depasture cattle to permit persons to rent certain portions of Land at a fixed price per section, & until the S county is surveyed I think it could be easily managed by each person giving me the general boundaries of the land he wishes to occupy a description of which should be entered in my office for reference, and an estimate made of the number of square miles the land contains, by which the applicant should pay his annual rent, these occupations should be occasionally looked to by myself or the Commissioners of Crown Lands to ascertain as near as possible the correctness of the occupation and the plan by which the survey of the district is conducted would render I consider the renting of land more applicable here than in other part of the colony, and I cannot avoid thinking it would be publically & individually beneficial, it would put an end to the disputes and the difficulty I have alluded to it would be more satisfactory to individuals and the revenue would I have no doubt be greater than by granting Licences, and improper persons would be more easily prevented occupying the land, as each person would for a year at least be obliged to have a fixed residence, and his pursuits consequently become better known.

I have the honor to be
Sir
&c &c &c

Commdg Jr

The Hon be
Colonial Secretary
&c &c &c
Sydney

No 51 Melbourne 9 June 1837

Sir

Mr Hadelle having informed me that he has been directed to take charge of the Survey Department here in the place of Mr Ruffell as I shall consequently have to include him in the Abstract for pay I have the honor to request I may be furnished with an authority to do so to attach to as a voucher to the account.

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir Your
Obedt Servt
Sir Thos Mitchell
Actg Col Sec
Sydney

No 52 Melbourne 12 June 37

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor that two of the men I alluded to in my letter of the 31 ult. in Mr Hodgens service were found by him about a week ago at Mr Aitkins station he learned them as he suspected with handcuffs and sent to me to acquaint me I immediately despatched two constables but before they got there the men had contrived to extricate themselves procured two guns of Mr Aitkins and threatened to shoot him & Mr Hodgen if they came near them. they took two horses & got away. upon they arrival of the Constables they were pursued. the horses were found but though the search was continued for a considerable distance no further traces of them were discovered I shall send tomorrow a small military party with a constable to visit the stations to the Westward in hopes of finding them The Constable I send with be one of those I received from Mr D L

as he may probably meet with some runaways from that colony in the employ of Settlers. I have also given him directions to let the blacks know that party has been sent to prevent their robbing & annoying White people as such I believe has been the case to some extent

I have the honor to be
Sir
&c &c &c

The Hon^ble
The Col Sec^y

No 53

Melbourne 12 June 1837

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 19th inst directing an Office & Store to be erected for the Survey Dept which will be commenced as soon as the Men who are directed to be sent arrive. but I beg at the same time to state that there are other buildings which had I not received these directions I should have conceived more immediately necessary to erect viz a Prisoners Barrack, a Police Office & Solitary Cells, the Temporary Hut with us now be insufficient for that purpose

As it would perhaps be thought advisable to erect all future buildings in a permanent and efficient manner, I should be glad if Plans and directions for each were sent; with the Scale when it is proposed to build it also stated

I have the honor to be
Sir
&c &c &c
Wentworth
Dr

The Hon^ble
The Col Sec
Sydney

B°54

Melbourne 12 June 1857

Sir

I have the honor to state that it has been reported to me by Mr Hoddle that Mr Ruppell of the Survey Dep[t] who left this Yesterday to proceed overland to Sydney has taken the Specimens of the Crown Named in the Margin with his Assistant Secretary to do so

Robert Smith Moffatt attached to Survey Dep[t]

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obed[t] Hum[ble] Ser[v]t

To
The Hon[ble]
The Col Sec[y]
Sydney

Melbourne
21 June 1837

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the duplicate of a cheque on the Commercial Bank for £ 218.1.6 the original of which I forwarded by the Revenue Cutter on the 1st inst but which I believe in the hurry of sending away I did not enclose. I now also enclose the original cheque on the Bank of Australasia for £ 1090. to be charged against my Account at the Bank. In the absence of instructions how to remit the money paid into my hands on this account I have taken upon myself to remit this sum which upon consideration I have thought cannot be objected to and which will also be of public benefit. I was indebted the above amount in the Town which I by paying in cash instead of cheques throws so much money into circulation which is very much required in fact it will enable several to pay for their allotment who otherwise could not have done it from the disappointments that have been experienced in obtaining the requisite description of money from Sydney or V.D.L. I am also desirous to dispose of it as quickly as possible not having any secure place to keep it. I likewise enclose the fact of exchange of two Treasury bills of £ 25 each received on the same account

I have the honor to be
Sir

C. D. Riddell Esq
Colonial Treasurer
Sydney

Your obedient
Humble

Shellbourne 1 July 87

Sir I have the honor to return the corrected abstract for the establishment to 31 March and beg to state that the errors which occurred were in consequence of not the want of sufficient instructions upon those subjects and to obviate as far as possible having the abstracts returned in future, as it may cause great inconvenience to the persons returned for pay in them I will enter those items when there is any doubt in pencil which if incorrect I will thank you to rectify.

The authorities for different changes are sometimes not received when the abstracts are sent away and perhaps to avoid the above mentioned inconvenience You will be paid enough to apply to the Col Secretary Office for such as may not hereafter be attached

Sergeant Hellows signature cannot be obtained as he is doing duty with his Reg in Sydney

I have the honor to be
Sir
&c &c &c
H Macdonald

The Auditor Genl
Sydney

Melbourne 4 July 1837

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30 ults with its enclosures and beg to state in reply that the five men attached to as not being returned in the Estimates for working pay, were not employed on the Public Works at this Station but formed the crew to the Government Boat and it was distinctly explained to them by myself that they would not be entitled to any extra pay and I left it to their option either to do their usual duty or be exempt from it if they attended to the boat, The clothes they wore were usually old fatigue clothes, and upon one occasion I directed them to receive from the Store a pair of Trowsers & a Shirt each. They were also allowed when they wished it to make use of the boat for their own amusement or advantage in fishing. There is at present a crew of the men of the 80 Reg employed in exactly the same manner and with the same understanding, but I should it be required to make an alteration in this arrangement I request I may receive intimation of it.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Wm Lonsdale
Pr

Jno Bartlett
Edwd Chapman
Jas Fidler
Wm Jerome
Jno Surnie

Capt Hunter
Aide de Camp
Sydney

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Melbourne 4 July 37

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 10 ultto with its Enclosures and in reply have to state that previous to the receipt of Your letter of the 10 Decr last the two Men employed on the Public Works were returned for pay according to what I verbally understood was the proper rate previous to my leaving Sydney and that subsequent to the receipt of Your letter not considering the two men in question did work to entitle them to a higher rate I did not return them as artificers With respect to the tools which it is stated they were obliged to supply themselves with but not having any found them by Government to work with, I beg to state there must be some mistake in this Statement as the Men were supplied with Government tools and if they used any of their own it was from their own choice and not at all required of them

Ch^s Moore & C^o Perkins

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

Capt Lewis
Asst Brit Res
Sydney

No 53

Melbourne 4 July 57

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13 ults and in reply have to state that I reported the results of the Land Sale in my letter of the 2d Inst Month and in addition have the honor to state that many persons attending here were not supplied with an allotment, and I also understand that several of the persons at present residing here in N.S.L would have purchased could they have had an opportunity. the high price they sold for Rural in some measure shew the demand there was for them.

In answer to the second paragraph of the same letter I have the honor to state, and with regret that the Surveyors have not made that progress which they might and undoubtedly ought to have done. Mr Hoddle during the very short time he has been here has done nearly as much as the other three Gentlemen in the Whole Period, the deficiency rests principally with Messrs Russell & Darby Who since their departure from the district have done scarcely any work. Mr Darke evinces a desire to do what is desired of him Mr Hoddle has I believe made a more minute report of the work done by each which he forwards by the present opportunity.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Obedt Servt
Thos Hoddle

The Col Sec
Sydney

Thomas Mitchell Surr

No 56

Sir

Melbourne 4 July 37

In compliance with your instructions conveyed in your letter of the 16 ultº I have the honor to enclose a return of Persons & Stock arrived in this District since 30 March last to 30 June the arrivals lately have not been so frequent in consequence of the unfavorable season & considerable losses have occurred among the Sheep which have been attempted to be brought over

I also forward the weekly reports of Mr Longhouse proceedings

In reply to the last paragraph directing me to report when I consider the issue of provisions may be withdrawn from the Convicts, and proposing the 1st September as the period from which it should cease, I have the honor to state that though all the necessaries of life have for some time past been procurable here, yet they remain at a high price by Meat by retail 2d per pound flour 1½d pr pound and I think if they were withdrawn whilst they remain at a high price it would be very much felt by those upon the lower scale of pay, as the Constables I would therefore propose that those persons whose salaries are less than one hundred a year might be allowed to receive the ration for some time longer but that the ration of Spirits might be discontinued & that those upon a higher rate of pay should have the ration discontinued. Upon this subject I will wait for your further instructions

I have the honor to be
Sir
&c &c
Mountain JP

The Hon
The Col Sec
Sydney

No 57 Melbourne 5 July 97

Sir

In reference to my letter of the 12 ulto I have the honor to state Mr Ruperts has returned to the Town having given up his project of going Overland to Sydney, the man he took with him has also returned and I have informed Mr Ruperts he is not again to remove him without permission. I have the honor to report the arrival of 25 of the prisoners destined for the works in the Town and request the other two may be sent as soon as they are able, having understood they were in Hospital The Loads which I required by my requisition of the 1 April last for the use of the men who are to be employed in forming the roads have not been sent and I am at a great loss without them having scarcely any but [illegible] for use

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedt Servt

The Hon
The Col Sec
Sydney

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No 58

Melbourne
5 July 1837

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the Abstract and vouchers for Contingent Expences at this Town for the Quarter ending 30 June 1837 and to request they may be laid before His Ex the Governor for approval & then forwarded to the Auditor General

I have the honor to be
Sir
&c &c &c
Wentworth Esqr.

The Hon
The Colonial Secretary
&c &c &c
Sydney

No 59

Sir

Melbourne 8 July 1837

I have the honor to enclose a letter from District Constable Henry Bateman, dated Bay to state he has given me every satisfaction in the manner he has performed his duty, and recommend him therefore for the higher appointment of Chief Constable should his Ex be pleased to make such an appointment

I also have the honor to enclose a Memorandum handed to me from Mr Langhorne relative to an arrangement he has undertaken to make respecting the rations of the Prison Servants

I have the honor to be
Sir
&c &c &c
Mandeville

The Hon ble
The Colonial Secretary
&c &c &c
Sydney

6c-60

Melbourne 6 July 1887

Sir

In Compliance with Your Letter of the 16 ulto I yesterday obtained in the Charge of Mr Taggart the Master of the Steamer James Watt a Parcel containing the Amount Remaining in my Hands for the Tower Allotment Vz £1921. 14. 2. directed to the Colonial Treasurer and have taken receipt in duplicate for it the Original of which I now enclose Herewith the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obt Servt

Thomas Bent

The Hon.ble
The Col Sec
Sydney

Melbourne 9 July 1887

Received from Capt Tannock a Parcel directed to C. D. Rudduck Esqr Colonial Treasurer Sydney Stated to contain Money

p.d John Taggart.

Melbourne 16 July 1837

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that in compliance with instructions received from the Colonial Secretary I yesterday gave in charge of Mr Sargent the master of the Steamer James Watt a parcel directed to you containing the whole of the Money I have received for the Town allotments sold here beyond the Amount I have before sent you the Contents of the Package are as follows

	£	s	d
Sydney Notes	657	0	0
Gold	733	10	0
Silver	6	8	6
Draft	524	15	8
	1921	14	2

I have not sent the Accounts or other Documents as there are still some allotments to be paid for the Money for which I have reason to believe has been sent for by H. M. Packet but the Parties have been disappointed as to the time of receiving it chiefly owing to bad weather under such circumstances I conceive some latitude may be given and the conditions of the Sale as regards the forfeiture of the deposit not enforced for a time

Among the Money I remit are several bills from the Australasian Bank in H. M. Packet upon that in Sydney which I received considering them as good as Notes of the Sydney Bank. There is also a cheque from Mr Ebden which will probably require explanation, as I have received it contrary to my instructions that Gentleman arrived at Melbourne from a distance in the interior on the day of the Sale, and intending to erect buildings in the Town purchased some Allotments which not having previously made Arrangements for he found it impossible to procure the whole Amount in the Town and as he was obliged to leave a few days after

I accepted his bill for the remainder, one of the Australasian bills for £ 25. 5. 8 is only on both the other I will forward when I get it.

I have twice Wr Hoddle his commission for selling his land which I shall charge against the proceeds

One allotment by Allot 8 Sec 4 Collins & Queen Street was purchased for Wr H. B Bowerman late of the commissariat / amounting to £ 87. 0. 0 the deposit of which £ 8. 14. 0. has only been paid and I am told he wishes to pay the remainder in Sydney by £ 70. 6. 0 perhaps you will be good enough to call upon him for it

I will thank you to inform me if these remittances have been received and if there is any thing objectionable in the manner in which I have made them

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt Servt

J. D. Riddell Esqr
Colonial Treasurer
Sydney

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No 61

Melbourne 15 July 837

Sir

I have the honor of the enclosed letter having applied for a license to keep a public house upon his allotment at Williams Town but having made his application subsequent to the Licensing day has requested me to ask if an application may be now attended to on the ground of his not being able to come here in time to apply on the usual day and that no License has been granted for Williams Town

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedt Servt
Wemyss Bm

Williams Town

The Hon
The Col Sec
Sydney

No 62

Melbourne 11 July 837

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a petition the Subscribers to which have requested me to forward it for the Consideration of His Excellency & knowing that they have frequently purchasing any allotment at the late sale and are inconvenienced in consequence I beg to add my recommendation to the prayer of the petition

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedt Servt
Wemyss Bm

The Hon
The Col Sec
Sydney

No 63

Inclosure 17 July 1837 -

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In

I have the honor to inclose a letter I have this day received from the Settlers to the Westward of Hunters Downs requesting a Magistrate and some Mounted Police may be stationed in that part of the District and beg you will be good enough to lay it before His Excellency the Governor

I have &c &c

Edwd Thomson Esqr
&c &c &c
Sydney

Sir
&c &c &c
Windsor

Inclosure 15 July 1837

Sir

I beg to forward for the enquiry of any persons who have obtained Certificates to sell Spirituous Liquors in the Interior Town

I have the honor &c &c
Windsor

The Clerk of the Peace
Sydney

Melbourne 15 July 1837

Sir

I have the honor to enclose certificates granted to six persons in this town to enable them to obtain Licences for the ensuing Year to retail Spirits &c and to state I have received from each of them the Amount of the License, as it would have been impossible for them to have paid it into your hands, and could not therefore for to let me have the Licenses for them.

I have the honor &c
&c &c &c
Wm Kerr

The Lt Col Treasurer
Sydney

No 64 Melbourne 17 July 37

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Mr Mc Clelland requesting permission to establish a Store & Inn at Point Henry and perhaps if there is no objection to his erecting a temporary building until he can purchase land there, His Excellency would be pleased to allow a License to be granted under the ninth section of 3 W 4 No 8 as I believe a Store of that description is much required

2 I also enclose a return of the persons to whom Certificates have been granted for Licenses for the ensuing Year. The Certificates I have forwarded to the Col Treasurer, and the Money which I have received from each applicant I will return until I receive instructions about it.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Wm Kerr

The Hon The Col Sec - Sydney

Police Office Melbourne
30 July 1837

Sir

I have the honor to forward a requisition for some printed forms for this Office according to those directed by the Plunkett Book the page at which each form is described is noted in the requisition as the readiest means of explanation, & I will thank You to direct blank for filling in, & convictions

I have &c &c
Wentworth

The Col Secretary
Sydney

No 65

Melbourne 30 July 1837

Sir

I have the honor to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor that I find even with the 25 last prisoners sent that they are not enough to do on work the many buildings which are becoming every day more necessary, and to cut the streets in which there is heavier work than I anticipated I beg therefore that 50 more Labourers may be sent, which will not be by any means too many for the work at present required, their services will also after that is completed be most requisite in making roads & putting up temporary bridges &c In the event of this application being acceded to, I enclose a requisition for tools which I will thank You to forward to the Col Storekeeper

Among those prisoners I before wrote for was a Physician who was not tenth but is much required when one can be given

I beg also to suggest that it is quite necessary

I should be another team of Bullocks with Pole draught & Jokes &c. for the Public works the Bullocks we have at present cannot do all there is for them. Some could be purchased here though at a high rate since, they have fallen a little but Steers are not to be got under 36 pounds a pair

It is also very necessary to have an overseer who understands something of road making to attend the men working on the Streets as they require constant watching

I enclose the duplicate of Mr Jeggart receipt and beg to inform You I have received payment for the whole of the allotments, but one, which was purchased by Mr Bowerman late of the Commissariat who I am given to understand will pay for it in Sydney, and I wrote to the Col Secretary on the subject

I with thank You if You will inform me as soon as the Men who are entitled to two pairs of Shoes only in the Year, which is I believe less than seven & then in rotation, though from their work equally required most of the men who arrived last are nearly barefoot, & there is yet three months before the next issue

I have the honor &c
Macarthur

The Hon
The Col Sec
Sydney

Sir Melbourne 3 August 1837

I have the honor to endose an applicatin from Mr Hill for an Auctioneers license and also the Magistrates certificate & with thank you to inform me, how he is to proceed with respect to the bonds that are required to be entered into, and subsequently how he is to pay the per centage upon the proceeds of the Sales into your hands

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt Servt
Mcdonald Pm

C D Rudstell Esqr
Col Secretary
Sydney

No 66

Melbourne
26th August 1837

Sir

I have the honor to inform you the man whose description is annexed broke out of the Gaol here on the 24th July last having been committed for stealing from a vessel in the River. It is supposed he has taken with him a horse belonging to the Survey and that he has gone towards the settled districts of Sydney. I have sent a description of the man and horse to the Police Magistrate at Yass in the event of his remaining about there.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obt Servant
Wm Dale
P Magistrate

Henry Smedley Arrived
Free in Port Phillip
Land per Ship Rainbow
in 1829

Age 32
Height 5 feet 7½ inches
Shake action
Complexion Dark, Swarthy
Hair black
Eyes dark
Trade Seaman
Country Waterford
Marks none

Description of the horse which is missing from the Survey party
Colour Chesnut, Height nearly 15 Hands, Tail short, Legs of a light colour, Off eye nearly blind white spots under the Saddle, Age about eight years

The Hon.ble
Colonial Secretary

Inbourne
19 Sept 07

Sir

Referring to Jour communication of the 26 January respecting the freedom of the Man named in the Margin / John Wills the Younger / America, I have the honor to inform Jour that conceiving by it, that he would have served his time on the 13 August last I have given him a Pass renewed every 14 days until I hear further from Jou respecting him

I have the honor to be
Sir
Jour most Obt Hble Servt
Wlaxworth

The Prin.t Sup.t of Convicts
Sydney

Inbourne 19 Sept 07

Sir

I have the honor to inform Jour that Lewis Jones an Assigned Servant to Br.r Webb of the Customs whose application was forwarded to Jou a short time back for a Ticket of Leave was convicted on the 10 inst of harbouring other Assigned Servants in the hut in which he lives at night after having been cautioned against doing so, he was sentenced to receive 50 Lashes and should his ticket have been granted it is recommended that he be deprived of that indulgence, which recommendation I with thank Jou to bring under the notice of His Excellency the Governor

I have the honor to be
Sir
Jour most Obt Hble
Wlaxworth

L. A. Bourne Capt
Prin.l Sup.t of Convicts
Sydney

Sir

Melbourne 19 Sept 1857

I have the honor to enclose a Monthly Return of Vessels and with thanks You to inform me in what manner it will be best to pay persons entitled to Rewards of this description as in many instances it would be necessary impossibly for them to apply to Sydney to receive them

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
H. L. Nelson Lt
Inst Police Magte
Sydney

Melbourne 19 Sept 57

Sir

I have the honor to request You will be pleased to afford me the information I requested in my letter addressed to You on the 11 April Last respecting a Boat & some other property which belonged to a man named Johnston who was drowned in Port Phillip bay, as they are subject to loss and damage by long detention

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
H. L. Nelson Lt
Inst Police Magte

The Registrar of the
Supreme Court
Sydney

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Melbourne 19 Sept 1837

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Recognizance entered into upon George Smith publican, having applied for a fresh Licence upon removal of house

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
D Mn.

Recognizance
18 August 1837
Smith
George Bolger
David Mollison

The Clerk of the Peace
Sydney

Melbourne 19 Sept 37

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a certificate granted to George Smith publican upon his application to be allowed to retail Spirits in another house to that for which his original certificate was granted this year. I beg to add he has paid into my hands the regulated sum of two pounds & I will thank you if you will forward the Licence

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
D Mn.

C D Rodwell Esq
Colonial Treasurer
Sydney

Parramatta 19 Sept 1837

Sir

1 I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter from Mr Henty in answer to one I wrote to him respecting the men who absconded from Messrs Howey & Eden and beg again to urge the necessity of having means here to make a distant search for runaways, or persons suspected of being illegally at large

2 Mr Simpson who was appointed a Magistrate has not been sworn in, and as his appointment may be rendered abortive by that form not being attended to I would beg to ask, if power could not be deputed to me by the Supreme Court to administer the oath here, as I know it would be inconvenient to Mr Simpson to undertake a journey to Sydney for that purpose.

3 A Bullock belonging to Government which had been sometime sick & unable to work died towards the end of last month, on examination there appeared considerable internal inflamation

4 The enclosed petition was given to me to forward to His Excellency the Governor from Robert Robson.

5 I have the honor to report that the supply of Flour in Store having been exhausted on the 14 Augt I invited the Commissariat Clerk to call for tenders and obtained some at the following rates Last month 25/6 pr 100 lbs second do 23/6 pr do

I have also to report that the scavenger appointed to the district having been repeatedly negligent I have furnished him by Stopping his pay I have ordered him at different times this punishment & his pay for the present