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N^o. A 54/150
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Forwarding a further Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the Land Sale at the Avoca.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I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Acting Colonial Treasurer, a further Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the Sale of Crown Lands, at the Avoca on the 24th Instant.

(Sd.) A. C.

N^o. A 54/151
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Requiring authority for Mr. F. M. Hill's appointment pro tem.

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. F. M. Hill as a Draftsman in the Field in the Sandhurst District, the services of a person in that capacity being much needed.

Should His Excellency be pleased to approve of this appointment, I would recommend that Mr. Hill should be allowed to receive Salary at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum to take effect from the commencement of his duties.

(Sd.) A. C.

£200..0..0

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Requiring authority for Temporary appointments of Mr. Alex^r. N^o. Kay and Mr. James Reid, as Assistant Surveyors

Sir/
I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the employment of the gentlemen named in the Margin as Temporary Assistant Surveyors in my Department with Salaries respectively at the rates of Three Hundred Pounds per annum to take effect from the commencement of their duties.

These gentlemen have been on probation in the Williamstown District, and have during their trial, given satisfactory proofs of industry and ability.

(Sd.) A. C.

£300..0..0

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Requiring authority for the payment of Salary to Mr. Sumaroy.

Sir/
It having been represented to me by Mr. Albert Sumaroy late an Officer of the Cutter "Lalia" that he joined that vessel on the 8th March last, instead of on the 23rd of that Month, as

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he erroneously reported himself; and the correctness of this statement having been certified to by Commander Ross, I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency for the payment of his Salary from the first mentioned date.

(Sd.) A. C.

Recommending that Mr. Ryan's Salary commence from 1st May

Sir/
Mr. James Ryan whose appointment was authorized by His Excellency as Draftsman in the Survey Office to assist Mr. H. Pickett, having been employed for some weeks prior to the retirement of that gentleman as an assistant to Mr. Acting Surveyor Watson, I have the honor to recommend that the authorized rate of Salary be allowed to take effect from May 1st, the date of his commencing work.

(Sd.) A. C.

£450..0..0

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Relative to the erection of the Survey Office at Heathcote

Sir/
I have the honor to lay before you for the information of the Lieutenant Governor the following statement of circumstances connected with the erection of the Survey Office at Heathcote. You are aware that provision for that purpose to the amount of One thousand Pounds was made on my Estimates for the Current Year.

The urgent necessity for such a Building having been brought constantly under my notice, on the 28th February I instructed Mr. Philip Chadnoy the Assistant Surveyor in charge of the District to call tenders in order that an opinion might be formed as to the cost of erecting a suitable Office.

Several offers were in consequence received principally from Melbourne tradesmen in all of which the rates fixed were most exorbitant, owing doubtless to the very high rates of labour which prevailed, at that period, at Mr. Moor, and to the necessity that would arise for carting the greatest portion of the implements and materials required from Melbourne. Towards the middle of March a tender was received from Mess^{rs}. Crowle Brothers, Builders, at Heathcote, in which they offered to build the Survey Office in a suitable and workmanlike

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manner, according to Plans, and specifications provided by my Department for the sum of Nine hundred and twenty pounds, stating that being established in business in the Township, and consequently having all their materials on the ground, they would be able to do the work at a much more reasonable rate than any Melbourne Contractor, they declined giving security, but agreed that a drawback of twenty five per cent should be allowed in favor of the Government, and that they should only receive remittances on the Certificate of the Surveyor, or Clerk of Works, that by the terms of the Contract they were strictly entitled to the same.

This Contract appeared in every way so advantageous for the Government that on March 24th I took upon myself the responsibility, at once of recommending its acceptance and building operations were commenced accordingly at the commencement of May.

The building progressed steadily until August 14th when a letter was addressed to me by Mr. Chauncey stating that the laborers had that morning struck work assigning as their reason, that they had received no wages for some weeks past, at that period Seven hundred pounds had been advanced to Mess^{rs} Crowle being seventy-five per cent on the value of the work actually performed.

On August 17th I received a letter from Mr. James Crowle stating that he had discovered that the Contract was taken at much too low a rate, that he had already expended Three hundred pounds on the building, that it would require at least Five hundred pounds to complete it, and that unless the Government would advance that sum, he would be compelled to relinquish the Contract.

In reply to this I declined to advance any farther sum and shortly afterwards I was informed by Mr. Chauncey that Mess^{rs} Crowle were declared insolvent.

The building operations remained at a stand still until my recent visit to Heathcote in attendance upon His Excellency when I had an opportunity of inspecting the building and was fully satisfied, as to the durable and workmanlike character of its erection.

Having every confidence in the ability and integrity of

£700.0.0

£1300.0.0

£500.0.0

£1000.0.0
to
£1500.0.0

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A. G. H.

Assistant Surveyor (Chauncey I authorized that Officer (Should no reasonable tender be offered) to continue the work by day labour, under his personal superintendence, stating that I should hold him responsible for the proper execution of the trust confided to him; the operations were accordingly resumed, and the building is I am informed progressing rapidly towards completion.

Under these circumstances I have the honor to solicit that His Excellency will be pleased to increase the authorized amount from One thousand to One thousand five hundred pounds, which sum will I anticipate, cover all expenses connected with the undertaking and leave a Margin for all possible contingencies, and I would observe that even at that Cost, the building will be an exceedingly reasonable one. (S^d. A. G.)

Applying for sanction to Mr. J. M. Robertson's appointment
Sir/

Mr. James Mr. Gilchrist Robertson, Poundkeeper at Gisborne having been strongly recommended to me by Mr. Barnard Crown Lands Commissioner for the District of Western Port, as a fit and proper person to act as Government Auctioneer for the Sale of Crown Lands at the above place. I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to sanction his appointment in that capacity.

In the event of His Excellency acceding to my request I would suggest the advisability of the Colonial Treasurer being directed to call upon Mr. Robertson for good security for the due performance of the duties of the Office, and to furnish him with the necessary instructions previous to the Sale of Crown Lands to be held on the 30th Instant. (S^d. A. G.)

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

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

(S^d. A. G.)

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Forwarding for approval, Schedule for Land Sale at Hamilton
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 Hamilton on the 28th proximo.

(Sd.) A. S.

N^o. A 54/459
Oct. 16th
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Forwarding for approval, Schedules for Land Sales at Ballarat and 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, at Ballarat and Sandhurst, on the 4th and 5th December next.

(Sd.) A. S.

N^o. A 54/460
October 18th
1854

Forwarding a Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Land Sale.
Sir/

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

(Sd.) A. S.

N^o. A 54/461
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1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedules for Land Sale at Creswick's Creek.
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 Creswick's Creek, on the 12th and 13th December next.

(Sd.) A. S.

N^o. A 54/462
Oct. 19th
1854

Forwarding Returns of lands, harbors, rivers, &c. Surveyed in Gipps Land District
Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant, referring to your communications of the 29th Ultimo, requesting that certain Returns, called for by the Legislative Council, should be furnished.

2. I beg to inform you that the Returns relative to the quantity of land sold in and about Woorwambool asked for in your letter 13,012 were forwarded to your Office on the 6th Instant

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Chart of Cameron Inlet and Waterford

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with my letter A 54/430, of that date.

3. The Returns, called for in your letter 13,010 of all lands harbors, rivers, lakes, &c. Surveyed in the Gipps Land District as well as Copies of Captain Laps's reports, of the Surveys made by him, of the harbors of Welshpool, Fort Albert, &c. together with Charts, Sailing directions, &c. are now furnished.

(Sd.) A. S.

Forwarding Copy of Mr. Assistant Surveyor Campbell's Report, on new Route to Gipps Land, and Estimate
Sir/

In accordance with the Lieutenant Governor's directions conveyed in your letter of the 3rd Instant, I have the honor to forward, a Copy of Mr. Assistant Surveyor Campbell's report, on a new route to Gipps Land from Melbourne — recently discovered by that Officer.

2. In my report, dated the 15th July last (a Copy of which I now append) representing the importance of speedily determining on the most practicable line of Road, to the Gipps Land District, will be found an Estimate, of the probable expense of making such a road passable.

3. Having no data to guide me, I am unable to offer any opinion as to the probable expense of making the crossing places, on the old road passable for Stock, &c.

(Sd.) A. S.

N^o. A 54/464
Oct. 20th
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Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale at Gibbon's
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 Gibbon's, on the 30th and 31st Instant.

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

3. Return of Lots, on which fencing has been erected, for the removal of which the usual time, will be allowed.

4. Conditions of Sale of certain Lots, in which improvements have taken place.

(Sd.) A. S.

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October 20th
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Forwarding account for Stores for Cutter "Lalia"

Sir/
I have the honor to forward herewith, a Copy of an account for certain stores supplied to the Surveying Cutter "Lalia" prior to her departure for Gipps Land, and to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency for its liquidation.
(S^r) A. C.

N^o A 54/406
October 21st
1854

Forwarding for approval, Plan of Township of "Farby"

Sir/
I have the honor to forward for the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in Council, a Plan of the new Township of "Farby" situated on the Loderberg River, on the Road from Bacchus Marsh to Gisborne.
(S^r) A. C.

N^o A 54/407
October 23rd
1854

Forwarding Copy Letter from Police Magistrate Tallarut

Sir/
I have the honor to forward herewith the Copy of a letter received by me from the Police Magistrate Tallarut representing his inability to conduct the Sale of Crown Lands, at Creswick's Creek on the 27th Instant, and suggesting the advisability of the Police Magistrate, at that place being entrusted with this duty.
(S^r) A. C.

N^o A 54/408
October 23rd
1854

Forwarding Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale, at Melbourne.

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 Melbourne, on the 25th and 26th Instant.
(S^r) A. C.

N^o A 54/409
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1854

Forwarding Description Book for Melbourne 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 Melbourne, on the 27th Instant.
(S^r) A. C.

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N^o A 54/410
October 24th
1854

Forwarding Schedules for Land Sales at Kynston & Tarraville

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.
(S^r) A. C.

*Kynston, 12th & 13th Procs
Tarraville (see 11th & 12th Procs)*

N^o A 54/411
October 24th
1854

Forwarding Schedules for Land Sale at Creswick's Creek & Heathcote

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.
(S^r) A. C.

*Creswick's Creek, 11th & 12th Procs
Heathcote 19th & 20th Procs*

N^o A 54/412
October 30th
1854

Forwarding, for the Legislative Council, Returns relating to the Sale and lease of Crown Lands in Victoria

Sir/
In accordance with the Lieutenant Governor's directions conveyed in your letter of the 13th Instant 54/13.742, I have the honor to forward for the information of the Legislative Council, the Returns relative to the Sale and leases of Crown Lands therein specified.
(S^r) A. C.

N^o A 54/413
October 31st
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale. 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 29th and 30th Proximo.
(S^r) A. C.

N^o A 54/414
October 31st
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale. Sandhurst & Kean

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 Sandhurst on the 14th, 15th & 16th Procs.
2. Return of Lots to be withdrawn from Sale, on the 16th Procs.
(S^r) A. C.

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N^o. A 54/475
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Requesting that the Civil Comm^r Gen^l be instructed to furnish
Surveying Instruments, Stationery, &c.
Sir/

I have the honor to request that the Civil Commissary
General, may be instructed to forward to this Office the whole of the
Surveying instruments, Stationery, drawing materials, &c. specified
in the Invoices, recently received from the Colonial Agent General
- those Articles having been ordered for the use of my Department
in the Month of July 1853.

(S^r). A. G.

N^o. A 54/476
Nov^r. 3rd
1854

Requesting an authority for Temporary Ass^t. Lawyer for Dixon's app^t
Sir/

The services of an additional Officer being urgently required
in the Census District, I have the honor to request that I may
be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenants
Governor, for the appointment of M^r. Arthur Dixon as a
Temporary Assistant Lawyer in my Department, with salary
from the commencement of his duties, 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.

(S^r). A. G.

£300.0.0

£200.0.0

N^o. A 54/477
Nov^r. 3rd
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Recommending M^r. Charles Roberts as Chief-Mate of the "Lelia"
Sir/

M^r. Thomas Fogden, late Chief-Mate of the Cutter "Lelia"
having resigned his appointment, I have the honor to recommend
for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the promotion
of M^r. Charles Roberts, second-Mate of that vessel, to the vacancy
with Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty pounds
per Annum to take effect from the date of M^r. Fogden's retirement

(S^r). A. G.

£350.0.0

N^o. A 54/478
Nov^r. 3rd
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedules for Land Sales at Melbourne
and Sandhurst
Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieut^{nt}
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

(S^r). A. G.

Melbourne 11th Dec^r
Sandhurst 13th Dec^r

N^o. A 54/479
Nov^r. 6th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedules for Land Sales, Heathcote
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.

(S^r). A. G.

Heathcote 15th Dec^r
Geelong 19th Dec^r

N^o. A 54/480
Nov^r. 7th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedule for Land Sale 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 20th Proximo.

(S^r). A. G.

N^o. A 54/481
Nov^r. 9th
1854

Forwarding for approval, 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 28th, and 29th Proximo.

(S^r). A. G.

N^o. A 54/482
Nov^r. 11th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedules of Crown Lands for Land
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 27th, 28th, and 29th Proximo.

(S^r). A. G.

N^o. A 54/483
Nov^r. 14th
1854

Forwarding, for approval, Schedules for Land Sales at Castlemaine,
Melbourne, and Alberton
Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenants
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.

(S^r). A. G.

Castlemaine 28th Dec^r
Melbourne 23rd Dec^r
Alberton 23rd Dec^r

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Forwarding Description Books for Land Sales - Ballarat, Hamilton, and Benalla.

1854

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 the places, and on the dates specified in the Margin.

(Sd.) A. C.

Ballarat 27th 28th 29th 30th
Hamilton 28th 29th
Benalla 29th

27th 54/185
Nov^r 15th

Forwarding Schedules for Land Sale at Carisbrook

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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 Carisbrook, on the 28th and 29th Proximo.

(Sd.) A. C.

27th 54/186
Nov^r 10th

Forwarding Description Book for Land Sale Hamilton Return

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

1. Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Hamilton, on the 6th Proximo.
2. Return shewing awarded area of a Lot included in the above Sale.

(Sd.) A. C.

27th 54/187
Nov^r 15th

Recommending additional forage Allowance to Mr. Hodgkinson

1854

Sir / It having been represented to me by Mr. Hodgkinson the Surveyor in charge of the Melbourne District, that in consequence of the sudden and rapid journeys which he is frequently under the necessity of making on duties connected with the Department, he is compelled to keep three riding horses, while he is only allowed to draw forage for one, I have the honor to recommend, for the favorable consideration of His Excellency that a second allowance of forage may be granted to him during the Summer Months, such expense to be borne upon the Estimates for my Department.

(Sd.) A. C.

27th 54/188
Nov^r 17th
1854

Forwarding Mr. Darbyshire's letter, with Tracing shewing the deviation by the Company, from the authorized line of Railway (Melbourne to Williamsstown) Sir /

I have the honor to forward herewith, the Copy of a letter received by me from the Surveyor in charge at Williamsstown from which it will be seen that the Melbourne and Mount Alexander Railway Company in the construction of their line between Melbourne and Williamsstown are deviating considerably from the line, as approved by His Excellency the late Lieutenant Governor (as shewn on the accompanying tracing) besides having no communication between Thompson and Anne Streets, and the land on the South Western Side of the Railway.

I would therefore recommend that the Company be at once communicated with, and directed to adhere as closely as practicable to the original line, and to make provision for keeping open the communication referred to which is absolutely necessary.

(Sd.) A. C.

27th 54/189
Nov^r 18th
1854

Submitting an Estimate of the expense of Fencing the Survey Office Reserve, Portland. Sir /

The increased number of Surveyors in the Portland District, and the circumstance of their being prevented by the alienation of Crown Lands from allowing their horses and Bullocks to graze at large as formerly, rendering it requisite that a fenced paddock, as in other Districts similarly situated should be provided, I have the honor to submit an Estimate from Mr. Assistant Engineer Harrow of the expense of such work, and as the prices named appear reasonable would beg to recommend the same for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

(Sd.) A. C.

£ 79.0.0

27th 54/190
Nov^r 20th
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Requesting authority to pay the Royal Sappers and Miners at rates specified. Sir /

As the Scale of Regimental Pay allowed to the Detachment of Royal Sappers and Miners under my command and sanctioned by His Excellency in June last, does not

Drumant @ 5/5 per diem
Corporals @ 4/4 1/2 do
2 Privates @ 2/9 1/2 do
3 do @ 2/7 1/2 do

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include the amount allowed as "good conduct pay" I have the honor to request that I may be authorized to pay these Soldiers, at the rates specified in the Margin, in full of all regimental allowances.

(P) A. G.

Recommending Mr. Weston for promotion to Ass^t Surveyor Sir/
I have the honor to recommend for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the name of Mr. Maurice Weston for promotion to the rank of Assistant Surveyor which will entail an increase of Salary of Fifty Pounds per annum such promotion being duly provided for upon my Estimates for the Current Year.

Mr. Weston has held an appointment in my Department since the Month of January 1853, and in the capacities of Draftsman and Temporary Assistant Surveyor, has always proved himself an efficient and zealous officer.

Should His Excellency be pleased to approve of this promotion, I would recommend that the increased rate of Salary be allowed to take effect from the commencement of the present Month.

(P) A. G.

Forwarding for approval, Schedules for Land Sale Kullarat. 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 Kullarat on the 27th and 28th Proximo.

(P) A. G.

Reporting respecting Mr. Turner's charges brought against Mr. Surveyor Smythe Sir/
The Letter of Mr. Surveyor George S. Smythe, of the 10th Inst. addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, covering a Copy of a letter, dated 5th September, from Mr. Resident Commissioner Turner to the Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields, having been referred to me for my report, I have the honor to state that on the 11th September the Chief Commissioner forwarded for my information Mr. Turner's letter, above referred to, in which certain charges were brought by that Officer, against Mr. Smythe for

Correspondence enclosed

June 5th & June 22nd
Surveyor Smythe to Surveyor General
Re: Comm^r to Chief Comm^r
forwarding Comm^r to Chief Comm^r
on above subject
11th Sept
Surveyor Smythe's reply
19th & 28th Sept
Re: Comm^r to Chief Comm^r
furnishing further evidence
3rd Oct

privately disposing of a Hut and Fence, which were erected on Crown Lands by men forming Mr. Smythe's Survey Party, paid out of the Public Funds (as he was informed) Copies of which I forwarded to Mr. Smythe requesting him to furnish me with direct answers to the charges brought against him.

2. On the 19th September Mr. Smythe replied to my letter denying the truth of the charges brought against him, and in a subsequent letter, dated the 23rd September, expressed his readiness to have those charges investigated, at the same time referring me to a former letter, of his addressed to this Office, which he stated was in connection with the subject and in which he asked for permission to dispose of some buildings erected on Crown Lands which he stated he had put up, at his own expense.

3. Mr. Smythe's letter, denying the truth of the allegation made against him by Mr. Turner, was referred back to that gentleman on the 29th September for further remarks and explanation, upon which Mr. Turner furnished additional evidence given by Mr. Bernard, an Exc. Officer, and Thomas Hamilton, a Sergeant of Police, who distinctly state that the men employed in the Survey Party erected the Hut and fence occupied by Mr. Smythe, on the Camp at Beechworth.

4. Mr. Commissioner Morphy's absence from Beechworth precludes the possibility of Mr. Turner affording any further information respecting the alleged fictitious sale, made to that gentleman by Mr. Smythe, which the latter states is a misrepresentation, although he has neglected to point out how it was so.

5. This latter letter of Mr. Turner's with additional evidence did not reach me until the 6th ultimo, and after Mr. Smythe, as I had supposed, had started in accordance with long previously given instructions, on an exploration of the Snowy River from its sources to the Sea.

6. The difficulties therefore of communicating with Mr. Smythe, as well as the heavy loss, and serious delay which would ensue from recalling him, and his party together with my intention of personally investigating this case have caused a delay which I have much to regret

particularly, as to my mind, the evidence clearly shews that Mr. Turner's charges, are well founded, and more especially as Mr. Smythe, it appears to me, has taken advantage, of what he, no doubt, considered had ended satisfactorily to himself, to bring under His Excellency's notice Mr. Turner's conduct; who I submit, whether Mr. Smythe is blameless, in this matter or not, was in the ordinary discharge, of his duty, when such reports militating against the character, of a Public Servant, were, in existence, equally justified in bringing them under the notice of Government.

7. I would also seek to draw attention to the course, which Mr. Smythe has pursued in addressing himself directly to His Excellency instead of through the usual and proper channel, the Head of his Department.

8. Mr. Smythe's services, as a Surveyor have not been, during the time I have held office, very valuable in character, nor from the reports I received of him from my predecessor, have I ever been able to place that confidence in him, which as a Senior District Surveyor, drawing a large Salary, he would have been entitled to have received at my hands.

If under these circumstances, as a whole, His Excellency does not deem them sufficient grounds for dispensing with the further services, of Mr. Smythe, I would beg to recommend that his conduct be made on the spot, a matter of particular enquiry.

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(P^a) A. C.
Forwarding Description Books of Crown Lands for Sale at Ballarat, on the 1st Proximo
Sir/ L. L. L. (P^a) A. C.

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Recommending the Temporary appointment, of Mr. Horace Samson, as Draftsman.
Sir/

Mr. Horace Samson
£250.0.0

I have the honor to recommend for the favorable consideration, of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Temporary Appointment, of the Gentleman named, in the Margin, as a Draftsman in my Department with Salary

at the rate of Two Hundred, and fifty Pounds per annum to take effect from October 30th 1854

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Requesting authority for payment of £2.10.0 cost of Coals for Sir/ Lelia

£2.10.0

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority, of His Excellency for the payment of the sum of Two Pounds ten shillings for Coals, supplied to the Cutter "Lelia" that expense having been incurred by Commander Ross prior to the Vessel being transferred to the Harbor Department.
(P^a) A. C.

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Forwarding Description Books, of Crown Lands for Sale at Geelong, on the 28th, 29th & 30th Instant, and Ballarat on the 4th Decembris
(P^a) A. C.

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Nov. 24th
1854

Forwarding Description Books of Crown Lands for Sale at Melbourne, on the 28th and 29th Instant; and Return of Lots included in Sale of 28th, on which buildings have been erected, for the removal of which the usual time will be allowed; also a Return shewing an alteration, in the number of a Section included in Sale of the 28th.
(P^a) A. C.

N^o. A 54/499
Nov. 24th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale at Sandhurst and Alberton, on the 5th, and 28th and 29th prox^o respectively. Also Returns shewing alterations in the Areas of Lots included in the above Sales.
(P^a) A. C.

N^o. A 54/500
Nov. 25th
1854

Requesting authority for payment of an account for the repairs to Instruments (Survey Department)
Sir/

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Comm. R^g. Lelia

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the liquidation of the annexed account, the expense having been incurred in the repairs of instruments belonging to my Department.
(P^a) A. C.

N^o. A 54/501
Nov. 25th
1854

Forwarding Return of Lots, sold withdrawn from the Land Sale at Ballarat, on the 4th Proximo.
Sir/ L. L. L.
(P^a) A. C.

N^o 54/502
27 Nov.
1854

Suggesting that the Colonial Treasurer be written to, on the subject of the conduct of Land Sales.

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st 8th 1854 pointing out that the Commission has written from parcels of Crown lands being made on account of partnerships, and the Sale Books signed, without the Christian and Surnames of the several Members being given, and requesting that certain Instructions be given to the several Auctioneers on the subject.

In reply I would beg to state that as all Instructions relative to conducting Crown Land Sales emanate from the Department of the Colonial Treasurer it would be advisable to communicate with that office on the subject. (Ed) A.C.

Recommending the insertion of Proclamation of Lands for Sale at Alberton, in the Van Diemen's Land Government Gazette.

Sir
I have the honor to recommend that the accompanying Proclamation of Sales of Crown Lands to be held at Alberton (Cypess land) in the ensuing month, may be forwarded to the Van Diemen's Land Government with a request that they be inserted in the Government Gazette. (Ed) A.C.

N^o 54/504
27 Nov.
1854

Forwarding a Return of Lots for Sale at Melbourne, on which improvements have been effected.

Sir
I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer a Return of the lots included in your

Land sale to be held at Melbourne on the 29th inst^h, on which Improvements have been effected, the value of which is to be added to the report price of the Land.

(Ed) A.C.

N^o 54/505
Nov. 27th
1854

Requiring additional authority to cover excess in cost of Fencing Survey Allotment at Williams town

Sir
The expenses incurred in fencing the Survey Allotment at Williams town having exceeded the amount authorized for the purpose by the sum of Eight Pounds fifteen shillings and four pence, I have the honor to submit for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a Copy of the account of such expenditure and to request that I may be furnished with additional authority for the amount required.

(Ed) A.C.

N^o 54/506
Nov. 27th
1854

Requiring authority for payment of Cost of a Chronometer also a Pentagraph for Survey Department.

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 sum of Thirty Pounds for a Chronometer supplied by my authority for the use of the Cutter "Lolia" in the Month of April last; and also for the payment of the sum of Six Pounds six shillings for a Pentagraph supplied for the use of my Department.

In explanation of the delay which has occurred in applying for authority for these purchases, I may state that until recently I was under the impression that your Circular of the 2nd March constituted my own signature, a sufficient authority for expenses of this nature.

(Ed) A.C.

N^o 54/507
Nov. 28th
1854

Forwarding for His Excellency's approval Schedules of Crown Lands for Sale by Public Auction at Castlemaine on the 15th January 1855.

(Ed) A.C.

N^o. A 54/508
Nov^r. 29th.
1854

Underwritten with the sanction
of the Leg^y's Counsel

Forwarding an account of Mr. Barrow's expenses in the
Survey of Portland Bay.
Sir/

The Survey of Portland Bay being now completed I have
the honor to submit an account of the expenses incurred by -
Mr. Assistant Engineer Barrow in the prosecution of that work
and would beg to recommend the same for the approval of
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/509
Nov^r. 29th.
1854

Returning Copy of Instructions in the matter of Mr. Payne
Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 25th Instant, intimating to me that the Lieutenant
Governor had been pleased to relieve me from the duties of -
Chairman of the Board, appointed to investigate the charges
brought against Mr. Payne a Magistrate, and requesting
that I would hand to the Sheriff who had been appointed
in my place all the papers connected with the Enquiry.

I now return the Copy of instructions furnished to me -
and beg to state that the Copy of the evidence therein referred
to, was not forwarded therewith as represented.

(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/510
Nov^r. 30th.
1854

Forwarding for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer, the -
Description Books of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at
Geelong, on 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Proximo, together with Returns
of Lots to be withdrawn from Sale on 8th of same.

(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/511
Nov^r. 30th.
1854

Recommending the appointment of Mr. W. Mackintosh as
a Temporary Assistant Surveyor.
Sir/

I have the honor to recommend for the favorable considera-
tion of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the appointment
of Mr. William Mackintosh, as a Temporary Assistant
Surveyor in my Department, with Salary at the rate of
Fifteen shillings per diem, rations, and forage for one horse.

Mr. Mackintosh has served for twelve Months in a
subordinate capacity in my Department, and has always
shewn himself a steady and trustworthy person; and as
the services of an additional Surveyor, are much needed

15/-

N^o. A 54/512
Nov^r. 30th.
1854

at Castlemaine, I am of opinion that the arrangement
here proposed, will be found a good and economical one.
(Sd.) A. G.

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sale at Kingston
on the 15th and 14th Proximo, together with Return of
Lots included in Sale of 14th Instant, on which improvements
have been effected, the value of which will be added to the
report price.

(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/513
Dec^r. 1st.
1854

Forwarding for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer the
Description Book of Crown Lands to be offered for Sale at
Sandhurst, on the 13th Instant

(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/514
Dec^r. 1st.
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedules of Crown Lands for
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1855.

(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/515
Dec^r. 4th.
1854

Forwarding Description Book of Crown Lands for Sale at Kingston
on the 12th Instant; also Return of Lots to be withdrawn
from Sale on that day.

(Sd.) W. F. F.

N^o. A 54/516
Dec^r. 4th.
1854

Requiring authority for payment of expenses connected
with Survey Office at Sandhurst.
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 annexed accounts for work performed
and articles supplied for the purpose of forming a Survey
Office at Sandhurst, such accommodation having been
for some time past, most urgently required.

(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/517
Dec^r. 5th.
1854

Forwarding for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer a
Return of Lots to be withdrawn from the Land Sale at
Alberton on the 28th Instant.

(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/518
Dec^r. 5th.
1854

Forwarding for transmission to the Colonial Treasurer, the
Description Book of Crown Lands for Sale at Alberton on
the 30th Instant.

N^o. A 54/519
Dec^r. 7th
1854

Submitting an application from Secretary of Emerald Hill Local Committee for a Site for a Mechanics Institute.

Sir/
In submitting for the Lieutenant Governor's consideration an application received by me from the Honorary Secretary of the Emerald Hill Local Committee for a Grant of one acre of land adjoining the Church of England Reserve on Block 40, as a Site for a Mechanics Institution, I have the honor to state for His Excellency's information, that there is no objection that I am aware of, to the ground being appropriated.
(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/520
Dec^r. 8th
1854

Forwarding Description Books for Land Sales at Melbourne and Creswick's Creek, with two Returns of Lots to be withdrawn from Creswick's Creek Sale on the 18th; and Lots included therein, their improvements having been valued and added to the upset price.

(Sd.) A. G.

Melbourne 11th Dec^r.
Creswick's Creek 15th Dec^r.
with two Returns

N^o. A 54/521
Dec^r. 9th
1854

Recommending the payment of Mr. Barrow's personal expenses incurred in the Portland Bay Survey

Sir/
With reference to my letter of the 29th ultimo N^o. 54/508 requesting authority for the liquidation of certain expenses incurred in the Survey of Portland Bay, I have the honor to state for the information of His Excellency, that I have since been informed by Mr. Barrow that the sum charged under the head of Personal expenses, was the amount paid by him to the Union Bank of Australia, as interest on money borrowed to enable him to prosecute the Survey in question. This proceeding was taken without my sanction; had the circumstances of the case been reported to me some measure would have been devised by which this expense would have been avoided. Mr. Barrow however appears to have been under the impression that he had no claim on the Government until his work was completed, and that he was consequently compelled to procure funds for the purpose at his own risk.

While I fully admit the irregularity of this proceeding,

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N^o. A 54/522
Dec^r. 9th
1854

Forwarding Schedules of Lands for Sale at Castlemaine on 23rd, 24th and 25th January 1854

(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/523
Dec^r. 11th
1854

Respecting Mr. Wilmott's expenses in re. Brooke

Sir/
It having been represented to me by Mr. Assistant Surveyor Wilmott that he has been compelled to incur considerable expense in the recent prosecutions of Mr. Brooke undertaken by order of His Excellency, I have the honor to request that I may be informed, if in such cases these charges are usually defrayed by the Government.

(Sd.) A. G.

N^o. A 54/524
Dec^r. 11th
1854

Submitting accounts for Supplies to the Cutter "Lelia"

Sir/
I have the honor to submit herewith accounts for certain articles supplied to the Cutter "Lelia"
In explanation of the reason these Stores were not procured from the Civil Commissariat, I would observe that the necessity for them was such as to admit of no delay; had they been procured through the medium of that Department, the vessel would not now have been ready for sea.

Commander Foss accordingly obtained them directly from the tradesmen, under my authority, and that of the Harbor Master.

I would also request that His Excellency would be pleased to authorize the purchase of an awning for the use of the vessel, the materials for which, with a few other articles, are enumerated in requisition N^o. 2

(Sd.) A. G.

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N^o A 54/525
Dec^r 11th
1854

Submitting a Requisition for Furniture required for Survey Office Castlemaniae.
Sir/

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a requisition for certain articles of furniture, urgently required for the use of the Survey Office Castlemaniae.
(Sd.) A. C.

N^o A 54/526
Dec^r 12th
1854

Forwarding for approval, Schedule of Crown Lands recommended to be offered for Sale by Public Auction at Castlemaniae on the 26th Proximo.
(Sd.) A. C.

N^o A 54/527
Dec^r 13th
1854

Recommending the appointment of Mr. Answorth as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor.
Sir/

I have the honor to recommend for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, 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, to take effect from the commencement of his duties.
(Sd.) A. C.

all the Crown Lands in Answorth's
£300.0.0

N^o A 54/528
Dec^r 14th
1854

Forwarding correspondence relating to Candler's purchase of land.
Sir/

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's information, Copies of a correspondence which has taken place on the subject of the payment of the balance of the purchase money of a portion of Crown Land, included in the Sale held at Avoca on the 24th October last.

As it would appear that D^r Candler's representations respecting the Tender of the balance of the purchase money are quite correct; and that he has not failed to comply with the Regulations, I would recommend that under all the circumstances, he should be allowed to complete his purchase.
(Sd.) A. C.

N^o A 54/529
Dec^r 14th
1854

Forwarding correspondence relative to work performed by Mr. Sted's Surveyor-Grimes, and requesting that his services be dispensed with.
Sir/

In submitting for the Lieutenant Governor's information Copies

Enclosed

of a correspondence which has taken place on the subject of the amount of work performed by Mr. Assistant Surveyor Grimes since his appointment to this Department, I have the honor to state that on more than one occasion, I have had reason to be dissatisfied with that gentleman's conduct, both with reference to the amount of his work, and regard for the public interests.

I would therefore request that I may receive His Excellency's authority to dispense with Mr. Grimes's services at the expiration of the year.
(Sd.) A. C.

N^o A 54/530
Dec^r 16th
1854

Recommending Mr. Bellairs for leave of absence.
Sir/

Mr. Eugene Bellairs Assistant Surveyor in my Department having requested to be allowed a fortnight's leave of absence from his duties, I have the honor to recommend his application to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
(Sd.) A. C.

N^o A 54/531
Dec^r 18th
1854

Forwarding a Copy of Comm^r Ross's letter reporting as to the depth of water over the Ogelong Bar.
Sir/

I have the honor to transmit for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's information, a letter received by me from Commander Ross, R. N. Her Majesty's Cutter "Lelia" reporting the probable depth of water over the Ogelong Bar to be from twelve to fourteen feet.
(Sd.) A. C.

N^o A 54/532
Dec^r 18th
1854

Relative to the ^{complaint of} conduct of Comm^r Ross' (Lelia)
Sir/

With reference to the Lieutenant Governor's Minute on a letter addressed to His Excellency by the Correspondent of the "Argus" Ogelong, complaining of the conduct of Commander Ross, R. N. relative to the grounding of the "Lelia" on the Bar at the above place, I have the honor to state for His Excellency's information, that I have transmitted the correspondence for Commander Ross' explanation; but that in consequence of his having sailed for Portland, some time must necessarily elapse before I can receive his replies.
(Sd.) A. C.

N^o. A 54/541
Dec^r. 28th
1854

Recommending Mr. Assistant Surveyor Pyperley for leave of absence
Sir/

Mr. Assistant Surveyor Pyperley having applied to me for one Month's leave of absence from his duties, I have the honor to recommend his request to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Pyperley has been in the Service of this Department for two years, and three months, and during that time has been only one week, absent from his duties.

(S^r) A. G.

N^o. A 54/542
Dec^r. 29th
1854

Recommending the Temporary Appointment of Mr. C. Ellis and Mr. Robert Watson - as Assistant Surveyors
Sir/

I have the honor to recommend for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the appointment of the gentlemen named in the Margin as Temporary Assistant Surveyors in the Williams Town District the first with Salary at the rate of Twenty shillings per working day, and the second 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 their duties.

I would also state that Mess^{rs}. Hogg and Mr. Kay late Temporary Assistant Surveyors in the Williams Town District having relinquished their appointments, the number of Officers formerly employed will not be exceeded.

(S^r) A. G.

N^o. A 54/543
Dec^r. 29th
1854

Representing that the Lithographic Press, sent out by the Colonial Agent General is useless to the Survey Department.
Sir/

It having been reported to me by the Craftsman in charge of the Lithographic Branch of my Office that the Press, recently received from England, "is not made after the present improved method; but of the oldest, and least useful make" I have the honor to call your attention to the little trouble taken by the Colonial Agent General to secure the best articles for the use of this Colony.

As the Press is totally useless to my Department, I would advise that it should if possible be disposed of by Sale; and

Mr. Charles Ellis
Mr. Robert Watson

(20)

£300.0.0

£200.0.0

N^o. A 54/544
Dec^r. 29th
1854

that should any loss occur in the transaction, it should be charged against the Colonial Agent General.
(S^r) A. G.

Transmitting Copy of a Report from Mr. Darbyshire on the proceedings of the Melbourne & Mt. Alexander Railway Co.
Sir/

I have the honor to transmit a Copy of a Report furnished by Mr. Assistant Surveyor Darbyshire on the manner in which the Melbourne and Mount Alexander Railway Company propose keeping open the ordinary communications, crossed by their line, and which had directed that gentleman to examine.

Since the receipt of this report, I have been myself over the line, and in approving of Mr. Darbyshire's suggestions beg to urge that steps be at once taken to enforce their being carried out.

I would direct particular attention to the latter Paragraph of the report.

(S^r) A. G.

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