

N^o 38/27

Wellbourne 6 April 1830

Sir

In my letter of the 27 Dec last N^o 89 I had the honor to report that Pedramas had since the removal of Mr Leary the clerk of works performed his duties as well as those connected with his own appointment and requested to be informed if he might be allowed some extra pay in consequence, not having received an answer to the application I will thank you to inform me if any increase of pay will be allowed him whilst so employed

E Deas Thomson Esq
Col Lee
Sydney

I have the honor to be
Sir
Wm. Stuk Mr

N^o 38/28

Wellbourne 6 April 1830

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that Mr Hell of this town has applied to me respecting establishing a distillery, but not knowing what the regulations are I will thank you to inform me if such an establish^t is allowed, and if so what is necessary to be done by the applicant to obtain permission

I have the honor to be
Sir

The Hon^{ble}
E Deas Thomson Esq
Colonial Sec^y

Wm. Stuk Mr

Sydney

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Providence 10 April 1838

Genl. Warren

In reply to your letter of the 26 Feb. last I have the honor to state I called upon Mr. Russell the clerk of works to report upon the house you allude to in the Customs reserve whose letter I beg to enclose & to add that the owner has stated unless the revenue £200 for the building he will remove the material. He has been informed that the land will be required almost immediately and he has promised to remove the building should it not be purchased on account of Govt.

The Col^l & Com^{rs}
of Customs
Sydney

I have the honor to be
Gen^l M^{rs} Warren

N^o 30/29

Providence 10 April 1838

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 20 ulto I have the honor to inform you that good bullocks can be purchased here at about £15 each for draft

The Col^l Sec^y
Sydney

I have the honor to be
to M^{rs} Warren

Sir

Providence 10 April 38

In reply to your letter of the 4 Dec last relative to the proposed statue of Sir R. Boscawen I do myself the honor to return the documents having obtained as many subscriptions & signatures as was possible in the district

R. Therry Esq^r Hon^l Sec^y

M^{rs} Warren

Melbourne 10 April 38

Sir

M Lumsdale	5
J Evans	5
P Capron	3
J Butman	1
J Field	1
	15

J Black Esq
Cashier B^k of N.S. Wales
Sydney

I have the honor to enclose you
fifteen pounds on account
of the statue of Sir R Bourke
the names of the individuals
I have received it from are
stated in the margin

I have the honor to be
Sir
Wm Lumsdale

B^k 30/30

Sir

Melbourne 10 April 38

I have the honor to transmit the
abstract and vouchers for the contingent expenses
at Port Phillip for the quarter ending 31 March
last and to request they may be laid before the
Local the Governor for approval and then forwarded
to the Auditor General

The Col Secy
Sydney

I have the honor to be
Sir
Wm Lumsdale

Melbourne 21 April 38

Sir

The Bishop of Australia having determined
that a clergyman of the Episcopalian Church shall be
appointed to this town at an early date and that
upon his arrival the building in which divine
service is performed will be required exclusively for
the church of England. I think it right to acquaint
you at once with His Lordships determination to
enable you to make arrangements for your congregation

Rev J Forbes
Melbourne

I have the honor to be
Sir
Wm Lumsdale

No 32/31

Melbourne 20 April 1838

In reference to the 1st paragraph of your letter of the 27th Nov last I have the honor to inform you that I have engaged a discharged Soldier named William Ruffe for the duty of Constable as thereby authorized and request you will obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Governor to his appointment from the 12th inst

I have the honor to be

Sir

Wm. Ruffe Esq.

The Hon^{ble}

J. Deas Thompson Esq

Sydney

Melbourne 23 April 1838

In I have the honor to enclose the Subpoenas forwarded me, the copies of which were served as required except that for Snowden who it appears is in Sydney

I have the honor to be

Wm. Ruffe

J. Gurney Esq

Clerk of the Peace

Sydney

196.

No 38/33

Melbourne 23rd April 38

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Knappell late of the Survey Department arrived here last month and and reported himself as being appointed Clerk of works for this Town, and at the same time informed me that his notification would be forwarded immediately but not having received this document I will thank you to inform me if this gentleman has been appointed to the office above alluded to

The Hon^{ble}

E. Deas Thomson Esq^r
Colonial Secretary
& & &

Sydney

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Obedient Servant
Serrant
Wendell
Pth

No 38/34

Melbourne 23 April 1838

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of his Excellency the Governor that a depredation of a very serious nature has been reported to me to have taken place on the road from Sydney to this at about 140 miles distance from Melbourne by a body of native Blacks, the only information have yet received is contained in the accompanying deposition of a man named

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 John Hargrave killed
 John Fannan do
 John Smith do
 John Ray Deary
 John Birtley J.L. killed
 Jas M^c Cann J.L. do
 Will Reed J.L. do
 Will Walker pursued
 John Brown do
 Ed Lamcock killed
 R Maishan do
 John Hargrave with stock
 John Fletcher J.
 John Nicholls killed
 Mrs Baff do
 Mr Welsh at Clarks

Thos
E.

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San Francisco Cal. 23rd April 38
Jas Cropley

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recount Crossley who had charge
of the men and stock and who came
to me to report the disaster. The day after
he came in I sent him back to the place
he described with a party of mounted
Police for the purpose of obtaining correct
existing facts, to ascertain the exact
number of person killed both Blacks
and whites to bring the bodies, and
to show themselves, if possible to let the
Blacks know they were pursued and
also should any Black be met with
who could be identified by Crossley to
endeavour to capture him and bring
him to this town. Lieut Smyth of the
26th Reg^t followed the police for the
same purpose and to take the deposition
of the other men who escaped with Crossley.
I have not yet learned any thing from
them and only state that the
affair has naturally created considerable
alarm among those who have
to travel that road and I fear it will
be some time before confidence is
restored. I have no reason to doubt
the information statement as I
questioned him subsequently to his
deposition, and he still maintained
the same relation he gave me the
names of the men he had with him
which are contained in the margin
with remarks given by Crossley as to what
he believed to be their fate. I would have
sent some of the crown prisoners to assist
in collecting the sheep but the overseer advised
me he had sent to his master's brother
who resides at about 28 miles from the
place where the unfortunate occurrence
took place and that he would be
able to have men there before any

could reach it from this. Coupled with the above I am sorry to say the blacks in this neighbourhood have lately shewn a greater disposition to be troublesome, and several complaints have been made to me from settlers to this effect one of which that appeared to be of a more serious nature upon coming to my knowledge, I called upon the person upon whose run it occurred to give me the statement on oath which I enclose. And a more recent which occurred on Sunday last at Mr Gidness Station about six miles from the town I have made the subject of regular magisterial investigation, the depositions in this case I also enclose for His Excellency's information and will thank you afterwards to forward them to the Attorney General. This last affair has caused a considerable sensation and also fear on the part of many people that the other blacks will sub to revenge themselves in some way for their friends being imprisoned but I conceive it to be highly necessary that whilst the blacks are protected from improper interference and ill treatment from the white people that they must be taught by the higher powers that their depredations will be taken serious notice of. It has hitherto been impracticable to detect them in committing their acts of outrage but having now a pair brought home to these two men I would not put it over without letting it serve as an example to the others and I would beg to request that they may if no further proceeding is entered into be detained in some place where their fate may remain unknown to the others here for at least some length of time. If I may be allowed to give an opinion on the subject I would say that I think some enactment to prevent and punish the white inhabitants when they interfere with the blacks in many things that tend to excite their jealousy & revenge with any regulation of government

respecting them & in encouraging them in habits of immorality and intemperance one thing I think is most essential that they should be prevented having fire arms. It is too much the custom that the inhabitants give them arms to shoot birds or game, and let them keep the arms for a considerable period, this has become so much a custom of late, and the blacks shewing a disposition to use them to intimidate that I have given orders to my constables to take all arms away from them and I have given notice that I shall detain them until I receive directions from the government about them.

I have the honor to be
Dear Thomson Esq
Sydney
Sir
Merridale Jn

Melbourne 25 April 1838

Sir I have the honor to return you the Auction returns sent to me with your letter of the 2^d inst & enclose a cheque for the amount of duty thereon of 8/1/2
In answer to your letter 2^d 7 65 I have the pleasure to annex for margin the information you require but which I believe has already been fully given in the bonds I forwarded to your office.
Frederick Robert Esq
D'Arcy
Robert Saunders Webb
Wm Fred Augus Parker
Jno Parson Fawcner
Thos Davis Neathery
Edw Thos Newton
I have the honor to be
Sir
Merridale Jn

The Hon
Ed Riddell Esq
Sydney

Melbourne 2 April 1838

Sir

Sec^y 20 Allot 11Joseph Shaw
John Wilson

I have the honor to inform you that
 Lot No 56 of the sale of town allotments
 which took place on the 1st Nov - last
 and stated to have been bought
 by Joseph Shaw appears to have been
 bought by him in conjunction with
 John Wilson and they have requested
 me to apply to you to have the deed
 made in both their names if possible.

C. F. Riddell Esq

Col Treasurer

Melb^y

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully
 Wm. Stoddart Esq.

No 30/35

Melbourne 25 April 1838

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of the 23rd Feb No 292
 respecting a representation made by the Police
 Magistrate at feeling of lack of Leave Men from
 Van D L being in his district under no restraint
 In reply I beg to state I am not aware of any
 men of that description being in any part of
 Port Phillip and I am inclined to think he has
 mistaken for lack of Leave holders men under
 Conditional Pardon of whom there are several
 & whose descriptions are always sent to me
 from the V D L office. These men are sent
 here for a specified time and are during that
 time under the control of their Masters who
 have to enter into a bond in V D L for their
 safety & their return to that colony.

These men have not attended any Muster
 & I understood it is not usual, but should
 it be in the wish some arrangements would
 be necessary & the V D L procurement requested

to direct the men to report themselves at the
Police Office of the district in which he is to reside
and their descriptions sent them instead of them
all being sent to me

I have the honor to be

The Col Sec
Sydney

Memorandum

N^o 38/36

Indubious

26 April 1838

I have the honor to report for the
information of His Excellency the Governor
that the fuel & Government Store were consumed
by fire last night I was at first apprehensive
that some of the blacks had set the fuel on fire
as it was there that it originated for the
purpose of liberating the two blacks who were
confined but to ascertain what I could on
this point I went as soon as I was satisfied
that the stores and prisoners were temporarily
disposed of after their being taken from the
buildings into the different camps of blacks
of which there were three in the neighborhood
and felt satisfied that the blacks there had
taken no part in the transaction in which
opinion I was afterwards confirmed by the
prisoner black Jim Jim describing how the
fuel was set fire to, he says the other
black who was confined with him got
a long piece of reed which he thrust
through the air opening in the partition
between the place he was confined in
and the guard room, and after lighting
the reed by the guards candle he drew it
back & set fire to the thatch roof
fortunately the prisoners were all got out
and I believe but very little was lost
in the store the two blacks got off but

one was afterwards retaken by Jim Jim
 the affair is much to be regretted keeping
 up as it undoubtedly with the public clamor
 & agitation regarding the blacks
 I shall be obliged to visit some place if
 possible to serve as a jail & I hope you
 will be good enough to solicit this &
 to have ^{a black} ~~for~~ ^{good} ~~for~~ good look up with
 some solitary cells erected here at once
 and I would like to propose that it may
 be done by contract as the most expeditious
 manner

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 The Hon. & Dear Thomas Esq
 Col Secretary Sydney

Melbourne 24 April 1838

Sir

I have the honor to request you will do me
 the favor to send me some printed forms
 of applications for Publicans License and also
 some printed forms of Licenses as a person
 is to be appointed to issue them here by the
 Act of Council & H. L. & C.

C. D. Brodie Esq
 Col Treasurer Sydney

I have the honor to be
 Yours respectfully
 Wm. Mitchell

Melbourne 26 April 38

N^o 38/37

Immediate

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 12 Sept last whereby I was appointed by the late Governor to issue ^{publicans} Licenses for Port Phillip I have the honor to request I may be informed if under the 3^d Section of the Act of Council 3 W 4 N^o 8 that authority is not annulled and a fresh appointment requisite as it is directed to be made by the Governor of the Colony for the time being.

I Dear Thomson Esq
 Col Sec Sydney

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Yours &c
 Wm Meredith

N^o 38/38

Melbourne 26 April 38

Sir

I have the honor to state that a person named John Clarke has stated his wish to take out a Publicans License for a house he has erected at the crossing place of the Sydney road on the Southern River, he has been recommended to me by several respectable people as a fit person and I have no doubt a place of the sort will be very desirable, and request you will solicit His Ex^{ty} the Governor to authorize a License to be issued to him upon his obtaining the requisite certificate, under the 9th Section of the Act of Council 3 W 4 N^o 8

The Hon^{ble}
 I Dear Thomson Esq
 Col Sec
 Sydney

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Yours &c
 Wm Meredith

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B^o 38/39

Melbourne 26 April 1838

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the ^{23 February} ~~25 March~~ relative to a cart and some stores for the service at Geelong being at this place, and directing me to forward them there as soon as possible, in reply I beg to state that such things as were here for Geelong were merely here in safe keeping until the P^{ro} M^{aj} could make his arrangements about them which I understood he had made or was making, and I did not consider it necessary for me to interfere

The Col Sec^y
Sydney

I have the honor to be
Sir
Merricks P^r

B^o 38/40

Melbourne 26 April 38

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2^d April inst^t respecting the increase of pay to the clerk of the Bench from £100 to £150 per Annum with thank you to inform me from what date the increased salary may be estimated for

The Col Sec^y
Sydney

I have the honor to be
Sir
Merricks P^r

B^o 38/41

Melbourne 26 April 38

Sir I have the honor to request you will inform me if any and what allowance is made to persons finding dead bodies subject to a Coroner's Inquest

The Col Sec^y Sydney

I have the honor to be
Merricks P^r

Mt Vernon 27 April 80

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23 March last & will call upon Mr Hall to forward you his returns of Auctions for the month of December, with respect to the duties of the months of October & November you will perceive by my letter of the 9 March that they were forwarded to you by the Revenue Letter Ranger which was the first safe opportunity I had of sending money in bulk.

I will take advantage of this occasion to request you will have the goodness to recommend to His Ex^{ty} the Governor that some person be appointed to superintend the business of your department at Port Phillip. I have hitherto endeavoured to assist in the absence of any authorized person, but as there as well as other duties are increasing it will be advisable to name someone to take charge of those of the Treasury.

The Col Treasurer
Sydney

I have the honor to be
In
Warristule M

Mt Vernon 27 April 1880

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 24 March & enclosures respecting the returns of fines & fees to be made by the clerk of the bench which shall hereforward be complied with, but I shall not be able to have the amounts of the former quarters made up according to these forms unless I can attest to them myself as I have generally been obliged to fetch these amounts myself being the greater part of the time

without a clerk, and at the same time I
 beg to remark that I have all along been
 at a loss how I should make these returns
 from the want of instructions and have
 already been obliged to make most of them
 twice over.

I have the honor to be

The Auditor General
 Sydney

Sir
 Wm. Hall

Should the former quarterly
 returns be again required may I request
 you to send me the forms of each return
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20/4/42

Perth 20 April 38

Sir

I have the honor to request you
 to solicit His Excellency the Governor to appoint
 some person to superintend the duties of
 the Colonial Treasury and accounts for the
 Audit Office here which duties unavoidably
 devolved upon me in the first settlement
 of this part of the Colony but as there as
 well as the other duties I have to attend to
 are becoming more extended I think it
 will be desirable if someone were expressly
 appointed to take charge of the accounts &
 money transactions. I also think it will
 be advantageous if arrangements can be
 made to place the prisoners employed
 on the government works here under the same
 management as in other parts of the Colony
 and until something of the sort is done
 and a barrack or some of the wooden
 boxes are provided, I think it will ^{not} be
 desirable to have more prisoners though
 their numbers require to be increased

to make more rapid progress with the cutting
of the street

I have the honor to be

The Hon
Sir
Dear Sir
Col Lee Sydney

Messrs. de la

Melbourne 4 May 1838

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your communication of the 23 March last informing
me that you had placed to my account at the
bank of Australasia the sum of £192.12.9 on
account of the public expenses here from the
period from 1 July to 30 Sept 37. but I fear
some misunderstanding has occurred respecting
the amount for that period and in reference
to my letter to you of the 11 Oct last and the
amount I sent to the Col Sec at the same time
it will be seen that I gave my self credit
for several of the sums which are included
in the amount you have now placed to
my account and I will feel obliged by
your having these amounts arranged:

The sum of £72.2.5 which I sent you with
my letter of the 11 Oct was the general balance
of the account since my arrival here, and
on the 22 January I forwarded you £36.6.6
being the balance for the quarter from the 1 Oct
to 31 Dec 37 which amounts were made according
to the directions I received from Sir R Brouke
but I have now received forms of Returns
from the Auditor General with directions
for making these accounts in future

I will thank you to inform me how
you wish the account from 1 July to 30 Sept
arranged the only difficulty appears to me
to be in the payment of the different persons
to whom money was due for articles & services

for

Waltham Jan 29

I have the honor to inform you that the Board of Supervisors have

approved of the petition made by

2 Rev. Country Clerks in reference to the

Rev. Waltham have arranged accordingly for the 1st

Waltham at 4.12.3 of a place & Ward in the Town of Waltham

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I should have in the Town of Waltham

the same for that when the same

of three hundred persons as provided

by the charter act shall have been

approved by the Board of Supervisors for

in the erection of the place & Ward

the Surveyor General will be satisfied

to secure the spot to be measured

for the purpose of the deed

Rev. W. W. W. W.

Waltham

I have the honor to be

Waltham 1 January 1839

W. W. W. W.

I have the honor to enclose the

reports from the Surveyor General for

I have the honor to be

Waltham

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Waltham 1 Jan 29

I have the honor to enclose an app.

from the Surveyor General for the purpose of

was returned from your office for further consideration

Waltham

W. W. W. W.

Melbourne 4 January 80

Sir I have the honor to enclose for the perusal of the Contingent Abstract for the quarter ending 30 signed as you required by your letter of the 7 Dec last

Auditor General Sydney

I have the honor to be
Most respectfully

N^o 39/3

Melbourne 7 January 1889

Sir

Robert Lyall
half way on the road
between Melbourne &
Geelong

James Lawns
at Williams Town
where there is no licensed
house

Thomas Watson
a wine & Beer house
there being none in Mel^{bn}

I have the honor to state for the information of His Excellency the Govt that the persons named in the Margin having applied for Licenses to retail liquors in the district of Melbourne previously to the next General Annual Licensing day the Majority of the Magistrates in the district assembled this day in accordance with the powers vested in them by the 26 Section of the Act of Council 2^d Victoria No 18. to take their applications into consideration and it appearing to them that a public benefit will be derived have granted them certificates which are here with enclosed together with their recognizances and I will thank you to lay them before His Excellency and should he be pleased to sanction their obtaining a license I will thank you to let them know he forwarded to me as soon as possible otherwise they will be of little use. I will also thank you to inform me what sum they are to pay for the license

Y^{rs} H^{on}

The Hon Sec
Sydney

I have the honor to be
Most respectfully

2039/4

for

Philadelphia 7 January 1839

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st inst. in relation to the admission of the colored people to the meetings of the American Society. I have the honor to inform you that the committee have decided in favor of the admission of the colored people to the meetings of the American Society. I have the honor to inform you that the committee have decided in favor of the admission of the colored people to the meetings of the American Society.

George Smith
Lamb Son
William Hooper
Brook Hotel

Wm Lloyd Garrison
for

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January 1839

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June next

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Melbourne 12 Jan^r 1839

S^r

I have the honor to enclose for the
Auction Returns for the last month from
George Lilly and James Hill with a cheque
on the Bank of Australasia for the amount
of duty of £4.7.2

The Hon^{ble}
The Col^l Treasurer
Sydney

I have the honor to be
S^r Messrs. Smith

1839/5

Melbourne 15 January 1839

S^r

I have the honor to state for the
information of His Ex^{ty} the Governor that I have
had much cause for some time past to complain
of the little attention paid by the Clerk of Works Mr
Russett to his duty. I have spoken to him several
times upon the subject in hopes it might have
the effect of making him more active in performing
what is required of him, but my attempts appear to be
thrown away, and I was this morning obliged to
tell Mr Russett that the works under his superintendence
were going on slower than ever and that he
must look more attentively to the men and prevent
their wasting their time as it is quite evident they
are ^{very} when he told me he was no overseer and could
not look after the men as ~~the way~~ I wished, and
that it was necessary he should have some overseers
under him, that he was an Architect and that
it was not his duty to superintend the men at their
work. I told him also that I was sure there were
some of the workmen that he never looked at &
instanced the fencers, to which he replied he did
not look after them as he did not understand
fencing. I beg to state also that the works which
are in progress here are always so few that Mr

Respect could with the greatest ease be obtained
every first branch of them, and that all I
require of him is to present witnesses and to
get as many bookkeepers entered with the means
at our disposal as possible to further the
have respectfully observed him to bring any other
who does not work as he should before me but
that he has never done in fact he thinks it
is dangerous to him to say any thing more than
merely to say what work is to be done and that
to leave it to chance. I do not think the work to be done requires
any more assistance in bookkeeping than what
can be done by one person and as Mr. Richard Smith
has already shown not only to far and in fact has
refused to see that the work be kept at the very
under the workmen I would beg you to direct the
bookkeeping to have him assisted by some more active
and capable person being fully convinced that much
expense will be incurred wastefully by doing this. I
much incensement suffered by not having to many of
the bookkeeping in some branch in need of such as may be
be to long as the work remains under the system before
of Mr. Richard.

Yours truly
J. C. Smith
I have the honor to be
Yours truly
J. C. Smith

No 39/6
J. C. Smith
I have the honor to enclose for the
information of the J. C. Smith a letter of the
received from Mr. De la Rive regarding the change of
the bookkeeper I had placed under his charge. I
if was evident he had not been to the
late as he ought and I therefore told him
that I thought what was caused by his neglect
I shall endeavor to attack the book who was

under him to the Aboriginal Protectors as I
have no doubt if I can succeed in doing so they
will be of much use to them in the commencement
of their proceedings

The Hon^{ble}

The Col Sec^y - Sydney

I have the honor to be

Sr

Messrsdale

Copr

Sr

Native Police Station

Jan 15 1839

Having express to me your
dissatisfaction of my conduct in the management
of the Native Police I beg to resign the charge
as Superintendent

To

Capt W Messrsdale
Police Mag^{te}

I have the honor to be

Sr

W^m J^r C L de Villiers

1839/7

Sr

Melbourne 16th January 1839

The Act of Council 2 Victoria No 2 Regulating
the Police of certain Towns having by Proclamation
of His Ex^{ty} the Governor been extended to this town
and as it is stated therein that the Police Magistrate
of the Towns which come under the operation of the Act
are required to take a certain oath before one of
the Judges of the Supreme Court & as it will be extremely
inconvenient for me ^{on public grounds} to go to Sydney for this purpose
I have the honor to request that if it is possible someone
here may be deputed to administer the oath to me By the
5th Section of the Act the Police Magistrate is directed to frame
regulations for the government of the Constables In accordance
therewith I beg now to forward those which I have
drawn up ^{I request you will submit them to His Ex^{ty} the Gov^r} they perhaps extend somewhat beyond what
is required by the Act as I have included ~~the~~ a summary of
these ^{Constable's} duties generally as Constables and of the different enactments
which they ^{may be} constantly called upon ~~the~~ to attend to. I
have found that something of the sort is much required

as the Police are frequently being ~~employed~~
 and without some Manual & instructions upon these points
 the men appearing there take a considerable time to know
 what is required of them some other Brothers require
 who by the act to be done which I beg to recommend
 with a view that they may be carried out effect, by
 Section 43 requires that within three months from the
 passing of the act the benevolence of the town shall be
 set out and published in the said Gazette. ~~with the~~
~~instructed thereby~~ Section 45 requires that the carriage
 & Section should be set out by the said Section &
 published in the said Gazette. See 52 which that some
 houses is to be appointed by the Secretary may affect the names
 of streets when any house & also to allot numbers to houses
 See 53 requires some houses to be appointed by the Secretary to
 local road ways.

The Sec. Secretary
 John W. Secretary
 I have the honor to be
 in
 Yours
 Wm. W. Secretary

In reply to your letter of the 15th ult. I
 have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 9th
 on board the State as soon as possible after
 her arrival here and examined the Emigrants
 who came in her at their headment during the
 voyage the Emigrants were made to his but
 when enquiring about the various points to
 them I found that the death suffered from the
 what you sent me, I enclose the death which I
 received from the friends of the ship as that by
 which he rationed these people. The whole of the
 people arrived according to the list you furnished
 the last night one child, some 10-12 years old
 in between the day after it arrived
 there is a great want of labor here but I