No. A 53/309
25th Augt
1853.

Requesting authority for fencing a paddock at Elphinstone for use of Survey Department

Sir.

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the requisite authority to have the fencing of a Paddock near Elphinstone, Mount Alexander Gold Fields, undertaken, as the same is urgently required for the use of the Survey parties now in that neighbourhood, the expense being defrayed out of the Land fund. I beg to transmit herewith a Sketch shewing the position of the portion of land alluded to.

A. C.

No. A 53/310
25th Augt
1853.

Respecting the sale of certain allotments at Beechworth.

Sir.

Referring to your communication of the 23rd instant in reply to my letter of the 6th ultimo, in which I asked for instructions with regard to the sale or lease (not "site" as mentioned in your letter) of certain 5 acre lots at Beechworth, May Day Hills, which had been marked off for sale by His Excellency's directions on the recommendation of the Chief Comr of Gold Fields, 11th May 1853, as communicated to this Department under date the 4th June. I have now the honor to inform you that the schedule of sale, containing the allotments in question received His Excellency's approval, and was gazetted on the 1st of August to be offered for sale the 7th proximo, at the Police Office, Beechworth.

Under these circumstances I would not advise their being withdrawn from sale, but would rather suggest that if practicable and not being repugnant to the law, a Proclamation be issued amending the upset price from £2.10. to £100 per acre, and notifying that this alteration has been made in consequence of the soil having been reported auriferous.

I ~~am~~ hardly aware if such a course would be at variance with the system under which the Gold Fields are at present being worked, it might however be an experiment

worth

worth the trial, provided the precedent presents no future difficulties, the only one seeming to me at present being with respect to the collection of a Royalty.

A. C.

No. A 53/311
25th Augt
1853.

Recommending increase of wages to men attached to Surveying parties at the Gold Fields.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith the copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Surveyor Urquhart, with respect to the wages of the men attached to the various Surveying parties employed in the neighbourhood of the Gold Fields, and which he urges should be increased from 6/- to 8/- per diem.

As I have every confidence that Mr. Urquhart has proposed this increase on proper and reasonable grounds, and the importance of offering large quantities of Agricultural land for sale in the vicinity of the Gold Fields has been pressed upon my attention, I have no hesitation in strongly recommending that Mr. Urquhart and his Assistants should receive authority to hire men at a rate of wages not exceeding 8/- per diem.

It is not intended that all the Surveyors should employ men at this increased rate, simply because permission has been given them to do so, but that they are to secure the best men at the least possible wages.

A. C.

No. A 53/312
26th Augt
1853.

Respecting the land granted to Mr. Pearson under pre-emptive right.

Sir.

I have to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's instructions on the subject of the enclosed application.

Mr. Pearson contends that his pre-emptive right to 640 acres, which has been granted, should include the land shewn within the red lines in the

accompanying

accompanying sketch. The green coloring indicates a Morass unavailable as reported by the Surveyor, for ten months in the year, so that any other arrangement respecting the Survey than the one proposed by Mr. Pearson must either deprive him of his Homestead, or force him to include in his grant a considerable portion of land almost if not entirely useless. Should His Excellency approve of the land being marked off as proposed it will be necessary to reserve a road through it, crossing the Latrobe River at the end of the Peninsula. A. C.

No. A 53/313
26th Augt
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of lands to be sold at Castlemaine on the 12th and 13th October next

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town, Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public auction at Castlemaine on the 12th and 13th October next and request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's approval thereof. A. C.

No. A 53/314
26th Augt
1853.

Forwarding plan of land at "Epping" appropriated for Presbyterian Church purposes.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's final approval a plan of the land at "Epping" appropriated for Presbyterian Church purposes, together with descriptions of the various subdivisions for insertion in the Deed of Grant A. C

No. A 53/315.
29th Augt
1853.

Forwarding Return and correspondence relative to land at Beechworth on which there are improvements

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Beechworth on the 7th proximo. I have the honor to forward herewith a Return of lands on which improvements have been effected, the value of which is to be added to the upset price. I beg to enclose for His Excellency's information a copy of a letter on the subject addressed to the Surveyor at Beechworth by the occupier of the land in question. A. C.

No. A 53/316
29th Augt
1853.

Requesting His Excellency's Sanction to the appointment of Mr. Philip Chauncey as Tempy. 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. Philip Chauncey as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department
£350 with salary at the rate of £350 per annum and an allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of
£200 £200 per annum, such expenses being borne on the Supplementary Estimate for the current year
I beg to observe that Mr. Chauncey was referred to me by His Excellency's command on the 6th July and that he will be employed marking the Town and Cultivation allotments at the McIvor Gold Fields. A. C.

No. A 53/317
29th Augt
1853.

Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the appointment of Mr. George Willis as Temporary Draftsman.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the appointment of Mr. George Willis as a Temporary Draftsman in this Department with
£150 salary at the rate of £150 per annum, commencing from the 17th instant, such expense being borne on the Supplementary Estimate for the current year A. C

No. A 53/318.
29th Augt
1853.

Respecting site for the erection of a Morgue.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, and beg to state for His Excellency's information that I consider the ground

Tracing annexed

ground adjoining the Police Barracks on the East side of the approach to Princes Bridge, a desirable site for the erection of a Morgue. A. C.

No. A 53/319
29th Augt.
1853.

Requesting authority for payment of wages to men of Mr. Grimes' Surveying Party.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's authority for the payment of wages to two men composing Mr. Assist. Surveyor Grimes' late party at the rate of ten shillings per diem from 3rd instant inclusive A. C

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No. A 53/320
31st Augt.
1853.

Forwarding design for a Township at the Merri Creek Bridge on the Plenty Road

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a design for a Township at the Merri Creek Bridge on the Plenty road about three 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. Governor and the Executive Council. A. C.

No. 53/321.
2nd Sept.
1853.

Requesting that Mr. W. H. Buckley be allowed to sign Cheques & letters connected with this Department –

Sir,

I have the honor to request that during my absence Mr. W. H. Buckley be authorised to sign all Cheques for monies, for the use of this Department, as well as letters and all other documents connected with the Same – A. C

No. 53/322
2nd Sept.
1853.

Requesting His Excellency's sanction to the appointment of Mr. J. Calder as Temporary 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. J. Calder as Temporary

assistant Surveyor in this Department, with Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum, and the usual allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum, such expenses being borne on the Supplementary Estimate of the Department for the Current Year. I beg to state that it is my intention to make Mr. Calder's services available in the neighbourhood of the Mt. Alexander Gold Fields A. C.

No. A 53/323
3rd Septr.
1853.

Forwarding schedules of land recommended to be sold at Melbourne on the 5th 6th & 7th October.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith schedules of Town, Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be sold at Melbourne on the 5th 6th and 7th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. A. C.

No. A 53/324
3rd Septr.
1853.

10/- per diem from 12th August 1853

Requesting authority for payment of wages to two of Mr. Asst. Surveyor Darbyshire's party.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's authority for the payment of wages to two men comprising Mr. Assist. Surveyor Darbyshire's Survey party at the rate, and from the date specified in the margin A. C.

No. A 53/325
6th Septr.
1853.

Requesting sanction to the appointment of Mr. James Greene as a Temporary Draftsman.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the employment of Mr. James Greene as a Temporary Draftsman in this Department, with salary at the rate of £250 per annum, taking effect from the 22nd ultimo. I beg to state that the above

£250

gentlemen

gentleman has been employed for a short time in this office, during which he has given very satisfactory proofs of his qualifications as a Draftsman. W. H. B.

No. A53/326
8th Septr
1853.

Forwarding description books of the lands to be sold at Portland on the 28th and 29th inst. together with Returns of lands to be withdrawn from sale, and lands on which there are improvements

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Portland on the 28th and 29th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith.

1. Description Books of the Lands to be offered for sale.
2. Return of Lands to be withdrawn from sale.
3. Return of Lands on which improvements have been effected, the value of which is to be added to the upset price of each lot.
4. Return of Lands on which improvements have been effected, for the removal of which one month will be allowed.

W. H. B.

No. A53/327
8th Septr
1853

Copy of Mr. Foot's letter annexed

Requesting authority for increased rate of wages to Mr. Assist. Surveyor Foot's Bullock Driver

Sir.

As Mr. Asst. Surveyor Foot has been unable to procure the services of a competent Bullock Driver at a lower rate of wages than Two Pounds per week. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's authority for the payment of such at the rate specified from the 1st ultimo. £2.

W. H. B.

No. A53/328
8th Septr
1853

Forwarding tracings of the Gold Fields, for transmission to the Chief Commissioner

Sir.

With reference to a letter from your Department bearing date 17th June last, I have the honor in compliance with the request therein contained, to forward

tracings

shewing the various Gold Fields throughout the Colony, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields. W. H. B.

No. A53/329
8th Septr
1853.

Forwarding description books of Land to be sold at Alberton, and return of lands recommended to be withdrawn

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Alberton on the 29th instant. I have the honor to forward herewith

1. Description Books of the Lands to be offered for sale
2. Return of the Lands recommended to be withdrawn from sale.

W. H. B.

No. A53/330
10th Septr
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of lands recommended to be sold at Warrnambool on the 26th proximo.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town and Country lands recommended to be sold at Warrnambool on the 26th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. W. H. B.

No. 53/331
10th Septr
1853.

Forwarding tracing shewing Reserve for Public Recreation and site of intended Morgue

Sir.

In accordance with the request contained in the second paragraph of your letter of the 2nd instt G.B. 3701. I have the honor to forward herewith a Tracing shewing the boundaries of the Reserve for Public Purposes, and the site as marked out for the erection of the intended Morgue. W. H. B.

No. A53/332
12 Septr
1853.

Respecting the insufficiency of Office accommodation

Sir.

I have the honor to bring under His Excellency's notice the great inconvenience caused by the

insufficiency

insufficiency of the Office accommodation afforded to this Department, and request that you will have the goodness to obtain the Lieut. Governor's sanction to the appropriation of one or two rooms in the Offices of either the Crown Commissioner for the County of Bourke or the Colonial Engineer, for the use of the Clerks preparing the descriptions for the approaching Land Sales

W. H. R.

No. A53/333
Sept. 13th
1853.

Forwarding further Return of lands to be withdrawn from sale at Portland.

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands intended to be held at Portland on the 28th instant, and to my letter of the 8th instant No. A53/326. I have the honor to forward herewith a further Return of lots recommended to be withdrawn from the above sale.

W. H. R.

No. A53/334
Sept. ~~14~~ 13th
1853.

Respecting Office accommodation at Belfast

Sir.

As the lease of the premises used as offices by the Survey Department at Belfast will expire at the end of this month. I have the honor to request that a room in the "Merrijig Buildings" lately taken by the Government for Police and other public purposes, may be appropriated for the uses of the above branch of this Department.

W. H. R.

No. A53/335
Sept. 15th
1853.

Forwarding Return of Lands surveyed in the District of Gipps Land.

Sir.

In accordance with the request conveyed by your letter of the 14th instant I have the honor to forward herewith a Return of Lands Surveyed in the District of Gipps Lands up to 30th June 1853.

No. A53/336
Sept. 16th
1853.

Forwarding plan of proposed Cemetery at Warringal.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith the plan of a Cemetery at the North West corner of the Village Reserve of Warringal, and request that you will have the goodness to cause the same to be submitted for the approval of His Excellency and the Executive Council.

A. C.

No. A53/337
Sept. 16th
1853.

Respecting Lands marked within the Agricultural Reserve at Buninyong.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a tracing shewing the lands marked by Mr. Assistant Surveyor Dawson within the Agricultural Reserve at Buninyong as proclaimed, together with an extract from that Officer's report, for the Lieutenant Governor's information, and request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's instructions respecting the sale of the land in question.

A. C.

No. A53/338
Sept. 17th
1853.

Requesting authority for employment of Mr. William Sorell as Clerk in the Survey Department

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 Sorell as a Clerk in this Department with Salary at the rate of £300 per annum to date from the 29th ultimo.

A. C.

For No. A53/339 see next page

No. A53/340
Sept. 19th
1853.

No. 1 Separate returns of the number of acres under cultivation specifying the description of crops &c

Stating that a certain return cannot be furnished from this Office

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant requesting certain Returns and to acquaint you that there are no data in this Office from which No. 1 could be prepared.

A. C.

No. A53/341
Sept. 19th
1853

Recommending that Mr. Urquhart be allowed the use of a Government Horse

Sir

In forwarding for the Lieutenant Governor's consideration

consideration the copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Surveyor Urquhart I have the honor to recommend that that Officer may be allowed one of the Government Horses at present running in the Survey Paddock together with the usual allowance of forage for the same, in consequence of his greatly increased duties and the necessity of inspecting the different sites recommended for new Townships. A. C.

No. A53/339
Septr. 17th
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of land for sale at Melbourne on the 19th and 20th October

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of the Lands recommended to be sold at Melbourne on the 19th and 20th proximo. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. A. C.

No. A53/342
Septr. 21st.
1853.

Forwarding description books of the lands to be sold at Geelong on the 27th, 28th, and 29th instant. and Return of allotments on which there are improvements

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Geelong on the 27th 28th and 29th instant I have the honor to forward herewith for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer

1 Description Books of the lots to be offered for sale.

2 Return of lots on which improvements have been effected, the value of which is to be added to the upset price.

3. Return of lots on which improvements have been effected, for the removal of which one month will be allowed. W. H. B.

No. A53/343.
Septr. 22nd.
1853.

Recommending appointment of Mr. George J. Griffin.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness

goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the appointment of Mr. George J. Griffin as an Clerk in this Department with salary at the rate of £200 per annum to take effect from the commencement of his duties. I beg to state that the expenses attendant on this appointment will be borne on the Supplementary Estimate of the Department for the present year.

A. C.

No. A53/344
Septr. 23rd.
1853.

Requesting authority for increase of salary to Mr. George Willis.

Sir.

With reference to my letter of the 29th Ultimo No. A53/317. and your reply thereto. dated the 12th instant conveying the Lieutenant Governor's authority for the appointment of Mr. George Willis as a Temporary Draftsman in this Department, I have the honor to recommend that the above gentleman's salary may be increased from £150 to £250 pounds per annum taking effect from the 1st instant. A. C.

P.S. I have recommended this increased rate of salary in consequence of my being well satisfied with Mr. Willis' qualifications as a Draftsman

No. A53/345
Septr. 23rd.
1853.

Respecting the valuation of improvements effected at Beechworth by Messrs. Morse & others.

Sir.

As Messrs. Morse & Co. have applied to purchase allotment 4 of Section No. 1. Township of Beechworth for the purpose of carrying on their business as Licensed Auctioneers and Commission Agents. I have the honor to suggest that the Resident Commissioner at the Ovens Gold Fields be authorised to meet an appraiser to be named by the above gentleman for the purpose of valuing the improvements which have been effected on the allotment referred to before it is submitted for public competition.

A. C.

No. A 53/346
Septr. 24th
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of lands recommended to be sold at Beechworth on the 28th proximo.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town and Suburban Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public auction at Beechworth on the 28th proximo. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

A. C.

No. A 53/347.
Septr. 24th
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of lands recommended to be sold at Kilmore on the 9th November

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town. Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public auction at Kilmore on the 9th November next and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

A. C.

No. A 53/348
Septr. 24th
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of lands recommended to be sold at Geelong on the 26th proximo.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public auction at Geelong on the 26th proximo. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

A. C.

No. A 53/349
Septr. 26th
1853.

Requesting authority for hire of two additional rooms for the use of the Department at Geelong.

Sir.

As much more accommodation than that already afforded is required for the use of the Geelong Branch of this Department in consequence of the great increase of business at that place. I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with authority to hire two additional rooms adjoining those at present occupied by the Department. at the rate of £150. per annum. from the 30th proximo. to the 18th May 1854. I beg to forward herewith a copy of a Tender to lease the rooms referred to for the above period. sent in by Messrs. Willis & Graham.

A. C.

No. A 53/350
Septr. 26th
1853.

Forwarding copy of Mr. Assist. Surveyor Darbyshire's Report on the ~~tas~~ site proposed for Slaughtering purposes. Williamstown

Sir.

With reference to letter No. 53/8480. from the Police Magistrate Williamstown requesting the appropriation of land at the Tea Tree Creek for Slaughtering purposes. I have the honor to forward herewith for His Excellency's information a copy of Mr. Assist. Surveyor Darbyshire's Report together with a tracing of the locality and beg to recommend that the above Officer's proposition be carried into effect. In the event of the plan proposed meeting with the Lieut. Governor's approval I request that I may be authorised to have the land marked off accordingly. and would suggest the advisability of fencing in the lots. before they are leased by the Government.

A. C.

No. A 53/351
Septr. 26th
1853.

allotments 29 to 36 inclusive

Forwarding Return of allotments to be withdrawn from the Sale to be held at Geelong on the 27th inst.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward a Return of allotments at Buninyong applied for by the Revd. W. Butters for Wesleyan Church purposes and request that the lots may be withdrawn from the Sale to be held at Geelong on the 27th instant.

A. C.

No. A 53/352
Septr. 27th
1853.

Forwarding Tender for the Sale of the Yacht "Lelia"

Sir.

With reference to a communication from the Police Magistrate Alberton No. 53/7677. respecting the opening of the New Port of Welch Pool. referred from your Office for my Report. and my minute thereto I have the honor to forward herewith

S

Mr J. M. Hodges

herewith a tender for the sale of the Yacht "Lelia" for the sum of £2300, which I would recommend being immediately accepted and a proper person sent on board of the Vessel to take charge.

A. C.

No. A 53/353.
Septr. 28th
1853.

Recommending that allotments at Wangaratta. Benalla Seymour and Violet Town be brought forward for sale.

Sir.

As several applications have been made to purchase Township Allotments in the Murray District I have the honor to recommend that allotments in the Townships noted in the margin and situated on the Sydney line of road, which were formed previous to the publication of Her Majestys Orders in Council, be brought forward for sale at an early date.

Wangaratta
Benalla
Seymour
Violet Town.

A. C.

No. A 53/354
Septr. 28th
1853.

Requesting authority for hire of additional laborer for Mr. Cottons party to assist trenching sections at Braybrook.

Sir.

As it is necessary to complete the trenching of some Sections in the Township of Braybrook which will require the labor of three men for about a fortnight, and as Mr. Assist. Surveyor Cotton whom I have detached to Gisborne to subdivide certain Surburban Sections can spare only two of his party for the purpose. I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with authority to hire an additional laborer at a rate of wages not exceeding 10/- per diem in order that the work may be completed with the least possible delay.

10/- per diem without rations

A. C.

No. A 53/355
Septr. 29th
1853.

Recommending promotion of Messrs. Foot, Watson and Dawson to the rank of Surveyors.

Sir.

I have the honor to recommend that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to sanction the promotion of the Assist. Surveyors named in the margin to the rank of Acting Surveyors with salaries at the rate of £500 per annum respectively

H. B. Foot.
W. T. Dawson
Thos. Watson.

J

I beg to state that those gentlemen are placed in charge of Districts with Assistant Surveyors under them, and have given every satisfaction in the discharge of their duties, for which reasons I have now recommended their promotion conceiving that such would be beneficial to the Public Service

The additional expense attendant on the appointments will be borne on the Supplementary Estimates of the Department.

A. C.

No. A 53/356
Septr. 29th
1853.

Forwarding tracing shewing the subdivision of the General Cemetery at Williamstown.

Sir

With reference to a communication from the Police Magistrate Williamstown, suggesting the desirableness of having the General Cemetery at the above place marked off. I have the honor to forward herewith a Tracing shewing the subdivisions for the different denominations, and would recommend that the ground be enclosed with the least possible delay.

A. C.

No. A 53/357
Septr. 30th
1853.

Respecting the sale of dead timber in the Survey Paddock

Sir.

In forwarding for the Lieutenant Governor's decision the annexed copies of certain correspondence respecting the sale of a quantity of dead timber in the Survey Paddock. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to inform me whether His Excellency considers it desirable that Mr. Surveyor Hodgkinson's suggestion of employing men to collect it, for the use of Government should be carried out. or tenders for the purchase of it called for

A. C.

No. A 53/358
Septr. 30th
1853.

Requesting that Mr. Darbyshire be allowed the use of a certain house for Office at Williamstown.

Sir.

With reference to my letter of the 25th ultimo No. 53/307. requesting that I might be supplied with one of the small Iron Houses lately arrived. for the purpose of being converted into an Office for this Department at Williamstown. I have

now

now the honor to request that Mr. Assist. Surveyor Darbyshire may be at once allowed to select the house marked O.A.G/H in packages from 229 to 249 now lying in the Colonial Store, in order that it may be immediately removed to Williamstown for the purpose referred to A. C.

No. A53/359
Septr. 30th
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of lands recommended to be sold at Geelong on the 8th November

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be sold at Geelong on the 8th November next. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. A. C.

No. A53/360
Octr. 1st
1853.

Forwarding description books of the lands to be sold at Castlemaine on the 12th and 13th inst. and Return of allotments to be withdrawn from sale.

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Castlemaine on the 12th and 13th instant. I have the honor to forward herewith for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer

1. Description books of the lots to be offered for sale
2 Return of lots recommended to be withdrawn from sale. A. C.

No. A53/361
Octr. 1st
1853.

Forwarding description books of the lands to be sold at Melbourne on the 5th 6th and 7th instant and Return of allotments on which there are improvements

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Melbourne on the 5th 6th and 7th instant. I have the honor to forward herewith for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer

1. Description Books of the lots to be offered for sale.
2. Return of allotments on which improvements have been effected. the value of which is to be added to the upset price A. C.

No. A53/362.
Octr. 3rd
1853.

Forwarding account of expenses incurred by Mr. Assist. Surveyor Darbyshire at Geelong.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the repayment to Mr. Assist. Surveyor Darbyshire of the sum of £14. 4. 6. being the amount of expenses incurred by that Officer while on duty in Geelong for the purpose of reporting on Mr. Assist. Surveyor Taylors plan for the supply of water to the above Town. As this duty was of a special character. and not connected with Mr. Darbyshire's own Surveys I trust His Excellency will be pleased to sanction this expenditure which will be borne on the supplementary Estimates for this year. A. C

Bills enclosed.

P.S. I propose forwarding at an early date a Return of the amounts that have been already expended in the preliminary Surveys of Melbourne and Geelong with a view to the supply of water to both of those Towns. in order that they may be charged on any sums that have been or may be passed for the purpose. A. C.

No. A53/363
Octr. 3rd
1853.

Forwarding Return shewing "the extent of area of each Electoral District in the Colony of Victoria"

Sir

In accordance with the request conveyed in your letter of the 23rd ultimo 53/10830 I have the honor to forward herewith a return shewing "the extent of area of each Electoral District in the Colony of Victoria" for the purpose of being laid on the Table of the Legislative Council. A. C.

No. A53/364
4th Octr.
1853

Requesting authority for payment of wages to Joseph Earle Lithographic Printer.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the payment of wages at the rate and from the date specified

15/- per diem
from 5th August.

specified in the margin to Joseph Earle Lithographic Printer in this Department, such expenses to be borne on the Supplementary Estimates for this year
A. C.

No A53/365
Oct. 5th
1853

Requesting authority for payment of £45 to Mr. Hodges for a Ships Chronometer.

Sir.

With reference to the purchase of the Yacht "Lelia" I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the payment of Forty five Pounds to Mr. Thos. T. Hodges for a Ships Chronometer purchased from that gentleman.
A. C.

£45

No A53/366.
Oct. 6th
1853.

Forwarding copies of all Lithographed Plans.

Sir.

In accordance with the request conveyed in your letter of the 4th instant. No. 53/11.204 I have the honor to forward herewith copies of all lithographed plans which have been prepared in this Office up to the present date and shall cause copies of those that may be made hereafter to be furnished as directed.
A. C.

Welshpool	Buninyong
Alberton	Queenscliff
Mortlake	Sandridge
Prahran (part of)	Castlemaine.

No A53/367
Oct. 6th
1853.

Recommending appointment of Mr. Hugh Fraser as a Temporary Draftsman.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's Sanction to the appointment of Mr. Hugh Fraser (who has been assisting Mr. Surveyor Urquhart since the 1st. Ultimo) as a Temporary Draftsman in this Department with Salary at the rate of Two hundred and fifty Pounds per annum commencing from the above date. such expenses being borne on the Supplementary Estimate
A. C.

£250.

No A53/368.
Oct. 6th
1853.

Recommending appointment of Mr. Chas. Beasley as a Temporary Draftsman in this Department.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the appointment of Mr. Chas. Beasley as a Temporary Draftsman in this Department with salary at the rate of Two hundred and fifty Pounds per annum commencing from the 10th instant. I beg to state that the above gentleman was for many years employed as a Draftsman in this Department and as I understand gave every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties but resigned his appointment on the 1st January 1852 in consequence of the inadequacy of salary allowed at that time. The expenses attendant on this appointment will be borne on the Supplementary Estimates for this year
A. C.

£250.

No A53/369
Oct. 7th
1853.

from £80. to £100 per annum
from 1st October

Recommending increase of salary to Master Walter Freeman

Sir.

As I have found Master Walter Freeman, extra copying Clerk, very useful in this Department. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the payment of increased salary to the above young gentleman at the rate and from the date specified in the margin, such additional expense being borne on Supplementary Estimate.
A. C.

No A53/370
Oct. 8th
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of lands to be sold at Melbourne on the 22nd. and 23rd. proximo

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town lands recommended to be offered for sale at Melbourne by Public Auction on the 22nd. and 23rd. proximo. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.
A. C.

No. A53/372
Octr. 10th
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of land to be sold at Beechworth on the 15th and 16th proximo.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town and Suburban Lands in the District of the Murray recommended to be sold by Public Auction at Beechworth on the ~~15th and 16th~~ 17th and 18th proximo. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

A.C.

No. A53/371
Octr. 8th
1853.

Recommending that Mr. Draftsman Willis be allowed rations while on duty at Elphinstone.

Sir.

As I have instructed Mr. Draftsman Willis to proceed to Elphinstone for the purpose of taking charge under Mr. Surveyor Urquhart of the newly erected Survey Office at that place. I have the honor to recommend that he be allowed the usual Rations of provisions while employed on the above duty

A.C.

No. A53/373
Octr. 11th
1853.

8/ per diem from 20th Septr. 1853

Requesting authority for payment of wages to Joseph Gibbs. Assistant Messenger.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's authority for the payment of wages to Joseph Gibbs. Assistant Messenger in this Department at the rate and from the date specified in the margin. I beg to state that his predecessor, who was employed at the rate of four shillings per diem, was dismissed. having been found unable to perform his duties satisfactorily. The additional expense will be borne on the Supplementary Estimate of the Department for the current year.

A.C.

No. A53/374
Octr. 11th
1853.

Forwarding Description Books of of the lots to be sold at Warrnambool on the 26th inst. and return of allotments to be withdrawn from sale

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Warrnambool

Warrnambool. on the 26th instant I have the honor to forward herewith for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer

1. Description Books of the lots to be offered for sale
2. Return of allotments recommended to be withdrawn from sale.

A.C.

No. A53/375
Octr. 11th
1853.

Forwarding Returns of Lands surveyed.

Sir.

In accordance with the Lieutenant Governor's request I have the honor to forward herewith.

1 Return of Land Surveyed in the Colony of Victoria from 1st January to 31st December 1852.
2. Return of Land Surveyed in the Colony of Victoria from 1st January to 30th September 1853.

A.C.

No. A53/376
Octr. 13th
1853.

Recommending promotion of Mr. Asst. Surveyor Scott.

Sir.

I have the honor to recommend that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to sanction the promotion of Mr. Robert D. Scott who has been employed as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department since the 1st August 1851. to the rank of an Assistant Surveyor of the Colony with salary at the increased rate of £400 per annum from the 1st instant.

Having found Mr. Scott an efficient and zealous officer I conceive that his claims to promotion should not be overlooked.

The additional expense will be borne upon the Supplementary Estimate of the Department for the current year.

A.C.

No. A53/37[illegible]

Forwarding Schedules of Suburban and Country lands recommended to be sold by public Auction at Melbourne on the 24th & 25th proximo.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith schedules of Suburban and Country lands recommended to be sold by Public Auction at Melbourne on the 24th and 25th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

A. C

No. A53/378.
14th October
1853

Requesting His Excellency's Sanction to the payment of £157-10-0 the amount required for Insuring the Cutter Lælia.

£157-10-0 for Insuring Cutter Lælia

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's Sanction to the payment of the sum of One Hundred and fifty seven pounds ten Shillings being the Amount required for effecting a Policy of Insurance on the "Lælia" Cutter for six Months, being at the rate of £10-10-0 per cent per Annum on Three Thousand Pounds, for which sum it is proposed to insure.

A. C

No. A53/379
15th October
1853.

Respecting the Sale of Suburban lands at Buninyong

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Suburban Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by public Auction at Buninyong on the 30th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval

A. C

No. A53/380
17th Oct
1853

Forwarding a design for the proposed Township of "Broadford" at the Sunday Creek.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a design of the proposed Township of "Broadford" at the Sunday Creek, about 10 Miles from Kilmore, 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

A. C.

No. A53/381.
17th Oct.
1853

Forwarding a Description Book of the Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at "Beechworth" on the 28th Instant

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Description Book of the Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at "Beechworth" on the 28th Instant, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer

A. C

No. A53/382
17th Oct.
1853

Forwarding Description Books of the Lands to be offered for Sale at Melbourne on the 19th & 20th Inst.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Description Books of the Lands to be offered for Sale at Melbourne, on the 19th & 20th Instant, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer

A. C.

~~No. A53/383~~
~~17th Oct.~~
~~1853.~~

~~Calling attention to the Supplementary Report being kept open at the Treasury~~

~~Sir,~~

~~I have the honor to draw your attention to a practice which I am informed is adopted at the Treasury of sanctioning the Supplementary Report being kept open to receive the monies of persons who have petitioned to be allowed to pay up forfeited Balances on land.~~

~~As the increasing number of Sales under this practice is highly inconvenient I would suggest the necessity of your urging the enforcement of the condition of sale, which will enable me to examine the Plans of the Several Districts and correct errors previous to other Land Sales in the Same locality~~

~~A. C.~~

No.A 53/383.
18th Oct.
1853.

Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. F. W. B. Wright 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. Frederick. W. B. Wright 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, to take effect from the commencement of his duties. Such expenses being borne on the Supplementary Estimate

£350 per ann.

£200- per ann. in lieu of equipment

In an interview I had the honor of having with the Lieutenant Governor this Morning I Mentioned the Subject of this letter. Stating that it was my intention to employ Mr. Wright in the Neighbourhood of Kilmore, a part of the Country of the Country with which he is well acquainted

A. C.

No.A 53/384
19th Oct
1853.

Forwarding a tracing shewing the Site for a Marine Hospital at Williamstown -

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Tracing shewing the Site marked out for a Marine Hospital at Williamstown.

As the Harbour Master suggested the desirability of securing a Site for a Bethel or Sailors Church, the locality recommended as Suitable for the purpose is Shewn on the Sketch which I shall cause to be Marked out, should His Excellency approve of the appropriation

A C

No. A. 53/385
19th Oct
1853

Respecting a line of Road from Solomons Creek to Melbourne.

Sir.

Referring to my Minute of the 7th July on the appli=cation of Patrick O'Brien relative to the opening of a road from Solomons Creek to Melbourne (referred to me from your office on the 6th July). I have the honor to state that I have since discovered the opinion I expressed with respect to the erection of a Bridge being necessary in the event of the road passing through Mr. Mann's & Mr. Aitkin's lands; and being connected by a direct line to the road branching from the main road to Keilor; to be incorrect, and from what I have ascertained from parties residing in the Neigh=bourhood, I am now prepared to recommend the adoption of the line of road suggested by Mr. O'Brien

I would wish however to call your attention to the fact that this line would pass through private property -

A. C.

No.A 53/386.
19th Oct
1853

Forwarding copies of a correspondence which has taken place between the Hon the Colonial Treasurer and the Sur. Genl. respecting the payment of the balances of land Sales

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to forward copies of a correspondence which has taken place between the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer and Myself and would beg to call your attention to its subject.

A. C.

No.A 53/387
21st Oct
1853.

Forwarding a Tracing and description of the Reserve at Maddingley in the intermediate District -

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a tracing and description of the Reserve at Maddingley in the intermediate District and request that in the event of its meeting with His Excellency's approval, you will cause the same to be notified in the Government Gazette.

A. C

No.A 53/388
21st Oct
1853.

Forwarding for approval a tracing of land at Hawthorn appropriated for Church of England purposes.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's final approval a tracing of the land at Hawthorn appropriated for Church of England purposes, together with des=cription of the various Sites selected for Church

School and Parsonage for insertion in the Deeds of Grant A.C.

No. A 53/389. 21st Oct. 1853.

Requesting His Excellency's Sanction to the payment of Eight Shillings per diem to Mr. Asst. Surveyor Dawson's party –

Sir,

As Mr. Assistant Surveyor Dawson has reported that he will be unable to retain his Field party, at their present rate of pay, some of them having already left, I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's Sanction to the payment of Eight Shillings per diem to the above officer's party, that appearing to be the current rate at Ballarat at present A.C.

3/6 per diem

to 8/- per diem

No. A 53/390. 21st Oct 1853

Requesting His Excellency's authority for the Appointment of Mr. Edward Bage as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's ~~Sanction~~ authority for the Appointment of Mr. Edward Bage 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 at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per Annum, to take effect from the commencement of his duties, such expense being borne on the Supplementary estimate A.C.

£350 per an.m

£200 in lieu of equipment

No. A 53/391 22nd Oct 1853

Forwarding Schedule of land recommended to be sold at Castlemaine.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town and Country lands recommended to be offered for Sale by public auction at Castlemaine on the 23rd. 24th & 25th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the Same for His Excellency's Approval. A.C.

No. A 53/392 24th Oct 1853

Forwarding Description Books of the Allotments to be offered for Sale at Geelong on the 26th Inst.

Sir,

With reference to the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Geelong on the 26th Instant. I have the honor to forward herewith for the ~~sale~~ purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. –

1 – Description Books of the Allotments to be offered for Sale –

2 – Return of Allotments on which improvements have been effected the value of which is to be added to the upset price of each lot.

A.C.

No. A 53/393 24th Oct 1853.

Forwarding Schedules of Town Suburban & Country Lands to be offered for Sale at Ballarat –

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Ballarat on the 28th & 29th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the Same for His Excellency's approval A.C.

No. A 53/394 Oct 24th 1853

Stating that every Assistance will be given the Road Board to provide for the laying out of the Roads of the Colony.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant transmitting a Copy of a letter addressed to you, by the President of the Central Road Board, bringing under His Excellency's notice the Necessity the ~~necessity~~ of some arrangement being entered into between the Board and this Department to provide for the laying out of the Roads of the Colony, and beg to state for the Lieutenant-Governor's information, that every Assistance And Cooperation will be afforded by Myself And the Officers of my Department to aid those of the Central Road Board. A.C.

No. A 53/395. 26th Oct 1853. Requesting Authority for Mr. Surveyor Clarke to appoint a person caretaker to the Survey Paddock Portland.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that Mr. Surveyor Clarke may be authorised to hire a trustworthy person to take charge of the Survey Paddock, Portland, at a rate not exceeding Thirty Pounds per Annum, in order that the grass may be preserved for the use of the Surveyors Horses and Bullocks, the proportion of such expense for the remainder of the Year being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate A.C

No. A 53/396 26th Oct 1853. Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. Cape Webster as a Temporary Draftsman.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's sanction to the Appointment of Mr. Cape Webster as a Temporary Draftsman in this Department with salary at the rate
£250. per ann. of Two Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum to take effect from the 28th ultimo, such expense being borne on Supplementary Estimate A.C.

No. A 53/397 27th Oct 1853 Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. J. M. Nicholson 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. J. M. Nicholson as a

Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department, with salary at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty Pounds per Annum, and ~~at~~ an allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of Two Hundred pounds per annum, to take effect from the commencement of his duties, such expenses being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate

I beg to state that it is my intention to employ Mr. Nicholson in Marking Town and Suburban Lands, in the Neighbourhood of the Mc. Ivor Gold Fields — A.C

No. A 53/398 27th Oct 1853 Forwarding Schedules of land to be submitted for Sale at Castlemaine on the 28th 29th & 30th Nov.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith schedules of land recommended to be submitted for Sale at Castlemaine on the 28th 29th & 30th Nov. and request you will obtain His Excellency's approval thereof. A.C.

No. A 53/399 29th Oct 1853 Forwarding Description Books of Crown lands to be offered for sale at Kilmore on the 9th proximo.

Sir

With reference to the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Kilmore on the 9th proximo, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer,

1 – Description Books of the lots to be offered for Sale –

2 – Returns of lots recommended to be withdrawn from Sale – A.C

No. A 53/400 29th Oct 1853 Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. Thomas Burr as an acting Surveyor of the Colony

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's authority for the Appointment of Mr. Thomas Burr as an acting Surveyor of the Colony, with Salary at the rate of Five Hundred & ~~Fifty~~ Pounds per Annum, and all allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of Two Hundred pounds per annum, to take effect from the commencement of his duties, the proportion of such expenses for this Year, being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate R. L

Wr. A 53/401 31st. Oct 1853.

Forwarding copy of letter from the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Buninyong respecting the Sale of Crown Lands.

Sir,

In forwarding for His Excellency's consideration the Copy of a letter addressed to me, by the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Buninyong respecting the Sale of Crown Lands at that place, I beg to remark that I do not see why an Officer of this Department should not receive the advantages arising from the Sales in the various Country Districts, as they are generally better able to than any one else to afford information respecting the quality of the Soil &c. in the various localities

R. L

Wr. A 53/402. 31st. Oct 1853

Stating that the Survey of Hobsons Bay is in course of prosecution

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd. Instant. respecting a Survey of Hobsons Bay, which I beg to state is in course of prosecution, and the expenses of which will be borne by the Crown Revenue.

Should any additional assistance be required for the execution of this work, such can be obtained from H. M. S. "Electra" and "Lelia" R. L

Wr. A 53/403. 31st. Oct 1853

Requesting Authority for the payment of Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds per annum to Mr. J. C. Walton.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's authority for the payment of Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and Fifty pounds per annum, to Mr. J. C. Walton whom I have instructed in compliance with His Excellency's commands, to proceed to the Barrabool Hills for the purpose of examining the supposed Coal Field in that locality.

£350—

I have further to request that Mr. Walton may be allowed one pound per diem, to defray the expense of any additional Assistance he may require, while employed on this particular duty. R. L

£1-0-0

copy herewith

Wr. A 53/404 31st. Oct 1853.

Forwarding Description Books of Crown lands to be sold at Geelong on the 8th proximo.

Sir,

With reference to the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Geelong on the 8th proximo, I have the honor to forward herewith for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

1. Description Books of the lots to be offered for Sale.
2. Return of the lots recommended to be withdrawn from Sale. R. L

Wr. A 53/405. 31st. Oct 1853

Forwarding a copy of a correspondence which has taken place between Mr. Asst. Surveyor Darbyshire and the Surveyor General respecting the withdrawal of his resignation and the Survey Office at Williamstown

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information the accompanying correspondence and to request that, as what seems a vexatious delay has nearly caused the loss to the Public of the services of one of the most zealous and efficient officer of this Department, I may be furnished with an Authority to prosecute with all expedition the erection of the Survey Office at Williamstown — A. L.

No. A 53/406
1st Nov
1853.

Respecting the Survey of Lady Bay.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo. having reference to Lady Bay. and to inform you in reply that on completion of the necessary arrangements steps will be taken for carrying out the Survey with the least possible delay A. L.

No. A 53/407.
2nd Nov
1853.

Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. J. B. Shaw 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. J. B. Shaw. 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 at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum, to take effect from the commencement of his duties, the proportion of such expenses for the remainder of the Year, being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate A. L.

£350 —

£200 —

No. A 53/408
3rd Nov
1853.

Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. Thos. Coachman to take charge of Mr. H. B. Foot's party during his absence.

Sir,

In forwarding for the Lieutenant Governor's consideration the Copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Acting Surveyor Foot, I have the honor to recommend that that Officer's suggestions be carried out. and request you will convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the employment of Mr. Thos. Coachman (whom Mr. Foot represents as a competent person) at the rate of Ten Shillings per diem, with the usual rations, such expense being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate of the Department —

10/- per diem

No. A 53/409.
8th Nov.
1853.

Requesting Authority for the payment of 8/- per diem to the men comprising Mr. Asst. Surveyor P. Chauncy's Field Party.

Sir.

I have the honor to request, that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the payment of Wages to the men comprising Mr. Assistant Surveyor P. Chauncy's Field Party, at the rate of Eight Shillings per diem, that being the current rate at Heathcote. where the above officer is Stationed. A. L.

Supplementary Estimate

8/- from 12th September

No. A 53/410
8th Nov.
1853.

Requesting Authority for the payment of wages to Mr. Surveyor Wade's Bullock Driver. at the increased rate of £2. per week.

Sir,

I have the request that you will have the goodness to convey to me. His Excellency's Authority for the payment of wages to Mr. Mr. Surveyor Wade's. Bullock Driver, at the increased rate of Two Pounds per week, as that officer is unable to procure the services of a trustworthy person. at a lower rate, such increase of expenditure being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate

I beg to state that three pounds per week seems to be the rate, which this class of labourers are at present being paid in the Neighbourhood A. L.

£2-0-0

Former wages £80 per Annum —

No. A 53/411.
9th Nov.
1853.

Forwarding description Books of Crown Lands to be sold at Beechworth on the 17th & 18th Instant.

Sir,

With reference to the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Beechworth on the 17th & 18th Instant. I have the honor to forward herewith, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer, Description Books of the lots to be submitted for public competition. A. C.

No. A 53/412
14th Nov.
1853.

Forwarding Description Books of lots to be submitted for sale at Castlemaine on the 23rd 24th & 25th Instant.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Description Books of the lots to be submitted for public competition at Castlemaine. on the 23rd 24th and 25th Instant for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. A. C

No. A 53/413
14th Nov.
1853.

Forwarding Description Books of lots to be submitted for sale at Ballarat on the 28th & 29th Instant.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Description Books of the lots to be submitted for public competition at Ballarat on the 28th & 29th Instant for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. A. C.

No. A 53/414
14th Nov.
1853.

Requesting Authority to purchase a Spirit Level for the use of this Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the purchase of a Spirit Level. for the use of this Department, at a cost of Eleven Pounds, such expense being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate A. C.

£11–0–0

No. A 53/415.
15th Nov.
1853.

R. W. Larritt's party of 6 Men.
6/- per diem – from 8th August
J. W. Wittys – 6 Men
6/- per diem from 25th Aug.
J. H. Permien – party of 6 Men
6/- per diem from 21st July

Requesting Authority for the payment of Wages to the field parties of Asst. Surveyors named in the Margin.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the payment of wages to the men comprising the Field parties of the Asst. Surveyors named in the Margin. at the rates, and from the dates specified such expenses being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate A. C

No. A 53/416
15th Nov.
1853.

{W. Gibbins. party of 6 Men.
{6/- per diem. from 26th Sept.
G. Darbyshire 1. Man. 10/- p. diem from 5th Sept.
{F. H. Story. 1. Drain £72 p. Annum
{& 5. Men £65. per annum from 20th Sept.
J. Calder. 6. Men 6/- per diem. from 5th Sept

Requesting Authority for the payment of wages at certain rates to the field parties of the Asst. Surveyors named in the Margin.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the payment of Wages to the Men comprising the Field parties of the Asst. Surveyors named in the Margin. at the rates and from the dates specified. such Expenses being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate A. C.

No. A 53/417
15th Nov.
1853.

Forwarding Description Books of the lots to be offered for sale at Buninyong on the 30th Inst.

Sir,

With reference to the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Buninyong on the 30th Instant. I have the honor to forward herewith, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

1 – Description Books of the lots to be offered for sale.

2 – Return of the lots recommended to be withdrawn from sale. A. C

No. A 53/418.
15th Nov.
1853.

Requesting Authority for the payment of increased wages to Mr. Asst. Surveyor Westons Bullock Driver

Sir

I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to Sanction the payment of wages to Mr. Assist. Surveyor Westons Bullock Driver, at the increased rate of Eighty Pounds per annum. it being found impossible to obtain the services of a competent person at the old rate. viz £66. per annum.

£80 —

A. C.

No. A 53/419.
16th Nov.
1853

Forwarding a communication respecting a line of Road at the River Werribee. from the Residents of Bacchus Marsh

Sir

With reference to a petition from certain residents at Bacchus Marsh praying for a deviation in a certain line of Road at the River Werribee, referred for my report. I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a communication on the Subject received from the Surveyor in Charge of the District

A. C.

No. A 53/420
16th Nov.
1853

Directing attention to the inconvenience arising from the final Returns of Land Sales not being furnished by the Colonial Treasurer -

Sir

I have the honor to direct your attention to the serious inconvenience arising from the final Returns of Land Sales not being furnished by the Colonial Treasurer at the earliest possible date after the expiration of the Month allowed for payment of balances: and to request that in future a delay of not more than ten days may take place in transmitting such Returns.

The frequent Sales now taking place make it a Matter of consequence. that the least possible delay should occur. in recording on the plans in this office. the alienation of the various portions of Crown Lands.

A. C.

No. A 53/421.
16th Nov.
1853.

Respecting office accommodation for the Survey Department at Belfast.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 13th Sept. last A 53/334. requesting that a Room in the "Treasury Buildings". Belfast might be set apart for this Department. and the Chief Commissioner of Police Minute thereon. reporting the appropriation of the Room in question. for the use of the Central Road Board. I have the honor to forward herewith a Tender to let premises at Belfast. for the above purpose. sent in by Mr. Acting Surveyor Watson. at a rental. at the rate of Fifty Two Pounds per annum. commencing from the 1st October. which tender I would recommend being accepted.

A. C.

No. A 53/422
16th Nov.
1853.

Forwarding Description Books of Crown Lands to be sold at Castlemaine on the 28th 29th and 30th Instant.

Sir

With reference to the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Castlemaine on the 28th 29th and 30th Instant. I have the honor to forward herewith. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

1 – Description Books of the Lots to be offered for Sale

2. Return of lots recommended to be withdrawn from Sale.

No. A 53/423.
16th Nov.
1853

Respecting Returns of persons employed on the Gold Fields by the District Surveyors.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th Instant 53/12.925. I have the honor to inform you that a circular has been already addressed to the District Surveyors requesting them to furnish me with the information specified

A. C.

No. A 53/424.
16th Nov.
1853

Recommending that Mr. Bayley's services in this Department be dispensed with.

Sir;

I have the honor to forward herewith a Report from Mr. Counsel. the Draftsman in Charge of the Drawing room. respecting the conduct of Mr. Draftsman Bayley. and beg to recommend that Mr. Bayley's services in this Department be dispensed with.

A. C.

No. A 53/425
18th Nov.
1853

Forwarding a Return of the land held by the Government in the Township of Belfast.

Sir

In accordance with the request conveyed in your letter of the 21st ultimo. 53/11.972. I have the honor to forward herewith.

1 – Return of the land held by the Government in the Township of Belfast. and its neighbourhood for public purposes. and how acquired.

2. Plan of Port Fairy. showing Survey. Township and Harbour.

A. C

No. A 53/426
18th Nov.
1853

Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. Edward Rafferty as a Temporary 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. Edward Rafferty as a Temporary Asst. Surveyor in this Department. with Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum. And an Allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum. the proportion of such expenses for the remainder of this Year being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate.

£ 350 —

£ 200 —

A. C.

No. A 53/427
19th Nov.
1853

Forwarding Description Books of allotments to be offered for sale at Melbourne on the 22nd & 23rd. Instant.

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Melbourne on the 22nd and 23rd. Instant. I have the honor to forward herewith. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

1 – Description Books of the allotments to be offered for Sale.

2. Return of allotments recommended to be withdrawn from Sale.

A. C.

No. A 53/428
21st Nov.
1853

Requesting Authority for the purchase of a Whale Boat for the Cutter "Lælia" at a cost of Forty Pounds. (£40).

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the purchase of a Whale Boat. required for the Survey Cutter "Lælia" at a Cost of Forty Pounds (£40.)

A. C

No. A 53/429
22nd Nov.
1853

Requesting His Excellency's instructions respecting the Measurement of Mr. William Pearsons Pre-emptive purchase.

Sir

I have the honor to direct your attention to my letter of the 26th August. A53/312. respecting the Measurement of Mr. William Pearsons pre-emptive purchase. and request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's instructions on the subject. at your earliest convenience. A. C.

No. A 53/430
22nd Nov.
1853

Forwarding a Return of Lands Sold at the various Gold Fields to the 31st October

Sir.

In accordance with the Lieutenant Governor's directions conveyed in your letter of the 19th Instant. 53/13.110. I have the honor to forward herewith —

A Return of Lands Sold at the various Gold Fields to the 31st October. shewing the locality. and the Number of acres. A C

No. A 53/431.
22nd Nov.
1853

Requesting Authority for the payment of increased wages to Mr. Asst. Surveyor Darbyshire's party.

Sir,

As Mr. Asst. Surveyor Darbyshire finds it impossible to obtain the services of good and efficient men at the rates authorised. And as the Surveys at Williamstown are of an important Nature requiring the assistance of competent persons. I have the honor to recommend. however reluctantly — that His Excellency may be pleased to Authorise the payment of wages to Mr. Darbyshire's party. at an increased rate, not exceeding Fourteen Shillings per diem.

14/—

I beg to state that Mr. Darbyshire's party is restricted to four Men — A C

No. 53/432.
22nd Nov.
1853.

Recommending that a Plan Room be built adjoining the Court House Castlemaine.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring under the Lieutenant Governor's Notice. the necessity of having a Small Room erected near the Court House at Castlemaine. for the purpose of having the plans of the lands to be sold at the

above place exhibited for public information. and to request that immediate steps may be taken to have the erection of the building proceeded with. as early as possible.

I beg to forward for His Excellency's information. a paragraph of a letter on the Subject. addressed to me by Mr. Surveyor Urquhart. A. C

No. A 53/433.
24th Nov.
1853.

Requesting Authority to fence in the land at Williamstown on which the Survey office is erected.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that His Excellency may be pleased to Sanction immediate steps being taken to enclose the piece of ground at Williamstown. on which the Survey office has been erected.

The quantity of fencing required would be 650 Posts and Rails. and 2500 Palings. the cost of which I estimate at One Hundred and Forty Pounds Ten Shillings. (£140-10-0)

Supplementary Estimate

No. A 53/434.
24th Nov.
1853

Forwarding a return of allotments to be withdrawn from sale at Melbourne on the 25th Instant.

Sir, In accordance with the recommendations of the Land Board. I have the honor to forward herewith a return of allotments to be withdrawn from sale at Melbourne on the 25th Instant

No. A 53/435.
28th Nov.
1853.

Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. Adair as a Temporary Asst. Surveyor.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's Authority for the Appointment of Mr. Adair as a Temporary Asst. Surveyor in this Department. with Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds per annum. and the usual allowance in lieu of Equipment. at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds

£350 —

£200

per annum to take effect from the commencement of his duties such expenses being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate. A. C.

No. A 53/436
28th Novr.
1853

1 (Elsternwick (Parish of Prahran) on Portarlington Road.
2 (Parish of Moolap)

Forwarding for approval plans of the appropriations for Roman Catholic Church purposes.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's final approval plans of the appropriations for Roman Catholic Church purposes at the places named in the Margin together with descriptions of the Subdivisions for Churches Schools and Ministers Dwellings. A. C.

No. A 53/437
28th Novr.
1853

Forwarding Schedules of Town Suburban and Country Lands to be sold at Sandhurst Bendigo on the 16th 17th 18th and 19th Jany. 1854.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be sold by public Auction at Sandhurst Bendigo on the 16th 17th 18th and 19th January 1854 and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. A. C.

No. A 53/438
29th Novr.
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of Town Lands recommended to be sold at Heathcote on the 24th January 1854.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public Auction at Heathcote on the 24th January 1854. And request that that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's Approval. A. C.

No. A 53/439
29th Novr.
1853

Thomas Bibbs – 1st Novr.
Robert Brough Smythe 7th Do
Jas. Buckingham Philp – 14th do

Requesting Authority for the employment of Thos. Bibbs. Robert Brough Smythe, & Jas. Buckingham Philp as Temporary Draftsmen

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the employment of the Gentlemen named in the Margin as Temporary Draftsmen at Salaries at the rate of Two Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum respectively commencing from the dates specified to be borne upon the Supplementary Estimate. A. C.

No. A 53/440
29th Novr.
1853

Requesting Authority for Mr. Surveyor Clarke to hire a caretaker for the Survey Paddock at Portland.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 26th ultimo requesting that Mr. Surveyor Clarke might be authorised to hire a person to take charge of the Survey Paddock at Portland and to the Auditor General's minute thereon. I have the honor to request that as the course suggested by that officer would not be beneficial (as would appear from Mr. Clarke's report herewith annexed.) I may be furnished with the necessary Authority for Mr. Clarke to hire a trustworthy person at the rate proposed. A. C.

No. A 53/441.
1st Decr.
1853

Recommending Mr Parkin's Application for 12 Months leave of absence may meet His Excellency's Approval.

Sir,

In forwarding the annexed letter addressed to me by Mr. H. M. Parkin, a Clerk in this Department, I have the honor to recommend that his Application for twelve Months leave of Absence may meet with His Excellency's most favorable consideration. I beg to state that as Mr. Parker has always performed his various duties with both diligence and efficiency, and as he is compelled to leave the Colony for a time under very distressing circumstances. I am the more willing to recommend his Application being entertained, as I am desirous of securing his services on his return.

I would further recommend that if not contrary to the Regulations, Mr. Parker be allowed half of his Salary during the period of his leave of absence. Should His Excellency be pleased to grant the same

A.C

No. A 53/442
2nd Dec.
1853

Requesting Authority for the payment to Mr. R. S. Moody of the sum of £102 " 3 " 3. for the erection of a Lithographic Printing Room.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the payment to Mr. R. S. Moody of the sum of One Hundred and two Pounds three Shillings and three pence being the amount of his account for the erection of a Lithographic Printing room for this Department. Such expenditure being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate

£102. 3. 3.

I beg to state that the amount in question has been referred to the Acting Colonial Architect, who considers the several charges fair and Moderate. A.C

No. A 53/443
2nd Dec.
1853

Requesting to be furnished with a General Authority to hire Chainmen &c. for this Department

Sir

I have the the honor to request that

I may be furnished with a general Authority to hire Chainmen &c for this Department, at the lowest rates of wages at which I can secure the Services of useful men, as the present system of being obliged to procure a Special Authority for the payment of each Surveyors Party, occasions both considerable delay and inconvenience

A.C

No. A 53/444
3rd Dec.
1853.

Requesting Authority to purchase Two Drawing Tables for the use of the Geelong Branch of this Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that I may be immediately furnished with Authority to purchase Two Drawing Tables for the use of the Geelong branch of this Department, at a cost of Sixteen Pounds, such expense being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate. A.C

£16. 0. 0

No. A 53/445.
5th Dec.
1853.

Forwarding Returns called for by the Legislative Council.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith certain Returns called for by the Legislative Council and specified in your letter of the 16th Sept. No. 53/10634.

A.C

No. A 53/446
7th Dec.
1853

Requesting Authority for the promotion of Mr. J. H. Taylor to the Rank of Asst. Surveyor.

Acting

Sir,

I have the honor to recommend that His Excellency may be pleased to Sanction the promotion of Mr. Temporary Assistant Surveyor J. H. Taylor to the rank of Assistant Surveyor, with Salary at the rate of Four Hundred pounds per annum, taking effect from the 1st Instant.

£400

I beg to state that Mr. Taylor has been for some months engaged in a Survey of the Town of Geelong &c and has shewn himself active in the discharge of his duties.

No. A 53/447
8th Dec.
1853.

Requesting Authority to purchase of Instruments for the use of this Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that I may be immediately furnished with an Authority to purchase the Instruments and other Articles specified in the annexed Schedule which are required for the use of this Department at a cost of One Hundred and fifty three pounds one shilling and ten pence. such Amount being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate. A. C.

£153-1.10

No. A 53/448
9th Dec.
1853

Forwarding a Return of Lands in the Colony of Victoria Maintained for benefit of Aborigines.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Return of all Lands in the Colony of Victoria Maintained for the benefit of the Aborigines A. C.

No. A 53/449
9th Dec.
1853.

G. D. Smythe's party - 1 - Bullock Driver
14/. per diem - 5 Labourers 8/- per diem
from 1st May
J. Templeton's. 6. Labourers
8/- per diem from 17th Sept.

Requesting Authority for the payment of the Surveying parties named in the Margin at the rates &c specified

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the payment of the Surveying parties particularised in the Margin. at the rates and from the dates therein specified - A. C.

No. A 53/450
10th Dec.
1853

Forwarding Schedules of Town and Country Lands to be offered for Sale at Melbourne on the 24th & 25th January 1854

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town and country Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Melbourne on the 24th and 25th January 1854. and request that you will have the goodness to Submit the Same for His Excellency's approval. A. C.

No. A 53/451
10th Dec.
1853.

Forwarding Schedules of Town Lands to be offered for Sale at Geelong on the 24th January 1854.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town lands recommended to be offered for Sale by public Auction at Geelong on the 24th January 1854. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's Approval A. C.

No. A 53/452
10th Dec.
1853

Forwarding Schedules of Country Lands to be offered for Sale at Sandhurst. Bendigo. on the 26th and 27th January 1854.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Country Lands recommended to be offered for Sale. by public Auction at Sandhurst Bendigo. on the 26th and 27th January 1854. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. A. C.

No. A 53/453
10th Dec.
1853

Forwarding Schedules of Country Lands to be offered for Sale at Belfast on the 27th January 1854.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Country Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Belfast on the 27th January 1854. and request that you will have the goodness to Submit the Same for His Excellency's approval. A. C.

Wr. A 53/454. 13th " Dec 1853

Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. Hughbert Baker as Clerk & Draftsman.

Sir.

As the Services of a person competent to act as Clerk and Draftsman are required at the Survey Office Belfast. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the employment of Mr. Hughbert Baker in such capacity. at a Salary at the rate of Two Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum. to take effect from the commencement of his duties – the proportion of such expenditure for the remainder of the Year being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate. A.C

£250 —

Wr. A 53/455 13th " Dec. 1853.

Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. A. M. Ross Draftsman as Surveyor.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that His Excellency may be pleased to sanction the promotion of Mr. A. M. Ross Draftsman at Portland. to the rank of Temporary Assistant Surveyor. with Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum. and an the usual allowance in lieu of equipment. at the rate of Two Hundred pounds per annum. the proportion of such expenditure for the remainder of the Year being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate. A.C

£300 —

£200 —

Wr. A. 53/456. 13th Decr. 1853.

Requesting authority for payment of wages to crew of the Cutter "Lelia".

Sir.

Although a considerable portion of the Coast Line has been surveyed from time to time, including Surveys of Port Phillip and Corner Inlet. yet little or nothing is known accurately of the other Ports or the embouchures of the Rivers discharging themselves into the Southern Ocean.

This circumstance taken together with the reported existence of a harbour in Gipps Land, not far from a rich and fertile tract of Country having more especially directed His Excellency's attention to the Subject. I received instructions late in August to make the necessary arrangements for examining in particular, this alleged discovery. as well as to enable the Government to prosecute other as interesting researches along the shores of the Province.

At this juncture a Vessel admirably adapted for the proposed service was offered, and was accepted at what was considered for the class. by competent judges, a reasonable sum.

That vessel, being now ready to sail for her more distant duty in Gipps Land having been hitherto engaged in adding to the Survey of Hobson's Bay, as well as having taken the Geological Surveyor to the Coal Field at Western Port.

I have the honor to request being furnished with the requisite authority for the payment of the wages of her crew, which will consist of one master. one mate and six men at the current rates. as well as the Contingent Expenses to cover the wear and tear.

The nomination of a competent Marine Surveyor will form the subject of another communication. A.C