No. A 53/457.
14th Dec.
1853.

Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr John D. Daniell as Temp. Asst. Surveyor

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 John D. Daniell 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 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

£350—

£200—

A. C.

No. A 53/458
15th Dec.
1853

Requesting Authority for the employment of Mr Henry Moore at a Salary of £100 per annum.

Sir

In forwarding for the Lieutenant Governors information the copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr Surveyor Skene. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain His Excellency's Sanction to the employment of Mr Henry Byron Moore. the Young Gentleman therein referred to. at a Salary. at the rate of One Hundred pounds per annum. the proportion of such expenditure for the remainder of the Year being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate A. C.

£100—

No. A 53/459
16th Dec
1853.

Enclosing copy of a letter from certain Storekeepers residing at the Bendigo Gold Fields.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from certain Storekeepers residing on View Point at the Bendigo Gold Fields, and which was delivered to me by two of their number in person.

I also submit with a view to its receiving the Lieutenant Governor's sanction should His Excellency be pleased to approve of it, a Draft of an answer to that letter.

I am reluctantly compelled to advise the adoption of the course alluded to in the latter part of that letter, of sanctioning and even aiding the erection of permanent buildings on Crown Lands at the Gold Fields more especially at Sandhurst, where from unexpected delays and the unsatisfactory character of the Surveys, I shall be unable to bring these Township Lands into the Market in time to save the present Summer, when buildings can be more readily erected, and where in the above locality especially there is, I believe, a most pressing demand for them.

The method I propose of fixing the upset price of those lots on which substantial buildings have been constructed whilst securing the fair and sufficient amount for the Treasury will at the same time bear justly and equitably on the purchasers, and I have reason to believe meet with satisfaction from those concerned A. C.

No A 53/460
19th Dec.
1853

Recommending that the Bendigo Royal Exchange Room be substituted in place of Police office in Gazette proclaiming lands to be sold at Sandhurst

Extract annexed

Sir,

As it appears from a letter which I have received from Mr E. N. Emmett, Government Auctioneer at Sandhurst, that the Police office at that Place is not suitable for holding sales of Crown Lands, and further that a room called the "Bendigo Royal Exchange" is well adapted for the purpose and could be obtained free of charge. I have the honor to recommend that Gazette notice proclaiming the Police office as the place of sale be altered and the room described as the "Bendigo Royal Exchange" substituted in lieu thereof—

A C

No A 53/461
19th Dec.
1853

Forwarding Schedule of Suburban and Country Lands to be offered for sale at Geelong on the 25th proximo

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Suburban and Country Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public auction at Geelong on the 25th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

A C

No A 53/462
19th Dec
1853.

Respecting Land near the Cascade Creek, Mount Macedon, applied for by Mr Goldie—

Sir,

I herewith transmit the copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr Goldie applying to have some 50 or 100 acres of land near the Cascade Creek, Mount Macedon, on

which he proposes to establish Steam Saw Mills— surveyed and put up to auction at the same time requesting that as he has all his Machinery ready he should receive permission to commence his operations at once; and prior to sale he should have secured to him by a valuation the improvements he may have made upon the land, should he not become the purchaser.

Enclosed.
Copy of letter from
Mr Goldie
Do. Do. from Mr.
Tucker and
Haning

My object in bringing this particular case under the consideration of His Excellency is with the view of receiving especial instructions for my guidance on this and similar applications, and which are now becoming every
day more and more numerous.

I would here take occasion to mention that the Public should be made clearly to understand that all applications for the purchase from the Crown of land in any part of the Colony should, in the first instance, be addressed to this office. Several deviations from this the usual practice has, in consequence of a recent Government Notice, created delay, and will in addition most likely lead to serious embarrassment.

With regard to this particular class of applications, I feel so much the importance of affording every facility to the establishment in this country of those branches of industry which more especially involve at the same time a considerable outlay of capital; and when it is not to be forgotten that two neighbouring colonies from the different character of their Crown Land Regulations hold forth such strong inducements for such investment within their limits, taken together with the fact of the insufficient amount of land in this Colony surveyed for occupation, and the almost, if not entire impossibility of getting the Surveys ahead of the demand, that I am compelled to urge most strongly for the favorable consideration of His Excellency that Sanction in every case be given on applications for occupations under the provisions applied for by Mr. Goldie.

Since writing the above, I have received the Enclosed letter, and I seize it as an opportunity of pointing it out as the result of the present System of separating the duties connected with Crown Lands. for in this instance as will be seen from the accompanying Tracing a portion of the very land which has been of late the Subject of a most important negotiation between certain individuals and the Government and which has been the subject of special and particular reference to this office has I understand been occupied within the last Month by permission of the Crown Land Commissioner for Bourke.

A. C.

No. A 53/463
20th Decr.
1853

Forwarding Schedule of Town Lands to be offered for Sale at Portland on the 7th of February 1854.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Town Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Portland on the 7th of February 1854. and request that you will have the goodness to Submit the Same for His Excellency's approval.

A. C.

No. A 53/464
20th Decr
1853.

Requesting authority for the appointment of Mr. Eugene Bellairs as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor.

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.
Eugene Bellairs as a Temporary Assistant
Surveyor in this Department with salary
£350. per annum at the rate of Three Hundred and Fifty
pounds per annum and the usual
allowance in lieu of equipment at the
£200 per annum rate of Two Hundred 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 Estimates

I beg to State that Mr. Bellairs was attached to this Department for Some time, and as I understand performed his duties in a Satisfactory manner, but resigned his appointment with the intention of following his profession in Melbourne

A. C.

No. A 53/465
20th Decr.
1853

Forwarding Schedules of Town Lands at Sandhurst to be offered for sale at that place on the 25th and 27th proximo.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Town Lands at Sandhurst recommended to be offered for sale by public Auction at the above place, on the 25th and 27th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to Submit the Same for His Excellency's approval

A. C.

No. A 53/466
21st Decr.
1853

Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. Robert McFarland Harvey as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department with a
Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty
£350 — Pounds per annum. and the usual allowance
in lieu of equipment at the rate of Two
£200 — Hundred 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 on the Supplementary Estimate. A. C.

No A 53/467
23rd Dec.
1853.

Supplementary Estimate 1853

£250—

Requesting Authority for the appointment of Mr. Arthur Morrah as Clerk in 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 appointment of Mr. Arthur Morrah as Clerk in this Department. with Salary at the rate of Two Hundred and fifty pounds per annum to take effect from the 28th ultimo (sd). A. C

No A 53/468
23rd Dec
1853

Forwarding Tracing shewing the proposed site for the Melbourne Gas and Coke Company.

Sir

With reference to letter 53/12.792. addressed to you by the Secretary of the Melbourne Gas and Coke Company. and referred for my report. I have the honor to forward herewith a tracing shewing the proposed site. which I would recommend should be granted to the Company for the period specified in their Act. on condition that they excavate a basin within the limits of the proposed Grant. and open a passage from the River Yarra into the basin. for the reception of their Coal Barges. with a view of relieving the River of their traffic in Coal – and also on the understanding that they give up to the Government possession of the acre which they at present occupy in Collins Street. (sd) A.C

No A 53/469
23rd Dec.
1853

Requesting that Captain Cole's House will be leased for a Survey Office.

Sir.

As I understand that Captain Cole whose residence adjoins this office is not unwilling to lease his House to the Government for some two or three years. and as I need not dwell upon the well known fact. that the accommodation afforded this Department is wholly incommensurate with its requirements. I have the honor to request that you will obtain His Excellency's Sanction to the necessary arrangement being *at once* entered into between the Colonial Architect and Captain Cole to secure the whole of the building and premises for the use of this Department (Sd) A. C.

No A 53/470
24th Decr
1853.

Stating the duties which appertain to the office of Surveyor General

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th Instant I have the honor to state for the Lieutenant Governor's information what I conceive to be the duties which appertain to the office of Surveyor General under His Excellency's instructions — viz —

1st The sole direction and management of all Surveys of the Colony undertaken at the public expense

2nd The Curation of the Crown Lands of the Colony.

3rd Laying out all the lines of internal communication

4th The responsibility of Selecting Crown Lands for alienation and occupation

5th The charge of preparing the diagrams and descriptions of all Lands so alienated or occupied (Sd) A. C.

No. A 53/471
24th Decr.
1853.

Enclosing a Tracing of the Agricultural Reserve proposed at "Tarrawingee" in the Murray district

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a Tracing of the Agricultural Reserve proposed at "Tarrawingee" in the Murray District together with a description of the same for Proclamation in the Government Gazette (Sd.) A. C.

No. A 53/472
24th Decr.
1853.

Recommending that the services of Mr. H. S. Chauncy as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor be dispensed with

Sir.

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. H. S. Chauncy's services as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department be dispensed with at the expiration of the present month.

I am compelled to advise Mr. Chauncy's removal after having given him repeated trials. in consequence of his total inefficiency to perform the duties of his office in a manner at all approaching correctness (Sd.) A. C.

No. A 53/473.
27th Decr.
1853.

Recommending that enquiries be instituted at Sydney respecting Deed of Grant of Land Township Warrnambool said to be issued to Michael Fenton -

Sir:

As it appears that a Deed of Grant for allotment 7 of Section No. 14 in the Town of Warrnambool. was made out at Sydney and issued to Michael Fenton - although in the final report of the sale. the lots in question seems to have been forfeited by the above party. I have the honor to recommend that enquiries be instituted at Sydney in order that whatever steps may be considered necessary may be taken in the matter. (Sd.) W. B.

No. A 53/474
31st Decr.
1853.

Requesting Authority for the payment to Mr. Asst. Engineer Barrow of expenses incurred in Surveying Lady Bay.

Sir.

As it is considered desirable that Mr. Assistant Engineer Barrow. should be placed under this Superintendance of this Department whilst prosecuting the Survey of Lady Bay. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the payment to that officer of any incidental expenses to which he may be put. during the time he may be engaged on this particular duty in addition to his usual Salary and allowances. (Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 53/475
31st Decr.
1853.

Requesting Authority for the repayment of Seven pounds to Mr. James Green Draftsman being the Amount of his passage money to Portland —

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the repayment of Seven pounds. being the Amount of passage money to Portland paid by Mr. James Green Draftsman. who has been detached to the above place. to relieve Mr. Ross. who has undertaken the duties of a Temporary Asst. Surveyor. (Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/1.
4th Jany.
1854

Forwarding Schedule of Town and Suburban lands to be offered for sale at Hamilton on the 17th prox.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Town and Suburban lands recommended to be offered for sale by public Auction at Hamilton on the 17th prox. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

(Sd.). W.H.B.

No. A 54/2
4th Jany.
1854

Forwarding Schedule of Town and Suburban Lands to be offered for Sale at Wangaratta on the 21st prox.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Town and Suburban Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public Auction at Wangaratta on the 21st prox. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

(Sd.). W.H.B.

No. A 54/3
4th Jany.
1854

Forwarding Schedule of Town and Suburban lands to be offered for sale at Benalla on the 14th prox.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Town and Suburban Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public Auction at Benalla on the 14th prox and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

(Sd.). W.H.B.

No. 54/4
5th Jany.
1854

Respecting Roman Catholic Reserve at Wangaratta –

Sir

In forwarding the annexed copy of a letter addressed to me by the President

of the Central Road Board. respecting the Sydney main line of Road through the Township of Wangaratta I have the honor to suggest that the Roman Catholic Bishop be requested to make another selection. as the road recommended by the Inspector General of Roads will pass through the portion of land at present reserved for Roman Catholic Church purposes.

(Sd.). W.H.B.

No. A 54/5
6th Jany.
1854

Harcourt (Barkers Creek)
Muckleford (Muckleford Creek).

Forwarding Tracings for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Govr. and Executive Council

Sir.

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. and the Executive Council. Tracings of the proposed Reserves. noted in the Margin. together with descriptions of the same for publication in the Government Gazette..

(Sd.). W.H.B.

No. A 54/6
6th Jany.
1854.

Forwarding a Return of the quantity of land sold Situated within the Reserves in the intermediate Districts.

Sir.

With reference to your letters of the 21st October – 29th November – and the 19th Dec. 1853. I have the honor to forward herewith – "A Return of the quantity of land sold – Situated within the Intermediate Districts – Shewing the area – extent – that which was sold under pre-emptive right – that which was sold at Auction – that for which no offer was received – and that which was purchased by selection at the upset price – I beg to state that the delay in transmitting this Return was caused by the difficulty in obtaining in ~~[illegible]~~ the final Returns of Sales in the Country Districts.

(Sd.). W.H.B.

No. A 54/7
10th Jany
1854

Forwarding a Return of allotments at Heathcote recommended to be withdrawn from sale.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a Return of allotments at Heathcote recommended to be withdrawn from Sale on the 24th Instant, to allow of the improvements which have been effected thereon being valued - and request that the Same may be transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer, with the least possible delay

(Sd.) W.H.B

No. A 54/8
10th Jany
1854.

Forwarding a Description Book of the lots to be offered for sale at Belfast on the 24th inst.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Description Book of the lots to be offered for sale at Belfast on the 24th instant, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. (Sd.) W.H.B.

No. A 54/9
11th Jany
1854

Forwarding Schedules of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Melbourne on the 21st & 22nd proxo

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for sale by Public Auction at Melbourne. on the 21st & 22nd proximo and request that You will have the goodness to Submit the Same for His Excellency's approval. (Sd.) W.H.B.

No. A 54/10
12th Jany
1854.

Surveyor Clarke's party of 6 men. £70 per annum (instead of £55). from 1st Sept. - Asst Surveyor Witty's Bullock Driver 8/. per diem and Tent Keeper 6/6 per diem from 1st Sept

Requesting Authority for the payment of increased wages to the parties named in the Margin.

Sir

I have the honor to request that You will convey to me His Excellency's authority for the payment of increased wages to the parties particularized in the Margin. at the rates and from the dates specified - such additional expenditure being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1853. (Sd.) W.H.B

No. A 54/11
14th Jany
1854

Forwarding Schedules of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Castlemaine on the 23rd and 24th proximo.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public Auction at Castlemaine on the 23rd and 24th proximo. And request that you will have the goodness to Submit the Same for His Excellency's approval (Sd.) W.H.B.

No. A 54/12
14th Jany
1854

Forwarding a design ~~plan~~ ~~shewing the~~ of the proposed ~~extension of the~~ Township of Broadford Sunday Creek

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a design ~~plan~~ ~~shewing~~ of the proposed ~~extension of the~~ Township of Broadford Sunday Creek, 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

(Sd.) W.H.B.

No. A 54/13.
16th Jany
1854.

Forwarding description books of lots offered for sale at Sandhurst, and return of lots recommended to be withdrawn from sale.

Sir,

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Sandhurst on the 25th, 26th and 27th Instants I have the honor to forward herewith, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

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

2nd Return of the lots recommended to be withdrawn from sale (Sd.) A.C.

No A 54/14
16th Jany
1854.

Relative to a grant of land for a Term of Years to Messrs Prince and Becket.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo. And as I find no reply to my letter of 23rd of same has been received from the Surveyor in Charge at Beechworth during my absence, probably in consequence of his being at a distance from his Head quarters. And as a final answer to Messrs Prince and Becket is a matter of the most serious importance, I am inclined at once to recommend that either the Suggestion contained in my Minute of the 6th Decr. be carried out, or that they be granted a Lease of the land for a certain term of years at a fair rental. This latter plan would suit those Gentlemen ~~most~~ best.

Whatever may be the decision of His Excellency on the subject, I would strongly recommend that in the mean time an order for permissive occupation of this land be given to Mr. Becket in order that he may be enabled to commence his operations.

(Sd) W. H

No 54/15.

Forwarding Schedules of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Melbourne on the 23 and 24th proximo.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by public Auction ~~on~~ at Melbourne on the 23rd and 24th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the Same for His Excellency's approval.

(Sd) W. H. B.

No A 54/16
17th Jany
1854.

Forwarding for the Lieutenant Governor's consideration a Copy of a letter received from Mr Wm Barker

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith for the Lieutenant Governor's consideration the Copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr William Barker, protesting against the withdrawal from his occupation of the Land at Harcourt advertised to be sold shortly, and request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's decision on the Subject.

(Sd) A. C

No A 54/17
18th Jany
1854

Requesting authority for the promotion of Mr Draftsman Bone to the rank of Tempy Asst Surveyor.

Sir

I have the honor to recommend that His Excellency may be pleased to Sanction the promotion of Mr Charles Bone Temporary Draftsman to the rank of Temporary Asst Surveyor, with Salary at the increased rate of Three Hundred pounds per annum, and the usual allowance in lieu of Equipment at the rate of Two Hundred pounds per annum, to take effect from the commencement of his duties.

£300 ——

(Sd) A. C

No A 54/18
18th Jany
1854

Respecting Mr W. J. T. Clarke's Special Survey on the Mount Macedon Road.

Sir

It having been represented to me by Mr W. J. T. Clarke that his Special Survey on the Mount Macedon road having been recently examined had been found to be 205 acres less than the quantity set forth in his Deed of Grant, and as I have caused the plan and Surveyors Field Notes to be examined I have the honor to ~~x~~ state that I am of opinion that it will be necessary to test the Survey on the ground. in order to remove all doubts on the subject.

I herewith transmit a letter intended to be addressed to Mr. Clarke. to be approved of before any further steps are taken in the Matter. (Sd.) A.C

No. A54/19
19th Jany
1854

Forwarding Schedules of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Geelong on the 27th and 28th proximo.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Geelong on the 27th and 28th proximo. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. (Sd.) A.C

No. A54/20
19th Jany
1854

Recommending that the System of advertising Crown land sales hitherto. be now adopted

Sir

As the present Mode of advertising Crown Lands for Sale. which was lately authorised entails increased clerical assistance and very much additional trouble in this Department. and as it is believed that the lands will not sell to the same advantage. as when more Specifically described. as to price per acre &c I have the honor to recommend that the System of advertising. hitherto pursued. be again adopted. (Sd) A.C

No. A54/21
20th Jany
1854

Requesting Authority for the Temporary Appointment of Mr. G. H. W. Ross Esqre. Commander R.N as an acting Surveyor

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the Temporary Appointment of Mr. G. H. W. Ross Esq. Commander R.N as an acting Surveyor in this Department. with Salary at the rate of Five Hundred Pounds per annum.

£500 —

And an allowance in lieu of Equipment at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum.

£200 —

I beg to state that it is my intention to employ Mr. Ross. on the Coast Surveys. as he had considerable experience in Marine Surveying. under the Hydrographer of the Royal Navy. (Sd.) A.C

No. A54/22
20th Jany
1854

Forwarding a Return of all Grants of Land to Religious Denominations.

Sir

In accordance with the Lieutenant Governors directions conveyed by your letter of the 3rd of August last. I have the honor to forward herewith a return of all grants of land to Religious Denominations. from the Settlement of the Colony of Port Phillip to the 31st Dec. 1853. which has been prepared as accurately as the Records in this Office. and the imperfect information obtainable from your own Office would permit. (Sd.) A.C

No. A54/23
20th Jany
1854.

Respecting the Sale of land at Bendigo

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit a document which was placed in my hands on my late visit to Bendigo by certain Gentlemen resident on the site of the proposed Township of Sandhurst. and to submit to His Excellency that although I was aware I was overstepping the Strict line of my duty in receiving these Gentlemen as an Officer of the Government without the express Sanction and approval of His Excellency. still I felt that hesitation or appearance of reluctance on my part might have afforded them some ground of complaint.

With respect to the requests contained in the 1st and 2nd Resolutions. I have to State that I informed these Gentlemen that they were fully in accordance with the wish of the Government. and that I had been directed by His Excellency to make every Effort to give effect to their propositions

The 2nd Resolution being contrary to the provisions of the Imperial Act. for the Sale of the waste Lands of the Crown in this Colony, was of Course. inadmissable

The 3rd was not pressed. it being apparent. that the Government could not recognise (even could a valuation be fairly arrived at) compensation for what is generally termed "Good Will".

With respect to the 4th I am inclined to recommend the postponement of the Sale at Sandhurst on 25th and 27th instant not only on the grounds which were then urged. - namely - that of the competition, the bona fide Settler would receive from the Jobber. crippling the means of the former for improvement but that whilst exorbitant ~~prices~~ prices might be realised for the lots of an isolated portion of an extensive Township at a first Sale. reaction at subsequent Sales. as has indeed been the case already at Castlemaine would result in loss to the Public Revenue in the aggregate receipts for the Sales of lands in this particular locality - The only objection

I can see of any weight that could be urged against the postponement. is the chance - a remote one - & of disappointment to persons - coming from a distance with the intention of purchasing these advertised lands -

The 6th I declined acceding to, assigning as a reason the probability of the particular site being required for Public Improvements. (Sd). A.C.

No. 54/24
21st Jany
1854

Forwarding Schedules of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Melbourne on the 1st March.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith. Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by public Auction at Melbourne on the 1st March next. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the Same for His Excellency's Approval. (Sd). A.C.

No. 54/25
21st Jany
1854

Transmitting two Extracts from letters received from Mr. Emmett. Auctioneer of Crown Lands at Bendigo

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit, for instructions two Extracts from letters I have received from Mr. Emmett the Auctioneer of Crown Lands at Bendigo -

I am not sure that his Suggestions are in Strict accordance with the letter of the Act regulating the Sale of Crown lands, but as they have been forced upon my attention on previous occasions. they deserve consideration - I would of course leave the full payment optional with the purchaser. but I would offer him every facility in doing so. (Sd). A.C.

No A 54/26
23rd Jany
1854.

Stating that a Return of lots of Crown Lands sold since the 30th June 1851 to the 31st Decr 1853. will be forwarded at an early moment.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant applying for a Return of the number of lots of Crown Land sold since the 30th June 1851 up to the 31st December 1853. and to inform you in reply that the Return is now in course of preparation and will be furnished at the earliest moment (Sd). A.C

No A 54/27.
23rd Jany
1854.

Forwarding Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Benalla on the 14th proximo.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Benalla on the 14th proximo. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. (Sd). A.C

No A 54/28
25th Jany
1854

Forwarding Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Portland on the 7th proximo.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Portland on the 7th proximo. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. (Sd). A.C

No A 54/29
25th Jany
1854

Lewis Wm D'Elboux

Requesting authority for the appointment of Mr Lewis William D'Elboux as Draftsman

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 the Gentleman named in the margin

£250 —

as Draftsman in the Field. with Salary at the rate of Two Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum and rations. to take effect from the commencement of his duties. (Sd) A.C

No A 54/30
25th Jany
1854.

Requesting that the Government Printer be instructed to furnish for the future twenty copies of the Government Gazette

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will cause instructions to issue to the Government Printer. to furnish me. for the future. with twenty copies of the Government. Gazette. for the purpose of being distributed through the various Survey Districts of the Colony. (Sd). A.C

No A 54/31.
26th Jany
1854

Forwarding a Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Hamilton on the 7th March

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for sale. by public Auction at Hamilton on the 7th March next. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. (Sd). A.C

No A 54/32
26th Jany
1854.

Respecting the name of "Broadford" being selected as the permanent name of the proposed Township -

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant. referring to the proposed Township of Broadford. and enquiring by direction of His Excellency in Council by whom the Town and Streets were named -

In reply I beg to state for His - Excellency's information that I am unable to trace to whom is attributable the selection of the name of Broadford as the permanent name of the proposed Township, the site of which however I hear has been for years however known by that name to the Public

The Streets were as usual named by this Department subject of course to His Excellency's approval. it appears however that in the Plan of the proposed Township submitted for the approval of His Excellency in Council. the names were inserted in Ink instead of pencil, as is usual — (Sd). A. C.

No. 54/33. 26th Jany 1854.

Relative to the purchase of a Horse made by Mr. Urquhart.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter which I have received from Mr. Urquhart the Surveyor in charge of the Mount Alexander Gold Fields District. informing me of his having purchased a horse for the Service of my Department there —

Mr. Urquhart has been informed of the irregularity of the course he has adopted in taking upon himself the responsibility of making a purchase without having first applied for authority in the usual manner.

With regard to Mr. Urquhart's statement as to the purchase being urgently necessary. I beg to state my conviction that the expense incurred was both necessary and expedient and one which the very arduous nature of Mr. Urquhart's duties demanded.

With respect to the charge made by Mr. Sutherland. I would remark that having seen the horse myself and having had an opportunity of judging of his fitness for the service. I think the charge a reasonable one.

I have therefore the honor to request that the Auditor General may be furnished with an Authority for the payment of the amount. which will be borne upon the Supplementary Estimate for the present year. (Sd). A. C.

No. A 54/34 27th Jany 1854

Forwarding Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Wangaratta on the 21st proximo.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith ~~a~~ the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Wangaratta on the 21st proximo for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. (Sd). A. C.

No. A 54/35 27th Jany 1854

Recommending Mr. Bussell's removal from office

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Skene the Surveyor in charge of the Survey Office at Geelong. bringing under my Notice the irregular conduct of Mr. Draftsman — Bussell and to request that I may be forthwith furnished with authority for that Gentleman's removal from this Department

No. A 54/36. 27th Jany 1854.

Respecting the erection of a Plan Room at Castlemaine —

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant. informing me with reference to the erection of a Booth at a Castlemaine for the Exhibition of Plans &c. that the Colonial Architect has been instructed to proceed with a proper building of the kind at a cost of £420 — Since writing my letter of the 22nd November last applying for a Plan room at Castlemaine for the use of this Department. I have been led to reconsider the subject. And would take this opportunity of expressing my opinion that to meet the increased requirements of that rapidly rising Township, a larger building than that now proposed should be constructed and placed in the most central part of the District. so that the public might have every facility afforded them for inspecting Plans and obtaining information

The erection of a building such as I propose would cost from £800 to £1200. a plan and Description of which I purpose forwarding at an early date for consideration. In the mean time I would suggest that the instructions now given to the Colonial Architect be cancelled - (Sd). A. C

No. 54/37
28th Jany
1854

Forwarding Description Book of lots to be offered for sale at Hamilton on the 17th proximo. also a Return of lots to be withdrawn from sale

Sir:

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Hamilton on the 17th proximo. I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer

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

2. Return of lots to be withdrawn from sale (Sd). A. C

No. A 54/38
30th Jany
1854.

Recommending Mr. Wm. Long's application for a Months leave of absence.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward for the Lieutenant Governor's consideration the copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. William Long. accountant in my Department. soliciting one Months leave of absence to enable him to proceed to Sydney. on important private business. and beg to recommend that his application be favorably entertained by His Excellency. (Sd). A. C

No. A54/39
30th Jany
1854

Requesting Authority for the Temporary employment of Mr. Ralph Lowe as Clerk in 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 Temporary Employment of Mr. Ralph Lowe. as a Clerk in this Department. with Salary at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum. commencing from the 13th November last. the proportion of such Expense for 1853. being borne upon the Supplementary Estimate. (Sd). A. C

£200 —

No. A54/40 ✓
31st Jany
1854

Forwarding design for proposed Township at the Muddy Water Holes.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a design for a proposed Township at the Muddy Water Holes. on the road from Geelong to Buninyong. and request that you will have the goodness to cause the same to be submitted for the approval of His Excellency in Council

(Sd). A. C

No. A54/41
1st Feby
1854

Forwarding a Return of all lands sold at the various Gold Fields from 1st Novr. to 31st Decr. 1853.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 19th Novr. last, I have the honor to forward a Return of all lands sold at the various Gold Fields from the 1st Novr. to 31st December 1853 – Showing the locality – Number of acres alienated – and amount realised –

(Sd.) A. C

No. A54/42
2nd Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for the payment of increased Rent of Survey office, Portland –

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's sanction to the payment of rent for the Survey office at Portland at the increased rate of Sixty Pounds per annum in lieu of Forty Pounds per annum as heretofore. to take effect from the 1st January 1853.

£60 —
£40 —

No. A54/43
2nd Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for payment of increased wages to John Thorn Messenger in Survey office, Geelong

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's sanction to the payment of wages to John Thorn Messenger in the Survey office. Geelong at the increased rate of three Shillings and Sixpence per diem in lieu of Sixty Pounds per annum as heretofore to take effect from the 1st September 1853.

(Sd.) A. C

No. A54/44
2nd Feby
1854.

Requesting to be immediately furnished with an Authority to hire Chainmen &c in the country at 8/- per diem each

Sir

I have the honor to call your attention to my letter of ~~the~~ of the 2nd December 53/443. to which, I have not yet received any reply, and to request that I may be immediately furnished with an Authority to hire Chainmen &c for Survey parties in the Country Districts, at a rate not exceeding Eight Shillings per diem, as the system heretofore pursued of being obliged to procure an Authority in each individual case, causes considerable delay and inconvenience, as well as much unnecessary trouble, and jeopardises the efficiency of Field parties.

(Sd.) A. C

8/- —

No. A54/45

No. A54/45
3rd Feby
1854

Forwarding a design for the proposed Township of Middleton at Apollo Bay.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a design for the proposed Township of Middleton at Apollo Bay. and request that you will have the goodness to cause the same to be submitted for the Approval of His Excellency in Council.

(Sd.) A. C

No. A54/46
3rd Feby
1854

Forwarding a Return showing the amount of land sold from 30th June 1851 to the 31st December 1853.

Sir;

I have the honor to forward herewith a Return showing the amount of Town, Suburban, Special Country and Country lands sold by the Crown from the 30th June 1851 to the 31st December 1853. Specifying the highest and lowest prices obtained for such land and the total amount realized by the Sale.

I ho

return of the lands sold in the Settled and intermediate districts, asked for, is now in course of preparation. (Sd). A C

No A 54/47
4th Feby
1854

Forwarding a Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Warrnambool on the 16th proximo.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for sale, by public Auction at Warrnambool on the 16th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. (Sd). A C

No A 54/48
4th Feby
1854

Forwarding a Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Geelong on the 14th proximo.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for sale, by public Auction at Geelong, on the 14th proximo. and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. (Sd). A. C

No A 54/49
4th Feby
1854

Recommending that Mr Assistant Surveyor Weston receive compensation for the loss he has sustained by Fire.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's consideration, a letter addressed by Mr Assistant Surveyor Weston to Mr Surveyor Skene, reporting the almost total destruction of his equipment by a bush fire on the 28th December, as well as a detailed Statement of the Articles destroyed, and beg to recommend that

under the peculiar circumstances of the case Mr Weston receive compensation from the Government, for the severe loss he has sustained. (Sd). A C

No A 54/50
7th Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for the payment of increased wages to Mr Surveyor Skene's party at the rate of Ten Shillings per diem each.

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 Mr Surveyor Skene's labouring party at the increased rate of ten Shillings per diem, in lieu of nine Shillings and Six pence per diem as heretofore, to take effect from the 26th of September 1853. (Sd). A. C

No A 54/51
7th Feby
1854

Requesting that Instructions may be given to one of the Authorities at Heathcote to value Improvements on the part of the Govt.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that instructions may be given to one of the Authorities at Heathcote to value, on the part of Government, the Improvements which have been effected on allotments 2 and 3 of Block 4 and allotment 13 of Block 1 - in that Township - these lots having been withdrawn from sale, on the 24th ultimo, to allow of such Valuation being made, - and would suggest Asst. Surveyor Chauncy receiving the requisite Authority, to act in the matter. (Sd). A. C

No. A54/52
8th Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for the Temporary appointment of Mr. J. Connell as Draftsman.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the temporary Appointment of Mr. J. Carroll as a Draftsman in this Department with Salary at the rate of Two Hundred and fifty pounds per annum, taking effect from the 12th Ultimo.

(Sd). A C

No. A54/53
8th Feby
1854

Forwarding a plan of the Survey of Warrnambool Bay.

In accordance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, I have the honor to forward herewith a plan of the Survey of Warrnambool Bay, which has been lately made.

I also transmit Mr. Assistant Engineer Barrows report with various improvements which might be effected.

(Sd). A C

No. A54/54
8th Feby
1854

Forwarding a Schedule of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Kyneton on the 20th proximo

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public Auction, on the 20th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval. (Sd). A C

No. A54/55
11 Feby
1854.

Forwarding a Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Geelong on the 14th Instant.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale by public Auction at Geelong on the 14th instant for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer. (Sd). A C

No. A54/56
11th Feby
1854.

Forwarding Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Castlemaine on the 23rd and 25th instant.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale by public Auction at Castlemaine on the 23rd and 24th Instant, as well as a Return of the lots on which improvements have been effected the value of which is to be added to the upset price ~~recommended to be withdrawn from such sale~~, for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer. (Sd). A C

No. A54/57
11th Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for the payment of increased wages to Mr. Kingston Cuthbert Chainman

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 Mr. Kingston Cuthbert Chainman of Mr. Frasers Surveying party at the increased rate of ten Shillings per diem in lieu of Six Shillings per diem as heretofore to take effect from the 12th November 1853

(Sd). A C

No. A54/58
11th Feby
1854.

Forwarding a report of Valuation of Improvements effected on allotments 13 & 14 Sec 3. at Elphinstone

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 31st December. 1853. requesting that Mr. Surveyor Urquhart should be instructed to value, in conjunction with an appraiser to be appointed by Mrs. Burns, the improvements that have been effected on allotments

Allotment 13 - £2500
— " — 14 - £9500

13 and 14 of Section No 3. at Elphinstone, I have now the honor to forward a report of the ~~val~~ valuation, that has been decided upon. (Sd). A.C

No A 54/59
13th Feby
1854.

Requesting Authority for the appointment of Mr Edward Millington as a Temporary Asst Surveyor.

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 Edward Millington as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department, with salary at the rate of Three Hundred pounds per annum, and the usual allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of Two Hundred pounds per annum, to take effect from the commencement of his duties.

£300 —

£200

(Sd). A.C

✗
No A 54/60
13th Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for the purchase of a Theodolite 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~~ Sanction to the purchase of a Theodolite for the use of this department at an expense of Fifty Pounds — (Sd). A.C

£50 —

No A 54/61
13th Feby
1854

Forwarding an extract from Mr Acting Surveyor Dawson's report of the progress of the Survey in Gipps Land.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the Lieutenant Governor's information, an extract from Mr Acting Surveyor Dawson's report of the progress which is at present being made in the Survey of Gipps Land, and beg to state that it is my intention to detach another Surveyor to that District, as soon as I can secure the services of a competent person. (Sd). A.C

No A 54/62
13th Feby.
1854

Forwarding a Tracing of the three sites proposed for a post office at Geelong

Sir,

In forwarding a Tracing of the three sites proposed for a Post office at Geelong — together with correspondence upon the subject I have the honor to state that from all that ~~call~~ I can learn on this question, I think the site of the present Watchhouse would be the best adapted for the purpose, and would be the most acceptable to the Inhabitants of Geelong — So far as actual convenience is concerned however, there would be little to choose between it and the one originally proposed, or that offered by Mr Griffin — (Sd). A.C

No A 54/63
13th Feby
1854

Requesting that Instructions be given to Resident Commissioners on Gold Fields to cash cheques drawn in favor of the various Surveyors.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields may receive instructions to direct the various — Resident Commissioners to cash the cheques drawn in favor of the various Surveyors and assistant Surveyors in their Districts. as considerable delay and difficulty frequently occur in the transmission of money direct from this office.

(Sd). A.C

No. A 54/64
14th Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for the purchase of Six Sets of Boring Rods 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 Six Sets of Boring Rods for the use of this Department at an expense of Twenty Pounds — (Sd.) A.C.

£20 —

No. A 54/65
14th Feby
1854.

Requesting Authority for the payment to Mr. Michael Herbert whilst employed as Tempy. Asst. Surveyor from 1st to 30th Nov. 1853 of Salary at the rate of £350 per annum —

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Sanction to the payment of Salary to the Gentleman named in the Margin (who was employed under Mr. Surveyor Urquhart from the 1st to the 30th November 1853) at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum, and of allowance in lieu of Equipment at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum for that time — (Sd.) A.C.

Mr. Michael Herbert

£350

£200

No. A 54/66
14th Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for the promotion of Mr. Draftsman Fraser to the rank of Tempy. Asst. Surveyor.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Sanction to the promotion of Mr. Hugh Fraser a Draftsman in my Department to the rank of Temporary Assistant Surveyor 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 10th Nov. 1853. (Sd.) A.C.

Hugh Fraser

£350

£200

No. A 54/67
14th Feby
1854.

Forwarding a Tender for the Erection of a Survey office at Castlemaine

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 27th ultimo, respecting the erection of a Survey office at Castlemaine, I have the honor to forward a Tender for the erection of the Building in question, at a cost of £3000, together with a Specification of the works to be performed and request that in the event of the tender meeting with his Excellency's approval, I may be at once furnished with the necessary Authority for the work being immediately proceeded with (Sd.) A.C.

£3.000 —

No. A 54/68
14th Feby
1854.

Forwarding the copy of a letter received from Mr. Seddon relative to the Coal discovery at Western Port

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit for His Excellency's information the copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Seddon, relative to the Coal discovery at Western Port. (Sd.) A.C.

No. A 54/69
15th Feby
1854

Forwarding Tracings and Descriptions of proposed alterations &c of Reserves in Portland Bay District

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Tracings and Descriptions of the proposed alterations in and extensions of the Reserves in the Portland Bay District, as noted in the Margin, and request that you will cause the same to

Mount Leura
Cavendish
Lake Purrumbete
Mount Noorat
Lake Terang

be Submitted for the Approval of
His Excellency in Council - (Sd). A.C.

No. A 54/70
15th Feby
1854.

Forwarding Tracings and Descriptions
of Reserves proposed at Mount Macedon
and the Muddy Water Holes.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith
Tracings and Descriptions of Reserves
proposed at Mount Macedon
(Western Port District) and the
Muddy Water Holes. (Portland Bay
District). and request that you will
have the goodness to cause the
same to be Submitted for the
approval of His Excellency in Council
(Sd). A.C.

No. A 54/71
15th Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for the Temporary
employment of Mr. Wm Knight as Draftsman.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that
you will have the goodness to convey
to me His Excellency's Authority for
the temporary employment of
Mr. William Knight as a Draftsman
in this Department, at a Salary
at the rate of Two Hundred and
£250— fifty pounds per annum, - to
take effect from the commencement
of his duties (Sd). A.C.

No. A 54/72
13th Feby
1854.

Forwarding copy of Report &c by Mr.
Surveyor Hodgkinson relative to the Drainage
of East Melbourne

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith
a copy of a Report together with drawings
by Mr. Surveyor Hodgkinson relative

to the drainage of East Melbourne, and
in recommending its' adoption to the
favorable consideration of His Excellency
the Lieutenant Governor. I do so from
the conviction that, whilst it would form
an Example to individuals in that populous
locality for prosecuting Similar works.
it would be at the same time Economical
to the Government, and the outlay
estimated by Mr. Hodgkinson at
£3269. 9. 6. would inevitably ensure
an ample return (Sd). A.C.

No. A 54/73
16th Feby
1854

Respecting Mr. Olls application to have allotment
1. in the Township of Taradale withdrawn from Sale.

Sir.

With reference to Mr. Olls application to have
allotment 1. of Section 21. in the Township
of Taradale withdrawn from Sale. in consequence
of his having commenced building
thereon, I have the honor to forward for
your information a copy of a letter received
from the Draftsman at the Castlemaine
Survey office, reporting that there are no
buildings in course of erection on the
allotment in question (Sd). A.C.

No. A 54/74
17th Feby
1854

Forwarding a copy of a letter from Mr.
Arthur Brideson

Sir.

In forwarding for your information
the copy of a letter addressed to me by
Mr. Arthur Brideson a resident at Heath-
cote complaining of the withdrawal from
5. 7. & 8 of Block 3 sale on the 24th ult. of certain Allotments
in the above Township. I have the honor to
request that you will have the goodness
to ascertain from the Officer under whose
supervision the sale was held under

what circumstances the lots in question were withdrawn as they were not included in the return furnished by this Office of lots recommended to be withdrawn from said sale (Sd) A.C.

No. A 54/75 ✓
February 17th
1854.

Respecting Mr. W. Crawford's application to be permitted to take charge of the Land Sales at Castlemaine

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith an application from Mr. W. Crawford a gentleman I believe holding an appointment in your Department to be permitted to take charge of the Land Sales which will be from time to time held at Castlemaine and at the same time afford information to the Public generally with reference to the Crown Lands

The necessity of such an appointment has on several occasions been the subject of written as well as verbal communications and I am inclined to recommend the appointment of a Government Auctioneer in the present instance as an Experimental measure. previous to proposing the same system for Melbourne and Geelong which would of course be on a larger scale.

Should his Excellency be pleased to approve of the appointment I would recommend that Mr. Crawford's salary should be £200 per annum with the usual allowances on the Gold Fields

£200 . 0 . 0

I am aware that the appointments of Auctioneers are generally submitted for the Treasurer's approval but I trust that. as the Officer. if appointed

will belong entirely to my own Department it will in the present instance be unnecessary.

In the event of the appointment being sanctioned, Mr. Crawford should be called upon to find security as the whole of the deposits will pass through his hands.

There has at present been no person commissioned to sell the land at Castlemaine on the 23rd and 24th instants and as there is now no time to lose I trust that I may be informed with the least possible delay of his Excellency's decision on the subject. so that in the event of its being favourable Mr. Crawford may at once enter upon his duties (Sd) A.C.

No. A 54/76 ✓
18th ,, Feby
1854

Forwarding the Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Melbourne on the 21st Instant and three following days

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Books of the Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Melbourne, on the 21st ,, and the three following days. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer. (Sd). A.C.

No. A 54/77 ✓
20th ,, Feby
1854

Recommending that the upset price of allotments 13 and 14 Section 3. Township of Elphinstone on which improvements have been effected be fixed at £500. each.

Sir

With reference to the intended Sale of allotments 13 and 14 of Section No. 3 in the Township of Elphinstone, on which improvements have been effected, the value

£12.000

of which has been estimated at Twelve Thousand pounds. I have the honor to recommend, that as the allotments in question are the best in the Township, as regards Situation, and as Mrs Burns has been in possession of the land for a considerable time. paying merely a nominal rent to the Crown, the upset price of each allotment be fixed at Five Hundred Pounds. (£500) (Sd) A.C.

No A 54/78
20th Feby
1854.

Requesting ~~Authority~~ instructions that the Colonial Treasurer be authorised to give to Mr W. R. Crawford to conduct the Land Sales at Castlemaine on the 23rd and 24th Inst.

Sir,

I have the honor to request, that the Colonial Treasurer ~~immediately~~ be immediately authorized to give the necessary instructions to Mr W. R. Crawford to conduct the Land Sales at Castlemaine on the 23rd and 24th instant – (Sd) A.C.

No A 54/79
20th Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for the appointment of Mr E. W. Grant as a Temp.y Asst. Surveyor.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with Authority for the appointment of Mr E. W. ~~Crawford~~ Grant as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor with Salary at the rate of Three Hundred pounds per annum and an allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of Two hundred pounds per annum to take effect from the first proximo – (Sd): A.C.

£300.

£200

No A 54/80
20 Feby
1854

Forwarding a letter received from Mr Wood applying for an Appointment in the Electric Telegraph Office.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter which I have received from Mr Wood applying for an appointment in the Electric Telegraph Office. (Sd). A.C.

No A 54/81
21st Feby
1854.

Forwarding for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer Description Books of Crown lands to be offered for sale at Geelong on the 27th and 28th Instant.

Sir

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Geelong on the 27th and 28th Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer.

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

2 – Returns of lots on which improvements have been effected the value of which is to be added to the upset price of each – (Sd) – A.C.

No A 54/82
21st Feby
1854

Requesting authority for employment of a Carpenter &c for Cutter Lælia – wages 15/. per diem.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Sanction to the employment of a Carpenter for the Surveying Cutter "Lælia" with wages at the rate of fifteen shillings per diem in addition to the Crew authorised by your letter of the 18th Instant.

I have also to request His Excellency's Sanction to the payment of wages to the Mate of the above named vessel at the rate of fifteen shillings per diem in lieu of the authorised rate of Two Hundred

15/. per diem

15/. per diem
£250

and fifty Pounds per annum, to take effect from the commencement of his duties (Sd). A. C.

~~No~~ A ~~54~~/84
22nd Feby
1854

Requesting Authority for the purchase of a set of Curves.

~~Sir,~~

~~In forwarding the accompanying requisition, I have the honor to inform you that Mr Frederick Bankes of 36 Little Flinders Lane East has forwarded for my ~~inspection~~ approval a set of Curves, which in my opinion are well adapted to the purpose required and which are for disposal.~~

~~The price demanded is Five Pounds and as the charge seems reasonable, I beg to recommend, that the articles in question be purchased from that gentleman without delay. (Sd). A. C.~~

£5——

No A 54/83
22nd Feb.y
1854

Forwarding a copy of approved plan of the Township of Broadford to be transmitted to the Police Magistrate, Kilmore

Sir

I have the honor ~~honor~~ to forward herewith a copy of the approved plan of the Township of Broadford, to be transmitted to the Police Magistrate, Kilmore, for the purpose of being exhibited for public information (Sd). A. C.

No A 54/84
22nd Feb.y
1854

Requesting Authority for the payment of Salary to Mr Fortescue Hitchens whilst engaged as Draftsman at the rate of £250. per annum.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Sanction to the payment of Salary to the gentleman named in

Mr Fortescue Hitchens

the Margin, who was employed in my Department from January 13th to February 20th 1854 at the rate of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds per annum for that time only. (Sd). A. C.

£250——

No A 54/85
22nd Feby
1854

Requesting Authority to purchase a Theodolite 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 Sanction to the purchase of a Theodolite for the use of this Department at an expense of fifty five pounds (Sd). A. C.

£55- 0. 0

No A 54/86
24 Feb.y
1854

Forwarding a Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Hamilton on the 7th proximo

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Hamilton on the 7th proximo. for the purpose of being transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer.

No A 54/87
24th Feby
1854

Forwarding a Design for the New Township of Heathcote.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Design for the New Township of Heathcote, and request that you will have the goodness to cause the same to be submitted for the approval of His Excellency in Council.

(Sd). A. C.

No. A 54/88
27th Feby
1854.

Forwarding Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Melbourne on the 1st proximo.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Melbourne on the 1st proximo. for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer.

(Sd.). A. C.

No. A 54/89
28th Feby
1854.

Forwarding sketch of half an acre of land near the Junction of Salt Water River. applied for by × Messrs James Brown and A. Mackay.

Sir.

Adverting to an application made by Messrs James Brown and Alexander McKay, to the Crown Lands Commissioner for Bourke, to lease half an acre of land near the Junction of the Salt Water River. (West Side) for Ship building purposes, I have the honor to forward herewith a Sketch shewing how the land in this locality has been marked off for Sale.

At the same time I would beg to call attention to the situation of this land, and as there is a great probability of ~~the~~ its being required for the improvement and extension of the Port of Melbourne I am inclined to recommend that none of the land in this locality be alienated, but let on annual leases for Ship-building and other similar purposes, until so required.

(Sd). A. C.

No. A 54/90
28th Feby
1854

Forwarding the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Warrnambool on the 16th proximo.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for sale, by public Auction at Warrnambool, on the 16th proximo. for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer.

(Sd). A. C.

No. A 54/91
3rd March
1854

Forwarding Schedules of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Portland on the 25th 26th 27th and 28th proximo.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for sale, by public auction at Portland on the 25th 26th 27th and 28th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

(Sd). A. C.

No. A 54/92
3rd March
1854

Forwarding Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered as well as those to be withdrawn from sale ~~on~~ at Kyneton on the 20th instant.

Sir.

With reference to the sale of Crown Lands to be held at Kyneton, on the 20th instant. I have the honor to forward, for transmission 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.

(Sd). A. C.

No. A54/93.
3rd March
1854

Forwarding Schedules of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Melbourne on the 12th proximo.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public Auction at Melbourne on the 12th proximo, and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

(Sd.) A.C.

No. A54/94
3rd March
1854

Forwarding for approval a Tracing shewing the proposed Reserve at Sutton Grange. Mount Alexander.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency in Council, a Tracing shewing the Reserve proposed at Sutton Grange, Mount Alexander, together with a description of the same for proclamation in the Government Gazette.

(Sd.) A.C.

No. A54/95
3rd March
1854.

Relative to Improvements extending over more than one lot.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant. No. F.B. 54/7. B. and in reply beg to state. that if any improvements have been effected on Crown Lands, under the Sanction of Government. and particularly, if with the knowledge, that they extended over more than one lot. I consider it but fair that such Improvements should be included within one boundary. but if on the other hand, improvements

have been effected without the Authority of Government, and extend over more than one lot, then I consider that the usual course of putting up each lot separately should be adhered to.

(Sd.) A.C.

No. A54/96
4th March
1854.

Requesting Authority for the Appointment of Mr. R. E. Sloan as a Draftsman

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to convey to me His Excellency's Authority for the Temporary appointment of Mr. R. E. Sloan as a Draftsman in this Department, with Salary at the rate of Two Hundred and £250— fifty pounds per annum – to take effect from the 30th January last.

(Sd.) A.C.

No. A54/97
6th March.
1854

Forwarding Schedules of Crown Lands to be offered for sale at Melbourne on the 24th proximo.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for sale by public Auction at Melbourne on the 24th proximo and request that you will have the goodness to submit the same for His Excellency's approval.

(Sd.) A.C.

No. A54/98
6th March
1854.

Recommending that lists of Crown Lands at Swan Hill to be offered for sale at Melbourne be forwarded to New South Wales & for publication in the Gazette.

Sir,

I have the honor to recommend that lists of the Crown Lands at Swan Castle Donnington Hill proposed to be sold at Melbourne on the 24th proximo. be at once forwarded to the Government of New South Wales. and South Australia. for publication in their respective gazettes.

I would further recommend that for the information of parties resident in those Colonies, who may not be cognizant of the fact of "Castle Donnington" being the name given to the Township at this place. the Proclamation clearly set forth. that the Lands to be offered for sale. are situated at Swan Hill. River Murray

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A54/99 6th March 1854. Requesting that directions may be given to Civil Commissary General to forward Surveying Instruments

Sir

On the 5th October last my predecessor forwarded for His Excellency's sanction a list of Instruments which were urgently required for the use of this department. and which he requested might be procured from England without delay.

A report having accidentally reached me a few days since that some Instruments for the use of the Government had recently arrived I caused enquiries to be made and found that in the month of January last the Civil Commissary General had received from England three cases marked "Surveying Instruments" but as no invoice accompanied them he was in doubt as to which department of the public service they were intended for and in consequence neither this nor any other department had been advised

of their arrival.

In consequence of this neglect the public service has suffered great delay inconvenience and expense. as I have been compelled to purchase instruments at high prices and in addition to this the Surveying Vessel "Lalia" has been detained from her intended survey by the want of them and has thus entailed on this department a heavy unnecessary and unprofitable expense

I have therefore the honor to request that you will have the goodness to direct the Civil Commissary General to forward to this Office without delay all Surveying Instruments which he may have received for the use of the Government. as that Officer considers that under the circumstances he would not be justified in delivering them up without having previously received such directions from you

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A54/100 6th March 1854. Forwarding Plan of Survey office and representing the inadequate office accommodation there is at present.

Sir

Whilst adverting to former correspondence from my Predecessor, bringing under His Excellency's consideration the very inadequate office accommodation afforded for the Department. I need not dwell upon the fact that if that accommodation was so urgently required then, it is more absolutely required now. when the business of this branch of the Public Service has within the last six months increased fourfold.

With a view then of obtaining at as early a ~~period~~ as possible