that he has an opportunity of engaging men at the rate of £65 per annum, I request you will have the goodness to obtain the authority of His Excellency to his hiring men at the above rate R.H.

No 52/71 A.
20th Feby 1852.

Letter enclosed

Respecting the number of men allowed as a Surveying Party.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the copy of a letter received from Mr Assistant Surveyor Foot respecting the number of men to be allowed hired for the future as a Surveying Party. and beg to state that I perfectly agree with that Officer and beg to recommend that in marking off Lands for Sale an efficient party of Six men be allowed as formerly R.H.

No 52/72
21st Feby 1852

Design Enclosed

Forwarding Design for a Township at the Hopkins River near Wyselaskies Station for approval.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a design for a Township at the Hopkins River near Mr Wyselaskies Homestation on the line of road from Melbourne to Portland. and request you will have the goodness to cause the same to be laid before His Excellency and the Executive Council for approval R.H.

No 52/73
21st Feby 1852.

William Pratley
Edwd Thorn
James Baker
James Deane

Indd E.I.

Requesting authority for the payment of wages to five men of Mr Urquharts Surveying party.

Sir,

I beg to state that the four men named in the margin have been hired by Mr Assistant Surveyor Urquhart to the end of May next at £72 per annum each and request you will have the goodness to obtain the necessary authority for the payment of wages at the above rate.

This will complete the Surveying party to five men and will enable Mr Urquhart to proceed without delay to Mount Alexander and carry out His Excellency's instructions in ascertaining the extent of the Gold Fields in that locality and measuring sites for Townships in the Most suitable situations R.H.

No 52/74
23rd Feby 1852

Report and tracing enclosed

Forwarding Mr Assistant Surveyor Skenes report on the application of Messrs Neil Black and Co for the purchase of 3800 acres of their run at Glenormiston with Tracing

Sir,

With reference to the application of Messrs Neil Black and Co dated 24th December referred to me under B.C. No 51/997 dated 27th December last for my report. I have the honor to state that having applied to Mr Assistant Surveyor Skene for the necessary information respecting the reserve proposed near the Station of the above party I am now enabled to forward a copy of Mr Skenes report together with a tracing shewing the portion of land it would be proper to reserve for a Township and also for the lines of road towards Mount Shadwell and Lake Keilambete. I see no objection to the approval of the application of Mess Neil Black and Co with the above reservations R.H.

No 52/75
23rd Feby 1852.

Indd E.I.

Respecting an official letter to this department appearing in the Melbourne Morning Herald.

Sir,

With reference to a memorandum dated 20th Instant No 52/648 reffered to this office under B.C. for note and information. I have the honor to state with regard to the "previous case" alluded to by Mr Rusden I feel quite satisfied that the Editor of the Melbourne Morning Herald did not derive his information from any one in this Office. The probability of an official letter to this department being imparted previous to its leaving your Office does not appear to be noticed. R.H.

No 52/76
24th Feby 1852

Requesting authority for the hire of Joseph Timbrell of Mr Assistant Surveyor Wedge's party at 5/- per diem

Joseph Timbrell

Sir,

I have to acquaint you, that the man named in the margin has been re-engaged by Mr Assistant Surveyor Wedge as Cook and Tentkeeper from the 1st ultimo at the rate of 5/- per diem, and to State that as the remainder of his Surveying party have been procured below the rate of wages sanctioned viz 29/- per week. I beg you will have the goodness to procure the approval of His Excellency to the above wages viz 5/- per diem being charged, in the Abstract R.H.

William Jackson 3/6	4/- diem
James Williams	3/6 "
Thos Adams	3/6 "
Thos Crowther	3/6 "
Andrew Macart.	3/6 "

No 52/77
24th Feby 1852

Forwarding design for a Township at Muston's Creek for approval.

Sir,

I have to forward the Design for a Township at Muston's Creek (at the intersection of the Roads from Belfast, Geelong, Fiery Creek, and the Grange) and request you will have the goodness to cause the same to be laid before His Excellency and the Executive Council for approval. R.H.

No 52/78
24th Feby 1852

Forwarding design for Township at Carngham for approval.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the design for a Township at Carngham on the road from Melbourne to Chepstowe and request you will have the goodness to cause the same to be laid before His Excellency and the Executive Council for approval R.H.

No 52/79
24th Feby 1852

Requesting the approval of His Excellency to the pay of five men of Mr Russell's field party from 1st to 9th January 1852.

Sir,

I beg to forward the copy of a letter received from Mr Assistant Surveyor Russell

Indd Ed

requesting the approval of His Excellency to the pay of five men composing his field party, from the 1st to the 9th ultimo and to State that as the Crown Commissioner had left the Wimmera District, Mr Russell considered it advisable to return with his equipment, to Melbourne. The men were therefore continued at the same rate of pay as they had been ~~formerly~~ previously receiving and discharged immediately on arrival at Head Quarters. R.H.

No 52/80
25th Feby 1852

Respecting the proposed appointments of "A Chief Clerk" and "Draftsman and Clerk" to the Surveyor Generals Department with one enclosure.

Letter enclosed

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a letter for His Excellency's information from Messrs J. Buckley and Anslow, whose qualifications as Clerks I am satisfied with. The rank of a Draftsman entitles him to a higher rate of Pay than a Junior Clerk.

With respect to the objection urged against the proposed Chief Clerk, it is for His Excellency to decide, I think it absolutely necessary that a Chief Clerk should be appointed to keep up some degree of Subordination and be competent to write an official letter.

Mr J. Buckley Senr. has quite enough to do to prepare Sales and attend to his duties as Chief Draftsman R.H.

No 52/81
27th Feby 1852

Requesting authority for re-engagement of Bullock Driver by Mr Assistant Surveyor Urquhart, with one enclosure.

Thos Martin
Bullock Driver

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a letter received from Mr Assistant Surveyor Urquhart requesting authority for the re-engagement of the man named in the margin as Bullock Driver from the 1st March to 31st May next at the rate of £.80 per annum to enable him to proceed at once to the Mount Alexander Ranges R.H.

Indd Ed

No 52/82
March 1852

Forwarding Schedule and descriptions of Town allotments recommended to be sold at Geelong, also Notice of Proclamation.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency a Schedule of Town allotments in the Grant District recommended for sale by auction at Geelong. I also forward descriptions of the same, with the necessary Notice of Proclamation R.H.

No 52/83
2nd March

Forwarding Schedule of suburban & Country Lands in the Geelong District recommended for Sale by Auction at Geelong

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency a Schedule of Suburban and Country lands in the Geelong District recommended to be sold by auction at Geelong. I also enclose the descriptions of the various lots with the necessary Notice of Proclamation

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No 52/84
2nd March

Forwarding Letter from Mr Chief Draftman Buckley requesting One month leave of absence

Sir

I have the honor to forward the enclosed letter from Mr Buckley Chief Draftsman in this Department, applying for a months leave of absence I beg to state that I have much pleasure in strongly recommending the same to His Excellency's favourable consideration

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No 52/85
4th March

Forwarding letters from Messrs Anslow and Buckley for his Excellency's considerations

Sir

I beg to enclose Mr Anslows letter of explanation for His Excellencys information and also another (and also another) since received from Mr John Buckley

Ind Ed

No 52/86
5th March

Forwarding copy of approved Plan of the Township of Darlington for transmission to Police Bench at Hexham

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved Plan of the Township of Darlington for the purpose of being transmitted to Police Bench at Hexham for Public information

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No 52/87
5 March

Forwarding copy of approved Plan of the Township of Skipton for transmission to Police Bench at Chepstowne

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved Plan of the Township of Skipton for the Purpose of being transmitted to Police Bench at Chepstowne for Public information

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No 52/88
5th March

Enclosing copy of Mr Assistant Surveyor Whites report of 26 ultimo for His Excellency's information

Sir

I have the honor to forward the copy of a report dated 26th ultimo received this Morning from Mr Assistant Surveyor White and request you will have the goodness to bring the same under the notice of His Excellency

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No 52/89
5th March

Forwarding copy of approved Plan of the Township of Wickliffe for Transmission to Police Bench at Hexham

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved Plan of the Township of Wickliffe for the Purpose of being transmitted to Police Bench at Hexham for Public information

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No 52/90
5th March

Forwarding copy of the approved Plan of the Township of Hexham for transmission to Police Bench at Hexham

Ind Ed.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved Plan of the Township of Hexham for the Purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Hexham for Public information

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No 52/91
5th March
1852

Forwarding return of Lands recommended to be withdrawn from Sale at Melbourne on 18th March 1852

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Return of lands advertised for Sale at Melbourne on the 18 Instant on which are Homesteads and Improvements belonging to certain Lessees who have applied to purchase under the regulations of 8th Decr 1851 and under these circumstances beg to recommend their withdrawal from Sale

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No 52/92
5 March
1852

Forwarding copy of approved Plan of the Township of Caramut for transmission to Police Bench at Hexham

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved Plan of the Township of Caramut for the purpose of being transmitted to Police Bench at Hexham for Public information

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No 52/93
6 March 1852

Applying for authority for the payment of certain wages to two Men of Mr Assistant Surveyor Skene's field party with one enclosure

Sir

I have the honor to forward the copy of a letter received from Mr Assistant Surveyor Skene relative to two men of his old Party who engaged to remain upon the understanding that they should receive the same rate of wages as paid to the fresh men engaged by Mr Skene to complete his party viz five Shillings per diem each I therefore beg to request you will obtain the Sanction of His Excellency to the men named in the Margin receiving the above rate of wages for the Period of six weeks from the first ultimo

Peter Riley
Bullock driver
Joseph Thomas
Labarer

Incd E.I.

No 52/94
6 Mar 52

Forwarding copy of approved Plan of the Township of Carngham for transmission to Police Bench at Chepstow.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved Plan of the Township of Carngham for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Chepstow for Public information.

Signed / R. H.

No 52/95
6 March 1852

With reference to the employment by the Govt of the Teams of Messrs Wedge and Barnett. Assistant Surveyors.

Sir

I would beg to remark that the Equipment is the property of the Assistant Surveyor. and in the event of the Teams being employed by the Government Messrs Wedge and Barnett might make the absence of them an excuse for nonperformance of their duties in the field.

No 52/95A
6 March 1852

Forwarding certain correspondence relative to Messrs Wedge and Barnett.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 5th Instant No 52/108 B annexing a copy of a letter which has been addressed to Mr Crown Commissioner Smyth relative to the disposal of the drays &c in charge of the Asst Surveyors who are under his supervision,

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's information the copy of certain correspondence which has lately taken place respecting the Assistant Surveyors in the Murray District, from which His Excy will perceive that the Crown Commissioner declines to be the medium of communication to Messrs Wedge and Barnett.

Signed / R. H.

52/96
8 March
1852

Incd E.I.

Forwarding for His Excy's approval schedules of Town, Suburban & Country Lands recommended for sale at Portland

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Returns of Town Suburban & Country Lands in the Portland Bay District applied for by persons desirous to purchase, and beg to recommend that the several lots may be put up to auction at Portland on an early date.

Signed / R.H.

52/97
9 March
1852

Forwarding a Tracing of the Mount Alexander and Loddon Country.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a tracing of the surveyed portions of the Mount Alexander and Loddon Country and to state that a Plan of the same will be forwarded to you in the course of a few days.

Signed / R.H.

52/98
8 March
1852

Bullock Driver James Bredon
do £55 per annum with 7/- per day £71.10
Hut Keeper John Jefferson do £71.10.-
& 7/- per diem John Holt £50 per ann £68.10.-
Laborer Samuel Howlet do £68.10.-
do James Mitchell do £68.10.-
do Richard Fanning do £68.10.-

Ind Ed.

Requesting authority for the payment of Wages to men of Mr Asst Surveyor White's Field Party.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the men comprising Mr Asst Surveyor White's party employed in the Survey of the Mallee Scrub have been engaged by the above officer from the 1st January last at the same rate of wages they were receiving during the preceding three months as stated in the margin and beg you will have the goodness to obtain the necessary authority from His Excellency for the payment of the same at the Colonial Treasury.

Signed R.H.

52/99
8 March
1852

Forwarding copy of approved plan of Township of Woolsthorpe for transmission to Police Bench at Warrnambool.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of the appd plan of the Township of Woolsthorpe for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Warrnambool for public information.

Signed / R.H.

52/100
10 March
1852

Forwarding plan of certain Parish Roads marked by Mr Assistant Surveyor Foot for the purpose of Proclamation.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a plan with descriptions of the following Parish Roads marked by Mr Assistant Surveyor Foot viz-

No 1 Road extending from V.R. of Broadmeadows, Parish of Will Will Rook easterly to the Upper Plenty Road in the Parish of Keelbundora.

No 2 Wollert Road

No 3 Road connecting the Parishes of Wollert Yuroke, and Bulla Bulla by a continuation of the Road from the Deep Creek eastward.

and request you will cause the same to be brought under the notice of His Excellency and the Executive Council in order that the necessary notice of Proclamation may appear in the Government Gazette.

Signed R.H.

52/101
10 March
1852

Portions 31 & 32
Moorabbin

Ind Ed.

Recommending the withdrawal of Lot 49 and 50 from sale of 18 March 1852.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the copy of a communication received from Mr Asst Surveyor Foote relative to two portions advertised for sale on the 18th Instant as Lot 49 & 50 and beg to recommend that they be withdrawn from sale to allow the southern boundaries to be remarked.

Signed / R.H.

52/102
12 March 1852

Relative to the employment by the Government of the Bullock Team of Mess^rs Wedge & Barnett with one enclosure.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the copy of a communication received from M^r Ass^t Surveyor Wedge informing me that his Team of Bullocks and dray in company with M^r Barnett will start from Benalla for Melbourne probably on the 10^th Instant, for the purpose of assisting in the carriage of Government Stores to Mount Alexander

Signed / R. H.

52/103
12 March 1852

Forwarding Monthly report of Surveyor General's Department for Feby 1852.

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Monthly report of this Department for February 1852.

Signed / R. H.

52/104
12 March 1852

Respecting the holding of Land Sales at Kilmore

Sir

With reference to the Petition of certain residents at Kilmore respecting the holding of future Land Sales at that Township and His Excellency's minute thereon of the 5^th Instant, I have the honor to state that I consider where there is a large extent of agricultural land surveyed it would be no doubt desirable that the sale should take place at the nearest Police Bench the Clerk of Petty Sessions acting as Auctioneer –

At present there are only Town Lots measured at Kilmore, I see no reason therefore to change the place of sale, unless the land to the S E of the Township which has been so repeatedly applied for is measured and thrown into the market

Signed / R. H.

Ind Ed.

52/105
13 March
1852.

Requesting authority for payment of Wages to Benj^n Roberts of M^r Ass Surveyor Clarke's party.

Sir

With reference to my letter dated 11^th Ultimo No 52/50 respecting the re-engagement of men by M^r Ass Surveyor Clarke, I beg to state that the name of Benjamin Roberts who was employed as labourer from the 1^st to 23^rd January last at the rate of £50 per Annum was inadvertently omitted. I now beg you will have the goodness

Peter Tooley

to obtain the sanction of His Excellency to the above payment in order that the man named in the margin who succeeded him may receive the same rate of Wages.

Signed / R. H.

52/106
18 March
1852

Forwarding copy of approved plan of Township of Streatham for transmission to Police Bench at Chepstowe

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Streatham for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Chepstowe for public information

Signed / R. H.

52/107
19 March
1852.

Respecting the marking agricultural Farms round Euroa with 2 Enclosures.

Sir,

His Excellency having requested that the General Survey of the Murray District should be discontinued, and the Assistant Surveyors (Mess^rs Wedge & Barnett) employed in marking out Town and cultivation allotment for sale, I communicated the same to M^r Crown Commissioner Smyth who directed M^r Barnett to proceed to Euroa, a Town on the Sydney line of Road and lay off portions for sale.–

It appears by a letter received from M^r Barnett

this

Ind Ed.

morning that Mr Furlinge considers the instructions contrary to the order in Council, and that the above Surveyor while so occupied is a trespasser on his run, I therefore request you will have the goodness to bring the same under the notice of His Excellency. Signd/ R. H.

52/108
19 March 1852

Forwarding copy of approved plan of Township of Ballarat for transmission to Police Bench at Buninyong.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Ballaarat for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Buninyong for public information.

Signd/ R.H.

52/109
19 March
1852.

Forwarding plan of part of the Coleban and Loddon Rivers with the tributaries &c for Public information.

Sir,

I beg to enclose a plan of part of the Coleban and Loddon Rivers with their tributaries also the country about Mount Alexander for the purpose of being forwarded to the Crown Commissioner for public information.

Signd/ R.H.

52/110
20 March
1852

Respecting the pay of Mr Russell's men from 1st to 9th Jany last and the delay attending Mr Urquhart's departure for Mount Alexander

Sir,

With reference to the minute of His Excellency on my letter of the 24th Inst: No 52/79, respecting the pay of Mr Russell's men from 1 to 9 January last and the delay attending the departure of Mr Urquhart's surveying party for Mt Alexander I beg leave to state that Mr Russell retained the men

at

Insd E.J.

the same rate of pay only until his arrival in Melbourne when they were at once discharged -

With regard to Mr Urquhart; he having only one man left of his party returned to Melbourne on the 16 February for the purpose of obtaining another party and renewing his Equipment - (being absent on Survey since April 1850) and again started with his party on the 15th Instant for Mount Alexander.

I would also beg to add that excepting the time of Mr Urquhart's illness, he was daily in attendance at this office, preparing Tracings &c for his guidance in determining the best line of Road to Mount Alexander, and his future surveys, and shewed every desire to expedite his departure for Melbourne.

Signd/ R.H.

52/111
22 March
1852

The Surveyor General to the Colonial Secretary notifying that the services of Mr John James Duncan as an Extra Clerk have been dispensed with.

Sir

I have the honor to report to you for the information of His Excellency that Mr John James Duncan (an extra Clerk attached to this Departmt) having absented himself from his duties from the 11th to the 20th Instant without showing sufficient cause for the same, I have deemed it my duty to dispense with his services from the 11th Instant. Signd/ R.H.

52/112
22 March
1852

With reference to the appointment as Extra Clerks of Messrs Wilmot and Long.

Sir

I beg to recommend to His Excellency the appointments as Extra Clerks attached to this Department of Mr Luke Byam Wilmot from the 6th and Mr William Long from the 11th Instants in

Insd E.J.

succession to Messrs Buckley and Anslow resigned
Signed / R.H.

52/113
23 March
1852

With reference to a Petition addressed to His Excellency by Mr A.M. Ross.

Sir

With reference to the Petition addressed to His Excellency by Mr A M Ross dated 3rd instant and to the minute of His Excellency thereon, I have the honor to state that from the representation made by Mr Ross to me of his experience as a Surveyor I had no hesitation in recommending him for employment in this Department.

It so happened that Mr Urquhart was in Melbourne at this time (October 1850) and I therefore placed Mr Ross under that Officer in order that his qualifications might be tested, and from the verbal report made by Mr Urquhart of Mr Ross' incompetency I declined his services in the field. Had I been in want of a Draftsman I could not have employed him as he was not used to the style of Drawing required in this Office.

With regard to the circumferenter that Mr Ross purchased I offered to take it off his hands, so that he should not be put to any expense but he objected to sell it.

Signed / R. H.

52/114
24 March
1852

Forwarding tracing of Mount Alexander and Ballaarat Gold Fields.

Sir,

In accordance with the request of His Excellency I have the honor to forward a tracing of the Mount Alexander and Ballaarat Gold Fields.

Signed / R.H.

Insd E.J.

52/117
24 March
1852.

Forwarding plans of the lands to be sold at Geelong on the 14th & 15th proximo for transmission to Police Bench

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the following plans of the Lands advertised to be sold at Geelong on the 14th and 15th Proximo..

Colac & suburbs
Teesdale & suburbs
Buninyong & suburbs
Skipton
Cressy & suburbs
Birregurra
Darrawit &
Wabdallah

and request you will have the goodness to cause the same to be transmitted to the Police Bench at Geelong for public information.

I beg to state that the Maps of Portarlington Winchelsea and Rothwell have been previously furnished.

Signed / R. H.

52/115
24 March
1852

Wm Jackson

With two Enclosures.

Respecting the further engagement of the Bullock Driver attached to Mr Assistant Surveyor Wedge

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your information the copy of a letter received from Mr Asst Surveyor Wedge acquainting me that the engagement of the Bullock Driver sent in charge of his team to Melbourne expires on the 31 Instant. I also enclose a list of the Equipment forwarded by Mr Wedge for the use of the Government.

Signed R.H.

52/116
24 March
1852

Forwarding copy of approved plan of the Township of Chatsworth for transmission to Police Bench at Hexham

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Chatsworth for transmission to Police Bench at Hexham.

Signed R.H.

Insd E.J.

No 52/117
24 March
1852

Forwarding plans of the lands to be sold at Geelong on 14th & 15th April 1852.

Sir

I have the honor to forward plans of the lands to be sold at Geelong on the 14 and 15th Proximo, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench for Public information - viz -

Colac and Suburbans
Cressy and Suburbans
Buninyong and Suburbans
Skipton
Birregurra
Darrawit & Wabdallah

The other plans of the lands for sale are already at the Police Office at Geelong.

Signed / R.H.

how comes this
twice
entered

No 52/118
25 March
1852.

Respecting Mr Dawson's return to Head Quarters from Gipps Land.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the copy of a letter received from Mr Asst Surveyor Dawson reporting his inability to procure men in Gipps Land, and his return to Head Quarters for instructions as to his future movements, leaving his Equipment at Flooding Creek.

I beg to state that since his arrival in Melbourne he has been employed at this Office as Draftsman

Signed / R.H.

No 52/119
26 Mar
1852.

Forwarding descriptions of land to be sold at Portland with the necessary forms of Proclamation

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the descriptions of the Town Suburban and Country Lands to be sold by Auction at Portland, together with the necessary forms of Proclamation, and to state that the Plans required for public information will be ready for transmission in the course of a few days

Sd / R.H.

Ind E.I.

No 52/120
~~26 Mar~~
2nd April
1852

Forwarding a copy of approved plan of the Township of Pitfield for transmission to Police Bench at Chepstowe.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Pitfield for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Chepstowe for public information.

Signed / R.H.

No 52/121
2 April
1852

Requesting that the acknowledged services of Mr Assistant Surveyor White may be brought under the favorable consideration of His Excellency - with two Inclosures.

Sir,

I beg to forward the copy of a letter I received from Mr Asst Surveyor White dated 1st Ultimo referring to a communication which he addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the 29 April last requesting that some remuneration may be granted him by the Govt for the arduous duties performed in the Survey of the South Australian Boundary line and also towards the unforeseen expenses that he had been subjected to, and request as the Equipment has been now valued and the above Survey brought to a close that you will have the goodness to bring the valuable services of Mr White under the favorable consideration of His Excellency, and trust that His Excellency will be pleased to sanction the payment of such an amount to Mr White in the form of a gratuity as will in some measure compensate that Officer for the great privations endured and the expenses incurred while prosecuting the Survey of the South Australian Boundary line.

Signed / R.H.

Ind E.I.

No 52/122
2nd April
1852.

Respecting the disposal of the Equipment used in the marking of the South Australian Boundary Line – with three enclosures.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the copy of a letter received from Mr. Assistant Surveyor White forwarding the Return and valuation of the several articles forming the Equipment used in marking the Boundary line between the Province of South Australia and that of Victoria, also a List of Articles forming a portion of the Equipment expended since the 1st May 1849.

As I expect Mr. White with the Equipment and Surveying party will arrive at Melbourne in the course of a few days I request you will have the goodness to ascertain the manner His Excellency would deem it most advisable to dispose of the Equipment, as the Horses Bullocks and a great portion of the Equipment would at the present time realise by Auction a considerable sum.

S/ R. H.

No 52/123
2 April
1852

Respecting Mr. White's being allowed to repurchase a Grey horse from the Government.

Sir,

I beg to forward the copy of a letter received from Mr. Assistant Surveyor White requesting to be allowed to purchase from the Government a Grey Horse formerly his property, and request you will have the goodness to lay the same before His Excellency for consideration.

S/ R. H.

No 52/124
2 April
1852

Ind^d E.I.

Respecting the employment of Mr. Barnett's team by the Government.

Sir

With reference to Mr. Barnett's letter of the 14th. Ultimo respecting the employment of

his Dray and Bullocks in the Service of the Govt. at Mount Alexander and the compensation he expects not only for their use, but also any losses that might occur I beg leave to remark that had you been aware of the Teams being the private property of Messrs. Barnett and Wedge I am quite certain such instructions would not have been forwarded to Mr. Crown Commissioner Smythe, but as the matter now stands the Govt. must allow such compensation to the above Surveyors for the services performed by their teams as may be considered fair and just.

With regard to the purchase of Six bullocks and a Tarpaulin I cannot understand why this expense was incurred, as Mr. Barnett states to me in his letter of the 24 Ultimo dated from Winding Creek (copy of which I enclose) "that he was now on the road to Avenal "to mark out farms and that his Dray would "leave the latter place on Friday Morning (26th) "for Melbourne, and has been hitherto detained "by the low condition of his bullocks and the "great difficulty of obtaining others now obviated"

I beg to say that I have not yet heard of the arrival of the Dray in question.

Signed/ R. H.

No 52/125
5 April
1852.

Ind^d E.I.

Forwarding plan of Williams Town for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at that Township.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a plan of Williams Town shewing the Reserves approved of by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at that Township.

Signed/ R. H.

No 52/126
5th April
1852

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Recommending Mr. Draftsman Hodgkinson as an Asst. Surveyor.

Sir,

~~I have the honor to forward a plan of Williams Town shewing the Reserves approved of by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench for their guidance and information~~

~~Signed / R.H.~~

I have the honor to forward a letter I received from Mr. Draftsman Hodgkinson on Saturday last, and I request you will have the goodness to bring the same under the notice of His Excellency.

I have no doubt Mr. Hodgkinson is very competent as a Surveyor and Engineer and would beg leave to recommend for His Excellency's approval that he be promoted to the rank of Asst. Surveyor with the usual salary and equipment allowance and be employed in this neighbourhood after he has completed the Survey of the Team Road from the 5 Mile Creek to Melbourne.

Signed / R.H.

No 52/127
6th April
1852

Respecting the Boundaries between Messrs. Webster and Adams.

Sir,

I beg to enclose a tracing from Mr. Hurst's Survey of the boundary lines between the runs of Messrs. Webster & Adams, now Dunlop and to observe that as it appears from Mr. Crown Commissioner Gray's letter of the 27th Ultimo to have been a dispute respecting the division of a Run I do not think the Government should have interfered - but as it has been before the Caveat Commissioner and decided by him - it would have been better had that Officer seen the lines on the ground

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before he came to a decision that deprives a licensee of his homestead and valuable improvements. The correspondence I herewith return.

Signed / R.H.

No 52/128 A
7th April
1852

Forwarding the Report of the Department for the month of March 1852.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Report of my Department for the last month for the information of His Excellency.

Signed / R.H.

No 52/129
14th April
1852

Forwarding Plans of lands for sale at Portland on the 19th and 20th May 1852.

Sir

I have the honor to forward the following plans of lands advertised to be sold by Auction at Portland on the 19th & 20th proximo, and request they may be transmitted to the Police Bench for public information with as little delay as possible.

Viz.

Dunkeld and Suburbans
Coleraine and Suburbans
Warrnambool Suburbans
Parish of Koroit

Signed / R.H.

No 52/130
15th April
1852

Forwarding plan of the Township of Belvoir for transmission to the Police Bench at Wangaratta.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Belvoir at the Wodonga Creek on the main Sydney road, and request it may be transmitted to the Police Bench at Wangaratta.

Signed / R.H.

Ind E.I.

No 52/128 B
10 April
1852.

Respecting provisions purchased by Mr Asst Surv: Watson at Port Fairy, with one enclosure.

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose the copy of a letter received from Mr Asst Surveyor Watson acquainting me that he had been under the necessity of purchasing two months provisions from Messrs W Rutledge & Co which I hope may meet with His Excellency's approval, there being no contract entered into for supplies in the Port Fairy District

Sd/ R.H.

No 52/131
15 April
1852

Forwarding plan of the Township of Pitfield for transmission to Police Bench at Buninyong.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Pitfield, at the Woady Yaloak on the main road from Geelong to the Grange, for the purpose of being transmitted to the nearest Police Bench - viz. Buninyong. for public information

Signed/ R.H.

No 52/132
15 April
1852

Forwarding design for a Village on the road from Keilor to Bacchus' Marsh for approval.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a design for a Village at the Toolam Toolern Creek on the road from Keilor to Bacchus' Marsh, and request you will cause the same to be laid before His Excellency and the Executive Council for approval

Signed/ R.H.

No 52/133
15 April
1852

Forwarding design for a Township in the Gipps Land District for approval.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a design for a Township in the Gipps Land District at the River Avon on the road from Alberton to the Yarra and known by the Settlers as Stratford and request you will have the goodness to cause the above design to be laid before His Excellency and the Executive Council for approval.

Signed/ R.H.

Indd. Ed.

No 52/134
15 April
1852

Requesting that the pay of Mr Clarke's party may be increased. with one enclosure.

Sir,

I beg leave to forward the copy of a letter received from Mr Asst Surveyor Clarke, explaining the reason the pay of his men was increased to the same rate as Mr Surveyor Wade's. viz. £64.10/- per annum each, and request you will have the goodness to obtain the approval of His Excellency to the men of Mr Clarke's party receiving the above rate of pay from the 1st Ultimo - I expect Mr Clarke will finish his present Survey about the middle of next month.

Sd/ R.H.

No 52/135
16 April
1852

10d Aug: 51.

Recommending Mr Draftsman Hurst to be promoted to the rank of Asst Surveyor with one Enclosure.

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed letter received from Mr Draftsman Hurst I have the honor to state that since his appointment as Draftsman in the Field, he has been employed in measuring lands and boundaries of runs, and is at present employed sub-dividing the lands known as the "Pentland Hills" in the parish of Korkuperrimul - I therefore beg to recommend to His Excellency that Mr Hurst be promoted to the rank of Asst Surveyor with the usual Salary.

Signed/ R.H.

No 52/136
20 April
1852

Respecting the improvements on portion 21 Bolwarra be valued and added to upset price.

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that portion 21 in the parish of Bolwarra, containing 88 acres, is advertised for sale at Portland on the 19th proximo

as

Indd. Ed.

Lot 14 and as the Melting Establishments of Mr Stephen George Henty is on the above portion, I therefore suggest that the improvements be valued in the usual manner and added to the upset price, in accordance with the recommendation of the Land Board.

Signed/ R.Hd.

No 52/157
22 April
1852

Respecting the regulations regarding the issue of Leases within the Settled Districts.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant No 52/44 and to inform you that the Leases for Lands within the Settled Districts under the Regulations of the 29 March 1848 were very much in arrear, owing to the difficulty experienced in getting a competent person to succeed Mr Fletcher who resigned on the 1st January last but the whole of the leases are now ready for issue and I would suggest that a notice be inserted in the Government Gazette to that effect.

Signed R.Hd.

No 52/158 A
23 April
1852

Forwarding Return of Surveying and Drawing instruments required for the Department.

Sir,

In accordance with your request I beg to forward a Return of Surveying and Drawing Instruments required for the use of my Department, to be procured in London.

Sd/ R.Hd.

No 52/158 B
23 April
1852

Respecting the appointment held by Mr Edward Innes.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Instant, No 52/48, with reference to

Incl. E.I.

the communication received by me from Mr Innes on the subject of his appointment. In reply, I beg to remark that Mr Innes' letter was not upon a question of Salary, but simply an enquiry as to whether the Appointment conferred upon him, was that of a "3rd Class Clerk", or an "Extra Clerk" with a 3rd Class Clerk's pay.

Mr Innes contends, and I think very justly, that it was a 3rd Class Clerkship he received; and he complains of his being entered upon the Pay Abstracts of the Department as an Extra Clerk; giving as his reason for so doing, that his being thus styled may interfere with his obtaining at a future time an increase of pay for length of Service.

As the matter is one of some moment to Mr Innes, I have now the honor to request that you will be so good as bring the correspondence under the notice of His Excellency for his decision.

I beg to enclose a copy of the authority under which Mr Innes was appointed.

Signed/ R.Hd.

No 52/159
23 April
1852

Recommending the employment of Mr Joseph MacDermott as Extra Clerk.

Sir,

In recommending for His Excellency's Approval the appointment of Mr Joseph MacDermott, as an Extra Clerk in this Office at the usual rate of pay viz. 5/. per diem with the authorized increase I beg to state that Mr MacDermott was a Clerk in the Office of the Registrar General at Adelaide for 15 Months but his services were dispensed with by the Government in consequence of the decrease in the Revenue of South Australia.

Signed/ R.Hd.

Incl. E.I.

No 52/140
23 April
1852.

Respecting the wages of Mr. Hodgkinson's Surveying Party with one Enclosure.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 5th Inst. B52/42 directing me to instruct Mr. Asst Surveyor Hodgkinson to proceed with as little delay as possible to survey and determine the best line for the construction of a Tram road from the Five Mile Creek to Melbourne. I have the honor to enclose the copy of a letter received this morning from Mr Hodgkinson shewing the difficulty he has experienced in procuring a Surveying party the lowest rate of pay at which men will engage being £8 per month with rations and request you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency to the above rate of Wages being given to enable the Survey to be at once commenced

Sd/ R.H.

No 52/141
23rd April
1852

Forwarding Schedules of Town Suburban and Country lands recommended for sale at Melbourne.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Schedules of Town Suburban and Country lands applied for by persons desirous to purchase and now recommended for sale by auction at Melbourne

Signed / R.H.

No 52/142
23 April
1852.

Requesting authority for payment of Wages to William Grant of Mr. Dawson's party.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will obtain the sanction of His Excellency to the payment of Wages to William Grant of Mr. Asst Surveyor Dawson's party from 1st January to the 10th March last at the rate of £64.10/ per annum that being the rate of pay (with 2/ per diem increase) received by the above man for the previous three months S/R.H.

Indd E.I.

No 52/144
24 April
1852

Forwarding Estimate of the probable Expenditure of the Survey Department for the Year 1853.

Sir

In accordance with your Circular No 14 dated 3rd instant I have the honor to forward an Estimate of the probable expenditure of my Department for the Year 1853.

2. In forwarding this Estimate the utmost care has been taken to insert only what is indispensably necessary.

3. With regard to the Establishment I have estimated for nearly the same number of Asst Surveyors as the great demand for Land by the public & the necessity of measuring the lands applied for under the orders in Council by Licensees in the intermediate and unsettled districts will give full employment to. The increased duties in the Office will not allow me to recommend any reduction in the number of Clerks.

4. With regard to the Salaries of the Officers I have been guided by the immense advance in House rent Fuel, Provisions, and Clothing, and even at the rates mentioned I am doubtful if they will be sufficient to meet the increasing prices.

5. The allowance in lieu of Equipment I have estimated for at £150 per Annum the present prices ranging from 50 to 100 per Cent higher.

6. The present Offices rented by the Government are well adapted for the purpose and in good repair.

7. Great inconvenience has been experienced by the Department by the want of Tables, Presses and other Furniture owing I believe to the great difficulty of finding parties willing to take contract work.

8 In the Items for Provisions and Forage a considerable advance may be expected.

Indd E.I.

9 I should recommend that the Surveying and Drawing Instruments be purchased in London it being impossible to get them good here.

Signd / R.H.

No 52/145
27 April
1852

Transmitting Mr Urquhart's report respecting Mr A. M. Ross.

Sir,

With reference to the petition of Mr A. M. Ross and His Excellency's minute thereon of the 23rd Ultimo, requesting Mr Urquhart would report in what particular he adjudged the Services of Mr Ross in the field to be inefficient. I have now the honor to forward the copy of the report in question for the information of His Excellency.

Sd/ R.H.

No 52/146
28 April
1852.

Transmitting Summary of the duties performed by Mr Asst Surveyor White in connection with the Survey of the South Australian Boundary Line.

Sir,

In accordance with the request contained in your letter dated 8th Instant B 52/45 I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's information a Summary of the duties performed by Mr Asst Surveyor White from the month of May 1849 to March 1851 in connection with the Survey of the South Australian Boundary Line.

Signd / R.H.

No 52/147
3 May
1852.

Forwarding design for a Township at the Yarrowee River near Ormond's Inn for approval

Sir

I have the honor to forward a design for a Township at the Bridge over the Yarrowee River near Ormond's Inn, and request you will cause it to be laid before His Excellency and the Executive Council for Approval.

Sd/ R.H.

Incl E.L.

No 52/148
3rd May
1852

Forwarding design for a Township at Karoock-arue Creek on the main line of road from Geelong to the Fiery Creek.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a design for a Township at the Kuroockarue Creek, on the main line of road from Geelong to the Fiery Creek, and request you will have the goodness to cause the same to be laid before His Excellency and the Executive Council for approval.

Signd / R.H.

No 52/149
4 May
1852

Forwarding the Report of the Department for the month of April 1852.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Report of my Department for the last month for the information of His Excellency.

Signd / R.H.

No 52/150
6 May
1852

Forwarding List of Lands open to selection

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a List of Lands which can be selected under the 12th clause of the Act of Parliament 5 & 6 Victoria Chap: 56 on payment at the Colonial Treasury of the price affixed to each lot respectively, and request you will have the goodness to cause the same to be published in the Govt. Gazette for public information.

Signd / R.H.

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No 52/151
10 May
1852

Forwarding Mr Hodgkinson's report of the Survey of proposed Tram Way from Melbourne to the Five Mile Creek.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of Mr Hodgkinson's report to me of his progress in the Survey of the proposed Tram Way from Melbourne to the Five Mile Creek, for the information of His Excellency.

Signed / R.H.

No 52/152
10 May
1852

Forwarding a letter addressed to His Excellency by Mr Edward Innes.

Sir

I have the honor to forward to you a letter addressed to the Lieutenant Governor by Mr Innes, a Clerk in my Department, and request that you will be so good as to lay the same before His Excellency.

Signed / R.H.

~~No 52/153~~
~~1 May~~
~~1852~~

~~Recommending Mr J. E. Watkinson, Extra Clerk, being placed on the Establishment.~~

~~Sir,~~

~~I have the honor to state that Mr J. E. Watkinson has been in my Department as Extra Clerk from the 12th January last, and beg to enclose the necessary Certificate as pointed out in the Regulations of 30th October last to enable him to be placed on the Establishment.~~

~~Signed / R.H.~~

No 52/154
10 May
1852

Forwarding in Duplicate certain Land Returns as requested by letter No 51/70 of 27 November 1851.

Sir,

In accordance with the request contained in your letter No 51/70 dated 27th November last I have the honor to forward in duplicate the following Returns shewing.

1. The Total quantity of land alienated from the Crown in this Colony from the foundation of the Colony to the 1st July 1851.

2. The quantity of land sold by Public Auction and the quantity of land alienated by private sale.

3. The Annual Number of Public Sales of Crown Land - the date of each Proclamation of Sale, the number of Acres withdrawn by the Crown, and the quantity for which no offer has been made at Auction.

4. A return under the heads of Town Suburban and Country of the quantity of the Waste Lands Surveyed but not alienated and the County where such lands are situate.

5. Return of land alienated under pre-emptive right.

6. Return of lands applied for but not yet granted.

7. Return of lands applied for but refused.

8. Return of lands applied for and valued but refused by Applicant.

Signed / R.H.

No 52/155
12 May
1852

Recommending certain Temporary Assistant Surveyors to be placed on the Establishment.

Sir,

As I consider it very desirable that the Temporary Assistant Surveyors who have merited the approbation of the Government in the discharge of their various duties should be placed on a proper footing in the Department. I beg leave to recommend for the approval of His Excellency that the following Officers be placed on the Establishment to take effect from the 1st January last.

viz

Lindsay Clarke	appointed	9th August 1848.
Alex: John Skene	〃	11th October 1848.
Henry B Foot	〃	17th May 1849

Signed / R.H.

No 52/156
12 May
1852

Reporting upon Mr Ross' qualifications as a Draftsman

Sir,

In accordance with your request that I should report upon Mr Ross' work during the month of trial allowed to him as Draftsman in this Office. I have the honor to state that Mr Ross has been employed from the 15th Ultimo in copying plans. that his drawing is very fair but he is extremely slow.

Signed R. H.

No 52/157
12 May
1852

Enquiring if the Asst. Surveyors are exempt from Puntage Fees when on duty, with one enclosure.

Sir

As several of the Assistant Surveyors have complained of their having to pay Puntage Fees in crossing with their Teams at the Salt Water River near the Race Course, and the Goulburn River at Seymour, when on duty. I beg you will have the goodness to inform me whether the Officers in my Department can claim exemption by the Act of Council 2 Will: IV. No 12 Section VIII, and if so how they are to act in future if compelled to pay the charges demanded.

Signed / R. H.

No 52/158.
17. May.
1852.

Forwarding enlarged plans of the subdivision of the General Cemetery at Melbourne. for the information of the Trustees.—

Sir

I have the honor to forward enlarged Plans of the subdivisions of the new General Cemetery at Melbourne. for the information of the Trustees. (Signed) R. H.

No 52/159.
18. May.
1852.

Forwarding the resignation of Mr Edward Innes. a clerk. in the Surveyor Generals Department.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for His Excellencys information. a letter containing the resignation of Mr Innes a Clerk in this Department— (Signed) R. H.

No 52/160
18. May
1852.

Forwarding Copy of approved plan of the Village of Melton for transmission to Police Bench at Bacchus Marsh—

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the village of Melton. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Bacchus Marsh. for Public information. (signed) R. H.

No 52/161—
18. May.
1852

Forwarding Copy of the approved plan of the Township of Stratford. for transmission to Police Bench at Flooding Creek

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Stratford. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Flooding Creek. for Public information. (Sd) R. H.

No 52/162
21st May.
1852

Reporting on the work left incomplete by Mr G. D. Smythe—

Sir

With reference to His Excellencys minute on Mr G. D. Smythes journals. in which is expressed a wish to have the Dividing Range. and its spurs. the Bogong Mountains and Buffalo Ranges included. well laid down. I am very anxious to have it surveyed but I fear. under existing circumstances that it would be hopeless. to expect Mr G. D. Smythe. to go on with the Survey. The portion of the coast left incomplete. by Mr G. D. Smythe. is at a point Easterly from Snowy River. called Sydenham Inlet. towards a Bay near Cape Howe. is fifty miles. (Signed). R. H.—

No 52/163
25th May
1852

2. letters enclosed

Respecting allowance to Messrs Wade & Clark. in lieu of forage for their private horses. with two enclosures.

Sir

I have the honor to state that Messrs Wade & Clarke have been unable to draw any forage for their private horses. since 1st January last. owing to there being no contractor for Portland and County of

Normanby. and request you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's Sanction to the above officers being permitted under the circumstances an allowance in lieu of forage from the 1st January to 31st Instant.

I shall direct Mr. Wade. to ascertain the lowest price per ration at which forage can be obtained at Portland from 1st proximo. and shall bring the subject under your notice in due course. (Sd) R. H.

No. 52/164
26. May
1852

Requesting authority for payment of wages to Mr. W. Urquhart's Survey party.

Sir

I beg to forward a letter from Mr. Assistant Surveyor Urquhart. respecting the reengagement for one month from the 1st proximo of the men composing his Surveying party. viz. the Bullock driver at £10-10-0 and four laborers at £9-9-0. each.

As the above appears to be the lowest rate of wages. at which men can be engaged. at the Gold fields I beg you will have the goodness to obtain the authority of His Excellency to the wages being paid as stated for the month of June (Sd) R. H.

No. 52/165.
26. May
1852.

Recommending the appointment of Mr. E. J. Agg as extra Clerk in Surveyor Genl's office. vice J. Buckley resigned

Sir

I beg to recommend for the approval of His Excellency the appointment of Mr. Edward James Agg. as extra Clerk in this Office. (in place of John Buckley resigned at the usual rate of salary of 5/- per diem. from the 1st Instant inclusive) (Sd) R. H.

No. 52/166.
31st May
1852.

Relative to Mr. E. J. Watkinson's classification

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th Instant respecting Mr. E. J. Watkinson's application to be promoted to the rank of third class Clerk. In compliance with His Excellency's wishes

I beg to state that he is a good and useful Clerk. and wish to be informed whether he is to receive the additional pay from the 12th of April last. he having come into my office as an Extra Clerk on the 12th of January last. (Signed) R. H.

No. 52/167.
31. May.
1852.

Forwarding Mr. Assistant Surveyor Watson's application to return to Melbourne.

Sir

I beg to enclose a letter from Mr. Assistant Surveyor Watson asking for permission to come to Melbourne will you have the goodness to cause the same to be laid before His Excellency. I am most anxious he should complete his Survey before his return. as I am much averse to Surveyors leaving their District — (Signed). R. H.

No. 52/168.
31st May
1852

Forwarding Returns 37 & 38.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 12th Instant No. 52/55. I have the honor to forward Returns. 37. and 38- (Signed) R. H.

No. 52/169
1st June
1852

Relative to dividing land into smaller lots —

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 29th ultimo. (B 52/65) I have the honor to inform you. that the lands now open for selection are not adapted for smaller lots. and that the additional expense of dividing requires consideration. I beg to observe that the Surveyors are instructed to divide into small portions when the land is suited for agricultural purposes. (Signed) R. H.

No. 52/170
1st June
1852

Relative to Mr. Assistant Surveyor Urquhart's progress in the neighbourhood of Mount Alexander.

Sir

In answer to your letter B. 52/67 of the 31st ultimo. I have the honor to inform you. that Mr.

Assistant Surveyor Urquhart has surveyed in the neighbourhood of Mount Alexander last April 52. miles 70. chains. and that he has also been engaged in examining Roads and plotting. (Signed) R. H.

No. 52/171. 2nd June 1852.

Forwarding report of Department for the month of May

Sir

I have the honor to forward the report of my Department. for the last month. for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. (Signed) R. H.

No. 52/172. 2nd June 1852

Recommending increase of pay. in accordance with Circular letter No. 19 –

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circular letter No. 19. relative to the Memorial praying for revision of rates of remuneration. now accorded to Clerks in the Government service and in reply – would beg respectfully to suggest that in order to carry on the business of the Department effectually His Excellency may be pleased to cause an immediate addition of 100. per cent. to be made to the salaries received by all officers in this Department. but more especially to those of the Juniors.

The unprecedented rise in every article of life induces me to strongly recommend this addition. (Signed) R. H.

No. 52/173 2nd June 1852.

Forwarding design for South Melbourne for approval.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a design for South Melbourne. and request you will cause it to be laid before His Excellency. for approval. and for the purpose of the streets being named. (Signed) R. H.

No. 52/174. 7th June 1852.

Forwarding Mr. Assistant Surveyor Watsons letter of the 22nd ultimo. —

Sir

I have the honor to forward Mr. Assistant Surveyor Watsons letter of the 22nd ultimo. for His Excellencys information. (Signed). R. H.

No. 52/175

Forwarding Mr. Assistant Surveyor Watsons letter of the 31st ultimo. —

Sir

I have the honor to forward Mr. Assistant Surveyor Watsons letter of the 31st ultimo. and beg to state. that if it be His Excellencys intention. that Land sales should be held at Belfast. I think it would be advisable to have an office at Belfast. and to engage a Gentleman. capable of performing the duties of Draftsman and Clerk. (Signed). R. H.

No. 52/176. 7th June.

Forwarding Mr. Wilkinsons letter —

Sir

I have the honor to transmit for the information of His Excellency. a letter received by me from Mr. Wilkinson. Contract Surveyor. who. I beg to state. has performed his duty to my satisfaction. I much regret that he is compelled from circumstances. to discontinue the Contract Surveys. nor can I see how he can perform public duty. more advantageously. upon a fixed salary. I should be very glad to see him employed. good roads are much needed. and will no doubt furnish some employment for Surveyors. at a future date. I need not state. that a good line of road to Gipps Land is much — wanted — (Signed). R. H.

No. 52/177
8th June
1852

With reference to forming a Board to inspect the equipment at present in charge of Mr. Assistant Surveyor White —

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 12th ultimo I have the honor to inform you that I have been unable to form a Board with the Gentlemen named to inspect the equipment at present in charge of Mr. Assistant Surveyor White. Mr. Wright not being able to attend at the same time: as the Colonial Architect. Mr. Assistant Surveyor White remains in charge of the Paddock. until a Board can be formed. (signed) R. H.

No. 52/178.
8th June
1852

Forwarding Mr. Assistant Surveyor Urquharts letter of the 5th Instant —

Sir

I have the honor to forward. for His Excellency's information. Mr. Assistant Surveyor Urquhart's letter of the 5th Instant. (signed). R. H.

No. 52/179.
8th June
1852

Relative to appointing Mr. Murphy as Special Constable

Sir

In reference to your letter of the 3rd Instant. 52/68. relative to granting a gratuity to the Constable in charge of Survey Paddock. I have to request the favor of His Excellency to appoint Mr. Murphy late Sergeant of Police. as Special constable to Survey Paddock. it being absolutely necessary. in these unsettled times. to have a trustworthy man always there. (signed). R. H.

~~Relative to the salaries of the Clerks and other officers in Survey Department —~~

No. 52/180
9th June
1852

Relative to Mr. James Atkinsons claim to pre-emptive right

Sir

I have the honor to submit for His Excellency's information and decision. the following particulars connected with Mr. James Atkinsons claim to pre-emptive right —

The Land. in virtue of which. pre-emptive right was

claimed. is Unwin's Special Survey. containing 5120 acres.

The application was made by Mr. McLachlan on behalf of Mr. James Atkinson. and dated 21st October. 1851. The Regulations in Clause. 25. state that no application can be entertained after the 31st August. in the year preceding that. for which the desired leases will have effect. therefore it occurs to me that this claim is inadmissable. The Regulations require land under pre-emptive right to be adjacent to purchase. there is no unoccupied land adjoining Unwin's Special Survey and to get to the land applied for. purchased lands belonging to other parties would have to be crossed.

Mr. McLachlan states the reason of delay in sending in the application arose from information given him at the Survey office. that it could not be received. but which was afterwards found to be erroneous. and thus leading him to correspond with Mr. James Atkinson who was in Sydney. and that on that account. the delay in handing in the application would not affect Mr. James Atkinsons. claim — (Sd). R. H.

No. 52/181
10th June
1852.

Requesting to have the fencing on Section 25. parish of Darraweit Guim. valued. and added to the upset price.

Sir

I have the honor to request. that you will have the goodness. to have the fencing on Section 25. Parish of Darraweit Guim valued. and added to the upset price. it being proclaimed for sale on the 18th Instant. (Sd) R. H.

No. 52/182
10th June
1852.

Relative to the salaries of the Clerks. and other officers in the Survey Department —

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 9th Instant No. 52/2096. by which it would appear that I had mistaken the purport of Circular letter No. 19. and by which I am informed. that His Excellency merely wished to know. whether there were any Clerks in my Department whom from their long standing or efficiency. I should wish to be placed on a better footing than the present regulations permit.

I have the honor to state that the rates of salaries. which I proposed in my Estimate for next year I consider absolutely necessary. to take effect from the present time. in order to ensure the service of efficient officers for this Department. (Signed) R. H.

No 52/183
14th June
1852.

Date of requisitions sent to Colonial Architect
9th October. 1851
13th March. 1852
8th May. 1852

Relative to requisition for tables &c &c. —

Sir

I have the honor to request that the requisition for Tables. Presses. Stoves. &c &c. for the Plan. Draftsmans and Clerks rooms may be attended to forthwith. as the business of the Department is much impeded by not having the articles named. (sd) R. H.

No 52/184
15th June.
1852.

Returns enclosed

Forwarding certain returns relative to Land. Surveys &c.

Sir

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 12th ultimo No 52/33. I have the honor to forward the following returns for His Excellency's information.

1 A Return of Land reserved or purchased for Public use or granted without purchase. and miscellaneous information respecting Crown Lands for the past year.

2 A Return of Lands under lease within the settled Districts during the same period. and

3. A Return relative to Surveyors and Surveys (sd) R. H.

No 52/185.
16th June
1852

Respecting the intersection of Fitzroy Ward. with Public Streets.

Sir

With reference to the letter addressed to you. by the Mayor of Melbourne. dated the 7th Instant. forwarding the draft of a Bill. for the intersection of Fitzroy Ward with Public Streets. and referred to me. for my report.

I have the honor to state that. 1 In the draft of this Bill it is stated that the land comprised within the said Ward. and so requiring to be intersected with Public Streets. is wholly private property. I grant that in a few instances such may be the case. but when individuals have subdivided their land into small allotments. and sold them by the foot. with frontage to certain Streets as shewn in the plan. submitted to the Public. I cannot conceive that any compensation could be justly claimed. but this would be a matter for future consideration.

2. I observe that portion of two streets included in Schedule. A. have been already proclaimed in the New South Wales. Government Gazette. of the 25th Augt. 1846. viz—

	width of carriageway	width of footway	Total width
Brunswick St. at that time extending from Victoria Parade to Moor St.	42. feet	12. feet	66. feet.
Gertrude St. from Nicholson St to Young St.	42 "	12 "	66 "

An alteration will therefore have to be made in the schedule as to the extent proclaimed. I also consider the width of the Footways in all Streets of a chain wide. should not be less than 12. feet (signed) R. H.

No 52/186
16. June
1852.

Respecting the provisions purchased by Mr Surveyor Wade. for his field party. from 1st January to 30th April last.

Sir

There being no Contractor for Provisions or Forage. in the County of Normanby or the Portland Bay District. Mr Surveyor Wade has been compelled to purchase supplies. for the men composing his field party. from 1st Jany. to 30th April last. at Mr Beaths store at the Grange. I request you will have the goodness to obtain the approval of His Excellency. to the supplies being purchased under the above circumstances. (sd) R. H.

No. 52/187
16th June
1852.

Forwarding Copies of Correspondence between Mr. Skene Craig. Contractor. and Mr. Assistant Surveyor White. relative to Forage

Sir

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's information. relative to disputes about Forage. between Mr. Skene Craig. Contractor and Mr. Assistant Surveyor White— (sd) R. H.

No. 52/188
18th June
1852.

Forwarding Plan of Portland.

Sir

I have the honor to forward. for transmission to Portland a plan of the Town of Portland. shewing the Bay. with the Soundings— (sd) R. H.

No. 52/189
18th June
1852.

Forwarding Copy of approved plan of the Township of Rokewood. for transmission to Police Bench at Geelong—

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Rokewood. on the main road from Geelong to the Fiery Creek. at the crossing of the Kuruck a ruc Creek. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Geelong. for public information (sd) R. H.

No. 52/190
19 June
1852.

Respecting the survey of the boundaries of Mr. James Milne Wilson's Run

Sir

I beg to enclose an application from Mr. James Milne Wilson. to have the boundaries of his station known as Spring Hill and Richmond Plains. surveyed by Mr. William Malcolm. one of the licensed Boundary Surveyors.

As Mr. Malcolm. will be guided in the Survey by the decision of the Caveat Commissioner. I presume there will be no objection. to the Survey being proceeded with. Mr. Malcolm's services being remunerated by Mr. Wilson— (sd) R. H.

No. 52/191
21st June
1852.

Forwarding Report of a Board upon Mr. Assistant Surveyor White's equipment—

Sir

In reference to your letter of the 12th Instant No. 52/69. I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's information. the Report of a Board formed in accordance with His Excellency's command. for the purpose of inspecting the equipment used by Mr. Assistant Surveyor White. in marking out the Boundary lines. with a view to ascertain. what portion may be made available for the Government Service at Mount Alexander. (sd) R. H.

No. 52/192
23rd June
1852.

Forwarding Mr. Assistant Surveyor Clark's application for one month's leave of absence

Sir

I have the honor to forward an application from Mr. Assistant Surveyor Clark. for one month's leave of absence. and beg to recommend that the same may be granted by His Excellency. on Mr. Clark's completing and forwarding to this office. the whole of the plans and descriptions of the lands measured. lately by him in the Portland Bay District (sd) R. H.

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No. 52/194
25th June
1852.

Relative to an authority for the reimbursement to Mr. Assistant Surveyor Hodgkinson. of the sum of One Pound and Sixpence—

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to grant an authority. for the reimbursement to Mr. Assistant Surveyor Hodgkinson. of the sum of One pound and sixpence. paid by that officer for crossing by the Punt. at the Salt Water River. as per statement enclosed— (sd) R. H.

No. 52/195.
26th June.
1852 —

Forwarding for approval Schedules of Town Suburban and Country Land recommended to be sold at Geelong.

I beg to forward for the approval of His Excellency. Schedules of Town. Suburban and Country Lands. which it is desirable to bring forward for Sale at Geelong. during the next quarter. (Sd) R. H.

No. 52/193.
24th June.
1852 —

Recommending the appointment of Mr. James R. Gaunt. as extra Clerk. in Surveyor General's Office vice E. Innes. whose services were dispensed with.

Sir

I beg to recommend for the approval of His Excellency. the appointment of Mr. James. R. Gaunt. as extra Clerk in this Office. in place of Edward Innes. whose services were dispensed with. at the usual rate of salary of 5/- per diem. from 9th Instant inclusive

(Sd) R. H.

No. 52/196.
30th June.
1852

Forwarding Returns. shewing the amounts realised by the sale of Lands. within the Corporate limits of Melbourne and Geelong.

Sir

I beg leave to forward for His Excellency's information. Returns shewing the amounts realised by the sale of Lands. within the Corporate limits of Melbourne and Geelong respectively. from 1st June. 1837 to 31st May. 1852. inclusively. (Sd) R. H.

No. 52/197.
5th July.
1852 -

Relative to an authority for the engagement of a Tent Keeper. by Mr. Assistant Surveyor White —

Sir.

I have the honor to request an authority for the engagement of a Tent Keeper. at five shillings a day from the 1st ultimo. by Mr. Assistant Surveyor White.

(Sd) R. H.

No. 52/198
5th July
1852 —

Forwarding report of Department. for June. 1852 —

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency the report of this Department. for June. 1852 —

(Sd) R. H.

No. 52/199.
6th July.
1852.

In reference to appointing. J. Murphy. constable. in charge of Survey Paddock —

Sir

In reference to my letter of the 8th ultimo. 52/179. and minutes thereon. I have the honor to inform you. that James Murphy has returned from the Gold Diggings. and is now in charge of the — Survey Paddock. and to request that His Excellency will be pleased to approve of his remaining so. at wages of six shillings per diem. as it is absolutely necessary that a trustworthy man should be always there.

I beg to state that two valuable horses were missed out of the Paddock last week. but fortunately have since been recovered. (Sd) R. H.

No. 52/200
6th July
1852.

Forwarding return of appointments. and also of duration of leaves of absence.

Sir

In accordance with the instructions contained in Circular letter. No. 24. 52/2228. dated. 17th. ultimo. I have the honor to forward returns of appointments. and also of leaves of absence. which have occurred in my department. from 1st January to 30th June. 1852 -

(Sd) R. H.

No. 52/201.
7th July
1852.

Relative to an authority for increase of pay to Mr. Assistant Surveyor Dawson's men.

Sir

I have the honor to request that His Excellency may be pleased to authorize the increase of pay to Mr. Assistant Surveyor

Dawsons men from 7/- to 8/- per diem.

I beg to state that as the men refused to remain for a less sum. I gave Mr Dawson authority to engage them. not wishing to have his survey stopped.

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/202
7th July
1852.

Forwarding Schedules of Town. Suburban and Country allotments. recommended to be sold at Melbourne.

Sir

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's approval. Schedules of Town. Suburban and Country lands recommended to be sold at Melbourne.

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/203.
10th July.
1852.

Requesting the sanction of His Excellency to employment of Field party by Mr Asst Surveyor Foot. at 4/- per diem with rations.

Sir

I have the honor to state for His Excellency's information. that Mr Asst Surveyor Foot is unable to procure men for his Field party. at a lower rate of wages than four shillings per diem. and to request that His Excellency may be pleased to sanction the employment of men to compose his party at the above mentioned rate of wages.

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/204
12th July.
1852

Forwarding returns of land recommended to be sold at Belfast —

Sir

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's approval. returns of Town. Suburban and Country. lands recommended to be sold at Belfast.

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/205.
12th July.
1852

Requesting the Authority of His Excellency to the employment of two extra Clerks —

Sir

I have the honor to request that His Excellency may be pleased to authorize the employment of two

Extra Clerks. in this Office. to enable me to have the descriptions of land prepared for the sales proposed to be held at Melbourne in each month. and would beg to recommend for His Excellency's approval. that Mr Henry Montague Parker be transferred to this Department. from the Post Office. And the appointment of Mr Christopher Netherwood to receive Salary at the rate of five shillings per diem —

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/206.
14th July
1852 —

Forwarding returns of land recommended to be sold by auction at Portland.

Sir

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's approval. returns of Town. Suburban and Country Lands. recommended to be sold by Auction at Portland.

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/207
14th July
1852.

Forwarding an application and Sketch from Messrs. Bostock and others of Warrnambool —

Sir.

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's information and approval. an application accompanied by a Sketch. received from Messrs Bostock and others of Warrnambool. requesting that the portion of land. colored red. may be Subdivided so as to meet the wants of the Shipping Interests. and beg leave to recommend that a half acre allotment. be marked out for the purpose. R. H.

No. 52/208.
19th July.
1852 —

Requesting the sanction of His Excellency to the employment of a Bullock Driver by Asst Surveyor Scott.

Sir

I have the honor to request that His Excellency may be pleased to sanction the employment of a Bullock Driver by Mr Assistant Surveyor Scott

Thirty Shillings for three months at 30/- per week with rations.

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/214.
30th July.
1852.

Forwarding amended description of portion No. 14 Parish of Nunawading. for Deed of Grant.

Sir.

I beg to state that Mr. John Arthur Skinner purchased on the 18th September last. lot No. 104. of Country Lands. offered for sale. on that day. being portion 14. Parish of Nunawading. Containing 100 acres. and a few days afterwards. that gentleman intimated to me. that the East and West boundary lines of the above portion were incorrect.

I at once directed Mr. Foot. who surveyed the land. to proceed to the spot. and ascertain if such were the case.

From that officers report. it appeared that the lines in question. should have been described. as 29 chains. 77 links. instead of. 27 chains. 33. links. An amended description was furnished for the Deed of Grant. and left at the Colonial Treasury. in order that the Sales Book might be corrected. when received from the Auctioneer. — As I find. this has not been done. I now beg to forward a fresh description. and request. that the error in the Deed of Grant may be corrected. if possible —

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/215.
3rd August.
1852.

2nd August. 1852.

Recommending Mr. Clement Hodgkinson to be placed on the Establishment. as Assistant Surveyor.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose the copy of a letter received this morning. from Mr. Hodgkinson. Temporary Assistant Surveyor. and to state for the information of His Excellency. that Mr. Hodgkinson has given me every satisfaction. in the discharge of his duties. in the Field. and I should very much regret the loss of that Officers Services. particularly at the present time. — I beg therefore to recommend for the approval of His Excellency. that Mr. C. Hodgkinson be placed on the Establishment. as an Assistant Surveyor. to take effect from the 1st Instant.

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/216.
3rd August.
1852.

Recommending the allowance in lieu of equipment to be increased to £200. per annum.

Sir

Being unable to procure the services of any Surveyor. at the present time. owing. not only. to the large outlay. in the purchase of a proper equipment. but also the inadequate sum allowed in lieu thereof. I request you will have the goodness. to bring the subject. under the notice of His Excellency. and would beg to suggest that the allowance in question be increased to £200. per annum. — Enclosed is the copy of a letter received from Mr. Urquhart on the subject —

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/217.
3rd August.
1852.

Forwarding for approval the resignation of Mr. E. J. Watkinson. as 3rd Class Clerk. in Surveyor Generals Department.

Sir

I beg to enclose for His Excellencys approval the resignation of Mr. E. J. Watkinson. as 3rd Class Clerk. in my Department. As Mr. Watkinson is a very efficient Clerk. I regret that he should be induced to take this step.

(sd) R. H.

No. 52/218.
3rd August.
1852.

Recommending the rate of wages paid to Mr. Hursts party. to be increased to £72. per annum.

Sir

I have the honor to forward the copy of a letter received this morning from Mr. Assistant Surveyor Hurst. acquainting me. that the men composing his Field party. had become dissatisfied. partly in consequence of higher wages. viz. £72. per annum. being given to the party in charge of Mr. Russell. lately employed in the neighbourhood. and had signified their intention of leaving. — As Mr. Hurst experienced great difficulty in forming his present party. I beg leave to recommend that the rate of wages be increased from £65. to £72. per annum. and request you will have the goodness to obtain the approval of His Excellency. to the above increase. (sd) R. H.