

Return of the Department of the Surveyor General of

No.	Name	Office	Date of Appointment	By whom appointed	Period during which he held the situation from month to month	Yearly Salary	Daily Salary
1	Robert Huddle	Surveyor General	1 July 1851	The Govt. Governor	1 Jan 1851 to 31 July 1851	500	
2	A. Wade	Surveyor	13 Dec 1841	Sec. of State	1 Aug 1841 to 31 Dec 1841	500	
3	Wm. Small	Assist. Surveyor	1 Dec 1845	Sir G. Gipps	1 Aug 1845 to 31 Dec 1845	250	15
4	Edw. S. Smith	do	1 Sept 1852	The Govt. Governor	1 Sept 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	100	
5	Thomas Widge	Senr. Assist. Surveyor	1 Mar. 1848	Govt. Sec. of State	1 Jan 1848 to 31 July 1848	200	
6	Edw. Ross White	do	17 July 1848	do	1 Jan 1848 to 31 Dec 1848	200	
7	Edw. Clark	Assist. Surveyor	25 Oct 1852	The Govt. Governor	25 Oct 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	100	
8	Charles Head	do	7 Oct 1848	do	1 Jan 1848 to 31 July 1848	200	3 Cents
9	Edw. Barnett	Senr. Assist. Surveyor	12 April 1849	Govt. Sec. of State	1 Jan 1849 to 31 July 1849	200	10 Cents
10	Robert Mason	do	1 Sept 1852	The Govt. Govt.	1 Sept 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	500	
11	A. Brown East	Assist. Surveyor	17 May 1849	Govt. Sec. of State	1 Jan 1849 to 31 July 1849	200	
12	Thomas Watson	Senr. do	8 Oct. 1850	do	1 Jan 1850 to 31 Dec 1850	300	
13	Wm. Samuelson	do	9 Oct. 1850	do	1 Jan 1850 to 31 Dec 1850	300	
14	Robert Scott	do	1 Aug 1851	The Govt. Govt.	1 Aug 1851 to 31 Dec 1851	300	
15	Robert Russell	do	26 Aug. 1851	do	1 Jan 1851 to 31 July 1851	200	
16	John R. Hurst	Temp. Draftsman	26 Aug. 1851	do	1 Jan 1851 to 31 Dec 1851	150	
17	Eugene Bellair	Assist. Surveyor	27 April 1852	do	1 Aug 1851 to 31 Dec 1851	300	
18	Frederick Buxley	Temp. Draftsman	24 Sept. 1852	do	24 Sept 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	300	
19	Frederick Buxley	do	28 Sept. 1852	do	28 Sept 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	300	
20	Alfred Hodgkinson	Assist. Surveyor	12 Jan 1852	do	12 Jan 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	150	
21	Edw. W. Bagshaw	Temp. Draftsman	10 April 1852	do	1 Aug 1851 to 31 Dec 1851	200	
22	Edw. W. Bagshaw	Temp. Draftsman	25 Oct. 1852	do	25 Oct. 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	100	
23	Edw. W. Bagshaw	Temp. Draftsman	29 Nov. 1851	do	1 Jan 1851 to 31 July 1851	150	
24	Edw. W. Bagshaw	Temp. Draftsman	29 Nov. 1851	do	1 Aug 1851 to 31 Dec 1851	250	
25	Edw. W. Bagshaw	Temp. Draftsman	2 Dec 1852	do	2 Dec 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	250	
26	Edw. W. Bagshaw	Temp. Draftsman	11 Dec 1852	do	11 Dec 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	300	
27	Wm. Buckley	Chief Clerk and Temp. Draftsman	1 June 1841	Sir G. Gipps	1 Jan 1841 to 31 July 1841	245	
28	Wm. Buckley	do	1 Aug 1841	do	1 Aug 1841 to 31 Dec 1841	300	
29	Wm. Buckley	do	12 June 1848	Sir G. Gipps	1 Jan 1848 to 31 Dec 1848	160	
30	Wm. Buckley	do	1 May 1849	do	1 May 1849 to 31 Dec 1849	250	
31	Wm. Buckley	do	28 March 1849	Govt. Sec. of State	1 Jan 1849 to 31 Dec 1849	150	
32	Wm. Buckley	do	1 May 1850	do	1 May 1850 to 31 Dec 1850	250	
33	Wm. Buckley	do	1 Oct 1850	do	1 Jan 1850 to 31 Dec 1850	150	
34	Wm. Buckley	do	1 Oct 1850	do	1 May 1850 to 31 Dec 1850	250	
35	Wm. Buckley	do	8 Sept. 1851	The Govt. Govt.	1 Jan 1851 to 31 Dec 1851	150	
36	Wm. Buckley	do	22 Nov. 1852	do	22 Nov. 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	250	
37	Wm. Buckley	do	6 Sept. 1851	do	1 Jan 1851 to 31 Dec 1851	150	
38	Wm. Buckley	do	16 Dec. 1852	do	1 May 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	250	
39	Wm. Buckley	do	16 Dec. 1852	do	16 Dec. 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	250	
40	Wm. Buckley	do	1 Mar 1852	do	1 Mar 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	150	
41	Wm. Buckley	do	1 May 1852	do	1 May 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	250	
42	Wm. Buckley	do	1 Mar 1852	do	1 Mar 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	150	
43	Wm. Buckley	do	1 May 1852	do	1 May 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	225	
44	Wm. Buckley	do	1 May 1852	do	1 May 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	250	
45	Wm. Buckley	do	23 Oct 1852	do	23 Oct 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	250	

Victoria from 1st January to 31st December 1852 inclusively.

Whether the Officer be allowed Home Rent or Apartments	Whether the Officer be allowed an allowance for one horse and other articles	Whether the Officer enjoy the office in the field	Date of first appointment under the Colonial Government
			1 Dec 1845
			April 1840
			1 March 1848
			17 July 1848
			9 August 1848
			11 Oct 1848
			12 April 1849
			1 September 1852
			17 May 1849
			8 October 1850
			15 January 1849
			23 October 1850
			26 August 1851
			30 August 1851
			24 September 1852
			28 September 1852
			12 January 1852
			29 November 1851
			2 November 1852
			1 May 1840
			28 December 1839
			28 March 1849
			1 October 1850
			8 September 1851
			22 November 1852
			6 September 1851
			16 December 1852
			1 March 1852
			1 March 1852
			1 May 1852
			23 Oct 1852

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No.	Name	Office	Date of Appointment	By whom appointed	Period during which each held the office in the case of successive terms	Yearly Salary	Daily Salary
1	31 Robt. Hammond	Surveyor	27 Nov 1852	The Govt. General	27 Nov 31 Dec 1852	250	
2	32 W. Davidson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Clerk	1 July 1851	do	1 Jan 1852 to 31 Dec 1852	100	
3	33 Geo. Buckley	Draftsman	17 Feb 1852	do	1 Aug 31 Dec 1852	225	
4	33 Geo. Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Clerk	1 Oct 1851	do	1 Jan 6 Mar 1852	100	
5	34 Wm. Warner	do	1 Oct 1851	do	1 Jan 6 Mar 1852	100	
6	34 Wm. Warner succeeded by Geo. Jones	Extra Clerk	6 Mar 1852	do	6 Mar 6 April 1852		5/-
7	35 Geo. Jones	do	7 Jan 1852	do	7 Jan 10 Mar 1852		5/-
8	35 Wm. Long	do	11 Mar 1852	do	11 Mar 30 April 1852	250	
9	36 Geo. Jones	Extra Clerk	1 May 1852	do	1 May 31 Dec 1852	250	
10	36 Geo. Jones succeeded by Wm. Long	Clerk	12 Jan 1852	do	12 Jan 31 May 1852	100	
11	36 Geo. Jones	do	1 June 1852	do	1 June 6 Aug 1852	100	
12	36 Geo. Jones	do	11 Oct 1852	do	11 Oct 31 Dec 1852	200	
13	37 Geo. Jones	Extra Clerk	16 April 1852	do	16 April 30 April 1852	250	
14	37 Geo. Jones	Clerk	1 May 1852	do	1 May 31 Dec 1852	250	
15	38 Geo. Jones	Extra Clerk	1 May 1852	do	1 May 31 Dec 1852	200	
16	38 Geo. Jones	Clerk	1 Aug 1852	do	1 Aug 31 Dec 1852	200	
17	38 Geo. Jones	Extra Clerk	9 June 1852	do	9 June 31 July 1852	250	
18	38 Geo. Jones	Clerk	1 Aug 1852	do	1 Aug 31 Dec 1852	250	
19	39 Wm. Betherwood	Extra Clerk	12 July 1852	do	12 July 31 July 1852	200	
20	39 Wm. Betherwood	Clerk	1 Aug 1852	do	1 Aug 31 Dec 1852	200	
21	40 Wm. Betherwood	do	1 Aug 1852	do	1 Aug 31 Dec 1852	200	
22	41 Wm. Betherwood	do	1 Aug 1852	do	1 Aug 31 Dec 1852	200	
23	42 Frank Braithwaite	do	23 Aug 1852	do	23 Aug 31 Aug 1852		1/6
24	43	Keeper of Survey Paddock	6 July 1852	do	6 July 31 Dec 1852		6/-
25	44	Cow Messenger	1 Jan 1852	do	1 Jan 31 Dec 1852		4/6
26	45	Cow Housekeeper	1 Jan 1852	do	1 Jan 31 Dec 1852	27	10
27	46	17 Bullock Drivers	at £75 per annum each				
28	47	47 Labourers	at £65 per annum each				

## Victoria continued.

Whether the Office be allowed to be held or appointed	Whether the Office be held or appointed in the case of a person who has previously held or appointed in the same Office	Date of First Appointment under the Colonial Government
		27 November 1852
		30% to 30 July 20 June 1850
		30% to 6 March 19 December 1850
		do to 17 May 8 March 1852
		do to 6 March 1 January 1851
		do to 6 April 6 March 1852
		do to 10 March 7 January 1852
		do to 30 April 11 March 1852
		do to 6 August 12 January 1852
		11 October 1852
		50% to 30 April 16 April 1852
		1 May 1852
		9 June 1852
		12 July 1852
		1 August 1852
		23 August 1852
		6 July 1852

N<sup>o</sup> A53/10  
7<sup>th</sup> Decr.  
1853.

Respecting the marking of Suburban and Agricultural Allotments at the Gold Fields.

Sir  
In reply to your letter of this date. N<sup>o</sup> 53/82. I have the honor to state for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor that Messrs. Leguash and Wagschans have been engaged during the past month in marking the Town allotment of Castellaine. The Plan and Description of which were taken been forwarded on the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo. As soon as the above work was completed, it was Mr. Leguash's intention to mark off Suburban Sections and Agricultural Allotments at the Gold Fields. as requested by His Excellency during his recent visit to Castellaine.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/11  
8<sup>th</sup> Decr.  
1853.

Forwarding report of Department for December. 1853.

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

N<sup>o</sup> A53/12  
8<sup>th</sup> Decr.  
1853.

Forwarding plan of land at East Melbourne. appropriated for Scotch Academy.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward a Plan of the land at East Melbourne. appropriated as a site for an Academy in connection with the Free Church of Scotland. together with a description of the land for insertion in the Deed of Grant.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/13  
10<sup>th</sup> Decr.  
1853.

Forwarding plan of the Township of Castellaine for approval.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Plan of the Township of Castellaine. as marked by Mr. Sarayor Leguash. at the junction of Parkin Forest and Campbells Creek. Mount Alexander.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/14  
10<sup>th</sup> Decr.  
1853.

Forwarding plan of land at Essendon. appropriated for Presbyterian Church purposes.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward herewith a Plan of the land at Essendon. in the Parish of Docks Green. appropriated for Presbyterian Church purposes together with a description of the several sites selected for Church. School. and Minister's Dwelling. for insertion in the Deeds of Grant.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/15  
11<sup>th</sup> Decr.  
1853.

Respecting the conduct of Messrs. Wade Russell & Hurst.

Sir  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> Decr. N<sup>o</sup> 233/3 and advising to the first paragraph requesting that I should enquire into the conduct of Mr. Surveyor Wade. he had suggested that Mr. William Phillips be asked to respecting the intemperate habits of the above officer. which if found to be the case will in some measure account for so little work having been performed by him during the past year.

2. With reference to Mr. Russell they state that I have reviewed all his Plans. Field Books. &c. and intimated to him that his services as an Assistant Surveyor will be no longer required by the Government.

3. I have placed Mr. Hurst under the direction and control of Mr. Surveyor Skene. who will report to me if the work devolving on him be not satisfactorily performed.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/16  
11<sup>th</sup> Decr.  
1853.

Requesting sanction to the payment of Asst. Surveyor Chambers Field party.

Sir  
I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor. to the payment of the men composing Mr. Asst. Surveyor Chambers party as per margin.

1. Mr. Russell  
2. Mr. Phillips  
3. Mr. Skene

No. A 53/14  
11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1853. Forwarding Schedule of lands to be sold at Castlemeane on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February

Shew the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency Schedules of Town Allotment at Castlemeane recommended to be put up to public competition at the Police office in the above Township on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> proximo  
P. H.

No. A 53/18  
12<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1853. Forwarding application from W. H. Buckley for two month leave of absence

Shew the honor to forward the accompanying application from Mr. W. H. Buckley for two month leave of absence and have much pleasure in recommending the same to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.  
P. H.

No. A 53/19  
13<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1853. Forwarding Return of Department for 1852

Adverting to the instructions contained in your Circular letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> ultimo No. 52/12. Shew the honor to forward a Return of my Department for the year 1852. and to state that Returns Nos. 37 and 38 therein referred to. will be transmitted in the course of a few days.  
P. H.

No. A 53/20  
13<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1853. Requesting sanction to the payment of provisions purchased by Mr. Saranigor Maghera.

Shew the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the payment of the sum of one hundred and fifty two pounds three shillings and sixpence being the amount paid for provisions and forage by Mr. Saranigor Maghera. as per memorandum herewith transmitted.  
P. H.

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No. A 53/21  
14<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1853. Forwarding Half Yearly report of Appointments Renewals & Leaves of Absence

In compliance with the instructions contained in your Circular letter No. 37 (No. 9822). Shew the honor to forward the usual Return of Appointments Renewals and of the dates and durations of Leaves of absence which have occurred in my Department during the Half year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1852.  
P. H.

No. A 53/22  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1853. Forwarding design for a Township at Gleeson's Hill Sydney Road for approval.

Shew the honor to forward the accompanying design for a Village and Cultivation allotment at Gleeson's Hill on the Sydney road in the Parish of Pennington about 27 miles from Melbourne and request that you will have the goodness to cause the same to be submitted for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Council.  
P. H.

No. A 53/23  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1853. Forwarding plan of the land at Parkside Melbourne appropriated for Church of England purposes

Shew the honor to forward for the final approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a plan of the land at Parkside Melbourne in the Parish of St. John's appropriated for Church of England purposes together with description of the several sites selected for Church School and Minister's Dwelling.  
P. H.

No. A 53/24  
19<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1853. Requesting sanction to the payment of Saranigor Maghera's party

Shew the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the payment of the men composing Mr. Saranigor Maghera's party at the rates and from the date specified in the margin.  
P. H.

32 Cents at 3/ per day from 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1852 to 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1852  
1 Do at 2/ per day from 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1852  
2 Cents at 3/ per day from 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1852 to 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1852

No. A 53/25  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853

Transmitting Notice of Sale of Leases of Quarries.  
to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> February. 1853.  
Sir

I have the honor to transmit the accompanying  
Notice of Sale of Leases of thirteen Government Quarries  
to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> proximo. for publication  
in the Government Gazette. P.H.

No. A 53/26  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Forwarding design for a Township at Mount Curra.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward a design for a  
proposed Township at Mount Curra on the Galong  
and Port Fairy road, and request that you will have  
the goodness to submit the same for the approval of  
His Excellency the Lieut. Governor and the Executive  
Council. P.H.

No. A 53/27  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Forwarding certain Returns having referred to Cases  
Sale. to take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> January. 1853.  
Sir

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands  
to take place at Melbourne on the 26<sup>th</sup> Instant.  
I have the honor to forward the following Returns  
for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Govt.  
viz- 1. Return of Town allotments on which there  
are improvements, to be offered for sale. -  
2. Return of Town Allotments to be withdrawn  
from sale. - P.H.

No. A 53/28  
26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853

Forwarding plan of land at Winchelsea, marked off  
for National School purposes.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying  
plan and description of the land at Winchelsea, in the  
Parish of Sargony, marked off by Mr. Samsor & Co. for  
National School purposes, and beg to state that as the  
land is beyond the boundary of the settled District, a portion  
of 9 acres adjoining will be reserved, to allow of the Industrial  
system being carried out at any future period. P.H.

No. A 53/29  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Transmitting plan &c. of land at Peakidge, appropriated  
for National School purposes.  
Sir

I have the honor to transmit for the final  
approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, a  
plan of land at Peakidge, appropriated for National  
School purposes, together with a description of the  
same for insertion in the Deed of Grant. P.H.

No. A 53/30  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853

Forwarding Schedules of Lands to be sold at  
Melbourne, on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. 1853. &c. &c.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward for the  
approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor,  
Schedules of Town, Suburban, and Country Lands  
recommended to be sold by Auction at Melbourne,  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, and three following days,  
together with Sketches descriptions, and the necessary  
Proclamations for publication in the Govt. Gazette. P.H.

No. A 53/31  
27<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Forwarding plan &c. of Land at East Melbourne  
appropriated for Lutheran Church purposes.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward for the final  
approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, a  
Plan of the land at East Melbourne, appropriated  
for Lutheran Church purposes, together with description  
of the land for insertion in the Deed of Grant. P.H.

No. A 53/32  
28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853

Respecting provisions purchased by Samsor & White  
Sir

With reference to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant  
acquainting me, that Mr. Samsor & White must show  
that he applied to the Contractor, and also the assigned  
grounds of that person appeared to supply him.  
I have the honor to transmit for His Excellency  
information, the annexed letter, explanatory of the  
matter received from Mr. White. P.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/35.  
28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Forwarding <sup>copy</sup> approved plan of Castellum for transmission to Police Office at that place.

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Castellum for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Office at that place for public information. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/34  
28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853

Respecting provisions &c purchased by Surgeon Ingham.

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> Instant. 53/25. I have the honor to forward the vouchers for the payment of the provisions and forage purchased by Mr. Surgeon Ingham from 1<sup>st</sup> August. 1852. and request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Lieut. Gov. to the payment of the amount to Mr. Ingham. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/30  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Respecting the sale of more land in Belfast District.

With reference to the answer letter received from Mr. W. Rutledge, respecting the small number of Acres lately sold in the Belfast District and suggesting that another act. Surveyor might be sent down to assist in laying off lands for sale. I have the honor to state that a large quantity of land will be offered for sale, about the end of March, to meet the demands of the public, and as nearly all the land within the limits of the Belfast and Warranuboot is measured. I doubt not the necessity of another Surveyor being sent there.

I should be happy to suggest that as soon as Mr. Watson has finished marking the lands, copies of the various Surveys with references be laid at the Police Office Belfast for public information, and that the House at present used as an office be given up. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/36  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the payment of Mr. Assistant Surveyor Collins party.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the payment of the new Compoing Mr. Assistant Surveyor Collins. This is party at the rates and from the places specified in the margin. R.H.

*Copy of the plan of the Surveyor at the Police Office at Belfast 17<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1853*

N<sup>o</sup> 53/37  
1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>.  
1853

Respecting the limits of Balmans Hill Reserve.

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> Ultimo. G. 13. 365. N<sup>o</sup> 53/361. I have the honor to transmit for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the accompanying plan showing the limits of the Balmans Hill Reserve as originally proposed, the encroachment on that area which the contemplated Railway Station will make, and the limit of the ground proposed to be allotted to the Station itself, as well as the area which will be included in this Reserve under the alteration. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/38  
1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>.  
1853.

Forwarding Sale Books of the Lands sold at Guelong on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February.

I have the honor to forward herewith, Sale Books of the Lands advertised to be sold at Guelong on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Instant. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/39  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>.  
1853

Transmitting certain Returns having reference to Land sale at Guelong.

With reference to the sale of Brown Lands to be held at Guelong on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Instant. I have the honor to transmit the accompanying Returns, as specified in the margin. R.H.  
1. Return of Town & County Allotments, to be withdrawn from sale  
2. Return of County Lands, on which there are improvements, to be offered for sale.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/40  
2<sup>nd</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Recommending the appointment of Mr. John Debenham  
as Draftsman.  
Sir

I have the honor to request, that His Excellency  
the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to sanction  
the appointment of Mr. John Debenham, as Draftsman  
(to assist Mr. Surveyor Hodgkinson in the disbursements  
concerning of Melbourne) at a salary of Two Hundred and  
fifty Pounds per annum, from the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant. - viz.  
Hodgkinson, whose services have been dispensed with,  
for neglect of duty and misconduct. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/41  
2<sup>nd</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Recommending the sale of certain land at Harrow.  
Sir.

I have the honor to forward the annexed letter  
received from Mr. J. Dougherty, requesting that certain  
land in the Township of Harrow should be submitted  
to public competition, and the value of the improvements  
added to the upset price, and beg to recommend the application  
to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the  
Lieutenant Governor. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/42  
2<sup>nd</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Forwarding sale Books of Lands to be sold at Exeter.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith sale  
Books of the Lands to be sold at Exeter on the  
15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Instant, for the purpose of being transmitted  
to the Colonial Treasurer. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/43  
2<sup>nd</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Transmitting Return of Town allotments to be withdrawn  
from sale, at Castlemaine -  
Sir

I have the honor to transmit the accompanying  
Return of Town allotments recommended to be withdrawn  
from sale of Crown Lands at Castlemaine on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
Instant. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/44  
3<sup>rd</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Transmitting Schedule of Towns Lands recommended to be  
sold at Melbourne, on the 14<sup>th</sup> proximo.  
Sir

I have the honor to transmit for the approval  
of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, the accompanying  
Schedule of Towns Allotments recommended to be submitted  
to public competition at Melbourne on the 14<sup>th</sup> proximo,  
together with a Relation description of the same, for  
publication in the Government Gazette. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/45  
3<sup>rd</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Respecting proposed alteration in the position of Christchurch.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information  
of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the annexed  
letter received from Mr. Chief Commissioner Wright,  
suggesting the propriety of making certain alterations  
in the present position of the Township of Christchurch,  
and the withdrawal from sale of certain portions  
advertised to be sold at Castlemaine on the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst.  
together with a tracing of the locality for His Excellency's  
guidance, in determining upon the proposed alterations. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 53/46  
4<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup>.  
1853.

Respecting supply of provisions for Mr. Surveyor White & party.  
Sir

Adverting to your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant, B 53/19<sup>53/252</sup>  
requesting that I should cause the proper steps to be taken  
to relieve Mr. Surveyor White from his present <sup>present</sup> embarrassment respecting  
the supply of provisions for himself and party. I have  
the honor to state that I conceive the most advisable course  
to be pursued, would be to authorize Mr. White to purchase  
provisions and forage on his own responsibility,  
and to charge any excess in the stipulated price of such  
provisions to the Contractor's account. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> A 53/117  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>.  
1853  
Forwarding plan of land wanted off for shipbuilding purposes

Sir  
With reference to your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo B 53/15. 53/132. requesting that I should cause certain ground on the South bank of the Yarn to be marked off for shipbuilding purposes. I have the honor to forward the plan and description of the land, as measured by Mr Assistant Surveyor Dawson for the purpose of being transmitted to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for his information and guidance. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> A 53/118  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>.  
1853  
Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the payment of F. A. Murray for leasing certain land at Elphinstone

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Sir  
I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the payment to F. A. Murray of the sum of Twenty Seven pounds ten shillings for leasing 70 sections of the Township of Elphinstone at the rate of Two Pounds fifteen shillings per section under the superintendance of Mr Surveyor Ingham. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> A 53/119  
5<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>.  
1853  
Forwarding Tracing of Mr Smeeth's Survey of the remainder of the Cape Horn Coast

Sir  
In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant B 53/18. 53/1253. I have the honor to forward the annexed Tracing of Mr Smeeth's survey of the remainder of the Cape Horn Coast. They relate that I should the plan only on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, which will account for the apparent delay in transmitting the Tracing. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> A 53/120  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>.  
1853

Applying for two years leave of absence

Sir  
I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor my application to be allowed two years leave of absence for the purpose of proceeding to England.

As the onerous duties of the Department require some relaxation from public business I trust that His Excellency will see the reasonableness of my request particularly as I have been employed in the Colonial Service for thirty years and during that period have been absent for only about six months on account of ill health. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> A 53/121  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>.  
1853

Respecting the numerous applications for land

Sir  
I have the honor to acquaint you that in consequence of the numerous applications for land in particular localities and the dissatisfaction expressed by various parties is not having their wishes complied with. I was obliged to bring the matter under the notice of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor and to state that if those applications be acceded to the much larger staff must be employed in this Department thereby entailing an enormous expense on the Government. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> A 53/122  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>.  
1853

Respecting Mr Surveyor Smeeth's future movements

Sir  
As Mr Surveyor Smeeth has completed the plan of his<sup>1st</sup> Survey of the Coast from near Cape Horn to Sigamban Inlet (a place named "Khuau") I have the honor to request that you will convey to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor pleasure respecting the future movements of that Officer and the surveys which His Excellency may consider most urgently required in order that I may instruct him accordingly. They observed that the Survey of the main Dividing Range is much required as well as that of the  
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"River Lambton," "Snowy Point," "Vineo" and the "Obous" from their sources. which must not be forgotten to enter the General Map of the Colony at all complete. P.B.H.

No. A 53/33. 8<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853 Forwarding Report of Department for January 1853 Sir

I have the honor to forward the report of my Department for the last month for the information of His Excellency the Govt. Governor. P.B.H.

No. A 53/34. 9<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853 Respecting the position of the Corporation Aballoin. Sir

With reference to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant. 25/25 23/23 respecting the position of the Corporation Aballoin. I have the honor to transmit for the information of His Excellency the Govt. Governor, the accompanying tracing showing the River as fixed in the first instance (Colonel Green) and also the portion which was subsequently granted in lieu of a similar quantity deducted from the Western side of the original Purchase (Colonel Red) P.B.H.

No. A 53/35. 9<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853. Recommending certain land on the Kilduberry road being marked off in Half acre allotments. Sir

I have the honor to forward for the consideration of His Excellency the Govt. Governor, the annexed application of Mr. Rowland MacArthur to purchase certain land on the Kilduberry road, and would beg to recommend that a Township be formed in the locality in question and the land marked off in Half acre allotments. P.B.H.

No. A 53/36. 9<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853. Respecting Mr. Surrage's Modes of life Sir

With reference to your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant. B 53/4 requesting that Mr. Surrage's Mode might be written to and informed of the impressions that had been created respecting his habits of life. I have the honor to transmit P.B.H.

the information of His Excellency the Govt. Governor, the annexed letter explanatory of the matter, received from Mr. Wadd. P.B.H.

No. A 53/37. 9<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853. Respecting certain alterations in the site of the Township of "Canisbrook". Sir

As His Excellency the Govt. Governor has been pleased, at the suggestion of the Chief Commissioner of the Good Roads, to approve of certain alterations in the present site of the Township of "Canisbrook"; and the withdrawal from sale of certain Town lots at that place. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to send instructions to be issued to the Colonial Treasurer, respecting the withdrawal from the sale to be held at Castlemaiden, on the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant of lot 205 to 245 inclusive. P.B.H.

No. A 53/38. 11<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853. Respecting the best site for a Bridge over the Moorabood. Sir

I have the honor to forward the annexed copy of Mr. Surrage's Report respecting the best site for a Bridge over the River Moorabood, at Kato, and for that purpose of being transmitted to the Roads Department. P.B.H.

No. A 53/39. 14<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853. Respecting his application for leave of absence Sir

With reference to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant. A 53/30 in which I applied for two years leave of absence, for the purpose of proceeding to England, and your reply thereto in which I was referred to certain Regulations. I have the honor to state that from previous expression used by His Excellency the Govt. I did not apprehend there would be any obstacle to a compliance with my request. My principal object in applying for leave of absence, is to obtain information upon modern improvement in Science, and at the same time benefit my health. P.B.H.

a temporary relaxation from my onerous official duties after a lengthened period of service. R.H.

No. A 53/60  
11<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853.  
Respecting F. A. Murray's Account for tending land at Elphinstone.  
Sir

In reply to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant. N<sup>o</sup>. 53/60. 53/1854. Relating the account of F. A. Murray, for tending certain land at Elphinstone, and desiring that I should in this, as in all other cases, adopt the proper course, of sending them to the Auditor General for examination. I have the honor to state -

1<sup>st</sup> That in consequence of His Excellency's desire, that the Township of Callamain should be marked off with as little delay as possible, Mr. Murray's important engagements may require, on the authority of Mr. Chief Commissioner Wright

2<sup>nd</sup> That the account in question was transmitted in the usual manner to the Audit Office, and returned from that Department, with the intimation that His Excellency's sanction should be obtained, before they could be passed for payment. R.H.

No. A 53/61  
15<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853.  
Requesting that Mr. Murray's Sumpts may be authorized to draw Soap for six Buckets, when required.  
Sir

As the Country in which Mr. Murray's Sumpts is about to proceed, certain Surveys is of a very barren nature, at times, affording little or no food for Cattle. I have the honor to request, that he may be authorized to draw Soap for six Buckets, when required. R.H.

No. A 53/62  
15<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853.  
Respecting the delay in the payment of the Salaries of the Department.  
Sir

I have the honor to state that much disappointment has been expressed, by the junior branches of this Department, at the great delay, which has taken place.

the payment of their Salaries for the last month, which was only received this morning, a cheque has been issued from the Treasury, and paid in the afternoon of yesterday.

I presumed that the delay was caused by a review of the Scale of Salaries of this Department, with the idea of placing it on the same liberal footing as other Departments, which have been subjected to the decision of the Legislative Council. How particularly the Head of the Department, who receives a smaller Salary than the Heads of Offices of much less importance. May therefore request that you will have the goodness to bring the Subject under the consideration of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor. R.H.

No. A 53/63  
15<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853.  
Forwarding designs for a Township at the "Rocky Water Holes" Sydney road.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith, a design for a proposed Township, at the "Rocky Water Holes" on the Sydney road, in the Parish of Kalkallo, and request that you will have the goodness to cause the same to be submitted for the approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, and the Executive Council. R.H.

No. A 53/64  
15<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853.  
Forwarding designs for a Township, at Brown Water Holes, on the road from Elephant Ridge towards "Busey".  
Sir

I have the honor to forward a design for a Township and Cultivation Allotment, at Brown Water Holes, on the road from "Elephant Ridge" towards "Busey", and request that you will have the goodness to cause the same to be submitted for the approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, and the Executive Council. R.H.

No. 23/05. Forwarding copies of instructions furnished to Messrs. Surveyor Smyth and Asst. Surveyor Dawson. 17<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853

Sir I have the honor to transmit for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, copies of instructions which have been furnished to Messrs. Surveyor Smyth and Asst. Surveyor Dawson, and request that you will have the goodness to convey to me any additional suggestions respecting the duties of the above officers, which His Excellency may wish to be carried out, in order that I may instruct them accordingly. R.H.

No. 23/06. Respecting the measurement of lands granted under Preemptive right. 17<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853

Sir In reply to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant. 53/199 respecting the measurement of lands granted under preemptive right. I have the honor to state that I would suggest that the whole of these claims should be settled by the Land Board, before any steps are taken for the measurement of those already granted, and that instead of one Surveyor being employed on this particular duty, at least half a dozen well paid employees for month if not for year, in marking off the numerous portions of land applied for, in all parts of the Colony. - I have always instructed the various Surveyors, to mark off all the lands granted under preemptive right, that might be in the neighbourhood of whatever District in which they may be employed measuring lands for sale, in order that time and expense to the Government might be saved thereby. - The descriptions of the lands granted, and the necessary instructions containing the Imperial Rule, to be observed with respect to water springs, will be forwarded to the several Surveyors that may be employed. R.H.

No. 23/07. Respecting the best line of road and site for a Ridge over the "Koorarook". 17<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853

Sir Referring to my letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant. No. 23/158 transmitting Mr. Surveyor Skene's report of the best line of road and site for a Ridge over the Koorarook. I have the honor to state that I entirely concur in Messrs. Seamouth and Skene's opinion, respecting the situation best adapted for the purpose, but the greatest objections to carrying out such opinion appear to be the objection of two Settlers and others. - They to observe that Surveyors in marking roads, take a general line, and it is for those who make them, to suggest alterations and improvement, as it frequently happens that a very little deviation from the marked line stamps a road at once as good or bad. - As the formation of Roads is of the utmost importance and so little money has hitherto been expended on them, being almost in a state of nature, they to suggest, for the guidance of the Inspector of Roads that such portions of the road, as are sound be left for the present, and their operations confined to the soft and bad places. R.H.

No. 23/08. Respecting proposed alterations in "Kamarook Hill" road. 17<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853

Sir In reply to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant. 53/195, respecting the report to be furnished by Mr. Surveyor Skene on the proposed alterations in the "Kamarook Hill" road. I refer to in my Minute of the 19<sup>th</sup> November. I have the honor to state that I furnished the Superintendent of Bridges with a copy of the aforesaid report, and in accordance with Mr. Skene's suggestion requested that he would instruct Mr. Palfrey to report on the subject, but that I had not received any reply from that Officer to my communication, dated so far back as the 25<sup>th</sup> December. R.H.

No. 23/67 Forwarding letter from Mr. J. Seaton, protesting against the marking off of a portion of his run in Township allotment.  
17<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853

I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a letter addressed by Mr. J. Seaton to Mr. Surveyor Ingham, protesting against the marking off into Township allotments, of a portion of his run applied for under pre-emptive right, and Mr. Ingham's report thereon.

No. 23/70 Recommending that leave of absence be allowed to Mr. Surveyor Ingham.  
17<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853

I have the honor to forward the annexed letter from Mr. Surveyor Ingham, applying for leave of absence to proceed to Melbourne, for the purpose of having his equipment put into a proper state of repair, and beg to recommend that his request may be favorably entertained by His Excellency.

No. 23/71 Relative to marking a Township on Heidelberg Road.  
18<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853

With reference to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant, B33/31-53/1921. Conveying His Excellency's approval of a Township being marked on the Heidelberg road. I have the honor to state that Mr. Asst. Surveyor Cotton will be instructed to perform this duty, as soon as he has completed the subdivisions of the Parish of Cut. paup. par.

No. 23/72 Transmitting Schedule of Land recommended to be sold at Melbourne, on the 29<sup>th</sup> proximo. (part)  
18<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853

I have the honor to transmit the accompanying Schedule and Sketch descriptions of Land recommended to be sold at Melbourne, on the 29<sup>th</sup> proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for the approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.

No. 23/73  
18<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1853

Respecting the area of Runs in the Settled & Intermediate Districts.  
Sir

As it has been ascertained that many of the Runs in the Settled District of Victoria, contain a greater area than what has been paid for, and as some of those purporting to be in the Intermediate, are bounded by the sea coast, and therefore portions of them in the Settled District. I have the honor to recommend that an order be issued, requiring all Leaseholders or Occupiers of Crown Land, in the Counties of Carlton, Mornington, Villiers, Normanby, Rippon and Coleridge, and the District of Gipps Coast, to transmit to the Office a Sketch and proper description of the land held by them, in order that each Lease may be revised and corrected, and all the vacant land divided into Runs, and submitted to public competition.

No. 23/74  
21<sup>st</sup> Febr. 1853

With reference to application for Leave of absence.  
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter B33/34, dated 17<sup>th</sup> Instant, protesting that I had as yet failed to supply the information necessary to be furnished, in accordance with the rules laid down in the Regulations respecting Leases of absence, and requesting that I would forward another application. I beg to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, that I am not acquainted with any person in the Colony of Victoria, whom I should take upon myself to recommend as competent to perform the duties of the Office of Surveyor General.

No. 23/75  
21<sup>st</sup> Febr. 1853

Transmitting Mr. Asst. Surveyor Watson's letter, respecting outlay of money on Roads, in the Belfast District.  
Sir

I have the honor to transmit, for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, the annexed copy of letter received from Mr. Asst. Surveyor Watson, respecting the

expenditure of certain monies granted by His Excellency for the repair of roads in the Belfast District. P.B.

No. 53/46. Respecting the number of additional Revenue.  
21<sup>st</sup> Febr. Sir

1853

In reply to your letter 13<sup>th</sup> 53/58. enquiring whether there are any additions to be made to the number of Revenue already approved of. I have the honor to state that several have been proposed, which are awaiting the decision of the Land Board, and that I shall transmit a supplementary list of such as are recommended with descriptions for the approval of His Excellency and the Executive Council, as early as possible. P.B.

No. 53/47. Respecting the scale of Salaries for Survey Department.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Febr. Sir

1853.

With reference to my letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant respecting the scale of Salaries fixed upon for this Department, and the Auditor General's minute thereon. I have the honor respectfully to state, that I consider I have just cause to complain of the present rate of my Salary, as fixed by His Excellency the Chief Governor. Surely the services of one whose best days have been spent in the employment of the Colonial Government, should be appreciated in an equal degree, with those of a comparative stranger, who has not as yet given any proofs of zeal for the interest of the Colony. It is very likely that it will be necessary to appoint a Deputy Surveyor General, on account of the increasing business of the Department, for whose services a much less salary than that intended for the Surveyor General could scarcely be offered.

With reference to the concluding paragraph of the Auditor General's minute. They relate, that he must be fully aware, that in some instances, I did not approve of the rates fixed for the Officers of my Department. Wherefore I trust that His Excellency will concur in my views of the matter, and reconsider his decision, with respect to the scale of salaries.

P.B.  
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No. 53/48  
23<sup>rd</sup> Febr.  
1853

Respecting the sale of certain land in Parish of Berwick.  
Sir

With reference to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's minute dated 7<sup>th</sup> instant, respecting to be informed, whenever certain land in the Parish of Berwick applied for, by several Germans, for the purpose of forming a Village should be advertised for sale. I have the honor to acquaint you, that descriptions of the land to be offered for sale had been forwarded, and the day of sale fixed for the 29<sup>th</sup> proximo. P.B.

No. 53/49  
23<sup>rd</sup> Febr.  
1853

Forwarding Schedules &c. of land recommended for sale at Warranambool.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Schedules and Skeleton descriptions of lands recommended to be sold at Warranambool, on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April next, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for the approval of His Excellency the Chief Governor. P.B.

No. 53/50  
3<sup>rd</sup> March  
1853.

Respecting Mr. Argubant's account for provisions.  
Sir

Referring to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo, 53/52, respecting the payment of provisions &c. purchased by Mr. Surveyor Argubant. I have the honor to transmit for the information of His Excellency the Chief Governor, the annexed letter received from Mr. Argubant, explanatory of the circumstances, under which he purchased the provisions in question. P.B.

No. 53/51  
3<sup>rd</sup> March.  
1853.

Respecting Reserve for Survey Paddock at Sigleton or Elphinstone.  
Sir

With reference to the concluding paragraph of Mr. Surveyor Argubant's letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo, transmitted herewith, respecting the necessity of reserving a portion of land in the neighbourhood of Sigleton or Elphinstone, for a Survey Paddock &c. I have the honor to state that if the

the course advised by Mr. Argueant. would at all expedite the surveys. I should recommend its adoption but that at the same time. I must feel at all so confident as to the beneficial results. R.H.

No. A 53/82  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 1853. Forwarding Surveyor Hodgekinsons report of his progress in the Sijonometrical Survey.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor information. a copy of Mr. Surveyor Hodgekinsons report of his progress in the Sijonometrical Survey of Melbourne. R.H.

No. A 53/83  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 1853. Recommending an increase of Salary to Mr. Draftsman Debenham.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward the annexed copy of Mr. Surveyor Hodgekinsons letter requesting that Mr. Debenham's salary may be increased to £300. per annum and to recommend the same for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor favorable consideration. R.H.

No. A 53/84  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 1853. Forwarding Sale Books of Lands to be sold at Melbourne.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward the sale Books of Crown Lands to be submitted to public competition at Melbourne. on the 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Instant. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. R.H.

No. A 53/85  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 1853. Forwarding Return of Lands recommended to be withdrawn from sale at Melbourne.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward herewith a Return of Lands recommended to be withdrawn from the approaching sale at Melbourne. as well as a Return of those lots. on which there are improvements for the purpose of the same being allowed for the removal of same. R.H.

No. A 53/86  
14<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Respecting Survey requisite for sewerage and supply of water to Town of Geelong.

Sir  
In reply to your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo. 9.13.1852. Respecting the Survey requisite for the proper sewerage and supply of water to the Town of Geelong. I have the honor to acquaint you that I have had of Mr. Rowland. who is employed as Resident Colonial Engineer. for the Geelong District. is quite competent to perform the required Survey. but if his present duties prevent his attention to this service. of course some other Surveyor must be found capable of undertaking it. I beg to state that in the prosecution of this Survey. it will be necessary to take sections and levels of the country between Buckleys Falls. and South Geelong and Simons that some tunneling will be required. R.H.

No. A 53/87  
11<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Forwarding Return of Lands to be withdrawn from sale on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1853.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward herewith a Return of Town allotments recommended to be withdrawn from the sale of Crown Lands. intended to be held at Melbourne. on the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant. R.H.

No. A 53/88  
15<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Recommending promotion of Mr. Draftsman Wageshaw.

Sir  
I have the honor to recommend that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor may be pleased to sanction the promotion of Mr. Edw<sup>d</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Wageshaw. at present employed as Draftsman under Mr. Surveyor Argueant. in the Survey of the Gold Fields. to the rank of Temporary Asst. Surveyor. at a salary of Three Hundred and fifty pounds per annum. and an allowance of Two Hundred pounds per annum. in lieu of equipment. commencing from the date on which he reports his equipment to be complete. I beg to transmit for His Excellency information. the annexed copy of Mr. Surveyor Argueant letter recommending Mr. Wageshaw promotion. R.H.

No. 253/89. 15<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Recommending appointment of Mr. J. W. Pinniger as Assistant Surveyor.

Sir I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Vint. Governor may be pleased to sanction the appointment of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson Pinniger as Temporary Asst. Surveyor at a salary of Three Hundred and fifty pounds per annum and an allowance of Two Hundred pounds per annum in lieu of equipment commencing from the date on which he reports himself ready for duty and to recommend that he be employed marking lands in the neighbourhood of Melbourn. B.H.

No. 253/90. 15<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Recommending the appointment of Mr. James Kearney as Draftsman.

Sir I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Vint. Governor may be pleased to sanction the appointment of Mr. James Kearney as Draftsman in my Department at a salary of Two Hundred and fifty pounds per annum. vic. Vincennes assigned. B.H.

No. 253/91. 15<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Recommending appointment of Mr. J. C. Wagley as Clerk.

Sir As additional Clerical assistance is required in this Department for the purpose of preparing in manuscript the various Sale Books I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Vint. Governor may be pleased to sanction the appointment of Mr. John C. Wagley as an Extra Clerk at a salary of Two Hundred pounds per annum. B.H.

No. 253/92. 15<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Requesting authority for employment of an Assistant Messenger.

Sir I have to request that His Excellency the Vint. Governor may be pleased to sanction the employment of a Boy at the rate of Four shillings per week as Asst. Messenger attend to the Public and take charge of the Hall of the Office during the absence of the messengers on duty. B.H.

No. 253/93. 15<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Forwarding Mr. Asst. Surveyor Watson's report on objections to proclamation of new road from Belfast towards Portlaoigh.

Sir With reference to a communication from Mr. B. H. Woodward on behalf of Mr. James Altinson, urging certain objections to the proclamation of the new road from Belfast towards Portlaoigh, I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Vint. Governor information a copy of Mr. <sup>Asst.</sup> Surveyor Watson's report on the various objections therein set forth. B.H.

No. 253/94. 10<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Forwarding plan of land purchased as a site for a Gaol at Belfast.

Sir With reference to your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> ultimo 1853/52 requesting that Mr. Asst. Surveyor Watson should be instructed to survey a portion of land purchased from James Altinson Esq. as a site for a Gaol at Belfast, I have the honor to forward a plan and description of the land as marked by that officer. B.H.

No. 253/95. 10<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Forwarding Asst. Surveyor Scott's report on Mr. D. Whitchell's objection to part of his run measured into Mr. Mac. Sibbon's.

Sir With reference to a communication from Mr. D. Whitchell and others complaining that a portion of their run was being measured into the section allowed Mr. S. C. Mac. under pre-emptive right, I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Vint. Governor information a copy of Mr. Asst. Surveyor Scott's report &c. on the subject and beg to state that it is an established rule in this Department to measure land, wherever practicable, strictly in the direction of the Cardinal points. Now no reason why the boundaries of a run should prevent this rule being adhered to. B.H.

No. 23/96  
10<sup>th</sup> March  
1853.

Respecting the strength of Survey Department.  
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant. expressing the hope of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, that I have been enabled to increase the strength of Survey Department, so as to secure a sufficient quantity of land being ready to be brought forward for sale, and request that you will have the goodness to call His Excellency's attention to my letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> ultimo, No. 23/96, in which I stated that it would be necessary to employ at least six additional Ass. Surveyors, to mark off pre-emptive claims about.

I beg to state that as any further instructions on the subject have not been communicated to me, I hesitate to increase the Staff of the Department, without first having obtained His Excellency's special authority.

No. 23/97  
10<sup>th</sup> March  
1853.

Forwarding report of Department for February 1853.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward the report of Survey Department for the last month, for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.

No. 23/98  
17<sup>th</sup> March  
1853.

Recommending the appointment of Mr. S. H. Taylor as Temporary Ass. Surveyor.  
Sir

With reference to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant, respecting the supply of water to the Survey of the Town of Otago I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor may be pleased to sanction the appointment of Mr. John Samuel Taylor, as Temporary Ass. Surveyor, at a salary of Three Hundred and fifty pounds per annum, and an allowance in lieu of equipment of Two Thousand pounds per annum, and to recommend that he be employed on the preliminary survey required. I beg to state that Mr. Taylor is in the office, and I think he will be more usefully employed in the field.

No. 23/99  
17<sup>th</sup> March  
1853.

Respecting Messrs. Lyphart and Raychawer, delators in Melbourne.  
Sir

With reference to the Lieut. Governor's minute of this date, I have the honor to state for His Excellency's information, that Mr. Lyphart is furnishing himself with what he requires to complete his equipment, and that Mr. Raychawer has not the means to procure one, unless he be assisted in some degree by the transfer of some Government Bullocks, (and a Ox) at present in the Survey Paddock, as well as a Horse, formerly used by Mr. White, all of which I recommend that he be allowed to purchase at a valuation.

As soon as these arrangements are completed, Messrs. Lyphart and Raychawer will be able to return to their duties in the neighbourhood of the Mount Alexander and Bendigo Gold Fields.

No. 23/100  
22<sup>nd</sup> March  
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of Lands to be sold at Melbourne, on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May 1853.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be submitted to public competition at Melbourne, on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May next, and request that you will have the goodness to obtain the approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor of the same.

No. 23/101  
22<sup>nd</sup> March  
1853.

Forwarding Return of Lands containing improvements, to be offered for sale on 29<sup>th</sup> March.  
Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, a Return of Crown Lands containing improvements, which it is intended to submit for public competition, on the 29<sup>th</sup> Instant, and beg to recommend that one month be allowed for the removal of such improvements.



No. A 53/108. Reporting on the value of certain articles, the property of Government, about which purchased by Mr. Ragsdale. 1<sup>st</sup> April 1853. Sir

33/3440 13<sup>th</sup> 50. I have the honor to state, that having inspected the several articles required by Mr. Assistant Surgeon Ragsdale to complete his equipment, I should have the pleasure of his being allowed to purchase them at the valuation set forth in the margin hereof. R.H.

No. A 53/109 Forwarding plan of proposed Township at the South Yarra Pound, for approval. 5<sup>th</sup> April 1853. Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying plan of a proposed Township at the South Yarra Pound on the Pandoony road, about nine miles from Melbourne, and request that you will have the goodness to send the same to the Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Council. R.H.

No. A 53/110 Forwarding plan of Castlemaine with names of Street, &c. as requested. 5<sup>th</sup> April 1853. Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, 13<sup>th</sup> 56, of 11<sup>th</sup> instant, accompanied by copies of the plan of the Township of Castlemaine, which I now lay before with the necessary alterations in the names of certain streets, as ordered by the Executive Council, and refer to in your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant. R.H.

No. A 53/111 Forwarding return of dates and durations of Leases of absence, from 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1836, to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1851. 7<sup>th</sup> April 1853. Sir

In accordance with the request contained in your Circular letter No. 114, dated 6<sup>th</sup> instant, I have the honor to forward the accompanying return of dates

and durations of Leases of absence granted to Officers of my Department, from 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1836, to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1851, which they to be seen has been compiled from the records in this Office. R.H.

No. A 53/112 Requesting that Mr. Ragsdale may be authorized to purchase provisions &c. at the Gold Fields. 8<sup>th</sup> April 1853. Sir

As Mr. Asst. Surgeon Ragsdale is enabled to convey to the Gold Fields, only a two month supply of Provisions and Soap, I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor may be pleased to authorize him to purchase Provisions in the above neighbourhood, at the most reasonable rate, at which they can be procured, in order that unnecessary delays caused by his being obliged to send to Melbourne for supplies, may be avoided. R.H.

No. A 53/113 Forwarding Schedules of Lands, recommended to be sold at Saleyard, on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1853. 8<sup>th</sup> April 1853. Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Schedules of Town, Suburban and Country Lands, recommended, to be sold at public auction at Saleyard, on the 19<sup>th</sup> proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval thereof. R.H.

No. A 53/114 Forwarding return of main roads, within the Colony, which have been proclaimed. 11<sup>th</sup> April 1853. Sir

With reference to letter, dated, 18<sup>th</sup> ultimo, addressed to you, by the President of the Central Road Board, requesting certain information respecting the main roads within the Colony, and your minute thereon, I have the honor, in compliance with your wishes, to forward a return of the main roads, which have been proclaimed, the date of proclamation, and the extent of same, and

to state -

1. That portions of the main roads, leading from Melbourn, towards Lynton, Mount Alverton and Postland, had been proclaimed as Parish roads.
2. I consider the above roads, as far as proclaimed, properly laid out, and likely to be permanently established.
3. They to remark that the portion of the Postland road, from Melbourn to Upper Skillet, is generally used by parties travelling to Mount Alverton, in preference to that passing by the Deep Creek.

N<sup>o</sup> 253/115  
11<sup>th</sup> April. 1853.  
Respecting the measurement of Suburban allotments at Castlemaim.

Sir  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant, 1853, and to state for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor that Mr. Surveyor Ingham has desired marking Suburban Allotments at Castlemaim, in consequence of the land for several miles around the Township being unimproved, but he considers, that the Reserves at Elphinstone and on the Coliban being within a reasonable distance of Forest Creek, may be found suitable for small farms.  
I beg to transmit a copy of Mr. Ingham's letter on the subject for His Excellency's perusal. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 253/116.  
11<sup>th</sup> April. 1853.  
Forwarding tracing of proposed Reserves at "Woodend."

Sir  
I have the honor to forward the enclosed copy of letter received from Mr. Surveyor Ingham, accompanied by a tracing showing the position of the proposed Agricultural Reserves of 9. Square Miles, at Woodend, Mount Macedon, and request, that you will have the goodness to submit the same, for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 253/117  
12<sup>th</sup> April. 1853.

Forwarding design for a Township at "Cool Baryuk Creek"

Sir  
I have the honor to forward herewith a design for a proposed Township at the "Cool Baryuk Creek" on the main road from Guelong to Keeslingoog, and about 30 miles distant from the former Town and request that you will have the goodness to cause the same to be submitted for the approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor and the Executive Council. R.H.

N<sup>o</sup> 253/118  
12<sup>th</sup> April. 1853.

Recommending the division of the Colony into Districts and the establishment of Survey Offices in each

Sir  
As it is extremely desirable, that as much time as possible should be passed in the field by the different Surveyors, I have the honor to suggest -  
1. That the Colony be divided into Districts, and that no Surveyor be permitted to absent himself from the District in which he may be stationed without the authority of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.  
2. That instead of plans being sent to the various Police Offices as hitherto, for public information, Survey Offices may be built in the several Districts, adjacent to a Police Station, for the purpose of obtaining protection if necessary.  
3. That a Draftsman capable of acting as Clerk, be appointed for each District, so as to afford the Public the necessary information respecting the sale of Lands.  
4. They recommend that an office be erected in each of the Towns specified in the margin, for the surrounding Districts. R.H.

Guelong  
Elphinstone  
Postland  
Keefact  
Helenore  
Newell.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/119. Forwarding Schedules of Lands recommended to be sold at Melbourne - on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1853.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town, Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be sold by public auction at Melbourne on the 25<sup>th</sup> proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/120. Recommending the appointment of Messrs Russell and Mason as Extra Clerks - 1853.

Sir  
I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the appointment of Messrs George Russell and Mr Mason as Extra Clerks, at salaries of Two Hundred pounds per annum, respectively commencing from the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant.  
They were recommended that both of these gentlemen are good Draftsmen and can, if required, be employed in copying plans for the Modesty Sales.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/121. Forwarding Schedules of Lands recommended to be sold at Portland on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May 1853.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town, Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be sold by public auction at Portland on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency the Lieut. Governor approval.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/122. Suggesting the appropriation of a room in the Sub-Treasurer's Buildings, Geelong, for use of Survey Department - 1853.

Sir  
With reference to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant, respecting the division of the Colony into certain Districts, and

the establishment of a Survey office in each, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor approval of the same. I have the honor to suggest that a room in the Building used by the Sub-Treasurer, Geelong be appropriated to the use of the Survey Department, until further arrangements can be made, as I am desirous of having a Draftsman to act as Clerk, sent there with as little delay as possible.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/123. Respecting Supplies of Fuel and Water for Survey Office at Portland - 1853.

Sir  
I have the honor to request that Mr Draftsman Ross, who is in charge of the Survey Office at Portland, may be authorized to purchase the usual supplies of Fuel and Water for the use of the Office during the winter months.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/124. Respecting payment for fencing land at Elphinstone - 1853.

Sir  
With reference to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> February last, N<sup>o</sup> 53/1804, and the annexed accounts for fencing certain land in the Township of Elphinstone (which have been examined at the Audit Office) I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor approval, and obtain his sanction to the payment.

N<sup>o</sup> A53/125. Forwarding Schedules of Lands recommended to be sold at Geelong on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1853 - 1853.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be sold by public auction at Geelong on the first day of June next, and two following days, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for the approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.

No. 53/126.  
22<sup>nd</sup> April.  
1853.

Requesting that the Description Books for the Sale of Crown Lands may be printed, as heretofore.

Sir

As the preparation of the Description Books, in duplicate, that are required for the sales of Crown Lands, which will from time to time take place at Melbourne, Geelong, Portland, Belfast, Melbourne and Geelong, occupies the entire time of several Clerks, and as the accommodation afforded in the Building used as office by this Department is insufficient for the requisite number of Clerks, I have the honor to request that the Books in question may be printed at the Government Printing Office, as heretofore. P.H.

No. 53/127.  
22<sup>nd</sup> April.  
1853.

Recommending the renewal of Leasing Leases.

Sir

As the expense of opening the Blue Stone Quarries near Melbourne lately leased by Auction, has been represented to me as being very great, I have the honor to recommend that the Leases be renewed annually, the Lessee giving six weeks notice in writing to be left at this Office, of his intention to renew his lease or otherwise, in order that those of any Quarries that may be given up, may be submitted to public competition. P.H.

No. 53/128.  
26<sup>th</sup> April.  
1853.

Forwarding Report of Department for March, 1853.

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. P.H.

No. 53/129.  
26<sup>th</sup> April.  
1853.

Requesting the division of the Colony into Districts, and the Surveys to be done by Contract, when possible.

Sir

With reference to the suggestions contained in my letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant I No. 53/118 and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor approval thereof, I have the honor

to recommend that a Surveyor, Assistant Surveyor and Draftsman capable of acting as Clerk be appointed for each District in the Colony, and that one party be always kept in an efficient state, and receive the highest current rate of wages.

I would further recommend that when possible, Surveys may be performed by Contract, subject to the inspection and approval of the Surveyor resident in the District, who will be responsible for the proper performance of the work, and that upon the delivery of the plan and Surveyor Certificate, the Contractor receive payment, according to the prescribed form of account furnished by the Auditor General. P.H.

No. 53/130.  
26<sup>th</sup> April.  
1853.

Requesting the payment of certain expenses incurred by Mr. Crowe Commissioner of Surveys.

Sir

Referring to my letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> February last, No. 53/107, I have the honor to forward another set of vouchers for expenses incurred by Mr. Crowe Commissioner of Surveys, in procuring a Survey of the unoccupied country between the Districts of Gipps Land, and Western Port, and request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to the payment of the same.

I beg to state that I have declined to counter-sign the vouchers, not having received any instructions respecting the survey in question. P.H.

No. 53/131.  
28<sup>th</sup> April.  
1853.

Forwarding Sale Books of Lands to be sold on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 5. 8.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Description Books of the Crown Lands intended to be submitted to public competition, at Melbourne on 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> proximo, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. P.H.

No. A53/132 Forwarding Returns of Lands recommended to be withdrawn from sale at Melbourne on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1853.  
28<sup>th</sup> April 1853. Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Return of County Allotments recommended to be withdrawn from the sale of Crown Lands <sup>intended to be sold</sup> at Melbourne. on the 5<sup>th</sup> proximo. P. H.

No. A53/133 Reporting the death of Mr. Surgeon White.  
28<sup>th</sup> April 1853. Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that it is with feelings of regret I have to report for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Surgeon White died at Melbourne on the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant. after a short illness. P. H.

No. A53/134 Forwarding Sale Books of Lands to be sold at 29<sup>th</sup> April Melbourne on the 19<sup>th</sup> proximo (May).  
1853. Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Description Books of the Crown Lands intended to be submitted to public competition at Melbourne on the 19<sup>th</sup> proximo for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. P. H.

No. A53/135 Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the payment of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Pinniger Field party.  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 1853. Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the payment of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Pinniger Field party at the rates and from the date specified in the margin. P. H.

42 shillings at 10/6 per diem from 6<sup>th</sup> April 1853.

No. A53/136 Forwarding application from Messrs Chambers & Jones to select certain land in the Parish of Cranbrook -  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 1853. Sir

In forwarding the annexed application made by Messrs Chambers and Jones to select Lot 24 of County

Lands which had been submitted to public competition at Castlemaine on the 17<sup>th</sup> February last and for which it is said no offer was made. I have the honor to state for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor that on reference being made to this list in the Sale Book no bidder name appears in pencil yet the name of H. K. Simson is inserted in ink as the purchaser. - From this circumstance I was led to believe that some irregularity had occurred in the sale of part only of this lot but also of several others as a person has power to select an unsold portion of County land except by tender to the Colonial Treasurer. P. H.

No. A53/137 Forwarding Memorial from the Subalterns of Boroodara praying for alterations in certain roads -  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 1853. Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Memorial from the Subalterns of Boroodara praying that certain alterations may be made in the roads previous to the lands being sold on the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant and would be recommended that the main Road from the South Yarr Forest be continued from the South West corner of portion 118 North Westwardly through portions 102, 101, 98 and 96 to meet the road leading to Richmond Bridge. - They further state that such a road is necessary through these portions on their being put up to competition but that they are unwilling for altering the road from Elgar's Special Survey. P. H.

No. A53/138 Requesting the sanction of His Excellency to the payment of Mr. Taylor's Field party.  
4<sup>th</sup> May 1853. Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's sanction to the payment of the men composing Mr. Asst. Surgeon Taylor's Field party at the rates and from the date specified in the margin. P. H.

10 shillings at 10/6 per diem from 5<sup>th</sup> April

No. A 33/139

14<sup>th</sup> May

1853

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Requesting sanction to the payment of Mr. Brazill's party.

Sir  
I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's sanction to the payment of the cash composing Mr. Asst. Brazill's field party, at the rate and from the date specified in the margin. B.H.

No. A 33/140

14<sup>th</sup> May

1853

Stating that Mr. Asst. Surveyor Pinniger had been deputed to take the late Mr. White's plan at Kiliuore.

Sir  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, 1853, and to state for His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's information, that I have deputed Mr. Asst. Surveyor Pinniger to proceed to Kiliuore, and take the temporary charge of the Government property that was in the possession of the late Mr. Surveyor White, also to complete the survey of land in the neighborhood of Kiliuore, and if possible, to make private arrangements for the purchase of any portion of the late Mr. White's equipment, which he may require. - I have further to state that Mr. Pinniger intends proceeding to Kiliuore, on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant. B.H.

No. A 33/141

14<sup>th</sup> May

1853

Recommending the appointment of Mr. John Jones as Draftsman.

Sir  
I have the honor to recommend that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor may be pleased to sanction the appointment of Mr. John Jones as a Draftsman in this Department, at a salary of Two Hundred and fifty pounds per annum, commencing from the date of his entering on the duties of his office. B.H.

£250

No. A 33/142

5<sup>th</sup> May

1853

Respecting the appointment of Licensed Surveyors.

Sir  
Adverting to your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1853, wherein you express the hopes of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, that I have been enabled to increase the strength of my Department, so as to secure a sufficient quantity of land being ready to be brought forward for sale. I have the honor to state that I consider it would be advantageous, if Licensed Surveyors of confirmed experience and irreproachable character could be procured, who might be remunerated according to a scale of charges.

I have to state that at present I find great difficulty in obtaining the services of experienced Surveyors, chiefly on account of the great expense attending the purchase of an equipment, in fact most of the new arrivals are quite destitute of the means of procuring one, besides they require some tuition before they become acquainted with the method of marking lands, and are perfectly ignorant of the system of tracing lines &c. B.H.

No. A 33/143

5<sup>th</sup> May

1853

Recommending that the Boundaries of Blocks in Townships, be defined by the erection of posts.

Sir  
As it is necessary to keep all boundaries, but particularly those of blocks in new Townships, as well as the City of Melbourne, properly defined, I have the honor to recommend, that square posts, painted white, be erected at the corner of each block, and sunk into the ground, about three feet, leaving about the same height above. I have to state that I fear, if this matter be not attended to, great litigation may hereafter be the result. B.H.

No. A 33/144

5<sup>th</sup> May

1853

Representing the insufficiency of Office Accommodation.

Sir  
With reference to the desire expressed by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, that as much land as possible should be brought forward for sale, I have the honor to call His Excellency's attention to the insufficiency

of the accommodations afforded in the Building used as Offices by this Department, and to state

- 1<sup>st</sup> That a much larger room is required for the exhibition of Plans, the one at present set apart for that purpose being not half large enough.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That a safe department for depositing original plans and documents in is much required. R.H.

No. 233/145  
5<sup>th</sup> May 1853  
Recommending the appointment of Mr. J. Carr as Surveyor

Sir  
I have the honor to recommend that His Excellency the Princi. Governor may be pleased to sanction the appointment of Mr. Thomas Carr as a Surveyor of the Crown, at a salary of Six Hundred pounds per annum, with the usual allowance in lieu of equipment paid Mr. White, deceased. - They to state, that Mr. Carr was formerly Deputy Surveyor General in South Australia and a gentleman whom I consider well qualified for the duties of a Surveyor. R.H.

No. 233/146  
5<sup>th</sup> May 1853  
Forwarding Mr. Bucklands letter offering premises in Geelong for use of Survey Department.

Sir  
With reference to my letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo and my minute thereon, I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Princi. Governor consideration, the annexed letter received from Mr. John Buckland, offering certain premises in Geelong for use of Survey Department at a rental of £250 per annum. R.H.

No. 233/147  
5<sup>th</sup> May 1853  
Forwarding for approval, plan of the Township of Wraybrook

Sir  
I have the honor to forward herewith, a plan of the Township of Wraybrook, in the Parish of Catapar situated near the Salt Water River, about 8 miles from Melbourne, and request that you will have the goodness to cause the same to be submitted for the approval of His Excellency the Princi. Governor, and the Executive Council. R.H.

No. 233/148  
6<sup>th</sup> May 1853  
Recommending promotion of Messrs. Cong. Parker & Fletcher.

Sir  
I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Princi. Governor, to the promotion of the undermentioned Clerks, in my Department, consequent on the appointment of Mr. J. H. Taylor, as an Assistant Surveyor, viz -  
Mr. W. Cong. Accountant, from £300 to £350 per annum.  
Mr. H. M. Parker, who examines the plans and descriptions of the lands brought forward for sale, from £200 to £250 per annum, and Mr. Charles H. Fletcher, who has the superintendance of the Road Branch, from £200 to £250 per annum. - They to recommend that those increased salaries take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> instant. R.H.

No. 233/149  
6<sup>th</sup> May 1853  
Recommending increase of salary to Messrs. MacDonnell and Cousser.

Sir  
I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Princi. Governor may be pleased to sanction the payment of increased rates of salary to the undermentioned Quarters holding office in my Department, viz -  
1. Mr. J. MacDonnell, Corresponding Clerk, from £350 to £400 per annum. -  
2. Mr. R. Cousser, who it is intended shall take charge of the Drawing room, from £300 to £350 per annum. -  
They to recommend these special cases for His Excellency's favorable consideration, and that the increased salaries, as proposed, take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> instant. R.H.

No. 233/150  
6<sup>th</sup> May 1853  
Forwarding Schedule of Lands to be sold at Kewalla on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward herewith, Schedules of Town and Suburban Lands situated in the Murray District, recommended to be submitted to public competition at the Police Office, Kewalla, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> prox. and request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Princi. Governor approval of the same. R.H.

No. A53/151  
7<sup>th</sup> May  
1833.  
Forwarding plan of land at Warranwood. Selected for Revolut<sup>n</sup> Disposal.  
Sir

With reference to your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> February No. 53/151, respecting the site for a Revolut<sup>n</sup> Disposal, in the Township of Warranwood. I have the honor to forward herewith a plan of the land selected for the purpose, together with a description of the same, for insertion in the Book of Grant.

No. A53/152  
7<sup>th</sup> May  
1833.  
Requesting authority for payment of Mr. Wagesham's party.  
Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's authority for the payment of the men composing Mr. Asst. Surgeon Wagesham's Field party, at the rates and from the dates specified in the margin.

1. Amount of pay 1444  
2. Allowance of 29 months  
3. Allowance of 12 days  
4. Allowance of 12 days  
5. Allowance of 12 days  
from 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1833

No. A53/153  
9<sup>th</sup> May  
1833  
Forwarding Description Books of Lands to be sold at Portland, on the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Description Books of the Crown Lands, which it is intended to submit for public competition at Portland, on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> instant, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

No. A53/154  
10<sup>th</sup> May  
1833.  
Forwarding copy of approved plan of Township of Mendith for transmission to Police Bench at Geelong  
Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Mendith, situated at the Cook Bay's Creek, on the main line of road from Geelong to Haminsburg, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench, Geelong, for public information.

No. A53/155  
11<sup>th</sup> May  
1833.  
Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the payment of Mr. Surgeon Sumpster's party.  
Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's sanction to the payment of the men composing Mr. Surgeon Sumpster's Field party, at the rates and from the dates specified in the margin.

1. Amount of pay 1444  
2. Allowance of 29 months  
3. Allowance of 12 days  
4. Allowance of 12 days  
5. Allowance of 12 days  
from 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1833

No. A53/156  
13<sup>th</sup> May  
1833.  
Respecting land at South Geelong (which had been purchased by Mr. A. D. Ryland) advertised for sale.  
Sir

With reference to Mr. A. D. Ryland's communication of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, stating that allotment 17 & 18 of about 20 a. South Geelong, advertised for sale, on the 1<sup>st</sup> proximo, had been purchased by him. I have the honor to acquaint you that according to the Returns furnished to the Colonial Treasurer, the deposit paid by Mr. Ryland for the allotment in question, was forfeited, and that consequently the lots have open for sale. - On enquiring at the Colonial Treasury Office, that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March last, nearly four months after the sale of these lots took place, His Excellency the Lieut. Governor was pleased to allow the balance of the purchase money due for these allotments to be paid, of which circumstance I have not apprised. - If the conditions of sale, which are always read by the Auctioneer, were strictly adhered to, no mistakes of this kind could possibly occur. - I would therefore be recommended that in future, after the month allowed for the payment of the balance of the purchase money, no allotments whatever be allowed in the final report of the sale.

No. A53/157  
13<sup>th</sup> May  
1833.  
Forwarding Schedules of Lands to be sold at Kelfat, 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Special Counties and Counties Cauds recommended to be sold by public auction at Kelfat, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval.