shewing the strength, at the present moment, of my Department in Melbourne.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Nº A54/263
June 14th
1854

Forwarding Tracing, &c, of Land for Sandhurst Race Course

Sir/

With reference to an application, made by the Residents at Sandhurst for permission, to use a portion, of Land as a Race-Course, I have now the honor, to forward, a Tracing and Description, of the piece of Land which has been marked off for the purpose.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Nº A54/264
June 16th
1854
N. 53/349 - Sept. 26th 1853
N. 53/364 - Oct. 4th 1853

Calling attention to Letters not replied to by Colonial Secretary.

Sir/

I have the honor to call your, attention to my Letters of the Numbers and dates specified in the Margin, to which no, answers have yet been received.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Nº A54/265
June 16th
1854

Representing encroachment by Railway Company at Williamstown on the high water mark Reserve

Sir/

As it appears from the accompanying letter addressed to me by Mr. Assistant Surveyor Darbyshire that that portion of the line of the Williamstown and Melbourne Railway near Gellibrand's Point as picked out by the Company's Engineer encroaches, on the Reserve of One hundred feet from high water mark, I have the honor to request that the necessary steps may be taken to prevent the Company encroaching on the Reserve - except in the exact locality where an extensive water frontage has been allowed them.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Nº A54/266
June 19th
1854

Forwarding for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer - Description Books of Lands for Sale at Geelong.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer, Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Geelong on the 22nd and 23rd Instant.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Nº A54/267
20th June
1854

Forwarding for approval, Plan of Frankston Township.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government in Council, the Plan of the new Township of Frankston, at the Kananook Creek, Port Philip Bay

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Nº A54/268
20th June
1854

Forwarding for approval, Plan of the Township of Woodford

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, in Council, a Plan of the new Township of Woodford, on the Merri River, in the Parish of Wangoon

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Nº A54/269
June 20th
1854
Andw. Robertson from May 22nd/54
Fredk. Acheson from May 26th/54
£250..0..0

Requesting, authority for appointment of Draftsmen

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 the gentlemen named in the Margin, as Draftsmen in my Department with Salaries respectively at the rate of Two hundred and fifty pounds per Annum, to take effect from the dates specified.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Nº A54/270
June 21st
1854
Mr. H. C. Rawnsley
£300..0..0
£200..0..0

Applying for an Authority for Mr. Rawnsley's appointment

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 as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor, in my Department 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 commencement of his duties.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Nº A54/271
June 21st
1854

Forwarding Description Book - Land Sale - Geelong; also Return of Lots.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer

1. Description Book of the Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Geelong on the 29th Instant.
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the above Sale.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/272
June 26th
1854
Castlemaine 4th July
Portland 1st & 2nd Aug.

Forwarding, for approval, Schedules of Lands for Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, on the dates, and at the places specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/273
June 26th
1854

Respecting Messrs. Willis & Graham's Tender

Sir/

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 24th Inst. No. 54/67, I have the honor to lay before you the following explanation.

On November 1st 1853, one of the Officers of my Department was verbally informed by the Secretary to the Tender Board that the Tender of Messrs. Willis and Graham had been accepted.

This is the only intimation of the fact ever received in this Office; and it will be seen by the annexed Memorandum that the Colonial Engineer has received no authority whatever for the payment of the increased rent.

With regard to my second letter No. 53/364 requesting authority for the payment of wages to the Lithographic Printer, I beg again to state that no reply has ever been received; neither has the Auditor General received the customary Official intimation that such an expense is authorised.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/274
June 26th
1854
12/- per diem

Applying for sanction to the employment of a Steward for Cutter "Lelia"

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 Steward for the Cutter "Lelia" with wages at the rate of Twelve shillings per diem to take effect from November 2nd 1853

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/275
June 28th
1854
4th July – Melbourne
31st July & 1st Aug. Sandhurst

Forwarding, for approval, Schedules of Lands for Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, on the dates and at the places specified in the Margin

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/276
June 29th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedule of Lands for Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at Heathcote on the 1st August next

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/277
June 29th
1854

Forwarding Description Book – Land Sale Buninyong; also Return

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer.

1. Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Buninyong on the 12th Proximo.
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from above Sale.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Submitting claim of Mr. W. Whitecross – for valuation.

Sir/

With reference to the claim of Mr. W. Whytecross to purchase allotment 3 of Section No. in the Township of Pitfield under pre-emptive right; and the decision of the Land Board that he should be allowed the land at a valuation to be determined by the next Sale of land in the Township; – I have the honor to state that I consider Fifteen Pounds a fair value for the portion of land alluded to.

£15.. 0.. 0

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/278.
July 3rd
1854

Forwarding a design for Township at Lock's Station.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, ~~the~~ a design for a proposed Township at Lock's Station – Big Hill Creek.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/279
5th July
1854
1st Aug. Geelong
2nd Sandhurst

Forwarding Schedules of lands for Sale, at Geelong & Sandhurst

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, on the dates, and at the places specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A54/280
July 5th
1854

Forwarding Schedule of Lands for Sale at Sandhurst.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Sandhurst on the 15th Proxo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A54/281
July 6th
.1854

Forwarding Description Book for Land Sale - Geelong

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Geelong on the 20th Instant.

(Sd.) W. H. B

No. A54/282
July 6th
1854

Forwarding Return of Appointments, &c, during Half-Year to 30th June.

Sir/

In accordance with the request contained in your Circular Letter of the 26th Ultimo, No. 17, I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's information, a Return of the appointments, removals, and leaves of absence, which have taken place, in my Department during the Half-Year ending June 30th 1854.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A54/283
July 7th
1854

Forwarding Description Books - Land Sale - Portland.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer the Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale, at Portland on the 1st and 2nd Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A54/284
July 8th
1854

Wm. T. Watson

Forwarding Mr. H. Baker's resignation as Draftsman

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the Lieutenant Governor's information a letter, addressed to me by the Surveyor in charge of the Belfast District reporting the resignation of Mr. H. Baker a Draftsman of this Department acting under his orders, - together with certain correspondence which has taken place between the above gentlemen, on the subject thereof.

Mr. Baker has expressed his desire to be relieved from his duties as Draftsman, and appointed to the higher office of Assistant Surveyor; - but as Mr. Watson's opinion of his conduct, does not appear to be of the most favorable character, I am unwilling to accede to his request.

I would therefore recommend that His Excellency may be pleased to accept of Mr. Baker's resignation; and that I be at once authorised to detach, another Draftsman to Belfast to relieve him of his Official duties

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A54/285
July 8th
1854

Forwarding, for approval, Schedules of Lands for Sale at Geelong.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at Geelong on the 15th and 16th Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A54/286
July 8th
1854

Recommending Mr. Jas. Ryan for appointment of Draftsman at Belfast

Sir/

Referring to my letter A54/284 of this date respecting the resignation of Mr. H. Baker, as Draftsman in my Department, I have the honor to submit for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, the name of Mr. Jas. Ryan, as a person well qualified for the vacant appointment, - as will be seen from the annexed Extract of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Watson the Surveyor in charge of the Belfast District.

£250..0..0

Should Mr. Ryan's appointment meet with His Excellency's approval I would request to be furnished with the necessary authority for the payment of Salary to the above gentleman, at the rate of Two hundred and fifty — Pounds per annum, - being the rate he has been receiving whilst employed in the Field.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A54/287
July 8th
1854

Forwarding Mr. Strachan's letter, on the subject of increased wharfage accommodation at Geelong

Sir/

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a letter which I have received from Mr. Strachan with reference to an extension of Wharfage accommodation for the Port of Geelong.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A54/288
July 10th
1854

Forwarding Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Portland Land Sale.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer a Return of Lots recommended to be withdrawn from the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Portland on the 2nd proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

Nº A54/289
July 10th
1854

Requesting that Colonial Treasurer may furnish Copies of Returns

Sir/

I have the honor to request that the Colonial Treasurer may be instructed to furnish regularly to this Office certified copies of the Returns of Land Sales as early as possible after each Sale takes place, as well as certified Returns of the Lots forfeited, as soon as the time allowed for paying the balances has expired – such documents to be retained in this Office for future reference.

I would observe that serious inconvenience is frequently felt in consequence of these Returns not being regularly furnished, as they are very often required as a means of gaining information as to the demand for land in the various parts of the Colony, as well as having the Sale Books completed as quickly as possible in addition to having the names of the purchasers inserted on the Charts in this Office.

(Sd.) A. C.

Nº A54/290
July 12th
1854

Forwarding Schedule of Lands for Sale at Kilmore.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Kilmore on the 29th Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

Nº A54/291
July 12th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Land Sale at Castlemaine

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Castlemaine on the 27th Instant.

(Sd.) A. C.

Nº A54/292
July 12th
1854.

Forwarding Schedule of Crown Lands for Sale at Sandhurst.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Sandhurst on the 19th September next.

(Sd.) A. C.

Nº A54/293
July 12th
1854

Forwarding Mr. Skene's report on the claim of Mr. J. G. Mc.Millan

Sir/

Mr. Skene

With reference to Mr. J. G. Mc.Millan's claim to the purchase under pre-emptive right of 640 acres, at "Dereel" on the Upper Woady Yaloak, I

have the honor to forward for the Lieutenant Governor's information an Extract from a letter on the subject addressed to me by the Surveyor in charge of the Geelong District, reporting that there is neither Homestead or any other improvement on the Run, with the exception of a moveable hut; and that there is an apparently available Gold Field within a short distance of the hut.

Such being the facts I request that you will have the goodness to communicate to me His Excellency's instructions in the matter.

(Sd.) A. C.

Nº A54/294
July 13th
1854

Requesting instructions as to additional valuation of buildings

Sir/

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's instructions with respect to the following case.

Some persons who have had their buildings erected on Crown Lands at Sandhurst now offered for Sale valued prior to the Gazetting of the Lots, are now applying to have additional valuations allowed.

My own opinion is that these requests should not be complied with as persons have had ample time given them for the erection of their buildings – prior to the advertisement of the lands for Sale; and that to re-open afresh these valuations would be inadvisable, as tending to inextricable confusion and disputes; and ultimately leading to delay in alienating these lands, as well as keeping alive a spirit of speculation in building, most detrimental to the bona fide settlement of the Township.

(Sd.) A. C.

Nº A54/295
July 13th
1854

Transmitting an Extract from Letter of Mr. A. J. Learmonth

Sir/

As several applications have lately been made to me for the Survey and Sale of Blocks of land containing 640 acres on Runs by their Proprietors ostensibly for pastoral purposes, I have the honor to request that you will make me acquainted with His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's wishes, whether I am to comply with these requests or not.

My own opinion is that, whilst an ample supply of land should be afforded to small proprietors and farmers in suitable lots, a moderate quantity in sections of the size demanded, and for the purpose specified should also be provided.

I herewith transmit for His Excellency's perusal an Extract from a letter, on the subject, addressed to me by Mr. A. S. Learmonth.

(Sd.) A.C.

No. A 54/296
July 14th
1854

Forwarding application of Mr. Nicholson for leave of absence

Sir/

I have the honor to forward herewith, an application made by one of my Assistant Surveyors for one month's leave of absence, which I would recommend for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's favorable consideration.

(Sd.) A.C.

No. A 54/297
July 15th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Land Sale, Sandhurst; also Return

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer

1. Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Sandhurst on the 1st Proximo.
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the above Sale.

(Sd.) A.C.

No. A 54/298
July 15th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Land Sale - Heathcote; also Return of Lots.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer

1. Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Heathcote, on the 1st Proximo.
2. Return shewing the alterations in the Areas of certain allotments included in the above Sale.

(Sd.) A.C.

No. A 54/299
July 15th
1854

Submitting result, obtained from Mr. Campbell's explorations, in the South Eastern District - to discover a better line of Road from Melbe. to Gipp's Land

Sir/

The line of communication from Melbourne into Gipp's Land hitherto in use, having been found from its natural obstacles, often impracticable;- thus closing from direct intercourse with the seat of Population, one of the most productive Districts of the Province; my attention on my assuming Office, was directed to the necessity of ascertaining if a better road could not be obtained.

The recent discovery of Gold in larger quantities than has been previously known, as well as the highly auriferous character of many portions of the District, has of late rendered it still more imperative that no exertion should be spared in surmounting those difficulties which have for so long a period separated the South Eastern District from the rest of the Colony

Under these circumstances, I deemed it advisable to direct Mr. A.S. Campbell, of whom I had received a most favorable character as a Surveyor, and an enterprising Bushman (in which I have not been disappointed) to undertake the exploration of the Country to the East and North East - the Coast line being impracticable from the presence of Swamps, and shallow estuaries to endeavour to discover a more practicable line than the one hitherto in use.

After a service of four months in which he and his Party have endured considerable hardship and privation, I have now the honor to submit for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the result that I have obtained from his explorations, and former reports.

On examination of the Country East of Melbourne are found several bush tracks leading to the "Woori Yalook" Creek, and following the most Southern of these, as far as Wright's Station on the Bushy Creek, the flank of a Range is turned, a continuation of which Range divides the waters of the Dandenong Creek from the "Yarra Yarra".

From the Sketches which have been furnished, - and which I have had compiled - as shewn in the accompanying Plan, it will be seen that the direction of this Range is South East as far as the Source of the Toomuc Creek, at which point it suddenly verges to the North East, extending in that direction as far as the bend of the Buneep River.

Though it is quite possible to form a Road along the course of this Ridge, it appears by no means advisable; The Country there is covered with a dense Scrub, and the path everywhere obstructed by fallen timber - the removal of which is both slow and expensive work.

It will also be seen from the course, it takes - first South East and then North East, forming a Triangle, the base of which extends from the head of the "Buneep River" to that of the Dandenong would needlessly increase the distance.

So great a difficulty presenting itself, it becomes necessary to seek for an ascent to the Main Range, from the River "Yarra Yarra"

This it is reported, can be best effected by carrying the Road along the North Western flank of the "Dandenong Ranges"; and thence crossing the "Deep Creek", and the "Running Creek" to a point on the "Woori Yallock", about three miles above Briarty's Station.

East of the "Woori Yallock" there are two lines of water

Shed; both of which rise very gradually to the culminating point of the Main Range, near the sources of the "Bunyeep" and Drawin Rivers; The first of these divides the waters of the "Woori Yallock" from Hoddle's Creek; and the other lies between the last mentioned Creek and the "Yarra" Rivulet.

I am informed that no difficulty would present itself in opening a road across these watersheds from the "Woori Yalloch", The ascents are easy and it would be only necessary to clear away the Scrub and fallen timber to open the road at once. In every respect this course is less open to objection than that indicated along the "Dandenong ranges"

Following the course of the main range in a South Easterly direction the sources of the Shady Creek, a tributary of the "River La Trobe" are reached

The land is here covered with a dense scrub for a distance of twenty five miles, there is very little grass; and for six succeeding miles it is poor and thin; but nearer "Shady Creek" there is an open scrub, which could be easily cleared, - water is continually met with; and it could be rendered available within convenient distances.

In this District, Masses of granite sometimes occur of considerable size; round the base of one of which, measuring 220 yards across, it will be necessary to carry the Road.

Crossing the River "La Trobe" about 12 miles above the present "Moe Ford" the projected road runs nearly parallel
; and at a distance of nearly three or four miles from the first mentioned River, as far as "Tyer's Creek," then pursuing an Easterly direction - through a scrubby Country, and crossing the River "Mondarra" or "Orr" it thence takes its course to the Township of "Sale"

This Country is low and generally level intersected by grassy flats which afford abundant pasturage.

With regard to the Works for such a line of road as is here projected, it would be necessary to erect five bridges, one at each of the following places - "Woori Yallock", and "Hoddle's Creek" on the West; and across the Rivers "La Trobe", and "Mandarra", and Tyer's Creek on the East.

With respect to the Scrub, much of it may be removed by fire, which could be effected at the proper season with safty. the fallen timber is the greatest obstacle; but the Route that is here pointed out in accordance with my information - is less objectionable in this respect than the others.

To attempt a line on the South would be to encounter local - difficulties, such as swamps, and morasses, - which would render

it both expensive and unsatisfactory, - whilst the distance would be considerably greater.

Having thus placed His Excellency in possession of all the information I have been able to obtain, I now submit for His Excellency's consideration information the advisability of furnishing me with authority and means, (an Estimate of which I enclose) to commence opening up in the early part of the year the road now traced.

Should the undertaking of this work be decided upon, I beg to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency, the name of Mr Surveyor Campbell, as the Officer whom I would recommend to superintend it.

Estimate -   (Sd) A. C.

From Melbourne to the Running Creek, a distance of 25 miles there is now a fair road used by the Settlers, Crossing the Creek which is 20 feet, could be bridged for £50 - Thence to Bryant's Creek through open Forest Land a distance of 7 miles, little would be required. Bryant's Creek is some 30 feet and would cost £100 to cross; Bryant's Creek to Waori Yalok three miles through open Forest; the Creek is 35 feet across; and which to bridge would involve an expenditure of £200 - Waori Yalok to Hoddle's Creek, to Hoddles 10 miles through a Scrubby Country. Here at Hoddle's Creek 25 feet wide, an expenditure of £100 - would be required. From Hoddle's Creek to the La Trobe a distance of 35 miles, a considerable amount of clearing would be required, - the fallen timber lying here thick. The La Trobe is here some 60 feet wide and would cost to bridge £400. Hence 10 miles easy to pass through. The Mundara a Stream some 60 feet wide involving an expenditure of £400. On still 14 miles through a Scrubby country, the Tyers is reached and which here is 50 feet and would cost £300 to bridge. Tyers Creek to Sale little is required. There is abundance of Timber near the proposed sites to build the Bridges with, which might be of a simple construction consisting of single length of Sleepers thrown across above flood mark, crossed, slabbed secured with trenails. In some instances, cross logged Battans would be necessary. 50 Men during five of the most favorable months of the year would I believe clear a track 12 feet wide throughout the 76 miles. These men would cost in addition to the Sum estimated for the Bridges, at 12/- a day including rations. £

Superintendence £1,000

10 per Cent

No. A 54/300
July 15th.
1854

Reporting the death of Mr. Wade - Surveyor

Sir/

I have the honor to report that I have this day received intelligence of the death of Mr. Surveyor Wade, which melancholy event, occurred on Friday last near his Camp, on Mr. Dunn's Station.

It appears from a letter received from Mr. Assistant Surveyor Cotton that Mr. Wade had for five days previous to his death been rather strange in his manner and conversation; - but that on Friday Morning he had got up much better; and about mid-day left his Camp, - that two of his men who followed shortly after, found his body on the road some little distance from the Tent.

I have instructed Mr. Cotton to take charge of the Party - pending the appointment of Mr. Wade's Successor.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/301
July 17th.
1854

Reporting Mr. C. A. Bayly - Draftsman - for inebriety

Sir/

I have the honor to state that on leaving this Office on Saturday last about 4 O'clock in the afternoon, I observed in the Street, a respectably dressed person in a state of intoxication; and as is usual in such cases, a number of persons standing about looking at him; - Shortly after, in driving out of the yard, I found this person in whom I discovered Mr. C. A. Bayly a Draftsman in this Department leaning against the gate post in an almost insensible state; and I directed the Messenger to see to his safety.

This morning I suspended Mr. Bayly from duty; and have now to request His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's instructions in the matter.

I enclose a letter addressed to me by Mr. Bayly which I have referred to the Chief Draftsman who states that Mr. Bayly was sober when leaving the Office; and has since his re-instatement, been attentive to his duties.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/302
July 17th.
1854

Forwarding correspondence on the subject of Hydrographical Survey.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward, herewith, for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's information, Copies of a correspondence which has taken place between Commander Morris, commanding H. M. Ship "Electra" and myself, on the subject of his affording me assistance in the Hydrographical Survey of Port Phillip.

From Commander Morris's reply His Excellency will perceive that the aid I sought, was at once granted; and the Survey is now progressing.

I trust that this step which was taken by me with the sanction of Lieutenant Governor La Trobe, will meet with His Excellency's approval.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/303
July 17th.
1854

Extract appended

Relating to Captn. Roſs's (Lelia) request to be supplied with two Buoys &c, &c, for entrance to the Channel - Welchpool.

Sir/

I have the honor to state that the Officer in charge of the Surveying Cutter "Lelia" reports in a communication lately received from him, the necessity of laying down Two Buoys at the entrance of the Channel into Welchpool.

As the fact of this Harbour being a good and practicable one is now established by the recent Surveys; and public attention having in consequence been directed towards it as a place of shipment, - it becomes necessary to afford the usual facilities for the guidance of its navigation.

Under these circumstances, I would submit for His Excellency's consideration the advisability of at once furnishing Commander Roſs with the Buoys, chains, and Sinkers requisite for the purpose.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/304
July 17th.
1854

Suggesting that Sir W. Denison be applied to for a Set of Meteorological Instruments for Survey Department.

Sir/

The advantage which would be derived from having a complete set of Meteorological Instruments connected with this Department - rendered more necessary by there being none in the Colony, - induced me some short time since to write to His Excellency Sir Wm. Denison whom I had heard had received from England some six sets to be placed in different parts of that Colony, to ascertain if one set could be spared for this Service.

In reply, His Excellency informed me that he would sanction a transfer of one set provided - as they are the property of the Public - that an official application should be made for them by this Government to that of Van Diemen's Land.

I have now therefore the honor to suggest - should His Excellency deem it advisable, that the application be made; - and I may add that I am the more anxious to obtain one of these sets, as I believe, through the influence of Sir Wm. Denison, they were made under the supervision of Mr. Airey - Astronomer Royal

£100..0..0 The cost of the Instruments including carriage, &c, would not I understand, exceed One Hundred Pounds.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/305 July 18th 1854 Forwarding a Return of Crown Lands - Portland Land Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer a Return of Crown Lands to be withdrawn from Sale at Portland on the 2nd Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/306 July 18th 1854 Forwarding Description Book for Sandhurst Land Sale; also Return

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer

1. Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Sandhurst on the 2nd Proximo.
2. A Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the above Sale

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/307 July 19th 1854 Requesting that Return of Crown Lands may be published, weekly, in the Geelong Advertiser.

Sir/

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to cause to be forwarded for publication (once every week) in the "Geelong Advertiser" the accompanying Return of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Geelong.

I may observe that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has authorised me to incur the necessary expense in advertising those Returns in the Public Journals.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/308 July 20th 1854 Forwarding Mr. Asst. Surveyor Wright's resignation, for acceptance.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the Lieutenant Governor's information a letter addressed to me by Mr. F. W. R. Wright tendering the resignation of his appointment as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department; and to recommend that His Excellency may be pleased to accept the same.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/309 July 21st 1854 Forwarding Schedules of Lands for Sale at Benalla

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's

approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at Benalla, on the 29th and 30th Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/310 July 21st 1854 Forwarding, for approval, Plan of "Inverleigh" Township

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency in Council, the Plan of the proposed Township "Inverleigh", near the junction of the Rivers Leigh and Barwon.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/311 July 21st 1854 Forwarding a Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Land Sale - Castlemaine.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer a Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Castlemaine on the 27th Instant.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/312 July 22nd 1854 ✓ Forwarding for approval, Plan of "Merton" - Lock's Station Devil's River

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Plan of the proposed Town and Agricultural Reserve of "Merton", at Lock's Station - Devil's River.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/313 July 24th 1854 Forwarding Return for Sandhurst Land Sale.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer, a Return shewing an amended valuation of Improvements affected on certain lots included in the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Sandhurst on the 2nd Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/314 July 24th 1854 Forwarding Description Book and Returns - Melbourne Land Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer

1. Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Melbourne on the 31st Instant.
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the above Sale.
3. Return of Lots on which improvements have been effected, the value of which is to be added to the Upset Price.

(Sd.) A. C

No. A 54/315
July 25th
1854

Forwarding, for approval, Schedule of lands for Sale at Castlemaine

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Castlemaine on the 31st proximo.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/316
July 26th
1854

Forwarding Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Sale.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer, a Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Melbourne, on the 31st Instant.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/317
July 26th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Geelong Land Sale; also Returns

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer.

1. The Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Geelong, on the 1st Proximo.
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the above Sale.
3. Return of Lots, on which improvements have been effected, the value of which will be added to the upset price.
4. Return of Lots on which there is fencing – for the removal of which one month will be allowed.
5. Return shewing an amended upset price of a Lot.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/318
July 27th
1854.

Forwarding Schedules of Lands for Melbourne Sale.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at Melbourne, on the 20th, 21st ~~and 22nd Proximo~~ September next.

(Sd) A. C

No. A 54/319
July 27th
1854

Forwarding for approval, a design for Allotments at Fryer's Creek

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a design for Village Allotments at Fryer's Creek Mount Alexander.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/320
July 27th
1854

Forwarding Description Book of Storing Yard Allotments

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer, the Description Book of Storing Yard Allotments the Leases of which are to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Melbourne, on the 7th Proximo.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/321
July 27th
1854

Melbourne 25th & 26th Septr.
Castlemaine 26th, 27th, 28th – do.

Forwarding for approval, Schedules of lands for Sale at Melbourne and Castlemaine

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at the places, and on the dates specified in the Margin.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/322
July 28th
1854

Wm. A. Harvey – from June 20th
W. D. Counsel – " – 26th
1854

£250 .. 0 .. 0

Forwarding names of Messrs. Harvey & Counsel – as Draftsmen

Sir/

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the names of the two gentlemen inserted in the Margin, as Temporary Draftsmen to fill existing vacancies in the Drafting Branch of this Department.

They have been employed on trial for some time, and the result has been satisfactory from the dates attached to their names, I beg therefore to recommend that their Salaries at the rate of Two hundred and fifty Pounds per annum should take effect from these dates

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/323
July 29th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Supplementary Schedule – Melbourne Sale.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, a Supplementary Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Melbourne, on the 26th September next.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/324
July 31st
1854

Forwarding for approval, a design for Township at Aitken's Gap.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a design for proposed Township

Allotments at Aitken's Gap, on the Main Road to Mount Alexander

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/325
July 31st
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Sandhurst Land Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale, at Sandhurst, on the 15th Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/326
July 31st
1854

6 Copies

Forwarding Charts of Belfast and Warrnambool with Sailing directions for the former Port.

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th Instant, and with reference to your letter of the 22nd April last, to forward - in accordance with His Excellency's commands - for transmission to Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, Charts, of the recently Surveyed Ports of Belfast and Warrnambool, with Sailing directions for the former.

I have not been furnished with the Sailing directions for the Port of Warrnambool; but will take care that they be forwarded when received.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/327
July 31st
1854

Recommending Mr. Black as Successor to Mr. Wright

Sir/

Referring to the resignation of Mr. Assistant Surveyor Wright which you inform me His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to accept, I have now the honor to submit the name of Mr. Alexander Black, as being a gentleman qualified to undertake the duties which devolved upon Mr. Wright.

Mr. Black has been employed in this Department, on trial for Three months; and has been found to do his duty well, and gives me every satisfaction.

£300.. 0.. 0

£200.. 0.. 0

His appointment I should wish to date from the 1st August next, 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.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/328
July 31st
1854

Recommending Mr. Charles as Successor to Mr. Matthewson

Sir/

I have the honor to forward herewith a Copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Lindsay Clarke the Surveyor in charge of the Portland District reporting Mr. Matthewson as an unfit person to hold the appointment of Clerk and Draftsman in the Office under his control.

Should the Lieutenant Governor be pleased to sanction that gentleman's removal from the Department, I would submit upon the recommendation of Mr. Clarke, for His Excellency's approval, the name of Mr. Walter F. Charles as a fit person to succeed him.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/329
August 1st
1854

12th Sept. Geelong
20th & 21st do. Sandhurst

Forwarding Schedules for Geelong and Sandhurst Land Sales

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, on the dates, and at the places specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/330
August 3rd
1854

Geelong 13th Sept.
Melbourne 27th & 28th

Forwarding for approval, Schedules of Lands for Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at the places, and on the dates specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/331
August 3rd
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale - Geelong.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer, the Description Books, of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale, at Geelong on the 15th & 16th Instant.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/332
August 3rd
1854

Geelong 25th May - Ballarat 1st June
- do. - 6th, 7th, 22nd, 23rd June, Sale 28th & 29th - do. -
Warrnambool 27th - do. - Geelong 29th - do. -
Castlemaine 13th June

Requesting that Colonial Treasurer be directed to furnish Returns

Sir/

I have the honor to request that the Acting Colonial Treasurer may be directed to furnish to this Office with the least possible delay, the final Returns of the Sales of Crown Lands specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/333
August 3rd
1854

Requesting authority for payment of Cost of a Whaleboat

Sir/

It having been represented to me some time since by the Officer in charge of the Surveying Cutter "Lelia" that the services of a whaleboat were urgently required in order to carry out the more effectually the Marine Surveys in contemplation; one was purchased by this Department at an expense of Forty pounds; and I have now the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for payment of this Sum.

£40 „ 0 „ 0

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/334
August 7th
1854

Recommending Mr Thomas Nixon as Temporary Assistant Surveyor

Sir/

The increasing work in the Western Division of the County of Bourke under Mr Assistant Surveyor Darbyshire requiring the temporary services of another Surveyor, I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the name of Mr Thomas Nixon for employment 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.

£300 „ 0 „ 0

£200 „ 0 „ 0

Mr Nixon has been for some time employed in this Department in a subordinate capacity, and his conduct and qualifications are such as to justify my recommending him for continued employment in a more responsible situation.

Provision on Est.e for 32 Temp.y Ass.t Surv.rs; 27 actually app.d; Vac.t 5.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/335
August 7th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Land Sale Castlemaine & Return

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer.

1. The Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Castlemaine on the 31st Instant.
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the above Sale.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/336
August 9th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Plan of Building Allotments at Eagle Hawk Gully

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Plan of Building Allotments at Eagle Hawk Gully in the Parish of Sandhurst.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/337
August 10th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedules of lands for Sale at Geelong

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Geelong on the 3rd and 4th October next.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/338
August 10th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Land Sale Kilmore; also Return

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer.

1. The Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Kilmore on the 29th Instant.
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the above Sale.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/339
August 10th
1854

Mr Jesse Middleton from January 24th
Mr A. S. Saunders from Decr 16th to Decr 31st 1853
Mr John Hogg from April 14th

£1 „ 0 „ 0

Requesting authority for payment of Salaries to Draftsmen

Sir/

The Surveys undertaken in the Western Division of the County of Bourke by order of the Legislature having rendered necessary the temporary Services of the Gentlemen named in the Margin as Draftsmen in the Survey Office, Williamstown for which provision was duly made on the Estimates of Expenditure for my Department, I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the payment of their respective Salaries at the rate of Twenty shillings per working day to take effect from the dates specified.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/340
August 10th
1854

Suggesting that the Site for Church of England on the Plenty Road be altered to admit of Brunswick Street being produced Northwards.

Sir/

The Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply being desirous that Brunswick Street should be produced Northwards to the City Boundary as shewn by the accompanying tracing, so as to conform to the proposed line of Main pipe from the Yan Yean Reservoir; but which would involve a change in the Site allotted to the Church of England on the Plenty Road, I have the honor to suggest that the Lord Bishop of Melbourne be requested to make such other selection as will not interfere with the substitution of the Road marked Red for that marked Black, as proposed.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/341
August 11th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale Benalla.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer, the Description Books, of Crown Lands, to be offered for Sale at Benalla, on the 29th and 30th Instant.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/342
August 14th
1854

Relative to instructions applying to movements of Surveyors throughout the Country

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular No. 11, dated the 9th Instant, and beg to be informed if it is intended that the instructions therein conveyed should apply to the movements of the different Surveyors throughout the Country.

I would request permission to point out that should it be the Lieutenant Governor's intention to make these instructions apply to this Department, serious inconvenience, and loss of time, will be incurred by the various Surveyors, awaiting instructions, and approval of removal from one part of the Colony to the other.

Should His Excellency view the matter in this light and sanction a continuance of the present system, I would furnish a Monthly Return shewing the localities where each Surveyor was employed, and advise His Excellency of any movement, doing so beforehand when practicable.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/343
August 14th
1854

Forwarding Returns of Land sold during 1853, &c, &c, &c,

Sir/

In accordance with His Excellency's command, conveyed in your letter, of the 19th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies the following Returns.

1. Land Sold during the Year 1853.
2. Land reserved, or purchased for public uses, or granted without purchase, and miscellaneous information, on Crown Lands.
3. Lands under Lease or License, or subject to quitrents.
4. Surveyors, and Surveys.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/344
August 15th
1854

Forwarding tracing &c, of Site for General Hospital - Kyneton

Sir/

With reference to the application made by the Inhabitants of Kyneton for a Site for a General Hospital, I have the honor to forward herewith a tracing, and description, of the portion of land which has been marked off for the purpose.

(Sd) W. H. B.

No. A 54/345
August 15th
1854

Respecting lands purchased at Kilmore, Sale of 8th May 1854.

Sir/

With reference to the Colonial Treasurer's letter of the 7th Inst. on the subject of the deposits, which had been paid on two portions of Crown Lands purchased at Kilmore on the 8th May last; but which had been previously alienated, and your Minute thereon requesting that I should explain how the mistake occurred.

I have the honor to state that in consequence of the names of the former purchasers being all but effaced from the Plan, the lots in question were a second time offered for Sale; and the error not discovered in sufficient time to admit of their being withdrawn.

✓ (Sd) W. H. B.

No. A 54/346
August 18th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Sandhurst Land Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission, to the Colonial Treasurer, the Description Book of Crown Lands, to be offered for Sale at Sandhurst, on the 19th Proximo.

(Sd) W. H. B.

No. A 54/347
August 17th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedule of lands for Sale at Melbourne

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at Melbourne, on the 4th October next.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/348
August 21st
1854

Forwarding for approval, a Diagram of building allotts at Avoca

Sir/

I have the honor to forward, for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a diagram of Building Allotments laid off at the Avoca, on the Main Road between Adelaide and Lexton.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/349
August 21st.
1854

Recommending the leasing of Land, applied for by Mr. Melville

Sir/

I have the honor to state that Mr. Henry Melville has applied to me to lease, or purchase, a Section of 240 acres near Forest Creek, with the view of working the auriferous quartz veins in the centre of the Section, as shewn on the accompanying tracing, and of securing the timber, on the remainder of it, to supply fuel for the necessary Steam Machinery.

In submitting this application with the District Surveyor's report thereon, for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's information, I would beg to recommend the leasing, of the land by Public Auction, subject to such regulations as to the payment of Royalties, as may be advised by the Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/350
August 22nd.
1854

to be returned

A. R. P
107 . 0 . 9

Forwarding a Plan shewing the land fenced for Hobson's Bay Railway

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th. Instant, and to forward a Plan shewing the extent of land enclosed by the fence of the Hobson's Bay Railway – One hundred and seven acres nine perches.

It is desirable that bridges be constructed, at the crossings B, D. and F, as indicated on the Block Plan, so as to connect the lands on either side of the line.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/351
August 22nd.
1854

£1,000 . 0 . 0

Representing that an offer to bribe Mr. Surveyor Wilmot was made by a Mr. Brooks

Sir/

I have the honor to bring under His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's notice the accompanying correspondence from which it appears that a Mr. Brooks, of Seymour, a licensed Tenant of the Crown had offered Mr. Assistant Surveyor Wilmot, who is now engaged in examining and laying out the line of Road from Melbourne to the Murray towards Sydney, a bribe of One thousand Pounds, if he would report favorably on the line being carried through Seymour, instead of through Avenel, as proposed by Mr. Wilmot – the latter being in Mr. Wilmot's opinion, the better line.

Should Mr. Brooks not be able to refute Mr. Wilmot's charge

I would suggest that he be deprived of his privileges, as a Tenant of the Crown, as well as proceeded against criminally – should Her Majesty's Attorney General, consider the evidence sufficient to justify such a prosecution.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/352
August 22nd.
1854

Submitting Mr. Meikle's account for Lithographic Presses, &c,

Sir/

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a Copy of an account for Lithographic Presses, and Stock supplied by Mr. Robert Meikle for the Service of my Department.

In recommending payment of this sum, I would observe that the articles in question were urgently required, the former Stock, only comprising one small press, which was totally inadequate to meet the increasing demand for Lithographed Plans; and the price is I think, much lower than the current charges for these articles in the Colony.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/353
August 23rd.
1854

Forwarding, for approval, Schedules of lands for Sale at Warrnambool

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules, of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Warrnambool on the 3rd. October next, and three following days.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/354
August 23rd.
1854

£250 . 0 . 0
to
£300 . 0 . 0

Recommending Mr. Jackson for an Increase of Salary

Sir/

The retirement of Mr. Draftsman Bayly having created a vacancy in the class of Salaries, to which he belonged, I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the name of Mr. R. H. Jackson as his Successor; and would recommend that his increase of Salary from Two hundred and fifty to Three hundred Pounds per annum do take effect from the 16th. July, the date of Mr. Bayly's resignation.

Mr. Jackson has been in the Service of this Department nearly two years; and his conduct during that time has been such as in every way to warrant my present recommendation.

(Sd.) A. C

No. A 54/355
August 23rd
1854

Provided for on Ests. for 1854

£350 " 0 " 0

Applying for a renewal of Lease of Survey Office - Geelong.

Sir/

The lease of the Premises used as a Survey Office at Geelong having expired on the 18th May last; and none more suitable being obtainable, I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for a renewal of the lease to May 18th 1855 - at the rental now paid viz. Three Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum payable quarterly.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/356
August 23rd
1854

Forwarding Schedules of lands for Sale at Hepburn

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Hepburn Spring Creek on the 17th October next, and three following days.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/357
August 24th
1854

Forwarding Extracts from Mr. Surveyor Hodgkinson's letter on the subject of the Contract for clearing the "Yarra" of Timber &c

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant on the subject of a Contract which had been entered into between certain parties for the clearance of the "Yarra"; and to forward for His Excellency's information, Extracts from a letter on the subject received from Mr. District Surveyor Hodgkinson

I am unable to state what amount of money has been bonâ fide expended on the work.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/358
August 24th
1854

Requesting that instructions be given to Resident Commissioner at Castlemaine to conduct Land Sale at Hepburn.

Sir/

Captain Bull the Resident Commissioner at Castlemaine having signified his willingness to conduct the Sales of Crown Lands to be held at Hepburn on the 17th October, and three following days I have the honor to request that the usual instructions be issued to him from the Colonial Treasury.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/359
August 24th
1854

Transmitting Return of Officers in Survey Department (31st July)

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd Instant, referring to your Circular dated the 31st Ultimo, and to inform you that in consequence of an oversight committed in the preparation of the Return required, it was not forwarded as early as I anticipated.

The form of Return now transmitted is not exactly in accordance with His Excellency's wishes; but the form as required will be forwarded at an early date.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/360
August 24th
1854

£100 .. 0 .. 0

Requesting authority to employ an additional Messenger

Sir/

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the Temporary employment of an additional Messenger; - the increased work of this Office rendering such an appointment necessary.

There are two separate Offices to be looked after; and the present Messenger, although aided by a Boy, has found the work to be more than he can satisfactorily perform. Should His Excellency be pleased to comply with my request, I would recommend that the man so employed, be paid at the rate of One hundred Pounds per annum; and be allowed to live on the Premises.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/361
August 25th
1854

24th Octr. Sandhurst
" " Avoca

Forwarding Schedules of lands for Sale at Sandhurst & Avoca

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction on the dates, and at the places specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/362
August 25th
1854

Geelong 12th & 13th Sept. &
Sandhurst 20th & 21st

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale Geelong & Sandhurst

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer, Description Books of Crown Lands to be sold by Public Auction, at the places and on the dates noted in the Margin

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/363
August 28th
1854

Forwarding Copy Original Estimates of Survey Department 1854

Sir/

In accordance with your request, I have the honor to forward a Copy of my Original Estimates for the Current Year, and to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency for the several promotions therein recommended.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/364
August 28th
1854

Sandhurst 2nd & 25th Octr
Castlemaine 17th do

Forwarding, for approval, Schedules of Lands for Sale at Sandhurst and Castlemaine.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at the places, and on the dates specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/365
August 29th
1854

Creswick's Creek 27th Octr
Castlemaine 30th Octr

Forwarding Schedules of Lands for Sale at Creswick's Creek & Castlemaine

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands, recommended for Sale at the places, and on the dates, specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/366
August 30th
1854

Melbourne 25th Octr
Gisborne 30th & 31st do

Forwarding Schedules of Lands for Sale at Melbourne & Gisborne

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at the places, and on the dates specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/367
August 31st
1854

Forwarding Plan of Cemetery in the Parish of Doutta Galla.

Sir/

It having been represented that a General Cemetery is much required by the inhabitants of Essendon and Keilor and the Parishes in which these Villages are situated, I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's approval, the Plan of a Cemetery recently Surveyed in the Parish of Doutta Galla, shewing the proposed Subdivisions, &c,

(Sd.) W. H. B.

Section XXII

No. A 54/368
1st September
1854

Forwarding Description Books of land for Sale at Castlemaine, &c,

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer,

1. Description Books, of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale, at Castlemaine, on the 26th 27th and 28th Proximo
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the above Sale
3. Return of Lots, on which improvements have been effected for the removal of which, one month will be allowed.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/369
Septr. 2nd
1854

Messrs. Russell Martin Morres Nixon & Black.

£500 .. 0 .. 0

20/- per diem

Recommending that an allowance of 20/ pr. diem be granted to Officers

Sir/

With reference to the Officers named in the Margin, whose appointments as Temporary Assistant Surveyors have been authorised by the Lieutenant Governor, with Salaries and Allowances respectively at the rate of Five Hundred Pounds per Annum, I have the honor to recommend for the consideration of His Excellency that this full amount should not be paid during the period they were on probation; but that during such period they should receive an allowance of Twenty shillings per working day, in full of Salary and Equipment Expenses.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/370
Septr. 2nd
1854

£1 .. 1 .. 0

Requesting authority for payment of Salary to Mr. Jackson

Sir/

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the payment of the Salary of Mr. J. B. Jackson, at the rate of Twenty one shillings per working day.

Mr. Jackson commenced work on March 6th as Assistant to Mr. Surveyor Hodgkinson, and acquitted himself satisfactorily in that capacity until the 30th April, when he was taken very ill when on duty, and died a few days after.

As under these circumstances it was impossible to procure his signature to the usual Salary Abstracts, I would also request to be permitted to pay the amount to the next of kin, his brother, on receiving the usual acquittance signed by him

Mr. A. A. Jackson

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/371
Septr. 4th
1854

Forwarding, for approval, Schedules for Land Sale at Hamilton

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at Hamilton, on the 26th and 27th Proximo.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/372
Septr. 5th
1854
Kilmore 31st Octr.
Hamilton 29th & 30th Novr.

Forwarding, for approval, Schedules of Lands for Sale at Kilmore and Hamilton

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at the places, and on the dates specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/373
Septr. 5th
1854

Forwarding an account of expenses incurred by Captn. Ross ("Lelia")

Sir/

I have the honor to forward herewith, an account of certain contingent expenses incurred by Commander Ross, of the Surveying Cutter "Lelia" while employed on the Coast of Gipps' Land; and to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for it's liquidation.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/374
Septr. 5th
1854

Forwarding an account for the erection of Outhouses, by Mr. Darbyshire

Sir/

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, an account due to Mr. Assistant Surveyor Darbyshire for the erection of certain outhouses at the Survey Office Williamstown.

It will be seen by this that the original amount authorised has been somewhat exceeded; for an explanation of which, I beg to call your attention to the annexed Copy of Mr. Darbyshire's Official letter on the subject.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/375
Septr. 6th
1854
Mr. J. G. Johnson

Recommending an increased rate of Salary, &c, to Mr. J. G. Johnson

Sir/

With reference to the gentleman named in the margin whose promotion was proposed in my Estimates to take effect from the 1st January, I have the honor to recommend for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that he should be allowed

£350.. 0.. 0

to receive the increased rate of Salary, and the field allowances for the Month of December 1853; also as during that time he performed the duties, and was subject to the expenses of a Temporary Assistant Surveyor.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/376
Septr. 6th
1854

Respecting name given to the Township at Aitken's Gap

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date, and to state for the Lieutenant Governor's information, that the Plan of the Township at Aitken's Gap therein alluded to, was submitted for and received His Excellency's approval; but as no name was then given to it "The Gap", a name by which this locality is well known, was decided on.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/377
Septr. 7th
1854

Instructions given to Captn. Ross (Lelia) to convey Chief Medical Officer to the Quarantine Station.

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date; and to inform you in reply that the Cutter "Lelia" is not required at present for the performance of any Service of this Department.

I have therefore transmitted instructions to Commander Ross to hold himself in readiness to convey the Chief Medical Officer to the Quarantine Station.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/378
Septr. 7th
1854

Suggesting that the nearest Police Magistrate conduct Land Sales, at Hepburn.

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, informing me that my proposal that the Resident Commissioner at Castlemaine should be instructed to conduct the Sales of Crown Lands to be held at Hepburn, on the 17th Proximo, and three following days, had not met with His Excellency's approval. I would therefore suggest that the nearest Police Magistrate receive the necessary instructions for the performance of this duty.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/379
Septr. 7th
1854

Forwarding District Surveyor's Report, on the subject of Burial Ground, and Slaughter Yard at Ticonderoga Bay

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st Ultimo, on the subject of certain alterations required in the position of the Burial Ground and Slaughter Yard at the Quarantine Station, at Ticonderoga Bay, and to recommend for approval, the arrangements proposed in the District Surveyor's Report, and shewn on the accompanying Tracing.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/380
Septr. 8th
1854

Forwarding application of Mr. Clarke for leave of absence

Sir/

I have the honor to submit for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's favorable consideration, an application from Mr. District Surveyor Clarke for One Month's leave of absence.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/381
Septr. 8th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Melbourne Land Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer, Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Melbourne on the 20th, 21st, and 25th Instant.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/382
Septr. 8th
1854

Forwarding Schedules for Melbourne Land Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Melbourne on the 25th Proximo,

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/383
Septr. 9th
1854

Forwarding Schedule for Land Sale – Melbourne

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at Melbourne on the 27th Prox.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/384
Septr. 9th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale. Warrnambool

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer the Description Books, of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Warrnambool on 3rd Proximo, and three following days.

(Sd.) W. H. B.

No. A 54/385
Septr. 12th
1854

Recommending the appointment of Mr. Taylor a Temy. Asst. Surveyor

Sir/

The forfeited Surveys in the neighborhood of the Mount Alexander Gold Fields requiring additional assistance, I have the honor to recommend for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval the appointment of Mr. William Archibald Taylor, as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor, in this Department, at a Salary at the rate of Three Hundred Pounds per annum with the usual allowance in lieu of Equipment, &c.

The expenses attendant on this appointment are provided for in the Estimates, of the Department for the Current Year.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/386
Septr. 12th
1854

That Charts and Sailing directions sent through Private Secretary

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Yesterday's date, and to state for the Lieutenant Governor's information that I have already furnished Charts, and Sailing directions for the recently Surveyed Ports of the Colony through His Excellency's Private Secretary

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/387
Septr. 12th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale Melbourne & Returns

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer.

1. Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Melbourne, on the 26th, 27th, and 28th Instant.
2. Return shewing amended areas in certain Lots.
3. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the above Sale.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/388
Septr. 13th
1854

s.
20/-
£300..0..0
£200..0..0

Respecting rate of Pay authorised to Messrs. Russell and Others

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant, conveying to me His Excellency's authority for the appointment of Messrs. Russell, Martin, Morres, Nixon and Black at Salary of Twenty shillings per diem in full, instead of a rate of Pay of Three Hundred Pounds per annum, and Two hundred pounds per annum in lieu of allowance for Equipment.

I beg to submit that should this arrangement be carried out these officers will virtually receive a higher Salary than that recommended by me, as they would then have a claim to have their Travelling Expenses, tentage for themselves, and men, horses, bullocks, and general Equipment furnished, - all of which is now covered by the contingent allowance of Two Hundred pounds per annum. £200 .. 0 .. 0

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/389
Septr. 14th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedule for Geelong Land Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at Geelong on the 31st Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/390
Septr. 14th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Sandhurst Land Sale, and Returns

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer

1. Description Book, of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Sandhurst on the 2nd Proximo.
2. Return shewing amended valuation of the improvements effected on a Lot included in the above Sale.
3. Return shewing alteration in the upset price of a Lot.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/391
Septr. 14th
1854

Recommending an increased allowance for Forage to Mr. Wilmott

Sir/

It having been represented to me by Mr. Assistant Surveyor Wilmott that the allowance of One hundred Pounds per annum £100 .. 0 .. 0 authorised by your letter of the 27th June No. 7571 is utterly inadequate to meet the expense of Forage, I have the honor to recommend for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that that Officer may be allowed to receive the same equivalent as that paid to the Road Engineers viz. One Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum. £150 .. 0 .. 0

(Sd.) A. C

No. A 54/392
Septr. 14th
1854

Requesting an Authority for Mr. Pinniger's appointment protem.

Sir/

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for

the temporary appointment of Mr. Charles Pinniger as a Draftsman in the Field with Salary at the rate of Two hundred and fifty pounds per annum to take effect from the 1st May 1854. £250 .. 0 .. 0

Provision made on Estimates

(Sd.) A. C

No. A 54/393
Septr. 14th
1854

Requesting authority for temporary employment of Messrs Breen and Callanan as Assistant Surveyors

Sir/

Mr. John Breen
Mr. Michael Callanan

Provision made on Estimates

£1 .. 0 .. 0

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the Temporary employment of the gentlemen named in the Margin as Assistant Surveyors in the Williamstown District with Salaries respectively at the rate of Twenty shillings per working day to take effect from the commencement of their duties.

(Sd.) A. C

No. A 54/394
Septr. 14th
1854

Recommending Mr. Green as Successor to Mr. P. Larritt.

Sir/

The retirement of Mr. Assistant Surveyor Philip Larritt having caused a vacancy in the Surveying Staff in the Ballarat District, I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the name of Mr. Joshua Green as his Successor with salary at the rate of Three Hundred Pounds per Annum, £300 .. 0 .. 0 and an allowance in lieu of Equipment at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum. £200 .. 0 .. 0

Mr. Green has been on trial since May 16th and as his progress has been satisfactorily reported on, I would recommend that his Salary and Allowance do take effect from that date.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/395
Septr. 14th
1854

Requesting an authority to employ Mr. Gaitskell protem.

Sir/

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the Temporary employment of Mr. W. Gaitskell as Assistant to Mr. Byrne the Surveyor in charge of the Ballarat District.

Should His Excellency be pleased to approve of this

£1. 0. 0

Provision on Estimates

appointment, I would recommend that Mr. Gaitskell be allowed to receive Salary at the rate of 2$\overset{5}{0}$/- per working day from the commencement of his duties.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/396
Septr. 15th
1854

Submitting Vouchers for wages to Charles Montague

Sir/

In submitting the annexed Vouchers for the favorable consideration of the Lieutenant Governor, I have the honor to lay before you the following explanation.

£6 " 18. 0

On the 23rd November last Mr. E. W. Bagshawe then an Assistant Surveyor in my Department paid one of his Surveying Party, Charles Montague, the amount of his wages up to that date; on the same night the man absconded without having signed the usual salary Abstracts, and receipts, and has not since been heard of.

I would therefore request that under these circumstances His Excellency would be pleased to direct that the signature and certificate of Mr. Bagshawe should be considered as a sufficient acquittance; and that the account should be allowed to pass Audit

(Sd.) A. C

No. A 54/397
Septr. 15th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Plan of Township of "Creswick"

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Plan of the proposed Township of "Creswick" at Creswick's Creek.

(Sd.) A. C

No. A 54/398
Septr. 15th
1854

Respecting the conduct of Land Sales at Hepburn

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant, respecting the conduct of the forthcoming Land Sales, at Hepburn, and to request that under the arrangements therein approved, Mr. Crawford the Government Auctioneer at Castlemaine may be instructed to undertake the Sale in conjunction with the Magistrate who may be appointed to superintend it.

The Travelling Expenses which this arrangement will entail, and which I request an authority for the payment of are provided

for in the Estimates, of this Department for the Current Year.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/399
Septr. 16th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedules for Land Sales at Avoca, Geelong and Hamilton.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands, recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at the places and on the dates specified in the Margin.

Avoca, 30th & 31st Octr.
Geelong, 28th Novr.
Hamilton 6th Decr.

(Sd.) A. C

No. A 54/400
Septr. 18th
1854

Respecting the reservation of Lands for a Common at Geelong.

Sir/

With reference to your letter of the 22nd July 54/10,252, on the Subject of an application made by the Mayor of Geelong for the reservation of certain Crown Lands for the purposes of a Common, for the use of the inhabitants of that Town, I have the honor to report that I have visited the land in Company with the Lieutenant Governor; and that His Excellency has been pleased to sanction its reservation for the purposes applied for.

(Sd.) A. C

No. A 54/401
Septr. 18th
1854

Recommending Mr. William Bennett Hull as a Tempy. Asst. Survr.

Sir/

The services of an additional Surveyor being required for the purpose of laying out lines of communication, and marking off lands for Sale in the Parishes of Yering and Warrandyte, I have the honor to submit for the Lieutenant Governor's approval, the name of Mr. William Bennett Hull, as a proper person to undertake the performance of these Surveys.

Should the appointment meet with His Excellency's approval may I request that you will have the goodness to furnish me with the requisite authority for the payment of Salary to Mr. Hull as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor, at the rate of Three hundred Pounds per annum, with the usual allowance in lieu of Equipment, at the rate of Two hundred pounds per annum - which expenditure is provided for in the Estimate of the Department for the Current Year.

£300. 0. 0

£200. 0. 0

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/402
Septr. 19th
1854

Acknowledging the receipt of Lieutenant Governor's Minute on the subject of Supplies for the Public Service.

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant, covering the Minute of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor upon the Report of a Board, appointed to investigate the subject of Supplies for the Public Service.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/403
Septr. 19th
1854

3 Copies annexed

Forwarding Copies, of Contracts, connected with Survey Department

Sir/

In accordance with the request contained in your Circular No. 22. I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency, Copies of all the Contracts, which have been entered into by this Department, and to which the Government is pledged

(Sd) A. C

No. A 54/404
Septr. 19th
1854

Forwarding Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Melbourne Land Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer a Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Melbourne on the 25th Instant.

(Sd) A. C

No. A 54/405
Septr. 19th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale Geelong, also Returns

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer

1. Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Geelong on the 3rd, and 4th Proximo.
2. Returns of Lots to be withdrawn from Sale, on the above days.

(Sd) A. C

No. A 54/406
Septr. 20th
1854

Relative to certain correspondence with the Honble. Col. Secretary

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant, and in reply have to express my regret that in consequence of a misconception on my part, of the dates, alluded to in the correspondence therein referred to, my letter of the 13th Instant was written. Your letter of the 11th Instant, will therefore be acted on.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/407
Septr. 20th
1854

Heathcote / McIvor/
Campaspe River N.E. of Sandhurst
Axe, Emu, & Sheepwash Creeks
S.E. of Sandhurst
Myers' Flat. N.W. of Sandhurst

Forwarding Plans, &c, of Agricultl. Reserves in Western Port District

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, plans of Four proposed Agricultural Reserves in the Western Port District, together with descriptions of same for Proclamation in the Government Gazette.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/408
Septr. 20th
1854

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Forwarding Description Book of Lands for Sale at Melbourne, & Return

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer.

1. Description Book of Crown Lands, to be offered for Sale at Melbourne on the 4th Proximo.
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Sale on that day.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/409
Septr. 20th
1854

£10.. 10.. 0

Forwarding Mr. Foord's account for analysis of water

Sir/

I have the honor to forward, herewith, for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a Copy of an account for the Sum of Ten guineas due to Mr. Foord for making seven analytical examinations, of the waters, of the River Yarra, and the Tea Tree Creek

These examinations, I would observe were undertaken by command of the Legislature, and were in connection with the proposed water supply to Williamstown; and as taking into consideration the time occupied, the charge appears a reasonable one, I would venture to recommend it's liquidation.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/410
Septr. 20th
1854.

£10.. 10.. 0
to
£ 12.. 12.. 0

✓

Requesting an authority for Payment of increased Premium of insurance for the "Lolia" Cutter

Sir/

The Australian Marine Association in which the Cutter Lolia is insured, having raised their rates of insurance for that class of vessels from Ten guineas to Twelve guineas per cent, I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the payment of the increased premium, which

£63.0.0

will entail an extra expense of Sixty three Pounds per annum.

10/- Policy duty

It being customary to make a charge of ten shillings on each policy effected, I would also request the authority of His Excellency for the Payment of that amount.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/411
Septr. 23rd
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale Hepburn; also Returns

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer,

1. Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Hepburn on the 17th. 18th, 19th and 20th Proximo.
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Sale on the above days.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/412
Septr. 27th
1854

Forwarding Plan of Melbourne and Suburbs

Sir/

In accordance with the Lieutenant Governor's instructions conveyed in your letter of the 20th Instant, I have the honor to forward a Plan of Melbourne and the Suburbs for transmission to the Chief Postmaster.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/413
Septr. 27th
1854

Forwarding Schedule for Land Sale Geelong.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Geelong on the 29th November next.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/414
Septr. 28th
1854

Recommending Mr. A. M. Mason for increased Salary

Sir/

The promotion of Mr. Draftsman Jackson having caused a vacancy in the class of Salaries in which he was formerly ranked, I have the honor to submit for His Excellency's approval the name of Mr. A. M. Mason as his Successor, with an increase of Salary from Two hundred to Two hundred and fifty Pounds per annum.

£200.0.0
to
£250.0.0

Mr. Mason has been employed in my Department for a period of Seventeen Months, during the last eight of which he has filled the

position of Draftsman in Charge of the Survey Office Geelong; and Mr. Surveyor Skene has reported very favorably on his general efficiency and on the uniformly correct and punctual discharge of his duties in that capacity.

Should His Excellency be pleased to approve of his promotion, I would recommend that the increased rate of Salary be allowed to take effect from July 16th. the date of Mr. Jackson's preferment.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/415
Septr. 28th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedules for Sandhurst Land Sale.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Sandhurst, on the 14th. 15th. and 16th. Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/416
Septr. 28th
1854

Forwarding a Return of the Messengers, &c. in Survey Department

Sir/

In accordance with the request contained in your Circular letter No. 16, I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency a Return of the Messengers and Housekeepers attached to my Department.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/417
Septr. 29th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Land Sale Castlemaine.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer, the Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Castlemaine, on the 17th. proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/418
Septr. 29th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale at Hamilton

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer, the Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Hamilton, on the 26th. and 27th. Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/419
Septr. 29th
1854

Forwarding a Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Sale.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer, a Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Hepburn on the 17th Proximo

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/420
Septr. 29th
1854

Forwarding Mr. Kearney's application for leave of absence

Sir/

I have the honor to forward a Copy of an application from Mr. Draftsman Kearney for One Month's leave of absence and have much pleasure in recommending the same for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant

Mr. Kearney has been employed in my Department for a period of Eighteen Months, and during that time has received no leave of absence whatever.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/421
Septr. 29th
1854

£200..0..0

Submitting a Tender from the Manager of the "Auction Mart" and "Daily Avertiser"

Sir/

Referring to the Lieutenant Governor's authority for the publication in certain Newspapers, of the particulars of all Crown Land Sales, conveyed to me in your letter of the 7th Ultimo, I have the honor to submit for His Excellency's consideration a Tender made by the Manager of the "Auction Mart" and "Daily Advertiser" to devote Three Columns of the Paper daily to the above purpose for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds per Quarter; and as the charge appears moderate, to recommend it's acceptance.

(Sd.) A. C

No. A 54/422
Septr. 30th
1854

Forwarding Mr. Darbyshire application for Forage for an additional horse.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward a Copy of an application from Mr. Darbyshire the Assistant Surveyor in charge of the Western District of the County of Bourke to be allowed to draw Forage for an additional horse; and as I can vouch for the correctness of his Statement, I would beg to recommend his request for the favorable consideration of His Excellency

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/423
October 2nd
1854

£300..0..0

£200..0..0

Requesting authority for Mr. W. Gaitskell's appointment.

Sir/

Mr. Burr the Surveyor in charge of the Ballarat District having reported Mr. William Gaitskill as competent to take charge of a Party, and to undertake the duties of a Temporary Assistant Surveyor, I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for his appointment in that capacity 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 date of his taking the field.

Mr. Gaitskill has been attached to Mr. Burr's Party since the 28th March last; and in consequence ample time has been afforded for testing his capabilities and efficiency

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/424
October 2nd
1854

Forwarding Suppl.y Schedule for Sandhurst Land Sale

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, a Supplementary Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Sandhurst on the 16th Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/425
October 3rd
1854

Requesting authority to repair the Fence of the Survey Paddock

Sir/

It having been represented to me that a portion of the fence of the Survey Paddock, at Richmond is much out of repair; and that consequently it is very difficult to prevent the Cattle and horses either straying away or being stolen, I have the honor to request that I may be authorised to incur the expense of having it put into a proper state of repair which I estimate at about Eighty Pounds.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/426
October 4th
1854

Recommending that Mr. Fletcher's request for leave be granted

Sir/

Mr. Charles H. Fletcher, a Clerk in my Department having applied to me for One Month's leave of absence from his duties, I have the honor to recommend his request for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Fletcher has been in my Department nearly four years and during that time has received no leave of absence whatever.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/427
October 4th
1854

Recommending the acceptance of Mr. Dumaresq's resignation

Sir/

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Albert Dumaresq who has been employed as a Draftsman on board the Cutter "Lelia" has tendered his resignation of his appointment; and I would beg to recommend that the same should be accepted by His Excellency.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/428
October 4th
1854

Requiring an authority for Mr. Asst. Surveyor Campbell's appointment.

Sir/

As I have been informed by the Honorable the Auditor General that no notification of the appointment of Mr. Aſsistant Surveyor Campbell has been received by him, I have the honor to request that he may be furnished with the necessary authority in order that the adjustment of that gentleman's accounts may not be delayed.

The sanction of His Excellency Mr. Latrobe to this appointment was conveyed to my predecessor in your letter of the 8th April 1853 (No. 53/4118). Mr. Campbell was however prevented by illness and other circumstances from taking the Field until the 20th December following.

£350..0..0
£200..0..0

As the rate of Mr. Campbell's Salary was not specified in your letter of the before mentioned date, I would request that the same may be authorised at the current rate at that time viz. Three hundred and fifty Pounds per annum, and the usual allowance in lieu of Equipment, at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/429
October 4th
1854

Requiring authority for Mr. Blake's appointment.

Sir/

£250..0..0

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of the Lieutenant Governor for the Temporary appointment of Mr. James Blake as a Draftsman in the Survey Office at Williamstown with Salary at the rate of Two Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum

Mr. Blake has been employed for some months in a subordinate capacity in my Department; and during that period has shewn such proof of industry and ability as in every way to warrant my present recommendation.

Should His Excellency be pleased to approve of this appointment, I would recommend that Mr. Blake's Salary be allowed to take effect from the 4th September

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/430
October 4th 1854

Recommending allowance of remission to Widow of Qr. Master MacDonald - 99th Regt.

Sir/

The Widow of the late Quartermaster MacDonald of H. M. 99th Regiment, having forwarded the accompanying letter with the view of being allowed the usual remission in the purchase of Crown Land to which her husband would have been entitled if living, I have the honor to bring her case under the Lieutenant Governor's notice and to recommend it to His Excellency's favorable consideration.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/431
October 4th
1854

Forwarding Schedules for Land Sale - Geelong.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Geelong on the 29th and 30th Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/432
Octr. 4th
1854

Forwarding Commr. Roſs' Report of Survey of Salt water River

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excy. the Lt. Govr.'s information Commr. Roſs' report of a Survey recently made by him of a portion of the Salt Water River.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/433
October 5th
1854

Forwarding for approval, a Design for a Township, at "Fowling Forest"

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a design for a new Township at "Fowling Forest" situated to the Westward of the Ballarat Gold Fields.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/434
October 5th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale at "Avoca", & Return

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer,

1. Description Books of the Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Avoca, on the 24th, 30th and 31st Instant.

2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Sale on the 31st of same.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/435
October 6th
1854

Forwarding, for approval, Plan &c. of Agricultl. Reserve Hamilton

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Plan of the Agricultural Reserve at Hamilton as recently extended, together with a description of the same for publication in the Government Gazette

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/436
October 6th
1854

Forwarding Returns of Lands sold in and near Warrnambool

Sir/

In accordance with the request conveyed in your letter of the 29th Ultimo, I have the honor herewith to transmit.

1. Return of Land sold in the Town and Suburbs of Warrnambool

2. Return of lands sold within ten miles of Warrnambool shewing the amounts realised by the Sale of those Lands.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/437
Octr. 7th
1854

Acknowledging receipt of Circular No. 19.

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular letter No. 19, on the subject of the revised Regulations for the rendering of the Public Accounts.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/438
Octr. 9th
1854

Jas. Townsend
Bowes & Eccles
Julius Jackson
W. Hitchcock & Co.
D. Sweeney

vide application

Submitting names of applicants for the Office of Government Auctioneer, at the Avoca.

Sir/

I have the honor to submit for the Lieutenant Governor's information, the names of persons, as per margin, who have applied to me for the appointment of Government Auctioneer for the Sale of Crown Lands in the Avoca District, and to recommend the selection of Mr. James Townsend for the Office, – that gentleman having been recommended to me as a fit and proper person to be entrusted with its duties.

Should His Excellency be pleased to accede to my recommendation, I would suggest the advisability of the Acting Colonial Treasurer being directed to call upon Mr. Townsend to find good and sufficient security for the due fulfilment of the duties of the Office, and afterwards furnishing him with the necessary instructions relative to the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at the Avoca, on the 24th Instant.

I would propose a similar rate of remuneration to Mr. Townsend to that paid to other persons acting as Government Auctioneers in the Country Districts. – viz one quarter per cent.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/439
Octr. 9th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale – Sandhurst, & Return

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer.

1. Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Sandhurst, on the 24th and 25th Instant.

2. Return of Lots included in Sale of 25th Instant upon which fencing has been erected, for the removal of which the usual time will be allowed.

3. Return of Lots upon which improvements have been effected the value of which will be added to the upset price.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/440
Octr. 9th
1854

Melbourne 28th & 29th November
Ballarat 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th

Forwarding for approval, Schedules for Land Sales. Melbe. & Ballarat

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at the places and on the dates specified in the margin.

(Sd.) A. C.

No. A 54/441
Octr 9th
1854

Forwarding a Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Land Sale Avoca

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer, a Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the Sale of Crown Lands to be held at Avoca on the 24th Instant.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/442
Octr 10th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Land Sale - Castlemaine

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer, the Description Book of Crown Lands, to be offered for Sale, at Castlemaine, on the 30th Inst.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/443
Octr 10th
1854

Requesting that, a notification, of promotions &c, recommended in Estimates for the Current Year, be conveyed to the Auditor General

Sir/

I have the honor to request that, a notification of the several promotions, and appointments recommended in my Estimates for the Current Year, and confirmed by your letter of the 19th Ultimo may be conveyed to the Honorable the Auditor General, in order that the completion of my adjustments, may not be delayed.

The promotions referred to are specified in the annexed - Schedule.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/444
Octr 11th
1854

Forwarding Schedules for Land Sale at Tarraville (Gipps Land)

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at Tarraville (Gipps Land) on the 19th and 20th December next.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/445
Octr 11th
1854

Forwarding a Schedule for Land Sale, Benalla (Broken River)

Sir/

I have the honor to forward, for His Excellency the Lieutnt Governor's approval, a Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction, at Benalla (Broken River) on the 29th Proximo.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/446
Octr 12th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sales at Creswick's Creek, and Kilmore; also Return of Lots

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer.

1. The Description Books, of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Creswick's Creek, and Kilmore, on the 27th and 31st Instant respectively.

2. Return of Lots, to be withdrawn from Sale at Creswick's Creek on 27th Instant.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/447
Octr 12th
1854

Forwarding a further Return, of Lots to be withdrawn from Land Sale at the Avoca.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer, a further Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the Sale of Crown Lands, at the Avoca, on the 24th Inst.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/448
Octr 12th
1854

Ballarat 1st Decr
Geelong 5th 6th 7th & 8th Decr

Forwarding for approval, Schedules for Land Sales at Ballarat and Geelong.

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's approval, Schedules of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at the places, and on the dates specified in the Margin.

(Sd) A. C.

No. A 54/449
Octr 13th
1854

Forwarding Description Book for Land Sale Geelong & Return

Sir/

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer

1. The Description Book, of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at Geelong, on the 31st Instant.

2. Return of Lots included in the above Sale, upon which fencing has been erected - for the removal of which, the usual time will be allowed.

(Sd) A. C.