Melbourne 14 March 39

Sir

In answer to Your letter of the 23 Ulto respecting a post being established weekly between this town & Geelong I have the honor to state that I conceive there can be no question as to the expediency & but as regards public convenience the population of both districts being now correspondingly great with every prospect of its increasing as to the expence being likely to be defrayed by the postage I can hardly give you an answer having no data on which to found an opinion but I should think you would be able to judge of this by the returns from the post masters here of the number of letters passing from one place to the other I beg to add that I am endeavouring to make the road shorter and easier between the two towns & that Mr Wright has procured from D. L three vehicles to run between both of which circumstances must tend to facilitate the establishment of a mail and might also cause it to be contracted for at a less rate that £240 as stated by Mr Purvis

I am

Postmaster Genl
Sydney

Manuscript

Melbourne
16th March 1839

No 39/37

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Governor to the Appointment of the men named on the Margin to fill the Vacancies occasioned by the dismissal of three of the Constable in the district

I have the honorable
Sir
Your most
Obedient
Humble Servant

George Gibb
From the 27 Feby inclusive
at the Authorised pay of 2/9 a day
vice Henderson dismissed on
the 30 September 1838
He is about 33 years of age
Condition Free by Conditional Pardon
Previous occupation Constable in V.D.L
Character reported good
Appointed from V.D.L
He is able bodied, Reads & Writes

James Buckley
From the 16 March 39 at the
Authorised pay of 2/9 a day
vice Jones dismissed on the 15 March
He is about 28 years of age
Condition Free by servitude
Previously Constable in V.D.L
Character reported good
Reads and Writes

George Lee
From the 16 March 39 inclusive
at the Authorised pay of 2/9 a day
vice Mumford dismissed on the
15 March
He is about 26 years of age
Condition free by servitude
Previous occupation Labourer
Character not much known
Reads does not write

The Hon The Col Sec
Sydney

~~No 39/38~~

Sir

Melbourne 16th March 39

I have the honor to enclose for the Auditor returns from Messrs Hill, Selby and Cottrell for the last month with a cheque on the bank of Australasia drawn by Mr R H Browne for the amount of duty £ 42. 2. 0

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Hill 18. 6. 6
Selby 22. 15. 8
Cottrell 0. 19. 10
£ 42. 2. 0

The Colonial Treasurer
Sydney

No 39/38

Melbourne 19th March 39

Sir

Since the establishment of a branch of the Bank of Australasia in this town I have not been able to obtain from it a draft on Sydney at par for such money as I have required to send to the Colonial Treasurer on the public account, but upon applying to day I was informed I could no longer obtain the facility of transmitting money on terms by paying a ~~small~~ per centage of one on 1/2 I have therefore to request you will do me the honor to instruct me how I shall in future forward any public money that may be paid into my hands

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient Servant

The Hon ble
The Colonial Secretary
Sydney

No 39/39 Melbourne 22d March 1839

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excl the Governor that I have withdrawn the permission granted to Thomas Watt to have a hunt on the Yarra river appointed by Mr Gouger as per your letter 29 June 38 in consequence of his having occasioned a great deal of irregularity in assembling a number of disorderly characters about his hunt and making them drunk. and as several other complaints have been made of him I thought the best way of noticing his improper conduct was by depriving him of this privilege The public will suffer no inconvenience as I have allowed another person named John Welsh to place a hunt near the same place

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obt Servt
W Lonsdale

The Col Secretary
Sydney

No 39/40 Melbourne 22 March 39

Sir

I have the honor to state for the information of His Excl the Governor that I am endeavouring to establish a new line of road from this town to Williams Town and Sydney which will have the advantage of shortening the distance to the former about 10 miles, reducing it from about 16 to about 6, and to Sydney it will reduce the distance about 10 miles leaving it about 40 or 45 miles, and in both instances the road will be better as it will avoid some steep hills and ravines The present line to Sydney & Williams Town road crosses the salt water river at a ford about 9 miles from melbourne thereby causing a considerable augh ~~in the road to the two towns~~ to do away with this I propose

Which could be obviated were a punt ~~a~~
placed upon the salt water river a little above its
junction with the Yarrow and as I consider
such a measure would be attended with very
beneficial results not only to the three towns
in question and to many settlers in other
parts of the County but also to the Government
I ~~have~~ am ~~called~~ endeavouring to call the attention
of the public to it and until some better
means of crossing is obtained I have placed a
small punt of my own at the proposed place
allowing a man who has taken charge of it any
advantage he may obtain from it, it is only
large enough to carry two horses or a light cart
but I dare say will be sufficient to bring
the proposed roads into repute and to induce
some one to build a larger one to place
there. I hope His Excl will approve of what
I am doing in this respect and also if I can
get any person to place a proper punt
there that he may be allowed the use of it
for the ~~time~~ present. ~~I have enclosing~~
rough sketch will probably more fully explain
the relative position of the present & proposed
roads

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
obedient
humble
Servant

The Hon
The Colonial Secretary
Sydney

B°39/41 Melbourne 25 March 39

Sir

I have the honor to state for the information of His Excel the Governor that a Constable will be now very desirable and I would beg to solicit His Excel° sanction to allow one to be appointed for that town and also to sanction a small constable house to being built by the convict Mechanics on a part of one of the reserves in that town I proposed to Capt Fyans that the Constable who was authorised by your letter to him dated 23d Feb last to be stationed at the Werribie, should and whom you subsequently directed me to include in my first abstract, should, as there is little or no use for him there, be removed to Williamstown, but he informs me should the Constable be removed from the Werribie he will require him at Geelong in that case I will thank you to obtain His Excellencies sanction to have him included in the Geelong abstract

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant

The Hon
The Col Sec
Sydney

B°39/42 Melbourne 26 March 39

Sir

I have the honor to forward Nos 4. 6 and 7 of the Port Phillip Patriot Newspaper which have been sent to me for that purpose No 5 was sent home per post

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant

The Col Sec
Sydney

No 39/43 Bathurst 30 March 39

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excl the Governor that a Pound having become necessary near the town & Court of Petty Sessions was held this day to appoint a place which may be proper to be named & pound keeper, and to affix the rate of damages and charge for sustenance The necessary documents are enclosed and I will thank you to submit them for the Excl approval and if obtained to cause the notice of the appointment of a Pound & Poundkeeper and the Table of rates to be inserted in the Gazette The Poundkeeper has been warned in the required recognizance and I will thank You to forward me a Copy of the Impounding Act for him

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant

The Hon
The Col Sec
Sydney

Bathurst 30 March 1839

No 39/44

Sir

I have the honor to enclose some regulations for maintaining order at the wharf in this town and at the Jetty at Williamtown which I will thank you to submit for his Excellencies approval

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant

The Hon
E Deas Thomson Esq
Sydney

Melbourne 30 March 39

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you the Return of Convicts in Assigned Service in this District in Conformity with your Circular letter of the 1st October last I could have wished to have sent it to you sooner but have been prevented from the delay which has taken place in obtaining the necessary information

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Mandeville

The Principal Superintendent of Convicts
Sydney

No 39/45

Melbourne 1st April 1839

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Mr Pechana requesting to resign his situation as overseer of roads, and to state that I have appointed a person named Joseph Absalom to carry on the duty until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor is known, I have engaged him at the rate of Seventy pounds a year without any other allowance Mr Pechana received Five shillings a day, so far as I am able to judge Absalom is competent to carry on the work he will have to superintend and my Chief Constable informs me he was employed under him in V D Land in the same capacity and that he was a steady man and understood his business.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Mandeville

The Hon
Colonial Secretary
Sydney

571

No 39/46 Melbourne 2d April 1839

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for Langhornes report of the Native institution under her charge and the Amount of Stipe expenditure for the last month

I have &c &c
Manesty

The Hon The Col Secy
Sydney

No 39/47 Melbourne 2d April 39

Sir

I have &c to state by the information of Flis & the Governess that I have collected during the last month the Sum of Ten pounds for one license to Cut Timber upon Crown Lands, which Amount I have sent to the Colonial Treasurer with a return of particulars

I have &c &c
Manesty

The Hon
The Col Secretary
Sydney

Melbourne 2 April 1839

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you the Sum of ten pounds which I have received from James Ross for a License to Cut Timber upon Crown Lands in this district as per accompanying return

I have &c &c
Manesty

The Col Treasurer
Sydney

No 39/48 Inthbourne 8 April 39

Sir

I have the honor to forward No 8 & 9 of the Port Phillip Advertiser Patriot which have been sent to me to be transmitted

The Col Secretary
Sydney

I have the hon to be
Sir
Your obt Servt
Wentworth

Inthbourne 9 April 39

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have given the convict named in the Margin a Pass to proceed overland to Sydney for the purpose of showing the Baggage Cart of Lady Franklin's party I will thank you to allow him to return here when his services are performed

Sam[l] Sheldrake
Cap[n] Cook
1833

The P[t] Sup[t] of Convicts
Sydney

I have the hon to be
Sir
Your obt Servt
Wentworth

No 39/49 Inthbourne 9 April 1839

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excl the Governor that I have concluded a bargain with Messrs Anderson and Mosby for the Wild Cattle running at Western Port the price I have fixed upon and which they have agreed to give is £80 My reason for concluding this arrangement without obtaining His Excellency's sanction is principally that if the proposed regulations respecting unbranded cattle are carried into effect these animals will become of no value and I wished to secure a hold before the Order shall have / several persons have also lately gone to Western Port to cut timber who are

very likely to slaughter them and the distance is too great to send any one to look after them I therefore hope His Excl will think I have acted for the best in this matter I will forward the Money to the Col Treasurer as soon as I can ~~get~~ obtain means of remitting it. If His Excl approves of what I have done perhaps You will be good enough to send an Authority to Mr Anderson & Macleay to take these Cattle It is believed there are between 70 & 80 head.

I have the honor &c
&c
Merredith

&c Melbourne 9 April 1839

In answer to your letter of the 22 Ult which I received Yesterday I have the honor to inform you ~~that~~ I have every reason to believe that the man you describe is Thomas Hobbler who was in custody here as being an absentee from Van Diemens Land where a reward was offered for his apprehension in consequence of some robberies he committed. He broke from the Jail in this town was subsequently apprehended on the road from the Hawkesbury and escaped from the Mounted Police during a halt. The description you give corresponds very nearly with that we have of him here, Hobbler has a peculiar expression of Countenance and a smart, peculiar, voice I would beg to recommend his being forwarded here to be identified under a careful escort, a Warrant was issued for his apprehension and which is now in possession of one of the Police on the Sydney road

The Police Magistrate
Yass

Merredith

Melbourne 13 Apl 39

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you the Auction returns of the Licensed Auctioneers Lilly Hill, Cottrell & Williams for the last 2 months together with the Amount of Duty as assessed stated

Lilly	2.	15.	1
Hill	8.	9.	10
Cottrell	0.	0.	0
Williams	18.	8.	9
	29.	13.	8

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Lonsdale Pr

Col Treasurer Sydney

Melbourne 13 April 39

Sir

I have the honor to inform you in answer to your letter of the 20th ult that it appears the Irish the persons you allude to came to the Colony in 1837 from the Norfolk and not the Buffalo

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Lonsdale Pr

The Col Sec. &c &c
Sydney

James Ross
Norfolk 1837

Melbourne 13 April 1839

Sir

In conformity with the directions contained in the Col Secretary's Letter of the 2 Ult No 257 and 261 I have the honor to inform you I have issued Licenses to the undermentioned as per Margin for the period from 1st April to 30 June 1839 and endorse you the Amount I received for them being in proportion to the time they

James Fawns, at Williamstown Publicans Licence	6.	5.	0
Robert Lyall halfway between Melbourne & Geelong Wine & Beer Licence	2.	10.	0
Andrew McLaughton at Geelong General Licence	6.	5.	0

will hold the licence. Thomas Watson was also directed to have a licence but as he was convicted of selling without one since his application was made I have of course withheld it

The Col Treasurer
Sydney

Sir Thos Mitchell to
Macquarie

No 39/50

Sir

Melbourne 13 April 1839

I have the honor to transmit the abstract and vouchers for the Contingent expences at Port Phillip for the Quarter ending 31 March 39 and to request they may be laid before His Excellency the Governor for approval and then sent to the Auditor General

The Hon
The Col Secretary
Sydney

I have the honor to
be
Macquarie

Thomas Smith
From 13 April inclusive A-H.
Authorised pay 2/9 a day
Vic Vengeance signed 12 April
He is about 30 years of age
Free by servitude
Person occupation Constable V.D.L.
Character Good
He is able bodied
Reads a little

John Robinson

From 16 April inclusive
A.H. Authorised pay 2/9 a day
vic Barkley discharged 12 April
He is about 32 years of age
Condition Free
Previous occupation Labourer
Character not much known
He is able bodied
Reads

Hobart Town
No 39/51 17 April 1839

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to obtain the Sanction of His Ex the Governor to the appointment of the men named in the margin as Constable on this establishment

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant

The Hon
Col Sec
Sydney

57

James Foley
Ship Marquis of Hastings
Arrived 1826
Native place London
Trade Boatman
Born 1806
Height 5 feet 6¾ inches
Complexion Dark
Hair Brown
Eyes Blue
Marks C. M. F. R. on
left fore right arm

Melbourne 22 April 39

Sir

In answer to your letter
of the 4 Inst I have the
honor to forward you
the description of James
Foley for whom you
sent me a Ticket of Leave

I have
the
Honor
to
be
Sir
Your Most
Obedient
Humble
Servant
C. H. Ebden
Colonial Secretary
Sydney

No 39/52

Melbourne 22d April 1839

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. with the days post endorsing a letter from Mr S. J. Brown complaining of the state of the Government Wharf at Melbourne and in reply beg to state for the information of His Excy the Governor that certainly nothing has yet been done to the Wharf further than cutting down some trees and drawing some logs from the water but at the same time I must observe Mr Browns report is by no means a fair representation of its state, it is formed by the natural right bank of the basin opposite the town the ground between it and the town allotments is flat and after much rain part of it becomes very wet but can always be approached by going a very short distance out of a straight line, it is certainly not a low swamp, or not to be approached on foot after a shower or two, When Mr Brown states that no accommodation is afforded, probably he conceives

there can be no accommodation unless it has been
proposed by some expense but in this instance the
natural formation of the wharf is such that every
necessary accommodation is afforded and as much
as on many wharfs where a considerable outlay
has been incurred. But altho I cannot allow Mr
Bigwoods representation to be correct yet I must admit
that something is required to improve the ~~state of~~
~~the wharf and its~~ approaches to the Wharf And with this view
I gave directions to the overseer of roads some months
ago to set the prisoners at work upon one of the streets
leading from the wharf to the town as soon as he
had finished the street he was then at work upon
in order to render the communication more easy
but he has not yet been able to set about it from
the want of a sufficient number of men. I also
contemplated when I had means of doing it to
face the edge of the wharf with trunks of trees to
prevent the earth being broken away. Then
improvements would certainly be very desirable
but ~~under~~ an addition of at least 50 ~~men~~ able men are sent I
see but little chance of them being accomplished for some
time. It would be a saving to Government to have
a sufficient force upon there works as the same
superintendence is required over a few as over
many more but I have not urged an increase
beyond what I stated in my letter of the 31 July last
from the want of a secure place to put the men into
at night but I am now having part of the building
which was purchased from Mr Rodwell fitted up to
hold about 60 men in which I intend having the worst
characters kept & should His Ex be pleased to send
some more men he would probably direct a
proportionate number of picks and spades being
sent with them. Mr Browns letter is herewith
returned

I have the honor to be

Memorandum

Inthorne 19th April 39

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you the return required by the 20th Section of the late licensing Act / 2d Vict. C 10 / at the same time I forward to you some of the certificates of the which have been granted by this Board as per list annexed together with the amount which the applicants have respectively to pay for their licenses, I have adopted this mode rather than let each person send his own to prevent disappointment which probably might take place in some instances in consequence of the distance of the place from Sydney and for the same reason I would beg to propose that you send the licenses to me as early as you possibly can and I will issue them on the 30th June. The following persons have not thought proper to accede to this arrangement which I have made principally for their own advantage I have therefore given them their certificates that they may take their own measures, and I hope if they do not lodge them in time that their certificates may be declared

John Peter Armstrong	1
Jo Coulstock	30
Wm Evans	30
Lewin Fulmer	10
Robt Flemming	30
Jas Farris	30
Rich Grayling	30
Wm Harper	30
Thos Halfpenny	30
Geo Jones	30
Wm Lyall	30
Henry Leigh	30
Jas Mc Donald	30
Lewis Pedraza	30
Matt Pender	30
Wm Sidebottom	30
Wm Sadler	30
Wm Sharpe	30
Geo Smith	30
Thos Walton	30
£	551

void as directed by the act
one Kinghorne and

The names of them persons
Dowdle

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Mannsell

The Colonial Treasurer
Sydney

Melbourne 19 April 39

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you the description of James Reiley where Ticket you forwarded to me and which has been delivered to the man

James Reiley
No 7 Ticket 39/127
per Hercules 1829
native place Dublin
Trade Labourer
Year of Birth 1812
Height 5/6
Complexion Ruddy
Hair Brown
Eyes Grey
Marks none

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Mannsell

The P. S. of Convicts
Sydney

No 39/53.

Melbourne 29 April 39

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you Nos 10. 11. 12 & 13 of the Patriot Newspaper which have been sent to me to be transmitted

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Mannsell

The Hon
The Col Secretary
Sydney

39/54

Melbourne 29 April 39

Sir

In answer to your Circular letter No 39/25, 25 March 39. I have the honor to state that the Contractor for the Convict rations in this District has agreed to alter the ration according to the scale specified in the Government notice of the 20th Ulto

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

The Col Secretary
Sydney

39/55

Melbourne 4 May 1839

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the reports for last month of Mr Langhorne's Aboriginal establishment

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

The Col Secretary
Sydney

Melbourne 8th May 39

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 12 Ulto enquiring what punishment was inflicted on the woman named in the Margin in the month of March last I have the honor to inform you she was sentenced to the nine month third class in the Factory

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

Catharine Mullane
per Margaret

39/54

Melbourne 29 April 39

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Your most obedt Servt

Catharine Mullane
per Margaret

Sir

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 12 April last I applied to Mr Hoddle the Senior Officer of the Survey Dep[t] here to inform me what portion of the time during the quarter ending 31 December 1838 Mr Darke was actually employed, when he informed me that to his knowledge he had not been employed during any part of that period I have therefore not sent in any return for him to pay

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed[t] Servant
Wannchope

Melbourne 9th May 39

N Lithgow Esq[r]
Auditor Gen[l]
Sydney

Melbourne 10th May 1839

No 39/56

Sir

In compliance with your letter of the 26 March last I have the honor to enclose you a return of the Private Schools at Melbourne during the Year 1838

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed[t] Servant
Wannchope

The Col Secretary
Sydney

Return of Private Schools at Melbourne during the year 1838

	Number attending daily Male	Female	Parish	How long held	
Ralph Watton	20 to 35		St James	about 6 Months	There schools were held towards the latter part of the year and are now discontinued except that of Mrs Cook the number of scholars are now as correct as I can ascertain
Cockane	10 to 20		do	At 2 Months	
Mrs Coghlan		20 to 30	do	At 5 do	
Mrs Cook		6 to 15	do	At 5 do	

No 39/57 Melbourne 10 May 1839

Sir

In reference to your letter of the 21 Sept 38 wherein you state that My application to have the provisions of the Act of Council 6 Will 4 No 4 for abating the Nuisance occasioned by dogs being at large in certain Towns extended to the town of Melbourne must wait the decision respecting the prospect of extending the County Police Act to this Town I have the honor now to request since the latter act has been extended to it that His Excellency may be requested also to allow the extension of the Dog act to Melbourne where it is much required

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servt.

The Hon
The Col Sec
Sydney

No 39/58 Melbourne 12 May 1839

Sir

I have the honor to refer you to your letter of the 5 Ult No 39/387 relative to keeping the Wharf at Melbourne in repair from the sums received for Wharfage and to state that without further information I scarcely know how to act upon it, in the first place as there has been nothing yet done to the Wharf I think it would be wasting Money to lay it out in making any repairs and as I am given to understand that about £1000 a year may be calculated upon as Wharfage I would beg to propose that some plan may be adopted for building a permanent Wharf and expend the Money as it is received in ~~completing~~ prosecuting this plan with this view I have requested Mr Surveyor Hoddle to make me a plan of the Basin where Vessels come to discharge their Cargoes which I enclose for His Excl the Governors information and beg to

remark that the dotted line which is drawn round the town side of the basin is the line of Wharf would prefer to be built along the Wharf as being that which would cause the least expense, in my letter of the 22 ult^o I stated I had in contemplation to face the basin with tunnels of trees but I would now request to be informed if upon some more regular plan being adopted that that method should be followed or that if the Wharf should be faced with stone I also request to know if the work is to be done by contract or how the money is to be laid out and in what manner the payments are to be made I also beg to add that if the banks of the basin were cut so as to make the sides of it at right angles to the town it would be better than the line marked on the plan but would also be a much longer and more expensive work yet at the same time I think some reference should be taken as to future wants and make the present work in such a manner as to correspond with such What as may hereafter be required, if the town continues to increase more accommodation will doubtless be required for shipping than the basin can afford, and docks will probably have to be cut to afford it which could be made to the west of the basin or on the opposite, the south, side of the river all of which land is flat

The Hon^ble
The Col Secretary
Sydney

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obed^t Servant
Wentworth

No 39/59

Melbourne 12 May 1839

Sir

A notice dated 11 March 1839 published in the Government Gazette requiring Tenders for building a Jetty at Melbourne also direct persons to apply to me for information but I have the honor to inform you I have received no instructions

on this subject and cannot therefore give
the information desired on the subject

The Col Secretary
Sydney

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedt
humble
Servant

Melbourne 14 May 1839

No 39/60

Sir

In reply to your letter 19th directing
me to state what measures I have taken to
establish a government Ferry on the Yarra I have
the honor to report for the information of His Excel
the Governor that I have not been able to take
any one shall I be able until His Excel will
sanction a Punt being purchased for that purpose
which I expect will cost ~~upwards of~~ £150 or
upwards

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedt
humble
Servant

The Hon
The Col Sec Sydney

No 39/61 Melbourne 14 May 1859

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excel the Governor that upon the hoisting of the Court of Sessions in this Town yesterday I gave up the building which has been appropriated as the Police Office for the accomodation of that Court there being no other ~~building~~ room large enough for that purpose in the possession of Government I had some time ago when contemplating the arrangement I should in compliance with the instructions conveyed to me in your letter 30 March last have to make for this occasion told Mr Rupel that I should require the use of the Clerk of Works Office to do the Police duties in whilst I was deprived of my own ~~office~~ on Saturday last I sent word to Mr Rupel to let him know I should require his Office on Monday morning yesterday and on that morning ~~sending~~ I sent up such things as I should require by a Constable who found Mr Rupel there who upon learning the mans business told him he was busying and could not attend to him then, the Constable left the papers by the door in charge of a prisoner of the Crown who was there and went away for a short time, on his return he found Mr Rupel had left the office and the convict stated to the Constable that Mr Rupell had gone away & had locked the door taking the key with him, upon my Going to attend to my duties finding what had taken place I sent in all directions to find Mr Rupell, but without success. ~~In~~ In the afternoon I wrote a Memorandum to Mr R ~~stating some mistake had been made by the person who had been~~ ~~my~~ previous ~~message~~ telling him I wished to see him ~~and~~ ~~on~~ the next morning, and that in the mean while he was to let the Clerk of works Office be prepared for me by the Morning, in answer to which I this morning recieved the Memorandum