair Esq.
Police Magistrate.
Portland.

No 42/46

Surveyor General's Office Melbourne 9th March 1842

Sir,

By the Sea Horse Steamer I have forwarded, in addition to those mentioned in my letter No 42/36, two packets, the one containing Mr H. Smyth's survey of Emu Creek, the other a plan of Collingwood, receipts for which I do myself the honor to forward.

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

Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office Melbourne
9th March 1842.

No 42/47.

Sir,

Mr. C. G. McArthur having completed his sixth year of service in your Department I beg to recommend him to your favorable consideration for an increase of salary from the 1st January. I have also the pleasure of forwarding to you the accompanying certificate which Mr McArthur has obtained from the Land Board.

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

Surveyor General.

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Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/46. 16 March 1842.

Sir,

Mr William Packining, Assistant Surveyor having completed his first year of service in your Department on the 3rd Inst. I beg to recommend him to your favorable consideration in order that he may obtain the usual increase of salary from the period above named.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/49. 16 March 1842.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 47/98 of the 17 Ultimo respecting the measurement of Dr Douglas' land I deferred returning you an answer until I had an opportunity of examining a number of old orders to measure land which I have now done and although I found some so far back as the year 1834 I cannot find any written order for the measurement of the land in question nor do I believe any such was ever given for to the best of my recollection upon Dr Douglas' having called at the office in Sydney Mr Oxley directed me in the presence of Mr Carrington formerly Assistant Surveyor, to measure it without however giving Dr Douglas possession. On my way therefore to perform this survey I called at Lockhart Mr Oxley's private residence where I remained for the night and on the following morning he particularly enjoined me to proceed with the survey without delay.

I should observe that I frequently

received verbal directions from the late Mr Oxley and generally in his presence made notes of what might have been omitted at the office.

I have also received in private notes orders to measure lands that had been omitted to be measured by the late Mr Mort formerly Deputy Surveyor General of New South Wales who was in the habit of receiving orders from the Governor without even consulting the Surveyor General.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 47/50. 17th March 1842.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose you a letter from Mr Crawford Mollison correcting an error into which he had fallen in regard to the place crossed by you at Lake River Hopkins.

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

Surveyor General.

No 47/51.
Individuals Book.

Survey Office Melbourne.
No 47/52. 19th March 1842.

Sir

I have Surveyor General has directed me by letter of yesterday date to inform you that the approval of 3 months notice being given previously to the discontinuance of your Contract which notice must however be reckoned from the 23rd Feby this being the date of my letter No 47/28 apprizing you of the discontinuance of the Contract System of Surveying lands.

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

Messrs Duke, Hall & Gray.

Survey Office Melbourne
22nd March 1842.

No 42/53.

Sir

With reference to the Surveyor General's Letter to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary No 42/93 dated 7 Inst. which you Honor sent for my inspection I have the honor to inform you that I have always attended to my duties in the field when employed at that Quarters, examining the Contract Surveyors work, and occasionally in compiling maps as the Surveys proceed and directing the operations of the different officers at this branch of the Dept. I may observe that lately besides other surveys, the Road to the Plenty, or Yarra Rivulet was marked under my personal superintendence and I am at all times ready to take the field whenever my services are required but at present have not the means, not having a single man attached to my party which circumstance I have strongly represented to the Surveyor General.

I have &c
signed Robert Hoddle

His Honor The Superintendent

Survey Office Melbourne
23 March 1842

No 42/54.

Sir

With reference to your letter of yesterday's date respecting the marking of the Burial Ground at Geelong I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to request you will mark it into four equal parts as you sketch.

I have &c
signed Robert Hoddle

R. H. Smythe Esq
Asst Sur.

Survey Office Melbourne
23 March 1842

No 42/55.

The original of this letter was numbered 42/92.

Sir

Referring to my letter No 42/74 of 4 June on which I reported favorably of Mr Nutt being impressed with an idea of that gentleman's anxiety to give satisfaction I regret to say that his exertions of late have been any thing but satisfactory. I have called upon him frequently to send his Reports of Progress which he has neglected to do and some plans have been so badly drawn as to prevent my transmitting them.

He has applied for an Increase of Pay as a Draftsman. I enclose you his application for your Inspection.

I have the honor to be &c
signed Robert Hoddle

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
24 March 1842.

No 42/56

Mr Eyre's letter enclosed

Sir

In obedience with your instructions I forwarded the 14 men to Portland for Messrs Eyre and Kennedy, the safe arrival of whom together with the ships, Mr Eyre has duly acknowledged. His letter I do myself the honor to enclose.

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

Surveyor General.

Letter of Authority to Mr Hoddle dated 9 April 1824

No 42/57

Survey Office Melbourne 29 March 1842.

Sir

With reference to your letter No 42/112 of 4th Inst. requiring information respecting 100 acres of land measured to Thos Gray, previously to the year 1827, I enclose you my authority for the measurement of the land in question, in the handwriting of your predecessor Mr Lane.

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

Surveyor General

Survey Office Melbourne
29 March 1842.

No 42/56.

Sir.

Mr. Draftsman Hall was directed last November to survey in the neighbourhood of the Goulburn River to commence at Mr. Robertson's Special Survey and trace a chain of ponds to the River, which duty he has stated to me he did perform. As ample time has been allowed him for the production of the plan of the same and as he fails to furnish his monthly reports of progress, although repeatedly called upon to do so I think it necessary to report the same for your Honor's information. I must further observe that I am not at all satisfied with the execution of Mr. Hall in the performance of his Public Duty.

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

No 146.

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq.

Survey Office Melbourne
29 March 1842.

No 42/57.

Sir.

With reference to your letter No 42/125 of 12 Inst. upon the subject of the discontinuance of the Contract System of Surveying Lands, I beg to state that I intimated the same to the Contractors by letter 42/28 of 23 Ultimo consequently their Contracts should terminate on the 23 May next, but from the difficulty of getting the letters of notification conveyed, as intimated in my letter No 42/40 I take the liberty of suggesting to you the propriety of their being allowed a few days grace beyond this period by which means all cause of dissatisfaction will be prevented.

I have the honor &c.
signed Robert Hoddle.

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
4 April 1842.

No 42/60.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose you a Report of Progress of Mr. Draftsman Hall from the 24 November 1841 to 31 March 1842. his previous Reports of Progress being most irregularly transmitted.

The other Officers of this Branch of your Department are employed as reported last month.

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

Surveyor General.

42/61. Individual Letter Book.

Survey Office Melbourne
11 April 1842.

No 42/62.

Sir.

William Castle formerly overseer of Stock at this Branch of your Department having since entered to an Iron Gang I do myself the honor to recommend William Noble per ship Bengal Merchant. ~~per ship Bengal Merchant~~ for the gratuity of 8 pence instead of Castle.

Noble has been some time attached to the Department and I have found him worthy of the indulgence for which he is now recommended.

I have the honorable &c.
signed, Robert Hoddle Sur:

Re Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
13 April 1842.

No 42/63.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose your Honor a letter I have received from Assistant Commissary General Spearman

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His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq.

wishing to be informed whether a certain document a copy of which he encloses will be sufficient authority to enable him to take possession, or transfer a certain allotment in this Town. As this is a matter upon which I am unable to give an opinion I have to request the favor of your Honor forwarding it to Sydney for consideration.

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

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

Survey Office Melbourne
13 April 1842.

No 47/64.

Sir.

It being frequently necessary to have certain portions of Land in the immediate vicinity of the Town marked out, without that delay which sometimes occurs from the difficulty of finding you. In future, to obviate this I have to request that you will attend at this office every day, Sunday excepted, at ten o'Clock punctually accompanied by three men of your party with instruments, chain, Mackenzie &c. by this means the wishes of His Honor will meet with immediate attention and should there be no such door-work you will find sufficient employment in the office.

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

Mr Draftsman Reid.

Survey Office Melbourne
16 April 1842

No 47/65 A.

Sir.

In reply to your Honor's letter No 47/482 of yesterday's date requesting to be informed under what regulation and to what extent tracings or copies of any Govt. Charts in this Office have been furnished either by myself or subordinates to individuals applying for them and whether at any time remuneration has been received by any individual connected with the office in the execution of such. I beg to state that the Draftsman Mr Buckley did copy some portion of the charts for the purpose of affording information to parties desirous of selecting land, for which I believe he received remuneration. I do so under the impression that the 16th Clause of the Regulations of 21 January 1841 permits him, in which view he was strengthened by the permission given by your Honor to a private party to copy the Chart in question. I feel satisfied had he not taken this view he would have infringed. I beg also to remark that they do not occupied during the office hours. Since the receipt of your letter I have set Mr Buckley right in regard to his view of the regulation he expresses great regret and as I have always found him regular and attentive to his duties and from his being a superior draftsman of valuable assistance I have to express the hope that your Honor will not consider it necessary to take further notice of this matter as I feel satisfied it will never again occur.

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your Hon.r's Ob.t Serv.t
signed Robert Hoddle Surv.r

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

No 47/65 B. See Individual Letter Book.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 42/66. 16 April 1842.

Sir.

The Surveyor General by letter No. 42/140 of 23rd March 1842 has conveyed to His Excellency the Governor's approval of the Reserve at Alberton Corner Inlet and directing me to intimate to the parties holding orders for special surveys that they are now at liberty to make their selections I presume therefore you will be at liberty to measure accordingly should you be applied to by any of the parties intimated subject however to the final approval of His Excellency the Governor.

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

Assistant Surveyor Townsend.

Survey office Melbourne
No. 42/67. 18 April 1842.

Sir.

Herewith I do myself the honor to transmit the following plans per Seahorse Steamer viz.

Mr. Kettle's survey of Tarkiwarre Creek in 2 Sheets
Do Do Mollison's do 1 do
Mr. Pickering Stony Creek and old Sydney Road between ~~B~~ and Sugarloaf Creek.
Sydney Road between the Rivers Goulburn and Hughes Creek and the remaining tributaries of that Creek
Mr. Drake Parishes of Yangardook and Holden's East
Mr. H. H. Smythe Part of the Parish of Moolap near Point Henry Geelong.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
No. 42/68. 19 April 1842.

Sir.

By the Sea Horse Steamer which sailed this day I had the honor to ~~forward~~ transmit to you the undermentioned plans viz.

~~Plan~~ (See No. 42/67.) for which Mr. Kickwright's notes)
Plan &c.
signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
No. 42/69 22 April 1842.

Sir.

In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter No. 42/154 of 6 Instant requesting me to transmit to you a plan and descriptions of the Burial Ground and Allotments No.s 1. 2. 3 and 20 of Section No. 38 for the Roman Catholics of Melbourne I do myself the honor to forward them accordingly. In doing so I must however in justice to Mr. Townsend state that Mr. Mr. Smith has a distinct recollection of his having measured the allotments in compliance with your instructions to him of 18th July 1839 which were forwarded to you by his letter No. 39/54 of 23 September 1839 a copy of which I enclose as it contains his reason for having measured two acres instead of one for the Burial Ground.

Plans & Descriptions and copy of Mr. Townsend's letter enclosed

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 42/70. 22 April 1842.

Sir.

By verbal directions of this Hon.r the Superintendent I have marked out one acre as a Burial Ground adjoining the other

the Cemeteries for the Aborigines, the plan of which I attached to that of the Roman Catholics transmitted to you by my letter No. 42/69 of this day's date I now do myself the honor to transmit to you a description of the same.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
22nd April 1842.

No. 42/71.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose you a plan and description of the Police Paddock on the Goulbourn River which I now transmit in consequence of His Hon. the Superintendent having altered the site since I transmitted the former plan and description by my letter No. 42/100 dated 10th August 1841. His Honor has caused barracks to be erected upon the spot now chosen as shewn on the sketch enclosed.

I have &c.
signed, Robert Hoddle Sur.

The Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
26 April 1842.

No. 42/72.

Sir,

In answer to your Honors minute of 25th Inst. requesting me to state on what occasion and under what circumstances private surveyors have been authorized by you to copy charts in the office. I do myself the honor to call your attention to the correspondence Mr. John Hunter Patterson has with you to obtain a Memorandum from your Hon. authorizing Mr. Williamson private Surveyor to copy and let Mr. Patterson might be given in consequence of which authority Mr. Williamson copied the sheets of all the lands open for selection.

I have &c.
signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

His Honor the Superintendent.

Survey Office Melbourne
10 May 1842.

No. 42/73.

Sir,

In accordance with the Instructions contained in your letters No. 42/205 and 42/49 forwarded to you by my letter No. 42/160 dated 30 Decr. the valuation of my equipment together with that of Mess.rs Perkins and Nutt but as your letter No. 42/42 of 22 Ultimo informs me that it is not the intention of His Excellency the Governor to grant me the £100 for an item allowed to officers of your department employed in the field. I shall feel obliged by your informing me whether I am to consider my equipment as my property at the valuation or tender it to Government.

I have &c.
signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
10 May 1842.

No. 42/74

Sir,

The Surveyor General by letter 42/57 dated 9 April 1842. has intimated to me that he cannot recommend you to His Excellency the Governor for the annual increase of Salary usually granted to Draftsmen in his Dept. from my report of your exertions not being so favorable as could have been wished. I have to express the hope that your exertions in future will be such as to prevent my having the painful duty of again withholding my recommendation.

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

Mr. Draftsman Nutt.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 77/95. 27 May 1842.

Sir,

In obedience with the request contained in your letter No. 77/10 of 9 Inst. I do myself the honor to return you herewith His Excellency the Governor's authority for Mr. Pickering receiving an annual increase of Salary.

I have &c.
signed, Robert Hoddle Jun.

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 77/96. 28 May 1842.

Sir,

In allusion to your letter No. 77/12 of 12 Inst. I do myself the honor to enclose you annexed plan and separate descriptions of the allotments for the Roman Catholic Church, School and Ministers Dwelling, the latter containing one acre three roods and twenty four perches which is exactly the same quantity marked out for the Presbyterian and Independent sects respectively. The reason for there not being 2 acres is in consequence of half of the land being deducted from the quantity as more fully explained to you by Mr. Townsend, a copy of whose letter 37/54 I did myself the honor to enclose you by my letter 77/69 of 22 Ult.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 77/97. 30 May 1842.

Sir,

With reference to the first paragraph of your letter

letter No. 77/209 of 7 Instant respecting the unsightly manner Mr. Tuttle has pointed the letter A on his chart I have to observe that I pointed it out to him and desired him to alter it before transmission I should observe that this gentleman is very careless, but as he labors under great defect in sight, it is not surprising that he does not draw two plans alike. I have called upon him for his field books which I find impossible to decipher until put into better order.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No. 77/98. 30th May 1842.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 77/95 of 5th Inst. informing me of your intention of forwarding ten men, together with platoons &c., a list of which you enclose, I have the honor to inform you that the men have arrived and are disposed of as follows. Four returned to Government in lieu of a like number lately by the Mr. Latrobe for the completion of the Survey Portland Bay the remaining 6 are for the present put to work on the roads. I have to observe that these men have arrived in a very destitute state having been sent on board ship without blankets or any clothing save that on their backs. I have further to observe with much regret that independent of their destitute state, their appearance of the poor wretches, all, with but one exception, having been scattered to Penal Gangs and consequently very unfit to be attached to Surveying Parties in this District where the means for the coercion of such characters are so limited

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The Stationery &c., has not yet come to hand, but I trust to its early transmission the office having, for some time past, been without a supply.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
30 May 1842.

No 42/79.

Sir,

With reference to your Honor's transmission of certain Correspondence received on the 28th Inst. on the subject of Dividing Melbourne into four Wards under the proposed Corporation Act now before the Legislative Council. I do myself the honor to suggest the form be as follows.

North Melbourne to be divided into two separated by Elizabeth Street and as it is probable that many of the Suburbans will be equally built upon as the proposed boundaries of the Town, named by your Honor Collingwood. I think the whole of the Suburbans should be included in the Town Act. The whole of South Melbourne boundary as promulgated in the Gazette, should form another Ward.

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

His Honor
The Superintendent

No 42/80

Survey Office Melbourne 30 May

Sir,

With reference to the conversation held with your Honor, when presenting a requisition for 10 pairs of Shifting for your Honor's approval for 10 men who had just arrived from Sydney. I do myself the honor to enclose you a duplicate of the letter I have written to the Surveyor General upon the Subject.

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

His Honor
The Superintendent

Survey Office Melbourne
30 May 1842.

No 42/81.

Sir,

With reference to your Honor's minute respecting the repair of an Instrument belonging to Mr. Watt I have the honor that if sent to Sydney it would be a great loss of time and Mr. Watt would have an excuse to delay his work as we have no spare Instrument in a good state of repair.

The last Instruments sent to Sydney to be repaired upwards of two years ago were never returned to the District although I made application for them and an urgent request that they should be speedily returned.

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

His Honor
The Superintendent

Survey Office Melbourne
30th May 1842.

No 42/82.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose you three copies of the Surveyor General's letter No 42/88 of 28th Ultimo which has been received by me stating that the Surveyor General approves of Barracks receiving the Gratuity of 8d per diem. It will be necessary for you to attach the copies to your Abstracts upon inserting Barracks name for the first time.

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

C. P. Ryves Esq.
Surveyor Portland

Survey Office Melbourne
30 May 1842.

No 42/83.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to forward to you a plan and description of certain portions of land subdivided in the parish of Nillumbik by the Draftsman Hall in compliance with verbal directions I received from His Honor Mr Latrobe who I believe was induced to give the order with the view of disposing of several Land Orders of small amount and in consequence has sanctioned the selection made by John Lindsay through his Agent A. Beale a description of which I also enclose for your information.

The whole of this parish has been advertised as open for selection under the uniform system since the 21 February 1841. but from its being in large quantities and of inferior quality only one selection has been made that of Donaldson's - a description of which I duly transmitted

I have &c

signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Mr Lindsay's selection

Surveyor General

No 42/84

Individual Letter book.

Survey Office Melbourne
2 June 1842.

No 42/85.

Sir,

With reference to your Honors Memorandum attached to Colonial Secretary's letter No 42/363 of 20th May, in which it is stated that it appears desirable a considerable quantity, not less than 200000 acres should be advertised for sale I do myself the honor to recommend that the under mentioned

parishes be advertised accordingly so as to meet the wishes of His Excellency the Governor in regard to the holders of Land orders.

Parish of Balla-Balla
" " Tullamarine
" " Korkupawnul.

The contents of each parish I annexe the list enclosed. In the event of these parishes being approved of and advertised in Sydney the descriptions can be transmitted from the Survey or General to whom they were transmitted with the plans in their being surveyed. I also enclose for your Honors information a List of the Holders of Land Orders still undisposed of by which it appears that they amount to 15338 acres Messrs Ogg, Pattledge and Reeve have been given the option of taking the amount of their orders entire land to be advertised for sale by auction, in the event of their doing so, it will dispose of 15360 acres more making a total of 30698 acres exclusive of the holders of English Land Orders and officers Remissions which will form a considerable addition.

I have the honor to be &c.

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq.

signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Survey Office Melbourne
3rd June 1842

No 42/86.

Sir,

Mr W. H. Buckley Draftsman at this Branch of the Surv: Gen: Deptt, having completed his 1st year of service on the 1st Inst. and his conduct in the discharge of his duties having been such as to enable me to recommend him to your Honors favorable consideration, in order that he may obtain the increase of salary from the 1st Inst provided for in the Estimates and which I believe your Honor has the power to sanction.

I have &c

signed R. Hoddle

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/87. 3 June 1842.

Sir.

I herewith enclose your Honor descriptions of the division of Melbourne into 4 wards under the proposed corporation act. The wards are described in accordance with the manner I did myself the honor to suggest as to their division by my letter No 42/79 of 30th ultimo.

The description of the town were forwarded to Head Quarters and have been published in the Government Gazette

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

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esq.

No 42/88. Survey Office Melbourne
6 June 1842.

Sir.

Herewith I enclose your Honor Descriptions of the three parishes which by my letter No 42/85 of 2d instant, I recommended for sale so as to meet the wishes of His Excellency the Governor.

I have &c
signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esq.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/89. 7 June 1842.

Sir.

With reference to my letters No 85 and 88 of the 2d and 6th instant, upon the subject of the lands recommended for sale I do myself the honor to state that as some delay must necessarily arise before the advertisement can appear and as ~~[illegible]~~ parties holding landorders must make their selections one month before the day of sale I have the honor to observe that

that I consider it would not be advisable to have them put up before the end of November or the beginning of December next.

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

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe
Esq.

No 42/90.
16 June 1842.
Submit to Maj. Thurburn with 610 Parishes
[illegible]

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/91. 27 June 1842.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose herewith the Descriptions of the Parish of "Carrah" which has been recently surveyed by Assistant Surveyor H. H. Smythe and which is the parish your Honor expressed the wish to have advertised at the same time with the other parishes the Descriptions of which were furnished your Honor.

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

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esq.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/92. 30th June 1842.

Sir.

Mr. H. H. Smythe having recently surveyed a parish at Geelong named "Carrah" the plan of which is not yet complete but His Honor Mr Latrobe being anxious to have the parish in question brought into the market at an early day directed me to furnish him with descriptions of the same which I have accordingly do so and notify the same to you in order that you may be made acquainted with the proceedings at this branch of your Office. The plan in question shall be transmitted when completed.

I have &c
signed, Robert Hoddle

Sur. Gen.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/92. 28th June 1842.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter No 42/273 I do myself the honor to transmit herewith the Descriptions required being as follows.

Yangwondook. incomplete	Mamboarin
Holdon	Cororoc
Maribyrnong	Balkan
Derremut	Markairin incomplete
Pregamina	Pandyoaam do
Deutgam.	Toorongalook do

by Assistant Surveyor Darke and "Moolap"

by Assistant Surveyor H. P. H. Smythe.

I have to observe that these descriptions are Right so as to be in readiness for H.E. Honor the Superintendent who has more than once sent to this office for descriptions in such haste as to leave but little time to make correct copies. In future however I shall forward the Descriptions with the Maps as soon as completed and the letters which may accompany them shall contain all the particulars required by you.

I have the honor to be &c.

signed, Robert Hoddle Sur.

The Surveyor General

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/93 29 July 1842.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter No 42 I have transmitted through the post office a packet containing the descriptions of the undermentioned portions (see letter above) which Mr Kelchie is to forward to you by the first ship.

His receipt I enclose herewith.

I have the honor to be &c.

signed, Robert Hoddle Sur.

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/94. 29 June 1842.

Sir,

I have to request that you will furnish me for the information of the Government with a List of your men stating ship, station, year of arrival in the Colony, Religion and the date of their being attached to a Surveying Party. It would also be desirable that you state briefly as to their general character.

I have the honor to be &c.

signed, Robert Hoddle Sur.

Asst. Sur: Pickering.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/95 2 July 1842.

Sir,

The enclosed two letters of 23 February and 21 March last intimating to Mr. G. A. Smythe the discontinuance of his contract not having been delivered to that gentleman for the difficulty of communicating with him. I do myself the honor to request the favor of your Honor procuring the services of one of the native police for the purpose of conveying the letters to him.

I have &c

signed Robert Hoddle

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/96. 1 July 1842.

Sir,

In allusion to the instructions contained in the Deputy Surveyor General's letter of 3 Feb. 1841 I do myself the honor to enclose you a return of the land selected under the regulations of 21 January 1841, between the 1st and 30th

Returns

Ultimo being as follows

County of Bourke, Parish of Doulta Galla, portion No 20 containing 320 acres more or less selected by John Fitz Gerald Roche Porter

County of Bourke, Parish of Nillumbik Allotment 70 of portion No 5 containing 10 acres more or less selected by Thomas Sweeney

Porter and Sweeney's selections

I have to state in regard to the latter ~~portion~~ selection that it is one of the portions set apart in the parish of Nillumbik in accordance with the instructions of His Honor the Superintendent as intimated in my letter of 30 May ult.o 83.

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

The Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
July 1842.

No.o 97.

Sir.

I herewith transmit Reports of progress of Assistant Surveyor Pickering and Mr. Draftsman Nutt – those of Mr. Pickering for the months of Feby to end of June and Mr. Nutt for April May and June.

I regret that illness and bad weather prevented Mr. Pickering's greater progress while idleness and the inclemency of the weather produced similar results in regard to Mr. Nutt.

I have &c signed R. Hoddle
Survey Office Melbourne
19 July 1842

Sir General.

No.o 98.

The three months granted to Messrs. Beale and H. W. H. Smythe previously to the commencement of their contracts having expired I shall feel obliged by your informing me at your convenience whether upon the completion of the plans they have now in

their hands they are to be placed upon the strength of this branch of your Department as Assistant Surveyors both having been so precisely to their taking Contracts.

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

The Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
15 July 1842.

Sir.

I beg to enclose your Honor a letter received by me from Mr. G. Paterson and others requesting information as to the intention of the Government in regard to the marking of a contained road described in the letter. The place mentioned being in Mr. H. W. H. Smythe's district I requested that Gentleman to furnish me with the report which he has accordingly done and is also enclosed. I have to request your Honor's instructions in regard to the answer I should give the applicants.

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

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esqr.

Survey office Melbourne
20th July 1842.

No.o 99.

Sir.

His Honor the Superintendent has called upon me for descriptions of Allotments a list of which I beg to enclose you with the minimum prices and the names of the newly laid out places as given by His Honor the Superintendent and all of which he is anxious to have brought forward for Sale. In order to prevent a repetition of the irregularity complained of in your letter of the 4 Instant No.o 376 I shall for the future transmit all descriptions direct

to

you and those in question shall be transmitted by the boy first possible opportunity.

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

The Surveyor General.

List referred to:
Suburban Allotments on Salt Water River parish of Doutta Galla County of Bourke from No 30 to 37 inclusive.
Value £10 minimum price.
Parish of St Kilda in South Melbourne County of Bourke 22 Allotments No.s 17 to 8 inclusively value £50 per acre minimum price No.s 9 to 22 inclusive £30 per acre
South Melbourne parish of South Melbourne County of Bourke. Section 1 and 2 and a broken section off No 1 value £150 each altt.
Section 1 and 2 on the Beach value £150 per Allotment (Sandridge).
South Melbourne. Suburban Allotments for cultivation 32 Allotments value £35 per acre min price

Survey Office Melbourne
Sepr 1842.

No 42/100.

Sir.

With reference to my letter of 30 Ult No 42/99. I do myself the honor to transmit descriptions and sketches shewing the situation of the lands at South Melbourne which his Honor the Superintendent has recommended (together with those mentioned in the list transmitted) to be offered for sale early in Nov.r next. His Honor directed an alteration to be made in Allotments No.s 3, 11 and 12 of St Kilda which I have done and the descriptions sent are in accordance with the alteration, the remainder of the descriptions of this place, as transmitted by my

my letter of 25 Feb.y 1842 No 42/32 will answer for publication.
Suburban Allotments No.s 30 to 37 on the Salt Water River were with other lands advertised for sale on 7 December 1840 but the sale was postponed by order of His Excellcy the Governor. The descriptions of those portions as they appeared in the Government Gazette of 15 Sept. 1840 page 884 will with some corrections still answer.
Another allotment has also been made, in accordance with the wishes of His Honor, in the plan of the proposed Town at the Beach South Melbourne which was transmitted by my letter No 39/20 — that of doing away with the lanes and substituting streets of 100 links in width through the centre of each section and making each allotment 1/2 an acre.
For greater clearness I again enclose you a copy of the list with such remarks as will facilitate the preparation of the descriptions.

(For List see above.)

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

The Surveyor General.

No 42/101. See individual Letter Book.

No 42/103. See also individual Letter Book

Survey Office Melbourne
23 July 1842.

No 42/103.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your information a letter which I have received from the Sub Treasurer requesting to be furnished with a copy of the authority I possess for drawing provisions &c together with my reply thereto.

I have the honor to be
signed Robert Hoddle

Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
No 42/104 27th July 1842.

Sir

With reference to your letter No 42/291 on the subject of Dr Douglas's land at Narrigo and requesting me to forward you by return of post with the most definite replies to certain queries. I have the honor to offer to you all the information in my power

1st The subject of my visit to Narrigo was to measure Land applied for by Dr Douglas. I am not aware there was any dispute of boundary.

2. Lands were marked in the name of Dr Douglas and I believe I sent a plan of it to the late Hon: Gen. Coxley. I have no copy of any letter of mine dated 17 December 1837. I read your an Extract of a copy of a letter in my possession by Mr Coxley dated 11 Oct 1837 In the N.E. part of the County there are only two Claimants for Land viz at Narrigo Dr Douglas by Grant and four thousand acres by purchase and Mr Galbraith 2,000 by Grant

3. The measurement of Land was not equivalent to putting any one in possession at that time. In Mr Coxley's instructions dated 26 March 1835 I was directed to compel to abstain from giving possession of Land to any Settler whatever either by writing or verbally confining yourself to the mere measurement of the Land selected. I have no recollection of having made any report on the case except by my letter No 42/49.

Surveyor General.

I have the honor to be &c
signed Robert Hoddle

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/105. 23 July 1842.

Having received a letter from certain settlers ~~requesting~~ a very information respecting the intention of the Government as to the marking of a road described in their letter I transmitted the same to the Superintendent for the purpose of obtaining his Honor's views upon the subject. I now do myself the honor to transmit you the letters with his Honor's remarks thereon in pencil upon them accompanied by Mr Smythe's report and a sketch of the proposed line for your information.

I have the honor to be &c
signed Robert Hoddle

The Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
No 42/106. 28 July 1842.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to inform you that the stores both for the use of this and the Portland Branch of your Department have been received and shall be forwarded by the Eyre as soon as possible.

Enclosed is a list of the articles received for the use of this branch which is almost an exact copy of that given in your letter No 42/91 indicating their shipment with the exception of the 5 pieces of Kersey paper and one piece of green silk ribbon which have not been received. The green ribbon can easily be dispensed with but ~~I regret~~ the

the omission of the drawing paper being so frequently required. I much regret, may I therefore request you will be good enough to cause it to be forwarded when convenient. I regret still more to have to complain of the damage sustained by the stationery &c. owing to careless packing.

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

The Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
No 49/109. 28 July 1842.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of this date, No 49/108, reporting arrival of stores. I do myself the honor to suggest for your consideration the propriety of the government calling here for tenders when required for the supply of your department with stationery and other stores. From the circumstance of Melbourne being now well supplied with merchandise direct from England I feel satisfied that every requisite article could be procured here almost, if not altogether as reasonable as in Sydney, which would thus be a saving not only of the expense of freight and insurance running the risk of total loss or partial damage — as at present.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
No 49/108. 28th July 1842.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 49/330 of the 8th July 1842 by which it appears there is some difficulty in connecting surveys with each other. I do myself the honor to transmit you a sketch from the General Map compiled in this branch of your Department and beg leave to inform you that Sheet No 1 is connected with Mr H. W. H. Smythe's plan of the Yarrowee and Werdy Yalook and Wedge's tract to the Grampians & E. and W. Two plans of Emu Creek continued from Elms, Lang and Griffin's Head station.

Letters B are ready for transmission.

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

The Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
No 49/109. 29 July 1842.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to forward to you the undermentioned plans and descriptions.

Plan of the Yarra River connecting the surveys with the forest and survey.

" Shewing the state of the Survey on the Yarra, on the termination of the Surveys by Contract by Mr Charles Abel Sur.

Survey of the N. W. Coast of Western Port from Tooradock to Baranging. by G. A. Smythe Contract Surveyor.

Survey of Roads towards Portland Bay and Inland Districts.

Sy. H. W. Smyth
Surr. Genl.

" of Portions of Land on Native Creeks, and Rivers Yarrowee and Barwon and principal lines of Road to the Interior being parts of the Parishes of Carngham, Dorodgong and Mirmee.

" Bunnunyong Road

" Road of the Parish of Dunneed

Descriptions of Dorodgong, Mirmee and Dunneed are now enclosed, those of Carngham were forwarded through Horn the Superintendent as intimated in my letter No 42/92.

Surveyor General.

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

Survey Office Melbourne
2 August 1842.

No 42/110.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose you a plan and descriptions of Cultivation Allotments both Melbourne marked by Mr Hall in accordance with instructions received from His Honor Mr Latrobe. I may observe for your information that many of these allotments are occasionally covered with water, and at this moment, from rains in the interior, the Yarra has risen higher than it has been since the settlement was formed so that upwards of 60 of the allotments are completely inundated.

Surveyor General.

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

Survey Office Melbourne
2 Augt 1842.

No 42/111.

Sir,

I did, By the "Thomas Lord" I did myself the honor to forward you the undermentioned plans.

(see letter No 42/109).

The receipt, signed by the commander of the Lubecker I beg to enclose.

Surveyor General.

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

Survey Office Melbourne
5th August 1842.

No 42/112.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to inform you that Mr Burke lodged the last of the plans executed by him as Contract Surveyor on the 18 July last and I have to request, as some difficulty has been raised at the Treasury here concerning his salary and allowances, that I may be furnished with your instructions.

Surveyor General.

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

Survey Office Melbourne
6th August 1842.

No 42/113.

Sir,

I beg to enclose you forms for Monthly reports of progress, which I have received from the Surveyor General. You will observe that they differ from those I have formerly used by yourself and others of the Dept. and I have to request that you will be regular in transmitting them according to the new form.

Mr Burke
Asst Sur.

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

Survey office Melbourne
9 August 1842.

No 42/114.

Sir,

Mr Parke Assistant Surveyor lodged the last of his plans executed by him as Contract Surveyor on the 19 July and reported himself ready to take the field so soon as the floods which now inundate the country shall have subsided. I have to request your Honor's instructions as to whether the £150 a year allowed to officers of this Department in lieu of equipment is to be extended to this officer, which by the Surveyor General's letter No 42/205 of 28th June 1841, a copy of which is enclosed, I conceive he is entitled to.

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

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esq.

Survey Office Melbourne
9 August 1842.

No 42/115.

Sir,

May I beg the favor of your forwarding me, under cover of your frank, a copy of the Government Gazette containing notice of Sale to take place in this District. The notice is dated 19 Ult.o but from no copy of the official Gazette having been received considerable inconvenience is felt at this office.

I have the honor to be
signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
11 August 1842.

No 42/116.

Sir,

By the "Salty Ann" I have this day shipped for your certain stores received from the Surveyor General. A List of them together with the receipt signed by the Commander of the Schooner I enclose you and have to request the favor of your acknowledging the receipt of the goods so soon after their delivery as you can make it convenient.

I have the honor to be
signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

C. J. Pyers Esq.
Surveyor Portland

Survey office Melbourne
12 August 1842.

No 42/117

Sir,

Herewith I do myself the honor to forward you a Survey of Part of the Parishes of Darriwill & Tooring and Moorpanyal with Descriptions of each by Mr H. W. H Stapylton Sur.

I have the honor to be
signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
13 August 1842.

No 42/118.

Sir,

Thomas Nicholson, free, having been upwards of 12 Months acting as Messenger and he having performed the duties to the best of his abilities I do myself the honor to recommend him to your favorable consideration for an increase of his pay from 8s to 9s per day.

I have the honor
signed Robert Hoddle

His Honor
C. J. Latrobe Esq.

Survey office Melbourne
13 August 1842.

No 119.

Sir.

I yesterday did myself the honor to forward to you, through the Post Office a Packet containing the undermentioned Maps and Descriptions

(See letters No 110 and No 116.)

I do this being contrary to the usage of the Post office to grant receipts, the Post Master here, Mr Hoff begged that I would not press him for any, he took the packet and stamped it with the Melbourne Post Mark to show when he received it, which he will always continue to do. he also politely stated that he would make a point of carefully packing all charts for you in the letter bag and forward them by the Survey first opportunity after he receives them.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
16th August 1842.

No 130.

Sir.

In reply to your letter No 364 calling for certain information on the subject of Dr Douglas' claim to land at Narriga and enquiring why I did not immediately to your letter No 391 upon the same subject. I do myself the honor to inform you that upon the receipt of your letter of 22 June, which was received by ship I immediately communicated to you (by letter No 104 of 22 July) all the information I could give upon the subject.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
16 August 1842

No 121.

Sir.

In reply to your letter No 336 requesting me to forward the plan of the parish of "Carnal" on or before the 10 proximo. I do myself the honor to state that immediately after its receipt from Mr Smythe I forwarded it, together with others by the "Prince Lord" and the receipt, signed by the Master of the Schooner, was transmitted by my letter No 111 of 2 August 1842.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey office Melbourne
16 August 1842

No 132.

Sir.

In attention to your letter No 355 of 1 August requesting to be furnished with a certificate signed by the Sub Treasurer of the last date Mr Towsend's name together with that of his assistant Mr Matthews appeared in a list I have I do myself the honor to enclose you the certificate required to enable their names to appear in the Sydney abstract from the first instant.

I have the honor to be &c

The Surveyor General

No 123 Survey office Melbourne 20 Aug. 1842

Sir.

I beg to enclose for your Honor's approval a letter from Mr Parkes recommending Francis Bonc~~[illegible]~~ his total keep for the quantity of 8 a day, he having been 6 years attached to his party. I have the honor

signed Robert Hoddle Sur.

His Honor
C. P. Latrobe Esq

Survey Office Melbourne
23 August 1842.

No. 4/124.

Sir,

It having been represented to Mr. Latrobe, by the Police Magistrate of Portland that a desire exists for having allotments and other portions of land in that quarter brought forward for sale His Honor has called upon me to furnish him with a "Minute of the lands that it may be expedient to propose to His Excellency's consideration." With this request I have been unable to comply the only plan connected with Portland in this office being that of the Township which was transmitted by your Letter No. 4/336.

May I therefore request the favor of being furnished with copies or tracings of the districts of the District and if you would be good enough to direct Mr. Sievers to forward his plans through this office it would enable me to get tracings taken without causing much, if any, delay in their transmission to you.

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

Surveyor General.

Survey Office Melbourne
23rd August 1842

No. 4/125.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 1 Pars applying for leave of absence I regret to be under the necessity of refusing your application as I do not consider your attention to your duties entitle you for the present to this indulgence. I think you cannot better employ your time for the next two months in gaining a better knowledge of your profession and therefore request you will place yourself under the instructions of Mr. Asst Sur. Darke taking with you a light equipment and two months provisions.

You will keep a journal and a field Book of what is passing & place in company with Mr. Darke and observe the following particulars viz.

Character of the Lands

Features of the Ground by coloring or description the heavily timbered parts - the extent of brush or fern - also flats and whether they are alluvial or otherwise. To state whether forest lands consist of sands, gravelly or clayey soils -

A note should be attached relative to the Water stating if fresh or salt and if fresh whether it is permanent or in holes likely to dry up. There should be on each plan a brief report explanatory of the value of the Land not only with regard to soil and water but the Revenue from proximity to Roads &c. Other local advantages might be pointed out - the quality of the subjacent rock whether of sandstone, trap, granite, limestone description of timber should be noted.

You will also make a plan from the field Book and transmit on your return without loss of time.

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

Mr. Draftsman Hoddle.

Survey Office Melbourne
5 September 1842.

No. 4/126.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Mr. Sievers acknowledging the receipt of the Maps which in accordance with the request contained in your letter No. 4/992 I forwarded to him without loss of time. I have the honor to be &c. signed R. Hoddle.

Surveyor General

Survey Office Melbourne
5 September 1842.

No 42/127.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to inform you that Mr Nutt applied to me to recommend him for leave of absence to proceed to Sydney which I have not considered it my duty to comply with. Mr Darke having again started to Survey the Rivers Yarra Yarra to its source I have directed Mr Nutt to attach himself, for the next two months, to his party in order to give him another opportunity of acquiring a better knowledge of surveying than I am sorry to say he at present possesses notwithstanding his having been for the last four years in this district. It is truly painful for me to have to complain and I think my next report will be more favorable although I much fear Mr Nutt will never become a very efficient officer of your Department for independent of his want of energy he labours under defect of sight.

Surveyor General.

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

Survey Office Melbourne
6 Sept. 1842

No 42/128.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 42/413 dated 23d Ultimo requesting that the half Inch Map compiled here may be forwarded to you. I request the favor of its remaining until I receive a survey from Mr H. H. Smythe which I expect will be completed in the course of a fortnight. This will enable me to correct any errors that may have occurred in certain portions of it. With respect to

the employment of two Draftsmen I beg leave to assure you that Mr Nutt is of no service to me to act in that capacity and his qualifications as an assistant I have already alluded to in my letter of yesterday's date.

Surveyor General.

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

Survey Office Melbourne
6 September 1842

No 42/129.

See Individual Letter Book.

Survey Office Melbourne
8th September 1842.

No 42/130.

Sir.

I do myself the honor to enclose you herewith the Copy of a letter I have felt it my duty to address to Mr Chitty.

His Honor C. J. Latrobe Esq.

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

Survey Office, Melbourne
8 September 1842.

No 42/131.

Sir.

With reference to your letter No 42/407 dated 23 Ultimo respecting descriptions of Allotments at Sandridge and requiring explanation I do myself the honor to inform you that I intended that the Allotments should be within the Town of both Melbourne and parish of Sandridge and the other Town of both Melbourne Parish of St. Kilda.

With respect to Mr Kutts descriptions I sent them as he sent them to me in order that you might have an opportunity of judging of the manner he transacts his work. I may observe that altho'

I.

I have no confidence in the work he performs I am sometimes obliged to entrust him certain duties he being placed on the strength of your department

But as I have so lately expressed my opinion and he being now under Mr Dakin's I shall only further state that the principle by which I have ever been guided is to do the best I can with the means at my disposal.

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

Surveyor General

No 42/132.

Survey Office Melbourne
15 September 1842

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your plan of the Goulburn River between the Running and Yayigai Creeks showing also the immediate tributaries and Upper Goulburn Road also your Report of progress for the month of August last.

In the transmission of your reports you will for the future in particular in attending to the instructions contained in the Surveyor Generals Circular No 42/380.

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

Assistant Surveyor Pickering

No 42/133.

Survey Office Melbourne
20th September 1842

Sir.

I do myself the honor to forward you returns of the land selected between the 1st and 19 Instant the latter day being the extent of

time allowed for selection in accordance with the Notice contained in the Government Gazette of 19th July last and the descriptions in the large list now forwarded have been copied from the Gazette of that date.

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

Surveyor General

No 42/134. See individual Letter Book.

Survey Office Melbourne
23 September 1842.

No 42/135

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 42/434 dated 9 Instant requesting that I will prepare and forward without delay a plan on the usual scale of 8 chains to the Inch shewing the entire parishes of North and South Melbourne.

I shall attend to your instructions without loss of time but I must beg leave to correct the impression that Licensed Surveyors are on the Spot for Instance you with the exception of Mr H. H. Smythe who has not joined the Strength of the Department in consequence of his having completed his Contract plans I have no Assistant Surveyor at hand. Mr Hull who can neither Survey or draft correctly I have sent for pro tempore to improve the Mode of under Mr Dakin as already communicated in my letter No 42/127 of 5 Sept. 1842

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

Surveyor General