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room, sitting room, and kitchen for Master and Mistress.

The Patrons also find that the Commissioners state (in writing) in the Book of Rules,

That they will not give more than double the sum usefully expended after it has been expended on the school. The question is,

Will the Commissioners award to the school here contemplated the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds, upon the Patrons here producing by lodging in one of the Banks here, in the name of the Treasurer appointed for the school, the sum of Eighty five pounds, or any larger sum not exceeding £200 if one hundred pounds sterling is raised here by subscription.

An early answer is respectfully requested  
P.S. A proper form of application will be sent in upon receipt of an answer,

Signed John P. Sawkins,  
a Patron and Secretary,

To

The Commissioners of  
National Education,  
Sydney.

E.H. M.C.W.

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No. 119/300

National Education office,  
Sydney 13<sup>th</sup> November 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, respecting the mode of acting preparatory to founding a National school at Pascoe Vale, and requesting to be informed if the Commissioners will award to the contemplated school three double the amount of Eighty five pounds, or of any larger sum not exceeding two hundred pounds upon the Patrons there producing and lodging in one of the Banks at Melbourne such a sum in the name of the Treasurer appointed for the school,

£85  
£200

2. In reply, I am instructed to state, that the Board see no objection to this arrangement, or to pledging the funds at their disposal for National Education, to such an extent provided that the funds locally raised are paid into one of the Banks in the name of the Treasurer and two other local patrons of the proposed school,

3. In the mean time I am to state that

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The Board will not pledge themselves to any amount towards the support of the school, until the blank printed schedule herewith sent is filled in under the respective headings, signed by the local Patrons, and transmitted to this office, this being the only proper form of application for aid in the Establishment of schools under the Superintendence of the Board.

4. I beg to enclose copies for the information and guidance of the local patrons,

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rules of the Board,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Printed schedule to be filled in as above stated.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Circular (No. 1) as to the school fees,
- 4<sup>th</sup> Circular (No. 2) respecting supplies of school books.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Circular (No. 3) as to the appropriation of local subscriptions.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obt. servant,  
(Signed) W. C. Wells,

John P. Thurston Jr. }  
for Local Patrons. }  
National School Committee }  
Pascoevale, Monroe Ponds }

5 Enclosures

E. J. M. C. W.

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Copy of printed Schedule, January 21<sup>st</sup> 1850.

To the Commissioners of the Board of  
National Education,

The undersigned being desirous of establishing a  
Boys' and Girls' school under the direction of the  
Board of National Education, and being willing  
to act as Patrons thereof, have to request that  
the Board of Commissioners will, in pursuance  
of the regulations of 10<sup>th</sup> May 1848 be pleased  
to grant a sum of £200 towards the erection of  
a school house, agreeably to the annexed plans,  
and also a further annual sum of £50 in  
support of the school for a master and mistress  
or Patron, and the undersigned hereby engage  
to conform to such regulations as have been  
already published by the National Board, and  
to such as may be hereafter promulgated by  
their authority.

Signed, William Fitchner

John Pascoe Fawcett

Thomas Napier

Coiler Robertson

Michael Loeman

Robert McManis

Here follows a sketch of the ground plan, and a  
sketch of the elevation of the proposed building.

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Number of children in the district in which  
the school is proposed to be erected,

Boys 60

Girls 70

Total 130.

of which 27 are Church of England

" 33 " Presbyterians

" 10 " Wesleyans

" 43 " Roman Catholics

" 17 " of other denominations,

130

#### School site.

Pascowale and Moonce Ponds schools  
two acres situated at the junction of the five  
mile creek with the Moonce Ponds.

Proposed Cost of the building,

Boys' & Girls' school. £300.

Sum proposed to be raised by the local Patrons  
for the building. — £100.

#### Miscellaneous Observations.

There are some young children not yet fit to  
send to school say 18 to 20, and some parents  
refuse to give their children's names because  
they do not approve of these National schools  
(as they say) — A village will be made close to  
the site of the school very soon, the place being suitable,

E. M. C. M.

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Union Bank of Australia,  
Melbourne 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1850

I hereby certify that the Trustees of the  
Moorie Ponds National school have paid to  
their account at this Bank the sum of  
One hundred pounds (£100)

(Signed) William Fletcher  
Manager.

Patrons in whose names the money is lodged  
Wm Finbrass J.P.

Thomas Rapier

John P. Fowler, Secretary & Patrons

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No. 50/67.

National Education office,  
Sydney 6<sup>th</sup> February 1850

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the  
Board of National Education to acknowledge  
the receipt of the printed Schedule, signed by the  
Local patrons of the proposed National School  
at Pascoe Vale, applying for a grant of £200 towards  
the erection of a school house agreeably to a plan  
annexed, and a further annual sum of £80

in support of the Teachers.

2. In reply I am desired to state that the Board will be happy to grant the sum of £200 towards the erection of the school houses, but that in the first instance they can only commence with a salary of £40 per annum, towards the support of the teachers, subject however to a small annual gratuity in terms of rule 5 Chapter 3 of the printed regulations.

3. With respect to the land, it will be well for you to forward a more specific description of it than that contained in the schedule, in order that application may be made to the Government to sanction its appropriation.

4. The Board's printed Circular No. 3 requires that the local subscriptions shall be paid into the Union Bank to the credit of the Board. I am therefore desired to request that you will transfer the amount paid into the Union Bank at Melbourne to the Union Bank in Sydney to the credit of the "Board of National Education Building Fund". No charge will be made for the transfer of moneys on account of the Board from or to any of the Branch Banks (of the Union) in the Colony.

£300 Three hundred pounds will then be placed to the

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the account of the Pascoval school buildings,  
 and moneys will be transmitted for the payment  
 thereof in any amounts which the local patrons  
 may wish, on the Board receiving a Certificate  
 signed by a Majority of the local patrons that  
 such amounts are due and actually expended,  
 you will therefore call for Tenders for the  
 erection of the building, and forward the same  
 to the Board for formal approval.

5. The Board will be glad to be informed if there  
 be any married couple in your neighbourhood  
 whom you could recommend as Teachers.

I have the honor to be  
 Sir,

Your Most obedt Servant  
 (Signed) W. C. Wells  
 Secretary

John P. Sawtins }  
 Secretary }  
 National school, Pascovali }

Ed W.C. W.

Pascovali, Mooney Ponds  
 March 7<sup>th</sup> 1857,

Gentlemen,

A meeting of six of the several Patrons  
 of the contemplated school at Pascovali on the  
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National plan, was hit to consider your Secretary's letter of date February 6<sup>th</sup> 1850. The result of their meeting I beg leave to convey to you in these pages.

The Patrons feel much pleasure in the assurance that you will award the sum of £200 towards the erection of the school and house. In section 2 of your letter it is stated "but that, in the first instance they can only commence with a salary of £40 per annum towards the support of the teachers.

subject however &c &c &c." in terms of rule 5. Chapter 3 of the published regulations." On searching Rule 5. chapter 3. I find the following words,

"The Commissioners will grant a salary to each teacher of from the minimum sum of £40 a year to such augmented sum &c &c." And in Rule 2. Chapter 3. are these words used, these qualities sought, "A teacher should be a person of Christian sentiment, of calm temper and discretion, should be endued with a spirit of peace, of obedience to the laws, and loyalty to the sovereign; and should not only possess the art of communicating knowledge, but be capable of moulding the mind of youth, and of giving the power which education confers, a useful direction. These are the qualities for which Patrons of schools on their recommendations

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of teachers, should anxiously look, they are those which the Commissioners are anxious to find, To encourage and Reward,"

Will Potts found a year without food or clothing. Encourage or reward two teachers capable as above required, At present a Common laboring Man and wife can get at Port Phillip from £35 to £40 a year with a house to live in and as much food as they can consume, and even a clerk in the Police Courts of the colony, does get from £120 to £150 for their single services for one year, and only labor from 10 o'clock A. M. to perhaps 2 to 3 o'clock P. M. and are only required to write well,

I am directed to inform you that three gentlemen, all of them married, and apparently well qualified, two of the wives having taught schools in Britain, and one of these gentlemen had been engaged some years in England, first at a Normal and afterwards at a National school, and to the Patrons appeared eminently well suited, and they had agreed to recommend him stating that the printed book, Rule 5, Chapter 3, promised <sup>over</sup> £40, to each teacher, but upon receipt of your letter stating that only £20 would be given to the teachers, this gentleman withdrew his offer, I am required to call attention to the fact that a good female teacher will be of as much importance

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as even a good master, there being as many girls  
if not more, than there are boys in this  
district.

The other two gentlemen have not withdrawn their  
applications, but the Patrons trust you will take  
this matter and the state of affairs into  
your most favorable consideration, and  
reconsider this case.

A school to be of true service should be conducted  
by competent persons who ought to be paid a  
due value for their services.

Section 3 requires information respecting the  
site of the proposed school.

The local Government here and the Survey  
Office have been made acquainted with the  
spot selected, and they have no objection to its  
being devoted to the purpose here sought, and they  
will furnish any description required. It is  
situated on the west bank of the Moore Ponds,  
at the junction of the 5 mile creek with these  
ponds, and is on lands yet unsold.

Section 4 of your letter refers to the money matters,  
and states that "the Board's printed Circular No. 3,  
requires that the local subscriptions shall be  
paid into the Union Bank to the credit of the  
Board" and you request the money to be so  
transferred. In reply to this I am desired  
to inform you that in compliance with  
your directions of date Nov. 13, 1849, the Patrons

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£100. did lodge in the Union Bank at Melbourne the sum of One hundred pounds in the names of the Treasurer, Mr. Thomas Napier, <sup>and</sup> Major Keble, and J. P. Faulkner Patrons. The Certificate of this fact I transmitted to your Board in my last letter. The Patrons would have no objection to the transmission of this money to Sydney, and to redraw it in two or 3 weeks, only for the injury it would inflict upon the Contractors for the building. The builders require some advances at certain stages of the work, before they can obtain these advances, the work must be performed, then a meeting of the Patrons must be called, and a Correspondence opened with Sydney, and money returned here before the work done can be paid for, the contractors losing their time, because by your circular the work must be done, the Money due and actually expended and the Majority of the Patrons must certify to this.

The desire of the Patrons is simply to have some money in hand to pay the early instalments. But if the Board think otherwise, they will upon notice pay over the £100 to the credit of the Commissioners.

The Patrons think that this rule relates more immediately to the Sydney District, but will bow to your decision.

5<sup>th</sup> The Patrons will recommend a married couple

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as soon as the salary is determined on,  
Tenders for the building have been duly  
advertised for, and the following is the list  
of the parties and sums,

Estimates for the bricks and stone, & building  
of stone and brick-work of the National  
school at the Mooree Ponds, Pascoevale.

No. 1, Ramsden & Brown — £240

2 William Archer — 235

3 Bennett & Brown — 192, this we

agree to accept subject to your approval, —

Carpenter's work, Painter & Glaziers work and  
material,

No. 1 Bentler's & Co. — £163-5-0

2 H. Gardner — 160-0-0

3 Alex. Chisholm — 155-10-0

4 Watts & Barber — 120-0-0

5 Sharp & Co. — 112-0-0 this

we also agree to accept subject to your  
approval as per letter.

I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,  
for & by order of the Patron

(Signed) John P. Faulkner

Patron & Secretary,

The Commissioners of  
Nat<sup>l</sup> Education, Sydney

*Ed. H. M.*

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No. 50/151.

National Education Office,  
Sydney, 27<sup>th</sup> March 1850.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive and to lay before the Commissioners of National Education your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant on the part of the local patrons respecting the contemplated National school at Pascoevale Moore Pond.

In reply I am instructed to state,

1<sup>st</sup> With respect to the salary of the teachers, that it must be borne in mind that £40 is the minimum salary given by the Board towards the annual support of teachers, and that in no one instance have they deviated from this rule.

That a gratuity is not only contemplated by the Board, but that it will be given, on the recommendation, at the close of each year, by the Local Patrons, the amount of the gratuity will depend upon the nature of the instruction afforded, in connection with the report of the local patrons.

That it must not be forgotten that the funds at the disposal of the Board are limited, and if more be given at present to the support of teachers of any individual school, it would be at

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at the risk of incapacitating the Board from affording the minimum of assistance to others having equal claims, then Rule 5, Chapter 3, sets forth the requirement of a further income than that contributed by the Board, either by local subscription or school fees, and in this instance it is expected that the fees from children attending the school, and probably local annual contributions will form a sufficient inducement for a married couple duly qualified to undertake the duties of the school.

3. There can be no difficulty about the money matters, in as much as, if the local patrons prefer it, they can expend the amount locally subscribed on the building, instead of paying the amount to the credit of the Board, in terms of the printed Circular No. 3.

4. I am directed to enclose herewith a note from Mr. George Knox, and an introduction of that gentleman from Lord Melgund to Gilbert Elliott Esq. the Sheriff, and at the same time to state that should the Local Patrons have no one else whom they would wish to be appointed, the Board will be happy to confirm any recommendation in his favor.

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5. The Board see no objection to the acceptance of the contracts by the local Board, as proposed, with the understanding that the Board's liabilities are not increased thereby beyond the sum of £200,

I have the honor to be,

Sr.

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. Wells,

Secretary,

J. P. Sawker Esq.

Secretary,

Nat School, Pascoevale.

Ed H. C. Jr.

Pascoevale, May 21<sup>st</sup> 1850

Gentlemen,

Yours of March 27<sup>th</sup> was duly received, and we find that forty pounds is the minimum salary given by the Board towards the annual support of Teachers, from this the Patrons look forward to some addition to the minimum if we succeed in finding a male and a female teacher. We trust therefore that a gratuity will be awarded if deserved.

The local Patrons are not prepared to recommend any Teachers at present, but trust shortly to find

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find a suitable Master and Matron,  
 The Board having agreed to the Local Patrons  
 contracting for the work of the school, they  
 leave to state that the foundation of stone  
 has been laid, and the whole of the Brickwork  
 and a considerable part of the woodwork done  
 £100 and that upwards of one hundred pounds has  
 been laid out and expended. In fact nearly  
 £200 two hundred pounds have been disbursed,  
 The Local Patrons therefore have to request that  
 £100 the sum of One hundred pounds be remitted to  
 the Treasurer of the National school at  
 Pascoevale, Moore's Pond, and they also have  
 the honor to add that two acres of land  
 have been promised for this school by the  
 local authorities.

We are Gentlemen,

Yours most obediently  
 (Signed) Wm. Finlayson J.P.  
 " Robt. McShannara  
 " — Kennedy  
 " Michael Loewen  
 " Charles Robertson  
 " Thomas Raper  
 " John P. Faulkner Secy.

The Commissioners  
 of National Education  
 Sydney

*Ed. McSh.*

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No. 50/308

National Education office,  
Sydney 12<sup>th</sup> June 1850,

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo, signed also by the other local patrons of the proposed National school at Pascoeale, requesting a remittance of One hundred pounds on account of the school building;

2. In reply I am directed to acquaint you that moneys on account of the Pascoeale school building will be remitted by the Board on the receipt, by them, of a letter from the Colonial Secretary's office sanctioning the appropriation of the land as a school site,

3. I beg further to acquaint you that having called at the Surveyor General's office yesterday, a promise was made that the matter should receive immediate attention

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obt. servant,

J. P. Lawless J.  
Secretary

(Signed) W. C. Mills  
Secretary

Nat. school, Pascoeale,

Ed. M.C. W.

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Pascovale, Moore Par. 27.

June 25<sup>th</sup> - 1850.

Gentlemen,

The Patrons of the National school  
Pascovale beg leave to acknowledge the  
receipt of your letter of date 12<sup>th</sup> June 1850  
received the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

The Patrons of this school took steps in the  
first instance with the authorities at Port  
Phillip to have the site for the school approved  
of and marked out.

This was done and a chart of the ground was  
shown to the Secretary and he was informed  
that it would be forwarded by the then next  
post to the Surveyor General, Sydney.

This was some 3 or 4 months past.

The Patrons calculated that six weeks would, at  
the utmost, occur, between the application for  
the money actually expended and its receipt here,  
and now they find that their third and last  
payment is very likely to be due before they  
get the first payment from the Sydney Board.

This places the Patrons in a very unpleasant  
position with the Contractors, and subjects them  
to the danger of an action from the contractors.

This, the Patrons trust, the Commissioners will  
use sufficient exertion to save them from.

The Patrons therefore respectfully request that as

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the whole of the building will be completed in less than one month from this date, that the Board of Commissioners will be pleased, upon this our joint requisition, to remit to the Patrons the sum of £200 which sum will have been duly expended by and owing to the Contractors before the cash, in answer to this letter can possibly arrive, They make this request under all the circumstances although perhaps a little irregular, because the delay does not originate through any default of theirs.

The Patrons request that a double set of the books used in the National schools may be forwarded to them by the first steamer in compliance with the rules of the Board.

We have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servants.

(Signed) William Fertrass

Kennedy

Robt. W. Newman

Michael Laeman

Thomas Napier

Coiler Robertson

John Pascoe Dunbar Secy

The Commissioners of  
National Education,  
Sydney

*Ed. H. C. M.*

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No. 50/383.

National Education office,  
Sydney, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1850.

Sir.

I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo, signed also by the whole of the local patrons of the proposed National school at Pascoevale, requesting payment of Two hundred pounds the Board's quota pledged towards the erection of the school house.

£200

2. In reply I am desired to state from enquiries instituted at the Surveyor General's office, from which the Board have ascertained that the school site has been sanctioned by His Excellency the Governor, and also from the explanations contained in your letter above referred to, that the Board have much pleasure in complying with your request, and I now enclose draft for the amount asked for.

£200.

3. I enclose also abstracts in duplicate, the receipts for payment I will feel obliged by your getting signed by the local patrons & returned to this office as soon as possible.

J. P. Faulstich Esq. } (Signed) W. C. Wells,  
Secretary to, Pascoevale } Secretary

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Pascoevale

Geo. H. L. M.

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Pascovale, July 29<sup>th</sup> 1850

Gentlemen,

At a meeting held at Major Finbrace's last week the Patrons directed me to write you as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> That the plan of the school ground at the Mornce Ponds, was forwarded from the Survey Department, Melbourne, to Sydney per the Shamrock Steamer, put on board on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April last past, and I enclose also a copy of a letter from His Honor C. J. Latrobe to W. Finbrace, one of the Patrons on this matter.

2. The Workmen having completed their labor, now threaten to sue for their money, placing the Patrons in an invidious position.

£20 3. The ground requires fencing in, and will cost about Twenty pounds, this should be paid from the National Society's funds.

£30. 4<sup>th</sup> The sum of Thirty pounds will be required to purchase the necessary fittings for the use of the two rooms, the Boys' and the Girls'

The Patrons wish to know how much of these sums, will be allowed from the National school funds, and would be happy to have such sum

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or sum as may be awarded, as early as possible, the supplementary estimates have made some extra provision,

Sirs Gentlemen

Yours most obediently

(Signed) John P. Faulkner

The Commissioners of  
National Education  
Sydney

Ed. M.C. W.

The following is a copy of a letter from His Honor  
G. J. Latrobe, referred to in the preceding letter,

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Superintendent's office,

Melbourne 1<sup>st</sup> May 1850.

Sir,

Referring to my letter to you dated 11<sup>th</sup> Feby,  
last on the subject of a grant of two acres of  
land at the Moore Ponds as a site for a school  
for Boys and Girls, I have the honor to convey  
to you the approval of His Excellency the Governor  
to the appropriation of one acre as a site for  
National Schools, & also of one acre adjoining  
as a reserve to meet the intended requirements  
of the schools should the industrial system be  
adopted.



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adopted, A plan with descriptions will be forwarded to the Surveyor General without delay for the final approval of His Excellency the Governor.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient

(Signed) C. J. Luttrell

W. Finbrace Esq. J. P. }  
Moore Bond }  
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*Ed. M.C. G.*

Melbourne, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1850.

Gentlemen,

I called for persons to fill the offices of schoolmaster and mistress for the National school, Pascoe Vale, and in answer thereto I saw persons sent in their applications, & upon examining their testimonials (all the Patrons being present) It was resolved to depute Messrs. Finbrace, Kennedy, Leeman, & J. P. Hawker to examine 4 of the candidates in town on the following Friday at my office in Queen street. On that day we also admitted a fifth Candidate, a Mr. O'Brien, (The 4 were Messrs. Stox, Campbell, Stringer, & Cockran.) Mr. Stox attended and stated that he withdrew

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his application in consequence of having found a situation which is believed to be the Free Church school, Messrs. Clington and Campbell did not attend, therefore we proceeded to examine Messrs. O'Brien and Cochrane in Arithmetic, Grammar and writing, and the result was decidedly in favor of Mr. J. Cochrane a newly arrived immigrant with vouchers of great merit and a certificate from the Rev. Wm. Scott Minister of the Presbyterian Church, Newtowncunningham County Donegal, Ireland, testifying to his good qualities, good Moral Conduct, and also to his respectability & competency.

By desire of the Patrons  
(Signed) John P. Faulkner,  
Secretary.

The Commissioners of  
National Education,  
Sydney, }

P. S. The Patrons beg to submit the above Candidate, Mr. J. C. Cochrane and wife for your sanction,

(Signed) John P. Faulkner,  
Patron & Secretary.

Ed  
M.C.M.