No. 53/158
14th May
1853

Requesting His Excellency's Sanction to the payment of the rent of Survey Office at Belfast.

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 rent of the premises used as Office by the Survey Department at Belfast at the rate and from the date specified in the margin. R.H.

Ellis's pursuant from 1st April 1853

No. 53/159.
14th May
1853.

Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the payment for a Table for Survey Office. Portland.

Sir

I have the honor to request that His Excellency may be pleased to sanction the payment of the sum of Three pounds for a Table for the use of the Survey Department at Portland. R.H.

No. 53/160
16th May
1853

Forwarding Report of Department for April. 1853.

Sir

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

No. 53/161.
17th May
1853

Requesting His Excellency's authority for employment of Mr. Pennington Field party.

Sir

As Mr. Asst. Surveyor Pennington who has succeeded the late Mr. White at Kilmore is unable to engage men to form his party at lower rates than those specified in the margin. I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor may be pleased to authorise the payment of this additional rate of 6d. in order that no further interruption may take place in the proceedings of the Survey in that locality. R.H.

1 Chain Bt. Pendicular & Cabin Bt.

No. 53/162
17th May
1853

Respecting the introduction of more land into the Market

Sir

53/5331

With reference to your letter of the 11th Instant. 53/69. Conceiving His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor wishes expediting the ready and uninterrupted introduction of abundant supplies of land into the market I have the honor to state that the Lands in the Selected Districts which have not been already subdivided are from their inferior quality scarcely worth the expence of marking off into small frontages and that when the Lands open for sale in the Intermediate Districts are of good quality the Reserves are much too small. particularly at such places as Kilmeston. Malmesbury. Caniebrook and the Grange. where the Scarcity from 4 square miles recommended for the purpose has in each instance been reduced to three Square miles. - These Reserves being already measured might be brought forward for immediate sale.

2. They recommend that the whole of the available land at the Portland Hills. be surveyed. and brought into the market as the present Reserve is much too small. being only three Square miles.

3. A large tract of land at Dooking Forest might be surveyed by Contract as well as land to the South of Kilmore (Cummings Station) and a vast quantity on the banks of the Cawkaspo River. There is also much land available at the Blacks and Pattersons Stations in the neighbourhood of Mount Burrow.

4. Many Parishes about to be Sold have been surveyed. but I am unable to bring them forward for sale. There are also lands of good quality on the River Wannon. and other in the Murray District. which have already been surveyed. together with large tract of country at Devils River and Fords Creek. All of which should be brought into the market with as little delay as possible.

5. The Survey of Lands in the neighbourhood of the Mount Alexander Gold Fields. is being proceeded with. under the superintendence of Mr. Surveyor Urquhart. R.H.

No. A53/163. 17th May 1853

Recommending the erection of a Temporary Building for exhibition of plans &c.

Sir

Referring to my letter of the 5th Instant. No. A53/144. reflecting the insufficiency of accommodation afforded in the Building used as Offices by this Department. I have the honor to state that very great inconvenience is experienced by persons visiting to obtain Drawings of the lands for sale. and other information. in consequence of the room set apart for the purpose. being so very small.

I would therefore beg to recommend that a Temporary Building be erected in the Yard. for the purpose of affording the necessary accommodation to the Public.

R.H.

No. A53/164 18th May 1853

Stating that Wm. S Burr declines accepting the Office of Surveyor.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 12th Instant No. 53/212 conveying His Excellency the Lieut. Governor sanction to the appointment of Wm Thomas Burr. as a Surveyor of the Colony. I have the honor to forward a letter herewith from Wm. Burr. declining to accept the Office in question.

R.H.

No. A53/165. 18th May 1853

Requesting sanction to the appointment of Wm. Philip Lamitt as Temporary Asst. Surveyor.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut. Governor sanction to the appointment of Wm. Philip Lamitt as a Temporary Asst Surveyor. at a Salary of Three Hundred and fifty pounds. per annum for the purpose of being employed for the present. in marking Town and Suburban Allotments in the vicinity of Melbourne.

£350 —

R.H.

No. A53/166. 18th May 1853

Requesting authority for Wm Lamitt party.

Sir

I have the honor to request. that in the event of Wm Lamitt appointment. as a Temporary Asst Surveyor being

approved of by the Lieut. Governor you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency sanction to the employment of 4 men. at the rate specified in the margin.

10/ per diem —

Indent X

No. A53/167 18th May 1853

Forwarding Description Books for Sydney Sale.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Books of the lands to be offered for sale at Sydney on the 1st 2nd & 3rd proximo for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

R.H.

No. A53/168 18th May 1853.

Forwarding Returns of Lands to be withdrawn from sale at Geelong &c.

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.—

1. Return of 6 recommended to be withdrawn from sale at Geelong on the 1st proximo

2. Return of 5 containing improvement. the value of which is to be added to the upset price. and of 4. on which Rent. from 1st proximo have been ceded the owners of which will be allowed one month for removal of fences &c.

R.H.

No. A53/169. 20th May 1853.

Forwarding plan of Township of "Eastwood". for approval.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a plan of a proposed Township to be named "Eastwood". situated at the Bullock Creek. on the main road to the Avoca. Town Ponds and Murray River. 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. A53/170 20th May 1853.

Forwarding certain Returns—

Sir

In compliance with His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors instructions. I have the honor to forward herewith the undermentioned Returns.

1 Return of Lands offered for sale from 1st January 1850. to 30th June 1851 —

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2. Return of Lands offered for sale from 1st July 1831 to 31st December 1832.
3. Return of Lands offered or proclaimed for sale from 1st January 1833. to the present time.
4. Return shewing the gross quantity of land in the Settled Subintermediate and Unsettled Districts granted under preemptive right.
5. Return shewing the gross quantity of land alienated from the Crown and in the hands of the public.
6. Return shewing the comparative expense of the Surveyor Generals Department for the half year ending 30th June 1831 — and 31st December 1832.
7. Return shewing the comparative strength of the Department before the Separation 1st July 1831 and at the present time.

RH

No A 33/95 20th May 1833

Forwarding Certain Returns.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 2nd Instant S.R. 33/94 I have the honor to forward herewith the Returns particularized in the margin, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Secretary of State.

RH

1. Lands Sold.
2. — Reserved.
3. — and Open for Purchase at Melbourne.

No A 33/96 28th May 1833

Forwarding Descriptive Books of Lands to be sold at Melbourne, on the 25th 26 & 27th May 1833.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Descriptive Books of Lands to be submitted for public Competition on the 25th 26th and 27th Instant. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

RH

No A 33/97 23rd May 1833

Forwarding Return of Lands containing improvements, to be sold at Melbourne, on the 27th May.

Sir

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors approval, the accompanying Return of Lands containing improvements which it is intended to submit for public Competition at Melbourne, on the 27th Instant and the value of which to be added to the upset price.

RH

No A 33/74 23rd May 1833

Respecting Leases of Lands within the Settled Districts

Sir

As a number of Leases of Crown Lands within the Settled Districts of this Colony are still lying at the Colonial Treasury, I have the honor to request that the accompanying Notice be published in the Government Gazette, and that in the event of parties failing to take out their Leases before the 1st July next, the Lands in question be then offered for sale by public Auction.

RH

No A 33/75 28th May 1833

Respecting the sale of more land at Hamilton &c &c.

Sir

With reference to Mr Crown Commissioner Grays letter of the 20th Ultimo, recommending more land to be brought into the market, I have the honor to state, 1st That 64 of 1 rood each, at Hamilton are advertised for sale at Portland on the 25th Instant: and as this Township will probably become of some importance on account of its situation, I consider that quarter acre Lots would be desirable, and shall instruct Mr Asst Surveyor Clarke to subdivide the Allotments, and when they are brought forward for sale, shall keep back some of the intervening lots.

2. The whole of the unsold Suburban and Country Lands at the Grange containing 377½ acres, is included in the Sale of the 26th Instant but the Sections of 320 acres each applied for by Mr Gray, as well as four others marked by Mr Wade, have been excluded from the Returns by the Land Board, and therefore cannot be subdivided unless the Reserve be enlarged. Fifty one Suburban Lots containing about 739 acres have been already Sold in this locality.

3. At "Castleton," "Coleraine," "Dryley," "Holeport," and "Dowling Forest" Town and Suburban Lots will be brought forward as early as possible, as Mr Assistant Surveyor Dawson reports that a plan of the quarter acre allotments has been just received, and that Mr Asst Surveyor Dawson is at present engaged in marking off the Town Suburban and Country Lots for sale.

RH

No. A53/176. 26th May 1853

Forwarding Return of Lands to be withdrawn from Sale at Melbourne. on 27th May 1853

Sir

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieut. Governors approval. a Return of Country Lands recommended to be withdrawn from sale at Melbourne on the 27th Instant.

R.H.

No. A53/177 26th May 1853

Forwarding Return of Lands to be withdrawn from Sale at Geelong. on the 1st and 2nd June. 1853

Sir

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieut. Governors approval. a Return of Lands recommended to be withdrawn from Sale at Geelong on the 1st and 2nd proximo.

R.H.

No. A53/178 26th May 1853

Submitting for approval a scale of payments to be made to Contract Surveyors.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 11th Instant. L.B. 53/64 enquiring how the Lieut. Governors approval of Surveys being performed by Contract. when possible. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to submit for His Excellencys consideration. the Scale of payments as specified in the margin. which I would propose should be made to persons performing Surveys by Contract.

R.H.

Scale of Allowances for Surveys by Contract

No. A53/179 27th May 1853

Respecting the Sale of Lands at "Barkers Creek" Elphinstone

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to submit for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors consideration the annexed application to purchase land at the various Towns in the neighbourhood of the Gold Fields. - If His Excellency shall approve of these lands being brought forward for sale. the Surveys might be performed by contract at the rates specified in my letter No. 53/178. of 26th Inst. thereby unnecessary delay.

R.H.

No. A53/180 27th May 1853

Forwarding plan of land at Castlemaine. appropriated for Church of England purposes.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a plan of the land at Castlemaine appropriated for Church of England purposes. together with descriptions of the various sites selected for Church. School and Minister Dwelling for insertion in the Deed of Grant.

R.H.

No. A53/181 27th May 1853

Respecting Mr. John Danes purchase in Boroondara.

Sir

With reference to Mr. John Danes letter of the 24th Instant. respecting his purchase of land in the Parish of Boroondara. I have the honor to state that no road was marked along the Northern boundary of portion 118. nor was any intended to be left. In drawing the plan. two lines were shewn. but if parties examined the length of lines. the error could be easily detected. They will state that The description of the lot in the Sale Book was perfectly correct. and that had a road been marked it would have been outside the Northern boundary line. - I therefore consider that Mr. Dane has no just claim to compensation for land which has not been taken from him.

R.H.

No. A53/182 27th May 1853.

Forwarding design for a Township at the Head of Lake Corangamite

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a design for a proposed Township. at the Head of Lake Corangamite on the main road from Geelong to Elephant Bridge and Kinboos. and request that you will cause the same to be submitted for the Approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor and the Executive Council.

R.H.

No. A 53/183. 27th May 1853.

Forwarding design for a Villag. on the road from Belfast to Spring Creek for approval.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a design for a villag. on the road from Belfast to Spring Creek near Mr. Mackays farm. 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.

R.H.

No. 53/184 28th May 1853

Respecting sale of Land between Elizabeth St. & Carlton Gardens.

Sir

As numerous applications have been made to purchase portions of land in that part of Melbourne situated between the continuation of Elizabeth Street and the proposed Carlton Gardens. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors instructions respecting the Survey of the Lands in question.

R.H.

No. 53/185 30th May 1853

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of approved plan of Township of Meredith situated on the main road from Geelong to Buninyong for the purpose of being transmitted to Police Bench at former place for public information.

R.H.

No. A 53/186 1st June 1853

With reference to your Circular letter No. 53/4 I have the honor to state that in accordance with the instructions therein contained I have this day forwarded to the Auditor General the statement of the estimated expenditure of my Department for the year 1854. I beg to observe that this proposed expenditure is exclusive of any further sums that may be required to carry out what may be the future intentions of Government respecting the subdividing of Land for Should the settled Districts be extended and the enlargement of Reserves which the increased demand for land urgently calls for; at least twenty more contract Surveyors will be required say at a cost of £2000 each. I have further to state that the Surveys by contract must be performed under the inspection of the different Government Surveyors who have proved themselves active and Zealous in the discharge of their duties one of whom

will be stationed in each district as the number of Surveyors employed can be increased according to circumstances.
I also beg to recommend the appointment of Licensed Surveyors the rate of whose remuneration can be decided on by a Board or that contract performances of certain Surveys be called for.
I have to observe that the rates of pay as formerly fixed for the Survey Department (and hereunder specified) by the Right Hon.ble The Secretary of State were much more liberal than those now proposed considering the enormously raised price of House rent. Provisions, Fuel, Water &c &c at the present time.

1000	Surveyor General
650	Deputy Surveyor General
400	Senior Surveyor
375	Surveyor
350	Do
325	Do lowest rate
300	Assistant Surveyor
200	Lowest rate of Do
400	Senior Draftsman.
200 to 150	Junior Do

R. H.

No. A 53/187 1st June 1853

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Lismore situated at Browns water holes on the road from Elephants Bridge towards Cressy for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at the Leigh for public information.

R.H.

No. A 53/188 1st June 1853.

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter received from Mr Jeffrey Bp.e Keating on behalf of the Bench of Magistrates at Albury respecting the sale of Land at Belvidere Wodonga Creek and beg to state that Returns of Town Suburban and County lands in the Murray district applied for by various parties and recommended to be brought forward for sale by the late Crown Commissioner Mr. Tully have been prepared for some time and only await His Excellency the Lieut. Governors instructions with respect to having the Lots included therein proclaimed for Sale

R. H.

No A 53/189
1st June
1853

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut. Governors sanction to the promotion of Mr Maurice Weston. Draftsman in my Department to the rank of Temporary Assist. Surveyor with salary at the rate of £300 per annum and an allowance in lieu of equipage of £200 per annum commencing from the date on which he reports himself ready to take charge of a field party. I beg to forward for His Excellency's perusal the copy of a letter received from Mr Surveyor Skene under whose direction Mr Weston has been for the last four months
R.H.

No A 53/190
1st June
1853

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain his Excellency the Lieut. Governor's sanction to the appointment of Mr Edmund Colbert as Draftsman in this Department at a salary of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum commencing from the date on which he reports himself ready for duty. As Mr Colbert is a competent Surveyor but unable to provide himself with an equipment it is my intention to employ him in marking lots in the neighbourhood of Melbourne.
R.H.

No A 53/191
1st June
1853

With reference to the measurement of garden allotments in the neighbourhood of the Benevolent Asylum as sanctioned by His Excellency the Lieut Governor I have the honor to suggest that the direction of the line of Mr Alexander Railway be determined upon as soon as possible in order that the marking of those allotments may not interfere with the land that may be required by the Company.
R.H.

No A 53/192
1st June
1853

As several competent Surveyors who are unable to provide themselves with an equipment have lately applied to me for employment in this Department I have the honor to request that Government will have the goodness to inform me whether under such circumstances the Government provide these parties with an equipment, the cost of which could be repaid by monthly instalments.
R.H.

No A 53/193
1st June
1853.

I have the honor to state for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor that there are several private

surveyors who would enter in to contracts with the Government to survey land for sale were they informed of the probable time they would be employed and the notice they would receive previous to terminating a contract. A three months notice has hitherto been given
R.H.

No A 53/194
2nd June
1853

I have the honor to forward for final approval the plan of the land at East Melbourne appropriated as a site for a Gaelic School with description of the same for insertion in the deed of Grant. And request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for the final approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.
R.H.

No A 53/195
4th June
1853

Requesting His Excellencys sanction to the payment of increase wages to Surveyor Hodgkinsons party.

4 Labourers at £84 per annum with rations from the 1st of April 1853.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's sanction to the payment of advanced wages to Surveyor Hodgkinsons party, at the rate and from the date specified in the margin
R.H.

No A 53/196
4th June
1853.

£ 96 —

Requesting that Surveyor Hodgkinson may be permitted to advance the wages of his party.

As Mr Surveyor Hodgkinson finds it impossible to procure men for his party at a lower rate of wages than ninety six pounds per annum. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors sanction to the payment of this advanced rate.
R.H.

No 2A 53/197
4th June
1853.

£ 250 —

Recommending appointment of Mr Fred. Harding as Draftsman.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's sanction to the appointment of Mr Fred. Harding 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.
R.H.

No A53/198
4th June
1853

Stating that Mr Thomas Wedge had been directed to subdivide Sections in the Parish of Deutgam.

I have the honor to state for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that in order to meet the increased demands for Land near Melbourne I have directed Mr Thomas Wedge to subdivide the large Sections in the Parish of Deutgam (situated on the East side of the Werribee River and facing the Bay) into suitable positions for sale.

I beg to state that Mr Wedge's services will be remunerated at the rate sanctioned by His Excellency - viz - £4-4-0 per mile.

No A53/199.
4th June
1853

Forwarding copy of approved plan of Kirkstall for transmission to Police Bench Belfast.

I have the honor to forward a copy of the approved plan of the village of Kirkstall situated on the main road from Belfast to Mount Rouse and Spring Creek for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Belfast for public information. R.H.

No A53/200
6th June
1853.

Forwarding copy of Mr Assistant Surveyor Taylors report of his progress in the Survey necessary for the supply of water to the Town of Geelong.

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors information a copy of Mr Assistant Surveyor Taylors report of the progress made by him in the preliminary Survey necessary for the Sewerage and Supply of water to the Town of Geelong. R.H.

No A53/201
6th June
1853.

Recommending the appointment of Mr Charles Bone as a Draftsman in the department.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut Governors sanction to the appointment of Mr Charles Bone as a Draftsman in this Department at a salary of Two Hundred and Fifty pounds per annum and to recommend that he be employed under the orders of Mr Assist. Surveyor Taylor. R.H.

£250.

No A53/202.
6th June
1853.

Forwarding copy of approved plan of the Township of Foxhowe for transmission to Police Bench Colac.

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Foxhowe situated at the head of Lake Corangamite for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at Colac for public information. R.H.

No A53/203.
6th June
1853.

Forwarding for approval plan of a Township at Shorelands Bluff Indented Head.

I have the honor to forward herewith a plan of a proposed Township at Shorelands Bluff Indented Head which I request you will have the goodness to cause to be submitted for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Council. R.H.

No A53/204
6th June
1853.

53/6304

Forwarding description of proposed reserve for Firewood at Point Nepean.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 2nd Instant C.S. 2461, I have the honor to forward a description of the reserve for Firewood for Limeburning purposes in the neighbourhood of Point Nepean. For publication in the Government Gazette. R.H.

No A53/205
7th June
1853.

Respecting the construction of a Tramway from Portland to the Grange.

In reply to your letter of the 31st Instant C.S. 53/1442 - respecting the construction of a Tramway between Portland and the Grange. I have the honor to recommend that a better season of the year be chosen for such nice work as would be required.

I beg to state that I shall select a competent person for this duty who can commence the necessary operations when the weather permits. R.H.

No A53/206
7th June
1853.

Recommending the appointment of Mr C. P. O Rafferty as temporary Assistant Surveyor.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors sanction to the appointment of Mr C - P - O Rafferty as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor at a salary of

with an allowance of £20 per annum

£350 — Three hundred and fifty pounds per annum, in lieu of equipment commencing from the date on which he reports himself ready for the Field.

I beg to state that it is my intention to employ Mr. O'Rafferty in marking lands in the neighbourhood of the Gold Fields under the directions of the Surveyor

R. H.

Urquhart

No A53/207
June 7th
1853.

Forwarding description of land proclaimed at Belfast.

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Book of the land to be sold by Auction proclaimed at Belfast on the 22nd Instant for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

R. H.

No A53/208
June 9th
1853.

Recommending the appointment of Mr John Turner as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors sanction to the appointment of Mr John Turner as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department with salary at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty pounds per annum commencing from the date on which he reports himself ready for duty.

£350 —

I beg to state that it is my intention to employ Mr Turner for the present in marking quarter acre allotments at Sandridge.

R. H.

No A53/209
June 9th

Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the employment of Mr Turners Survey party.

I have the honor to request that in the event of Mr John Turners appointment as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor being approved of by the Lieutenant Governor you will have the goodness to obtain his Excellency's sanction to the employment of four men to form the above gentlemans Surveying party at the current rate of

10 per diem

wages as specified in the margin.

R. H.

No A53/210
June 9th

To request that Mr Skene may be allowed to engage a party at advanced wages.

1853.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut Governors sanction to the employment by Mr Surveyor Skene of a party of four men at the rate

7/6 per diem

specified in the margin while he is engaged marking quarter acre allotments in the Town of Geelong.

I beg to state that Mr Assistant Surveyor Thiston will take the charge of Mr Skene's present party at Port Arlington while the latter gentleman is occupied with the aforesaid duty.

R. H.

No A53/211
June 9th
1853.

Recommending that Mr Draftsman Howell be allowed one months leave of Absence.

I have the honor to forward herewith the copy of a letter received from Mr Howell Draftsman in my department requesting to be allowed a one months leave of Absence from the 1st proximo for the purpose of recruiting his health and beg to recommend the application for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

R. H.

No 53/212.
June 10th
1853.

Recommending that Mr Surveyor Hodgkinson be allowed to complete the survey as required by the Sewerage commissioners

In transmitting the accompanying letter — addressed by the Commissioners of Sewerage and Water supply to Mr Surveyor Hodgkinson for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors information I have the honor to recommend that officer who has been prosecuting the Trigonometrical Survey of Melbourne in a most satisfactory manner be allowed to complete the survey of Richmond and Collingwood as required by the Commissioners

R. H.

No A53/213.
June 11th
1853.

Forwarding for approval plan of a Township near Bacchus Marsh.

I have the honor to forward herewith a plan of a Proposed Township on the south side of the Werribee River and near Bacchus Marsh. 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.

R. H.

No A 53/214
June 11th 1853.

Requesting authority for the payment of Mr Colbert Survey party.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors authority for the payment of wages at the rate and from the date specified in the margin to four men forming the Survey party of Mr Draftsman Colbert who is at present engaged in marking allotments in that part of the extension of Melbourne between the Sydney road and the Carlton Gardens.

10/ per diem from 7th Instant.

R. H.

No A 53/215.
June 13th 1853.

Forwarding return of lands recommended to be withdrawn from sale at Belfast on the 22nd June.

I have the honor to forward for his Excellency the Lieutenant Governors approval.

1. Return of Lands recommended to be withdrawn from sale, at Belfast on the 22nd Instant.
2. Return of lands on which there are improvements for the removal of which one months will be allowed.

I beg to forward for his Excellency's information the copy of a letter received from Mr R. H. Woodward. having reference to the return of Lands recommended to be withdrawn from sale.

R. H.

No A 53/216
June 13th 1853.

Forwarding Tracings and descriptions of proposed additions to the Reserves at Kyneton & Malmsbury.

In compliance with his Excellency the Lieutenant Governors request I have the honor to forward herewith Tracings shewing the additions proposed to be made to the reserves at Kyneton and Malmsbury together with descriptions for publication in the government gazette.

R. H.

No A 53/217
June 13th 1853.

Forwarding Mr Assistant Bellairs resignation of his appointment

I have the honor to forward for his Excellency the Lieutenant Governors information the annexed copy of letter received from Mr Assistant Surveyor Bellairs tendering the resignation of his appointment in this Department which I beg to recommend may be accepted

as soon as he has completed the plans &c of lands marked by him in the Parish of Mulgrave.

R. H.

No A 53/218.
June 14th 1853.

Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the employment of a messenger for Survey Office, Geelong.

As the Survey Offices at Geelong will be opened to the public on the 16th Instant. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors Sanction to the employment by Mr Davidson (the Clerk at present in charge) of a Boy at the current rate of wages for the purpose of acting as Messenger, cleaning out the office &c.

R. H.

No A 53/219.
June, 15th 1853.

Forwarding Mr Surveyor Smythes letter respecting the Survey at May Day Hills.

I have the honor to forward forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors information the annexed copy of a letter received from Mr Surveyor Smythe respecting his survey at the May Day Hills. but beg to state that the Plan which he states as having forwarded has not yet been received.

R. H.

No A 53/220
June 15th 1853.

Respecting the appointment of Mr Fredrick Harding as Draftsman.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant respecting the appointment of Mr Fredrick Harding as a Draftsman in this Department at a salary of £250 two Hundred and fifty pounds per annum and beg to state for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors information that this appointment is not included in the provision made for 1853 but in excess thereof to be covered by Supplementary Estimate.

£ 250 —

R. H.

No A 53/221
June 15th 1853.

Respecting the payment of advances to Surveyors for the purpose of completing their equipments.

With reference to my letter of the 1st Instant No A 53/192 and the various minutes thereon

I have the honor to state for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors information that as several competent Surveyors willing to perform work by contract have offered their services since the letter above referred to was transmitted and as uniformity is desirable I disapprove of any advances being made until at all events a portion of the work contracted for is performed subject to the approval of those District Surveyors who have been found diligent and trustworthy and whose salaries should be increased to compensate them for the increased responsibility of their duties. R.H.

No A-53/222
June 15th 1853.

Forwarding Mr M.J. Campbells letter declining the appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

Sir

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors information the annexed copy of a letter received from Mr M.J. Campbell in which he declines to accept the appointment of Assistant Surveyor for the Gippsland District. R.H.

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No A-53/224
June 16th 1853.

Respecting the Reserves for Public Markets in Geelong.

Sir

With reference to letter addressed to you by the Mayor of Geelong recommending that certain portions in that Town be set apart for Public Markets. I have the honor to state that two portions of 5 acres each have been already reserved for the purpose, viz— the northern half of Section No 24 and Section No 30 I see no objection to the portion marked No 2 on the tracing being so reserved nor to the change from 30b to 18a. but would object to portions 1 and 4 as the former would interfere with the Railway terminus and the latter was reserved by order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for some particular purpose about three years since. R.H.

(1)

No A-53/223
June 16

Forwarding report of Department for May 1853.

Sir

1853

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

No A53/225.
June 17th 1853.
L 13/53/88. B.—

Forwarding description of proposed Reserve at Woodend.

Sir

In accordance with the desire of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor conveyed to me by your letter of the 14th Instant. I have the honor to forward herewith a description of the proposed Reserve of Nine square miles at Woodend for publication in the government Gazette. R.H.

No A53/226
June 17th 1853.

Forwarding for approval plan for a proposed Township near Mount Shadwell.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a plan for a proposed Township and Suburban Allotments situated near Mount Shadwell on the proposed main line of road towards Darlington and Cressy 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. R.H.

No A53/227
June 17th 1853.

In explanation of his request for an authority for the payment of Mr Hodgkinson's party.

Sir

With reference to the minute of the acting Auditor General on my letter of the 4th Instant No A53/196 referred for my explanation I have the honor to state that there is no confusion involved between the above letter and No A53/193 of the same date relative to a similar subject as that officer seems to suppose as the latter letter refered to the payment of a rate of wages in force since the first of April. while the

former requested an authority for the payment of advanced rates. in consequence of Mr Hodgkinson being unable to keep his party in an efficient state on a lower rate of salary than that proposed.

I beg to observe that if the rate of wages of our Labourers connected with this Department are to be fixed by the Audit Office, and no variation allowed the Surveys will in many instances come to a stand still and that if any obstacle interfere with the regular payment of the Survey parties. the men composing them will no longer continue in the government employment.

P.H.

N°A 53/228
June 18th
1853.

Forwarding plan of Garden allotments near the Benevolent Asylum

Sir

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors approval the plan of some Garden allotments near the Benevolent Asylum marked by Mr Assistant Surveyor Larritt and request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's instructions as to the conditions of Lease – viz

1st Whether those allotments are to be leased by Auction.
2nd For what period will they be leased.
3rd What the conditions are to be as to the Buildings to be erected.
4th Whether the Lessee will be granted the power of subletting.

P.H.

N°A 53/229.
June 18th
1853.

Intimating the resignation of Mr Draftsman Debenham

Sir

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors information a copy of a letter received from Mr Draftsman Debenham tendering the resignation of his appointment in this Department as well as a copy of Mr Surveyor Hodgkinsons reboot as to the cause of such resignation.

P.H

N°A 53/230.
June 20th
1853.

Forwarding for His Excellencys approval, Regulations for, contract for contract Surveys.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 7th Instant 53/34 B. I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors approval a copy of Certain Regulations for the guidance of Contract Surveyors and to request that if approved of by His Excellency you will have the goodness to cause the same to be transmitted to the government printer, for the purpose of having about one hundred and fifty copies there of struck off for the use of this Department.

P.H.

N°A 53/231
June 21st
1853

Respecting the sale of Land at the Grange.

Sir

With reference to Mr Crown Commissioner Gray's letter of the 1st Instant, referred for my report I have the honor to call your attention to my letter of the 23rd Instant N°A 53/175 and to recommend that the Reserve at the Grange be enlarged to Twenty five square miles.

I beg to observe that I quite coincide with Mr Gray with respect to giving a longer notice of the sale of Lands in the locality referred to and shall take care that such shall be done in future.

P.H.

No A53/232.
June 21st
1853.

Forwarding for approval plan of the Township of Beckworth May Day Hills

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a plan for the proposed Township of Beckworth marked at the May Day Hills by Mr Surveyor Smythe 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.

R.H.

No A53/233.
June 21st
1853.

Respecting the measurement of Cultivation Allotments at the May Day Hills.

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the copy of a letter received from Mr Surveyor Smythe and to state that as the locality therein referred to as suitable for Agricultural purposes is too far distant from the Townships of Beckworth to be included within the Reserve of nine square miles. I have instructed Mr Smythe to mark off some small portions to the North and East of Mr Smiths. 10 acres before proceeding on his General Survey.

R.H.

No A53/234
June 21st
1853.

£ 2.50.

Recommending that Mr John Bagley extra Clerk be classed as a Draftsman

Sir

As Mr John Bagley has been employed as an extra clerk in this Department for three Months but has during that period been chiefly engaged in drawing I have the honor to recommend that his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to sanction his being rated as a Draftsman with the usual salary of Two Hundred and fifty pounds per annum from the 1st proximo.

R.H.

No A53/235.
June 22nd
1853.

Suggesting that Contract Surveyors be offered a certain Block of Country for Survey.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 7th Instant 53/84 B. and previous correspondence on the subject of Surveys by contract I have the honor to suggest that a certain Block of Country be offered to persons disposed to undertake such service as it is not desirable to move Contract Surveyors from place to place as is frequently done with Government Surveyors and besides a great number of persons do not wish to enter into contracts without having some idea of the probable length of time they are likely to be kept employed.

R.H.

No A53/236
June 22nd
1853.

A 2.. R 0 .. P 24.
Seventy nine pounds eleven Shillings

Respecting Captain Danes purchase in Boroondara.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant 53/89.B acquainting me that His Excellency the Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to sanction a road being laid down at the North side of portion 115. Parish of Boroondara and requesting that I would report what quantity of land should be deducted from the portion Sold to Mr James Gill.

In reply I beg to state that the quantity to be deducted from the above portion will be two acres and twenty four perches which at £37 per acre will amount to 79£. 11s. 0d.

I herewith forward an amended description for insertion in the Deed of Grant.

R.H.

No 53/237.
June 25th
1853.

Respecting a road on certain portions in the parish of Boroondara.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 20th Instant 53/89.B. and my reply thereto No A53/236 dated 22nd Instant I have the honor to state that as the road which appeared on the plan of the

lots in Boroondara to run along the Northern Boundary of portion 115 abutted on the adjoining portion 119 purchased by Mr Alfred Sykes it would be more correct to have the area thereof (2 acres and 24 perches) deducted from portion 115 purchased by Captain Dane, than from portion 116 purchased by Mr James Gill.

I have therefore to request that you will have the goodness to bring this subject under the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

R.H.

No A53/238. June 27 1853.

Forwarding letter from Clerks and Draftsmen requesting a temporary increase to their salaries—

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter which has been addressed to me by the Clerks & Draftsmen in this Department praying that a temporary increase to their salaries may be sanctioned, to enable them to meet their present heavy expenditure caused by the increased rates of house rent prices of provisions &c. &c. and beg to recommend the prayer for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors favorable consideration.

R.H.

No A53/239. June 27th 1853.

Forwarding plan &c. of land at Essendon appropriated for Presbyterian Church Purposes

Sir.

I have the honor to forward for the final approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a plan of the land at Essendon appropriated for Presbyterian Church Purposes in lieu of that formerly selected, together with descriptions of the various sites chosen for Church School and Ministers Dwelling for insertion in the Deed of Grant.

R.H.

No A53/240. June 27th 1853.

Recommending that Mr Assistant Surveyor Brazills services be dispensed with.

Sir

As a very small amount of work has been performed by Mr Assnt Surveyor Brazill during the time he has been in the government service and as very little attention has been paid by him to my instructions I have the honor to recommend that his services be dispensed with from the 1st proximo.

R.H.

No A53/241 28th June 1853.

Forwarding Schedules of Lands recommended to be sold at Castlemaine on 28th & 29th Inst.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Suburban and Country Allotments recommended to be sold by public auction at Castlemaine on the 28th and 29th proximo and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors approval.

R.H.

No A53/242. 30th June 1853.

Forwarding description of Land at Batmans Hill granted for Railway Terminus.

Sir.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 24th Instant. G.B. 2818. I have the honor to forward herewith a description of the land at Batmans Hill granted to the Hon.ble the Chief Secretary and Murray Rives Railway Company for a Central Terminus for the purpose of being transmitted to the Crown Solicitor.

R.H.

No A53/243 4th July 1853.

Forwarding Schedules of Town Lands recommended to be sold at Castlemaine on the 11th and 12th Inst.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Lots at Castlemaine Lockwood & Carisbrook recommended to be sold by Public Auction at Castlemaine on

on the 11th & 12th August and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval

A. C.

No 153/244
4th July
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of Lands recommended to be sold at Geelong on the 15th and 17th August.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Lots, Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be sold by Public Auction at Geelong on the 15th and 17th proximo and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval

A. C.

No 153/245.

Cancelled.

No 153/246
5th July
1853.

Forwarding sketch of allotments marked by Mr Surveyor Smythe within the Reserve at Mary Day Hills

Sir.

With reference to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's instructions respecting the measurement of cultivation lots at Mary Day Hills I have the honor to forward herewith a sketch of 9 five acre allotments marked by Mr G. D. Smythe within the Reserve at that place together with a copy of his report as to their situation &c. As it appears that all these allotments are of an auriferous character, I have to request that you will convey to me His Excellency's further instructions as to their sale or lease.

A. C.

No 153/247
9th July
1853.

Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the payment of increased wages to the Pennigers Tent Keeper.

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 increased wages to Mr Assist. Surveyor Pennigers Tent keeper at the rate and from the date specified in the margin, as he finds it impossible to obtain the services of a competent person under the rate referred to

8/ per diem from the 1st June

A. C.

No 153/248
9th July
1853.

Recommending the appointment of Mr J. H. Permien as Temporary Assistant Surveyor

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's sanction to the appointment of Mr John Hanbury Permien as Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department, vice Bellairs resigned, with salary at the rate of £350 per annum, and the usual allowance in lieu of equipment of £200 per annum, commencing from the date on which he reports himself ready for the field.

I beg to state that it is my intention to employ Mr Permien

Permion in surveying lands in the Parishes of Yanawadding and Warandyte, and South of the Yarra, under the instructions of Mr. Assistant Surveyor Ent.

A.C

No A53/249
12th July
1853.

Requesting the sanction of His Ex.y the Lieut. Gov.r to the appointment of Mr. Richd. Wm. Larkill as Temporary Assistant Surveyor

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's sanction to the appointment of Mr. Richard William Larrett as a Temporary Asst. Surveyor in this Department with Salary at the rate of £350 per annum, and allowance in lieu of equipment of £200 per annum, commencing from the date on which he reports himself ready for the Field. I beg to state that it is my intention to employ Mr. Larrett in marking lands in the neighbourhood of the Gold Fields under the instructions of Mr. Surveyor Urquhart. I have also to observe that the expenditure attending this appointment will be provided for by Supplementary Estimate for the year 1853.

A.C

No A53/250
12th July
1853.

Requesting authority for payment of Mr. Assist. Surveyor Brazill's late Field party.

Sir.

As it appears that Mr. Brazill late Assist. Surveyor in this Department did not receive my predecessor's letter of the 27th ultimo intimating that it should be recommended to His Excellency that his services should be dispensed with, until the 8th instant I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the payment of wages to the men composing that gentleman's late Field party up to the date referred to, and at the rates already authorized.

8th July inclusive.

A.C

No A53/251
14th July
1853.

Requesting authority for payment to Thomas Reed for sweeping chimneys.

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 £2-10-0 to Thomas Reed for sweeping ten chimneys in the Survey Offices.

A.C.

No A53/252
14th July
1853.

Requesting attention to letter respecting appointment of Mr. J. K. Permion.

Sir.

I have the honor to request your immediate attention to my letter of the 9th inst. No A53/248 requesting His Excellency's sanction to the appointment of Mr. D. K. Permion as an Assist. Surveyor in this Department vice Bellairs resigned, as the demands for land are most urgent at the present time.

A.C.

No A53/253
14th July
1853.

Recommending the appointment of Mr. William James Vance as Extra Clerk.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's sanction to the appointment of Mr. William James Vance as an Extra Clerk in this Department with salary at the rate of £200 per annum, commencing from the date of his entering on the duties of his office vice Bassett transferred to Geelong. I beg to state that the expenditure attending this appointment will be provided for by supplementary estimate for 1853.

A.C

No A53/254
15th July
1853

Forwarding Plan of land at Richmond appropriated for Roman Catholic Church Purposes.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward for the final approval of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor the

John

plans of the land at Richmond in the Parish of Jolo Creek appropriated for Roman Catholic Church purposes, together with descriptions of the various sites selected for Church, School and Ministers Dwelling for insertion in the Deeds of Grant. &c.

No. 153/255. 18th July 1853.

Requesting authority for payment of allowance in lieu of equipment to Mr. Assist Surveyor Turner.

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 usual allowance in lieu of equipment to Mr. Ass't Surveyor Turner, who is employed at the Gold Fields under the instructions of Mr. Surveyor Urquhart instead of marking lands at Sandridge as was at first intended &c.

£200 per annum from 8th June 1853

No. 153/256. 18th July 1853.

Forwarding certain Returns.

Sir.

In compliance with the request contained in your minute of the 30th May last I have the honor to transmit herewith the following Return as called for in the last Session of the Legislative Council &c.

1 Return of the total quantity of land alienated from the Crown in the Colony of Victoria from the 1st July to 31st December 1852. specifying the number of acres and the average price per acre of Town Suburban and Country.

2. Return shewing the amount realized at Public Auction and by Private Sale, on Town, Suburban and Country Lands from the 1st of July to 31st Dec.r 1852 together with gross proceeds of the same.

3 Return of lands alienated under pre-emptive right from 1st July to 31st Dec.r 1852, date of application, name of applicant, number of acres applied for, local description, names of valuators, estimated value of improvements if any, valuation per acre, irrespective of improvements, and number of acres alienated.

4 Return of land applied for under pre-emptive right from 1st July to 31st December 1852, date of application, name of applicant, number of acres applied for, local description, and cause of delay.

5 Return of lands applied for under the pre-emptive right from 1st July to 31st December 1852. but refused, date of application, name of applicant, number of acres applied for, local description, and cause of refusal.

6 Return of lands applied for under the pre-emptive right, and valued, but refused by the applicant, from 1st July to 31st December 1852, date of application, name of applicant, number of acres applied for, local description, names of valuators, estimated value of improvements, valuation per acre irrespective of improvements.

No. 153/254 18th July 1853.

Requesting authority for purchase of Lithographic Press &c.

Sir.

As a Lithographic Press would be found of great use to this Department not only in the saving of labour and consequently of expense, but to the public interests generally by the distribution throughout the province of lithographed plans of lands intended for sale. I beg to submit for His Excellency's consideration that any authority may be furnished me at once for the purchase of the same with stones &c complete. I annex the estimate of the probable expense. The Press I can at once obtain for the sum mentioned of £20. I also attach a lithographed plan executed by Mr. Kearney a Draftsman now in my Department from which the Lieut Govr will perceive that no time would be lost in the adoption of this extended system of advertisement should it meet with His Excellency's sanction &c.

No 153/258
18th July
1853

Forwarding copy of Imprest Cash Book for transmission to the Auditor General

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith for the purpose of being transmitted to the Auditor General a copy of my Imprest Cash Book shewing the Receipts and Disbursements during the week ending July 18th 1853

A. C.

No 153/259
18th July
1853

Forwarding Description Books for sale at Castlemaine on the 28th and 29th inst

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Books of the lands advertised for sale at Castlemaine on the 28th and 29th inst for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasury.

A. C

No 153/260
18th July
1853

Respecting the advertisement in the Govt Gazette of lands to be offered for sale

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to call the Lieut Governor's immediate attention to the practice that has hitherto prevailed of advertising Crown Lands for Sale in the Government Gazette. As by the present system these Lands are advertised seldom more than twice and never more than three times. His Excellency will at once perceive what detriment may accrue to the sale of such Lands in consequence of the proper notice not being regularly given through the medium of the Gazette. I would therefore respectfully suggest that His Excellency do at once give directions that the notice of sale be continued in the Govt Gazette until after the Lands therein referred to shall have been submitted for Public competition

A. C.

No 153/261
19th July
1853.

Forwarding Report of Department for June 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.

A. C.

No 153/262
19th July
1853.

Recommending appointment of Mr George Johnson as Temporary Draftsman

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut Governor's sanction to the appointment of Mr George Johnson as a Temporary Draftsman in this Department vice Debenham resigned with salary at the rate of £250 per annum commencing from the 25th inst

A. C.

No 153/263
21st July
1853

Forwarding Schedules of lands to be sold at Melbourne on the 30th August

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Suburban & Country Lands recommended to be sold by Public Auction at Melbourne on the 30th of August next and three following days, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency the Lieut Governor's approval

A. C.

No 153/264
21st July
1853

Requesting authority for payment to Mr Asst Surveyor Turner's Field 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 Six men composing Mr Assistant Surveyor Turner's Field party at the rate and from the date specified in the margin

A. C.

6/ per diem
from 13 June 1853

No 1853/265
23rd July
1853

Forwarding Description Books of the Lands advertised for sale at Castlemaine on the 11th and 12th August.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith ~~a list of Instruments. Drawing Materials &c. which are most urgently required for the Service of this Depart.~~ Description Books of the Lands advertised for sale at Castlemaine on the 11th and 12th proximo for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

A. C.

No 1853/266
23rd July
1853

Forwarding list of Instruments. Drawing Materials &c. required for the use of the Department.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a list of Instruments. Drawing Materials &c. which are most urgently required for the Service of this Department, & would strongly advise that the Post Office Agent receive instructions to place the list of the Mathematical Instruments at once in the hands of Messrs Troughton and Sims the Mathematical Instrument makers to the Ordnance 138 Fleet Street, with the request that they carry out the order with the utmost possible despatch. I would add for His Excellency's information that I have not in my possession one of these instruments so absolutely necessary for the prosecution of the Surveys of this Colony, and am in consequence reluctantly compelled to refuse the services of competent applicants desirous of entering this branch of the Public service but who have not or are unable to provide themselves with the necessary equipment

A.C.

No 1853/267
23rd July
1853

Recommending the promotion of Mr Edmund Colbert

Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from Mr Edmund Colbert, Temporary Draftsman in this Department, and whom I have lately employed in some difficult surveys, requesting promotion

promotion to the rank of Assistant Surveyor. I beg to state that I have every reason to be satisfied with Mr Colbert's work, and would therefore recommend his being appointed a Temporary Assist. Surveyor with salary at the rate of £350 per annum commencing from the 1st proximo, vice Brazell whose services have been dispensed with.

A. C.

No 1853/269
25th July
1853

Respecting site selected for County Court at Kilmore

Sir.

With reference to the site selected for the County Court at Kilmore, as it appears that a portion thereof - viz allotments 7 and 8 of section 35, was previously reserved for the Board of National Education I have the honor to suggest that the Acting Colonial Architect be instructed to make another selection for the purpose.

A. C.

No 1853/270.
26th July
1853.

Forwarding tracing of land selected near Carlton Gardens for a Fever Hospital.

Sir.

In compliance with His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's request, I have the honor to forward herewith a tracing shewing the land near the Carlton Gardens, Melbourne, selected as a site for a Fever Hospital.

A. C.

No 1853/271
26th July
1853.

Respecting the Reserves at Yarra Yarra Creek, Lockes Station, and the Devils River.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. 53/1028 B. requesting to be furnished with the plans and descriptions of the proposed extension of the Reserves at Yarra Yarra Creek Lockes Station, and the Devils River, and in reply to acquaint you that I have no Surveys which would enable me to furnish with any pretension to accuracy the limits of the Reserves alluded to, nor have

have I a Surveyor whom I could detach to undertake this Survey. Should His Excellency still approve of these Lands being brought forward for sale, a course which I urgently recommend, I would suggest that I be immediately furnished with the authority for the engagement of an extra Assist. Surveyor and party for this Service, the expenses attending which would be borne on the Supplementary Estimate of this Department for the present year.

A.C.

No 1853/242
29th July
1853.

Requesting that 300 or 400 copies of Govt. Gazette may be supplied to him weekly.

Sir.

Representation having been made to this Office on several occasions of the want of publicity being given of the various Land sales to take place, more especially in the neighbourhood of the Gold Fields I am anxious that instructions should be forthwith given to the Government Printer, directing him to furnish me weekly with 300 or 400 copies of that portion of the Govern.t Gazette containing the advertisement of the Land sales to be held throughout the Colony, my object being to distribute them by means of the Gold Commissioners, Police, and the Officers of my own Department.

A.C.

No 1853/243.
29th July
1853.

Recommending appointment of Mr. John Christie as Extra Clerk.

Sir.

I have the honor to state for the Lieut. Governor's information that in consequence of the great increase of business in this Office, I shall require additional assistance in the Clerical branch of the Department. I have therefore to request that His Excellency may be pleased to sanction the appointment of Mr. John Christie as an Extra Clerk with salary at the rate of £300 per annum to take effect from the date on which he commences his duties.

A.C.

No 1853/244
29th July
1853.

Recommending appointment of Mr. G. C. Darbyshire as Assist. Surveyor to Sandy Tramway &c

Sir.

With reference to your predecessor's letter of the 31st May 53/2042 directing that a properly qualified person be selected to survey and report upon the best line for the construction of a Tramway from Portland to the Grange, I have the honor to submit the name of Mr. George C. Darbyshire as a person from whose testimonials herewith forwarded and from my own observation, I think will be found well qualified to undertake the proposed work. Should the Lieut. Governor approve of this nomination I request that you will have the goodness to furnish me with His Excellency's authority for Mr. Darbyshire's appointment as a Temporary Assist. Surveyor with salary at the rate of £350 per annum and an allowance in lieu of equipment of £200 per annum, which charges will be borne on the Supplementary Estimate of the Department for the current year.

I have further to request that I may be furnished with any information which the Government may possess with respect to the Tramway proposed to be made.

A.C.

No 253/245
30th July
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of Land to be sold at Beechworth on the 7th September

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town and Suburban allotments recommended to be sold by public auction at Beechworth on the 7th of September next and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

A.C.

No 1853/246
30th July
1853.

Forwarding copy of approved plan of Beechworth for transmission to Police Bench

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the approved Plan of the Township of Beechworth Gray Day Hills for the purpose of being transmitted to the Police Bench at that place for Public information

A.C.

No 153/244
1st August
1853

Recommending appointment of Mr. Nehemiah Wimble as Extra Clerk

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's sanction to the appointment of Mr. Nehemiah Wimble as an Extra Clerk in this Department with salary at the rate of £200 p. annum commencing from the 26th. ultimo. I beg to state that the expenditure attendant on this appointment will be borne on the supplementary Estimate for the current year.

A.C.

No 153/248
3rd August.
1853.

Requesting that copies of Government Gazette be supplied to the Survey Offices.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to cause instructions to be issued to the Government Printer, to furnish a copy of the Government Gazette to the different Survey Offices throughout the Colony.

present offices { Geelong, Portland, Elphinstone

No 153/249
3rd August
1853.

Recommending withdrawal from sale of certain allotments in Township of Lockwood

Sir.

I have the honor to recommend that His Excellency the Lieut Governor may be pleased to sanction the withdrawal of allotments 1 to 6 of Section 6. and 1 to 10 of Section 2 in the Township of Lockwood from the sale to be held at Castlemaine on the 6th inst

A.C.

No 153/280
4th 5th August
1853.

Recommending appointment of Mr. J. W. Welby as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency the Lieut Govr sanction to the appointment of Mr. J. W. Welby as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor on this Department with salary at the rate of £350 per annum and an allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of £200 per annum. Commencing from the date of his taking the Field. I beg to state that the expenditure attendant on this application will be borne on the Supplementary Estimate of the Department for the current year.

A.C.

No 153/280
5th August
1853

Recommending appointment of Mr. J. W. Welby as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor.

Sir.

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant respecting the survey of lands at Fords Creek Locke's Station and the Devils River, and in compliance with your request therein contained, I have the honor to submit for His Excellency's consideration the name of Mr. J. W. Welby for the appointment of a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department with salary at the rate of £350 per annum, and an allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of £200 per annum, commencing from the date of his undertaking his duties. I beg to state that the expenditure attendant on this appointment will be borne on the Supplementary Estimate for the current year.

A.C.

No 153/281
5th August
1853

Respecting the proclamation of certain Streets in Fitzroy Ward

Sir,

With reference to your predecessors letter of the 2nd ultimo P.P. 2945. respecting the proclamation of certain Streets in Fitzroy Ward, I have the honor to forward herewith

Thomas Nicholson Bailey and Smith Thatcher Gregory Wrote and Victoria Parliament

the requisite notice for publication in the Government Gazette, together with a tracing and plan shewing the Lands referred to

A. C.

No. A 53/282
1st August 1853

3 Office Stools
2 Inkstands with Sand irons
4 Door Mats
1 Wash hand Stand Furnished
2 Sweeping Brushes.
1 Portfolio for plans
Large Size

Requesting the Sanction of the supply of certain articles for the use of the Survey office at Portland.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to Sanction the Supply of the undermentioned articles for the use of the Survey Office at Portland.

A. C.

No. A 53/283
9th August 1853

Recommending that the Home Government be requested to despatch a Detachment of the Royal Sappers & Miners to this Country

Sir,

Finding I cannot secure a Sufficient number of competent Civil Surveyors to enable me to survey the Waste Lands of the Crown in this Colony with a view to their being brought at an early date into the Market, and thus to meet the increasing and pressing demands for Land by the Colonists, I am now prepared to urge on His Excellency's consideration the advisableness of at once applying to the Home Government and requesting that a Detachment of the Royal Sappers and Miners, numbering not less than thirty Non commissioned Officers & Men carefully selected from the Companies of that Corps at present employed on the Trigonometrical Survey of Great Britain be immediately dispatched to this Country, and be placed under the immediate orders of the Surveyor General — I am the more disposed to press this proposition on the attention of Government as in addition to the great advantages which will necessarily accrue to the Public from an increase in the Field Staff of this Branch of the service, it will as an economical arrangement be highly judicious. as from the annexed estimate His Excellency will perceive that a Single Surveying party as at present conducted costs not less on the average than £400 a year whilst the charge of a Surveying Party of Sappers would not exceed £200 a year — I do not wish it to be understood that I would advise a reduction in the Number of Civil Surveyors, far from it, for on the contrary, in all I shall be enabled to add to the Establishment of Sappers I shall be enabled probability, the services of every well qualified Surveyor who may become an applicant for employment on Govmt Surveys for not only will there be work for all, but there is a large class of duties connected with the Survey, especially of a new Country, that should be conducted by an educated Civil Surveyor, whilst there is another Class, which the Sapper is in many instances better adapted to perform —

Reiterating my earnest hope that this recommendation will meet with a favourable Reception from the Govmnt.

A. C.

No. A 53/284
August 9th 1853

Requesting that Allotments 1 to 10 of Section 8 "Bulla" may be withdrawn from the Sale of Crown Lands.

Sir,

I have the honor to recommend that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to Sanction the withdrawal from the Sale of Crown Lands advertised to take place at Melbourne on the 30th Instant of the following Town lots — Viz —

Allotments 1 to 10 of Section 8 "Bulla" as it appears the main road will pass through them, and allotment 3 of Section 3 in the same Village, in consequence of its having been represented by Wm Wright, that Sixteen persons have been buried within the boundaries thereof

A. C

No. A 53/285
August 11th 1853

Forwarding Description Books of the Crown Lands to be sold at Geelong on the 16th & 17th Instant —

Sir,

With reference to the Sale of Crown Lands intended to be held at Geelong on the 16th & 17th Instant I have the honor to forward for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

1 Description Books of the Lands to be Sold
2. Returns of Lands. to the upset price of which the value of the improvements is to be added —
3 Returns of Lands on which improvements are

situated. and for the removal of which one Month will be allowed
A. C

No. A53/286. August 11th 1853

Requesting an authority to purchase articles at Portland for the use of the Survey office there.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with an authority for the purchase at Portland of the undermentioned Articles required for the use of the Survey office at that place.

3 Office Stools, 1 Wash hand Stand furnished, 2 Fenders with Fire irons, 2 Sweeping brushes, 4 Door Mats, 1 Large Portfolio for plans

I beg to state that the usual custom of drawing these Articles through the Colonial Architects Office would in addition to the chance of Risk & Cage be attended with considerable additional expense.
A. C.

No. A53/287. August 12th 1853

Forwarding Schedules of Town Suburban and Country Lands to be Sold at Portland on the 28th & 29th proxims.

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 28th & 29th proxims, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.
A. C.

No. A53/288 August 12th 1853

Forwarding Schedules of Town Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be sold by public auction at Alberton Gipps Land on the 28th proxims.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be sold by public Auction at Alberton. Gipps Land on the 28th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval
A.C.

No. A53/289. August 12th 1853

Requesting that copies of all Colonial Acts and Council papers be supplied to the Survey Office.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to cause instructions to be issued to the Government Printer, to furnish me with copies of all Colonial Acts and Council papers, which I may from time to time require. A.C.

No. A53/290 August 13th 1853

Respecting the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Melbourne on the 30th of August.

Sir,

With reference to the Sale of Crown Lands intended to be held at Melbourne on the 30th August and the following days I have the honor to forward herewith a Return of allotments containing improvements, which are to be valued and the amount added to the upset price
A. C.

No. A53/291 13th August 1853

Recommending the appointment of Mr. William Gibbins as a Temporary assistant Surveyor.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's Sanction to the appointment of Mr. William Gibbins as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department with Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty pounds per annum, with allowance in lieu of equipment of Two Hundred pounds per annum. I beg to state that it is my intention to employ Mr. Gibbins in the Neighbourhood of the Gold Fields, where an additional Surveyor services are much required.

I have to observe that the expenses attendant on this appointment will be found on the Supplimentary Estimate of the Department for the Current Year.
A.C.

No. A53/292 August 15th 1853

Recommending the appointment of Mr. Henry Grimes as a Temporary assistant Surveyor.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's Sanction to the appointment of Mr. Henry Grimes as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department, with Salary

at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty pounds per annum. and an allowance in lieu of equipment of Two Hundred pounds per annum, which expenditure will be borne on the Supplementary Estimate of the Department for the current Year.

I beg to state that it is my intention to employ Mr. Grimes in the Neighbourhood of the Gold Fields where the Services of additional Surveyors are at present much needed.

A. C.

No 153/293
16th Augt
1853.

Forwarding description books of the Lands to be sold at Beechworth Sept.r 7. and return of allotments on which there are improvements

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at "Beechworth" Thirty Days Hence on the 7th proximo. I have the honor to forward herewith

1. Description Books of the allotments to be brought forward for sale

2. Return of allotments containing improvements which are to be valued and the amount added to the upset price.

A. C.

No 153/294
17th Augt
1853.

Requesting authority for purchase of certain Surveying and Mathematical Instruments.

Sir.

As a suitable opportunity has presented for the purchase of certain Surveying and Mathematical Instruments enumerated in the annexed invoice which are much required by this Department. I have the honor to request that I may receive an authority for the payment of the same amounting to £110.0.9.

£110.0.9

A. C.

No 153/295
17th Augt
1853.

Forwarding design for a Township in the Parish of Tonnerrong

Sir.

I have the honor to forward a design for a Township

Township in the Parish of Tonnerrong about 22 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 Lieut.t Governor and the Executive Council.

A. C.

No 153/296
19th Augt
1853

Forwarding Report of Department for July 1853

Sir.

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

A. C.

No 153/297
20th Augt
1853.

Forwarding tracing of Land recommended to be reserved as a Public common at Kilmore.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a tracing and description of about 5000 acres of Land recommended to be reserved as a Public common for the use of the Inhabitants of Kilmore, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's Approval.

A. C.

No 153/298
20th Augt
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of Lands to be sold at Geelong on the 27th 28th and 29th September.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be sold by Public Auction at Geelong on the 27th 28th and 29th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

A. C.

No 153/299
23rd Augt
1853

Recommending appointment of Mr. Templeton as Temporary Assist.t Surveyor

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the

the appointment of Mr Templeton as a Temporary Assist Surveyor with salary at the rate of £350 per annum, and an allowance at the rate of £200 per annum in lieu of equipment, which expenses will be borne on the Supplementary Estimate of the Department. I beg to state for the Lieutenant Governor's information that it is my intention to make Mr Templeton's services available in the neighbourhood of the Gold Fields

A.C.

No 1853/300
23rd Augt
1853.

Recommending appointment of Walter Freeman as Extra Copying Clerk

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the appointment of the young gentleman named in the margin as an extra Copying Clerk in this Department with salary at the rate of Eighty Pounds per annum, commencing from the 11th instant.

Walter Freeman.

£80.

A.C.

No 1853/301
23rd Augt
1853.

Forwarding tracing of land recommended for a Reserve at Kilmore.

Sir.

In accordance with the Lieutenant Governor's minute, I have the honor to forward herewith a tracing and description of 1064 acres recommended to be reserved for the extension of the Town of Kilmore

A.C.

No 1853/302
23rd Augt
1853

Respecting an error in the sale of Portion 4 of Section 6 Parish of Morang.

Sir

In forwarding the annexed application, I have the honor to state that portion 4 of section 6 Parish of Morang was sold by auction on the 5th May last as containing only 38 acres instead of 75 acres 2 roods as described in the Government Gazette, but that the mistake did not originate from this Office but was the fault of the Govert Auctioneer

I would therefore beg to suggest that the Colonial Treasurer

Treasurer be empowered to receive from Thos Jolly & Kipping the purchase money for the remainder of the portion amounting to £184. 10. being at the rate of £5 per acre for 37 p acres.

A.C.

No 1853/313
24th Augt
1853.

Respecting want of accommodation for the business of the Department.

Sir.

The existing Drafting and Clerical Branch of this Department in Melbourne at present consists of 10 Clerks and as many Draftsmen who occupy rooms for the discharge of their duties which would be well and conveniently filled by one third their number

The work connected with the Survey Establishment, now rapidly increasing imperatively demanding an increase of its staff, must either fall into arrear or the evil complain of be still more seriously aggravated.

The room for the reception of the Public, for the inspection of charts, and in which they have to obtain general information with respect to the sale of Crown Lands, is exceedingly small and inconvenient being oftentimes so crowded as to render it hopeless, except at a great loss of time, to obtain the information sought by individuals.

There is also no Copying Room where Draftsman and Clerks from other Offices can perform their work, and I am thus obliged to allow them to occupy the Drafting room a practice which is most injudicious

There is no Waiting room nor even a Store, and the want of a Stable is very much felt, complaints having been frequently made to me by Gentlemen who having come some distance on business to this Office, are detained for a considerable time, their horses exposed to the Weather, there being no shelter provided for them.

Under these circumstances I have the honor to request that His Excellency will be pleased to

sanction

sanction such arrangements as will afford this Department and the Public sufficient and convenient accommodation. I am aware that authority has been given for the erection of two additional rooms to be attached to a building now in course of erection at the junction of Latrobe and William Streets: but this arrangement by separating the establishment would be found most inconvenient.

A.C.

No 1853/304
24th Augt 1853.

Requesting authority for payment of charges for Pontage paid by Wm Asst Surv. Taylor.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's authority for the payment of £4.. 8.. 0 to Wm Asst Surveyor Taylor being the amount of expenses incurred by that Officer in crossing Corio's Punt whilst prosecuting the preliminary Survey necessary for the supply of water to the Town of Geelong.

A.C

No 1853/305
24th Augt 1853.

Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the appointment of Mr Thos H. Storey as Temp. Asst Surveyor.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the appointment of Mr Thomas H. Storey as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department with Salary at the rate of £300 per annum. and the usual allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of £200 per annum

I beg to state for the Lieut Governor's information that it is my intention to make Mr Storey's services available in the neighbourhood of the Gold Fields.

A.C.

No 53/306
25th Augt 1853.

Forwarding description books of the lands to be offered for sale at Melbourne on the 30th inst., and Return of allotments to be withdrawn from sale

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands

to be held at Melbourne on the 30th instant and three following days. I have the honor to forward herewith 1st Description books of the lands to be offered for sale

2 Return of the allotments to be withdrawn from sale.

A.C.

No 1853/307
25th Augt 1853.

Requesting authority for use of Iron House for Surveyor at Williamstown.

Sir.

As the services of a Surveyor will be for some time required in and about Williamstown, not only in conducting the ordinary duties of this Office. but in levelling the Streets and furnishing plans for the drainage of the Town. and as there is considerable difficulty in procuring the necessary accommodation. I have the honor to request that authority may be furnished me to obtain one of the small iron houses lately arrived from England for the service of the Government and in which the Surveyors indoor work may be performed.

A.C.

No 1853/308
25th Augt 1853.

Requesting that Office accommodation may be provided for use of Surveyor at Mr Moor

Sir.

As a Surveyor is about to proceed to the Mr Moor Gold Fields who will be employed for some time in that locality laying out the Township of Heathcote. and marking off Agricultural Lands in the neighbourhood. I am of opinion it would be advisable to establish a Temporary Survey Office there. and as I believe there are now in course of erection some Govt Offices. I have the honor to suggest a couple of additional rooms being added to the buildings. or my receiving authority to have an Office constructed elsewhere should there exist any difficulty in this arrangement. the expenses that will be incurred being defrayed from the Land fund.

A.C.