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Survey Office Melbourne
May 8. 1844

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a List of unsaleable Stores the belonging to this Branch of your Department which were sold by order of his Honor the Superintendent on the 16 March and 12 April last

The Surveyor General. signed W.H.B. for R.H.

No 44/37, Camp under Isolated Hill Mt Macedon 24th April 1844

Sir, You will be pleased to continue the Survey from the Rocks on Mt Macedon now connected with the Isolated Hill East and West on the main Range taking bearings to the diverging Ranges. At every mile you will make different marks so that any point can be connected thus I. II. III. IV. V. &c You will also take bearings to remarkable Hills and describe in the usual manner the quality of the adjacent Rocks whether Sandstone Trap granite or limestone description of timber should be named. Should you require any aid I shall be happy to afford you every assistance in my power. My Camp will be removed to the East Extreme of the Range near Dry Creek Sugar Loaf Hill (Alexanders Head).

To Mr Pickering. signed Robert Hoddle

No 44/38 Survey Office Melbourne May 16. 1844

Sir.

I beg leave to state to your Honor that on being summoned to attend at the Supreme Court at Melbourne as a Juror on the 16th March last I applied to the Deputy Sheriff that filling the situation of Clerk as well as Draftsman at the Survey Office and there being a Sale of Land on the 20th of the same month I could not conveniently shut up the Office and attend the Court and in consequence of my non attendance a fine of Two pounds has been imposed by the Court

I shall therefore feel obliged if your Honor would have the goodness to have the fine remitted and procure the erasure of my name from the list of Jurors.

His Honor. signed W.H. Buckley

C. J. La Trobe Esq.

No 44/39 Survey Office Melbourne May 25. 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt per Shamrock of a Bale containing 6 pairs of Blankets and six suits of Slops for Mr Hoddle's Survey party

due on the 1st instant, also of two new surveying Chains on the 6th April.

I beg to observe that Picket Lane been put down, near the Office to test the correctness of the Chain more than 3 years ago.

The Surveyor General. signed W. H. Buckley.

No 44/40 Survey Office Melbourne May 25 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Return shewing the Suburban Lots which were actually sold at this Office on the 24th of April 1844

The Surveyor General signed W H Buckley.

No 44/41. Survey Office Melbourne May 25 1844

Sir

I have the honor to forward Report of Progress from 1st October 1843 to 31 March 1844. received from Mr Assistant Surveyor Pickering

The Surveyor General signed W. H. Buckley.

No 44/42 Survey Office June 8. 1844.

Sir,

In addition to your Letter dated 29 April No 44/124 returning the Plan and description of Ten Allotments in the Parish of Broomdarra for ~~for~~ alienation and further particulars I have the honor to state that with regard to the roads at present in use as shewn on the plan I do not consider it necessary to reserve only that passing through Allotments as now numbered 57. 58. and 59. and have accordingly allowed for it in the area for the which it has sold. The licenses held by parties squatting on some of these portions will not be renewed by the Commissioners of the County of Bourke, and should they not become the purchasers they will vacate the lands.

I am of opinion that No 52 to 58 the soil being of good quality in the flats, but subject to floods, will bring from 30/ to 40/ per acre. No 57 to 61 from 20/ to 25/ the soil

The Surveyor General.

being chiefly light Loams. Note. The plan with descriptions were forwarded with this letter on same day.

signd R Hoddle

N° 44/43 B

Sir.

June. 8. 1844

I have the honor to transmit an application from Mr Assistant Surveyor Pickering for the annual increase of Salary granted to Officers of your Department.

The Surveyor General.

signd Robert Hoddle

N° 44/44

Sir.

June 8. 1844

I have the honour to enclose the Copy of a letter which I transmitted to Mr Assistant Surveyor Pickering on the 22d March last. You will perceive I have not been unmindful of your instructions on this head.

The Surveyor General

signd Robert Hoddle

N° 44/43A

Sir

June 7. 1844

I have the honor to enclose you my Reports of Progress for the Months of March April and May, which I hope are satisfactory. I have frequently applied to Mr Pickering for his Reports of Progress which he has neglected to do. On the 15th of last month I directed Mr Pickering to accompany me, and at the same time informed him that I had drawn rations to the end of May for my party: that Gentleman drew his Rations only to the 15th May and withdrew himself to Melbourne. whilst I was engaged complying with your instructions surveying Mr Mantz Grants. I hope that Gentleman will be able to account satisfactorily to you. That he has employed his time to the benefit of the Public Service, although he has failed in his assistance to me in facilitating an interesting and useful survey as directed in your letter N°44/77

The Surveyor General

signd R Hoddle

N° 44/45

June 10. 1844

Sir,

His Honor the Superintendent having requested that the Selection by Mr William Rutledge of his Special Survey near Port Fairy be measured without any delay. In addition thereto I have to request you will hold yourself in readiness to proceed with your Surveying party and Equipment to that locality.

You will therefore complete your Plan of the Snake Portion of the Mount Macedon Range and Deep Creek Road as lately surveyed by you, as soon as possible.

You can furnish yourself with a Tracing from the Plan of Mr Rutledges Selection at this Office, together with a Copy of the Regulations regarding the marking of Special Surveys. As soon as you have marked the Special Survey you will proceed to measure 320 acres near the falls at the North East corner and three Sections adjoining the South West Corner of the Special Survey which Mr Rutledge has applied for to be allowed to purchase, making a report of the quality of the soil Timber &c

You will forward to me a Plan and description of this Special Survey also a separate plan and description of the three and a half Sections

Mr Ass. Surveyor Pickering

signd R Hoddle

N°. 44/46

June 11. 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Return of Prisoners of the Crown at present in the employment of this Branch of the H.M.'s Department with a Statement of Casualties which have occurred by men obtaining Tickets of Leave, absconding &c since April last.

Although your Honor has at all times afforded me every facility in obtaining Prisoners from other Departments and the Hulk I find it impossible to muster sufficient men for even one party, and those chiefly of indifferent character. In a Reference to the Surveyor Generals letter of the 22 Nov 1841 N°41/396 a copy of which I enclose, on the subject of substituting free men for Convicts. I ascertained that single men could not be procured at

The Surveyor General

&c - &c - &c

at that time for less than from 25 to 30 ₤ pr annum with rations which are equivalent to 50 ₤ per annum without rations, paid by Mr Pickering I am about to proceed to the Portland District to mark out the Special Surveys selected by Mr Rutledge. and some sections of land for sale. I beg to suggest that 6 single Emigrants be hired for 12 months to accompany him - their wages to be paid at certain periods - on vouchers being produced at the Treasury, as to their good conduct certified by the Surveyor as Assistant Surveyor.

I beg to observe that it has been the practice in some of the Colonies to employ Soldiers at 6 per diem each besides their pay. the only objection urged was their getting rather relaxed in their discipline and requiring to be drilled on their returning to their Corps.

I have &c signed R Hoddle.

His Hon C. J. La Trobe Esq &c &c

No 44/47. Survey Office Melbourne June 15. 1844

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Return of Prisoners of the power attached to this Branch of your Department and of those Prisoners who have received tickets of leave to June / April last. and to state that although his Honor the Superintendent has at all times afforded me every facility in obtaining Prisoners from your Department at the Gaol. I find it now impossible to muster sufficient for even one party.

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With reference to your letter of the 22 Nov 1841. No 41/39 on the subject of substituting free men for convicts. I find by enquiries lately made that single men of good character can be procured at ₤20 per annum each with rations. As Mr Pickering is about to start for the Portland Bay District to mark out the Special Survey selected by Mr William Rutledge near Port Fairy and the 3 Lots of land applied for by him at purchase. I beg to recommend that 6 single Emigrants be engaged for 6 or 12 mo. & accompany Mr Pickering to that District. A Corporal & 5 well conducted Privates at 3/ per diem each would be serviceable and the only objection is their getting relaxed in their discipline and requiring to be drilled on their return to their Corps.

The Surveyor General &c &c &c signed R Hoddle.

Return of Prisoners of the Crown employed in the Employment of the P. P. Branch of the S. G. Department and those to have Tickets of Leave &c between 1 April & 30 June 1844.

No	Name	Ship	Sentence	From what Depot &c	Employed with	Period From	Period To	When can be dispensed with &c	Remarks
1	Joseph Jones	Eden	10		Mr Pickering	1 Apr	—		
2	Benj[a] Chad	Anne	14		do	1 "	—		
3	Rob[t] Hobbs	Mangles	Life	From Gaol	do	11 "	—		
4	John Ryley	Barossa	10	Customs	Mr Hoddle	12 "	—		
		Casual Fees.							
1	George Hall	Roslyn Castle	Life		Mr Pickering	1 Apr	10 May	Stolen	
2	John Keegan	Wm Jardine	do	Customs	Mr Hoddle	1 "	11 "	do	
3	James Twigg	Middlesex	7 yrs	Pub Works	do	1 "	4 Dec	do	
4	James Potter	Woodbridge	Life	Gaol	Mr Pickering	11 "	16 May	Absconded	Ret[d] to P.B.
5	Widow Godfrey	Barossa	15	do	do	1 Apr	8 May	In Hosp[l]	Hooping Cough
6	Geo[e] Broom	Eden	Life	—	do	1 "	8 June	Felony	In Custody C.P.
7	Henry Hendricks	Lysander	do	Public Works	Mr Hoddle	1 "	8 "	Appointed to Mounted Police	Returned in duplicate
8	Edw[d] Ellis	Eden	do	do	do	1 "	8 "		
9	John Smith	Moffatt	do	do	do	1 "	13 "	Returned to Govern[t]	

Survey Office Melbourne 15 June 1844. } signed Robert Hoddle.

No 44/48 Survey Office Melbourne June 22[d] 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Reports of Progress for the months of April & May last received from Mr Assistant Surveyor Pickering. I beg ~~leave~~ to state that I have also received Duplicates of the Reports of Progress of the above Officer from 1 October 1843 to 31 March 1844. which were forwarded to you on the 25th ult[o] during my absence on Survey

The Surveyor General &c signed Robert Hoddle.

No 44/49. Survey Office Melbourne June 15/44

Sir, I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 12[th] inst. received this morning. and to state that your Field Books were transmitted to the Surveyor General on the 25th April last. signed R H.

A.O. H. Smythe Esq[r] J.P. Crown Commissioner Murray District.

No 44/50. Survey Office Melbourne
July 29. 1844

Sir,

As the Special Survey at Port Fairy selected by Mr James A Ruston and Cultivation farm at Mountfelay have been marked true North on the ground by Mr Tyers late Surveyor in your Department I have the honor to request you will inform me whether this practice is to be continued in marking Mr Rutledge's Special Survey on the Merri River. and also all lands marked in future for sale in the Normanby District, or as in this District the lands to be marked accordg to the magnetic bearing

I have &c signd Robert Hoddle.

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

Survey Office Melbourne
July 2. 1844

No 44/51

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Trace of the Road from the swamp near Melbourne to the main branch of the Saltwater River at the Village Reserve parish of Bulla Bulla, also a Plan of the Mt Macedon Range. My Survey of the whole of the Mount Macedon Range towards Kilmore with which I have connected it will be transmitted as soon as complete

I have &c signd Robert Hoddle

The Surveyor General.
&c &c &c

No 44/52

Survey Office Melbourne
July 4. 1844

Sir,

With reference to my letter to you of the 10th ultimo. No 44/40. instructing you to proceed to the neighbourhood of Port Fairy to mark out the Special Survey selected by Mr Rutledge and 3 sections of land for sale. I have now to request you will as soon as the above work is completed and plans & descriptions of the same forwarded to me. commence the Survey of the Coast eastward from Port Fairy. commencing where Mr Tyers left off (Tracing enclosed) and as it has been reported to me that a Harbour exists at the mouth of the Merri River, you will be particularly

careful in ascertaining if such is the case. & if the protected by any reef from the South & West winds and if possible find the different soundings at the entrance and inside. You are also to continue the Survey of the Merri River to the point where Mr Rutledge's Survey commences and along the Coast to the mouth of the Hopkins and the River eastward of it.

I have &c signd R Hoddle

Map. Survey & Reckonings.

No 44/52 B. Survey Office Melbourne
July 13. 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Mr Pickerings report of Progress from 1st to 30 June 1844 My plan will be forwarded Direct Shamrock.

I have &c signd R Hoddle.

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

No 44/53. Survey Office Melbourne
July 15th 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you a Plan and description of the Ranges from Mount Macedon to Kilmore which seperates the waters of Salt Water River Campaspe &c. also the Dividing Range between the waters of the Goulburn and Yarra Yarra as requested in your letter No 44/27. dated 13th February 1844.

I have &c signd R Hoddle

The Surveyor General.
&c &c &c (Description)

Mt Macedon. This Mountain which stands conspicuous is seen from Melbourne bearing North West. distant 36 miles. is 3370 feet above the Level of the Sea. and is principally composed of primary trap rock. fragments of quartz imbedded in felt spar close grained. is found on the western side of the mountain and small specs of mica are visible in portions of the rock. The lateral Range and adjoining hills are all trap and composed of whinstone soil of the richest description. The apparently detached hills which are connected with low necks. forming an almost imperceptible connexion with the main dividing Range. which divide the waters from Salt

water Rivr Campaspe Coliban & the Goulburn River
The dividing range from the Goulburn is more distinct and its formation is Granite close grained and of excellent quality.

Between the Branches of the Salt water River, the hills which are of considerable elevation are composed of Trap rock. until you are approaching the junction of two main Branches. when Rocks of Quartz (very white & shining) and Siliceous Rock (close grained & opake white) appear. and sometimes mistaken for Marble. which was so described in a former Survey.

I should observe in tracing the Colibanriver I have discovered hills nearly composed of Quartz in large masses. which in outward appearance resemble Marble. White Rock with veins of red.

Mount Macedon has undergone considerable volcanic action. detached hills, and hollows resembling the crater volcanoes. where stones lay in heaps broken and in small fragments as if thrown upon showers. The action of fire is visible in portions of the rocks. Immediately under Mount Macedon the water was flowing from springs which in addition to the rich soil will at some future period prove a rich mine to the enterprising and industrious agriculturist and I have no doubt the most useless portions of the mountain the Vine will be cultivated with success at some future period.

About a Mile South west of Mr Mains Station in digging for water which was found from Springs. Fossil remains were dug up principally of the bones and teeth of the Kangaroo. and a Non-descript animal of large dimensions. The bones are found in gravel which is about two feet and a half under the alluvial soil.

Transmitted with a Plan and my letter No 44/53. dated 15th July 1844

I have &c
signed Robert Hoddle
Surveyor.

To the Surveyor General
&c &c &c

No 44/54

Survey Office Melbourne
July 15th 1844

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant and to inform you, that your request for a Section of land to be marked and put up for sale, on Powers Creek near Lowes Bay cannot at present be entertained, but your application will be registered at this Office in case an opportunity offers of marking land near Geelong for sale.

I have &c
signed Robert Hoddle

J. Clarke Esq P.M.D.
Geelong

No 44/55

Survey Office Melbourne
July 1844

Sir

I have the honor to forward the Copy of a letter received by His Honor Mr La Trobe from Mr Sayers, Crown Commissioner at Gipps Land enclosing the Certificate of a Board of Survey held on a Whale Boat left at Port Albert by Mr Townsend in March 1842. and recommending the sale of the Boat in question, which His Honor has approved of.

I have &c
signed R Hoddle

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

(Copy)

Commr Crown Lands Office
Alberton 18 May 1844

No 55/44

Sir, I have the honor to report to you that on my arrival at Port Albert in January last an old Whale Boat was pointed out to me on the Beach as belonging to the Surveyor Generals Department. on enquiring under what circumstances she was left there I was informed that the Assistant Surveyor Townsend on his departure from Gipps Land had requested that she might be sent to Melbourne. but that the Masters of the Coasting vessels trading thither had declined taking her.

As it appeared to me that she was totally unfit for service and not worth the trouble & expence of repairing I requested Mr Moore of the Customs.

His Honor
C. J. La Trobe Esqr

and Mr Turnbull Merchant of this place, I held a Survey on her. The Certificate of which Survey I beg leave to enclose and to recommend the Sale of the Boat.

I have &c signed Chas T Tyers.

"Certificate"

We hereby certify that at the request of C. T. Tyers Esqr Commissioner of Crown Lands we have this day held a Survey on a Whale Boat, owned & belonging to the Surveyor Generals Department Melbourne at Port Albert in the Month of March 1842. by Mr Assistant Surveyor Townsend - and we find her totally unfit for Service and not worth the freight to Melbourne, from Lagging so long on the beach being injured by the weather

Signed W. A. Moore.
P. O. Customs
John. T. Turnbull
Merchant

Port Albert 28 March 1844 -

Survey Office Melbourne
29 July 1844

No. 44/56.

Sir, I beg to inform your Honor, that this Office has been for some time past, in a very dilapidated state - and from the late heavy rains part of the brickwork at the back has separated from the Chimney, and leans so much inwards, that I expect it will soon fall into the Drawing Room -

If the brick work could be taken down the opening could be built up with a very little expence to the Government

I have &c signed R Hoddle
Surveyor

His Honor
The Superintendent.

No 44/57.

Survey Office Melbourne
July 26. 1844

Sir, I have received the Surveyor Generals Instructions that you measure the Lands in the Portland District according to the magnetic bearings.

The following is an extract from the Surveyor Generals letter to me. dated 12th July. 1844 No 44/210 "I have to inform you that Mr Tyers disobeyed my orders in this respect, and

"that you are not under any circumstances to deviate "from your usual mode of measurement."

Mr Ap. Surveyor Pickering
Port Fairy.

I have &c
signed R Hoddle

No. 44/58

Survey Office Melbourne.
July 27. 1844

Sir, I have the honor to forward to your Honor a letter which I received from Messrs D. & J. Stevenson relative to their application for Land at Belfast NB This application was shewn to His Honor by Mr Hoddle, and an answer sent to the above Gentlemen -"

His Honor The Superintendent.

No 44/58 Survey Office Melbourne 29 July 1844.

Sir, I have the honor to enclose a receipt received from the Chief Mate of the "Shamrock Steamer" for a Cedar Case containing my Maps of the Ranges between Mr Macedon and Mount Disappointment. &c.

The Surveyor General. &c. &c.

I have &c. signed R Hoddle

No 44/59 Survey Office Melbourne July 29 1844.

Sir. I have the honor to State to your Honor that the Prisoner named in the margin has been for a considerable time in the Government Hospital, with a confirmed asthma, and as he is never likely to be fit for Service, I beg to recommend that he be forwarded to Sydney. I have &c.

William Godfrey P. Barque

His Honor The Superintendent

signed Robert Hoddle.

Mem: Boundaries of County of Bourke as proposed.

Bourke - Bounded on the North by the Ranges extending from Mount Blackwood to Mt Macedon & Mt Disappointment to the Source of the Yana Yana River. On the East by a part of that River and a line due South to the head of the Dandenong Creek by that Creek and Bordiallock Swamp to the Mouth of the Tarrenoring Creek - on the East by the Tarrenoring Creek Bordiallock Swamp & the Dandenong Creek to its source and thence by a line due South to the Yana Yana River, and by that River to its source

source on the North by the Ranges extending Westerly to Mr Dis appointment Mr Macedon & Mt Blackwood. On the West by the Werribee River & the Myrniong Creek & its Source under Mount Blackwood, and on the South and South West by the waters of Port Phillip.

Grant. Bounded on the East by the Werribee River and the Myrniong Creek & its source, under Mt Blackwood On the North by the Ranges extending Westerly from Mt Blackwood along the heads of the Werribee & Moorabool Rivers to Mt Bunninyon. On the West by the Eastern Branch of the Yarrowee or Lee River & its confluence with the Barwon hence by that River & a line drawn due North & South from the source of the same to the Coast & and on the South and South East by the Sea and the waters of Port Phillip or

Note - sent to Mr La Trobe with sketch.

No 44/60. Survey Office Melbourne
5 August 1844

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 5th Inst. I beg to state, that not being in possession of the Field Book containing the Survey of the Parish of Barrabool, I regret I cannot give you more information than the Plans deposited in this Office affords.

I have the honor &c
Signed Robert Hoddle

James Williamson Esqr.

No 44/61. Melbourne Aug 6. 1844

Gentlemen I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. on the subject of your application of the 23d January last. for two lots of land on the Yarra Yarra River in the Parish of Boroondara and to inform you that although some portions have been subdivided. I am not acquainted with the intentions of the Government with regard to the time they will be brought forward; and with respect to the upset price that being fixed by His Excellency the Governor in Council I have no doubt exceed the sum proposed by you viz £2 pound Per acre.

I have &c
signed Robert Hoddle

Messrs A & R Stevenson
Heidelberg.

No 44/62. Melbourne August 9. 1844

Sir I beg to forward the Copy of the Colonial Secretary's Letter of the 29th Ult. to His Honor Mr La Trobe dated 29 July No 44/377. respecting the Determining & marking the western Boundaries of the Port Phillip District from the Sea to the Murray by Mr Pickering & which Letter having been referred to me by His Honor. You will perceive the remarks I made thereon, and which I hope will meet with your approval.

I have &c
Signed Rob Hoddle

The Surveyor General

No 44/63 Melbourne 13 Augt 1844

Sir, With reference to the correspondence which you Honor has been pleased to send for my perusal relative to the marking out a Site for a Burial Ground at Portland, in which some misunderstanding appears to have taken place respecting the eligibility of the site. I beg leave to recommend that it be defined until the parties concerned agree, and that it be not nearer than one mile from the Boundary of the Town, in accordance with the Act of Council on that subject.

I have &c
Signed Robert Hoddle.

His Honor The Superintendent.

Mr La Trobe 22 Sep. 44/830
Col Sec 8 May
Govt Gen. 16 May. 44/83
Auk. C.S. 8 May. 44/205.
Col Sec 10 Aug. 44/794
Mr Blair 8 Aug 44/81
do 23 Oct. 43/348
9 Dec. 43/348
7 Mar 44/87

No 44/63. Melbourne Aug 10. 1844

Sir Being requested to furnish the Corner stakes or Marked trees of Sections 2. 15-16. 20 and 21. in the parish of Barrabool Co Grant. I beg you will forward (under cover to His Honor Mr La Trobe) the Field Book which has been so long promised by you containing the Survey of the above parish so that I may give the required information.

I have &c Robert Hoddle

W & H Hogg Esqrs Town Commissioners.

No 44/64. (no minutes or copies) Melbourne Aug 23 1844

Sir I have the Honor to transmit the copy of an application received from Mr Irvine Clark. who is desirous of purchasing seventy allotments at the village of Seymour. I have recommended that they be put up at £5

The Surveyor General

No 44/73

Survey Office Melbourne
Sept 21. 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Reports of Progress received from Mr Assistant Surveyor Pickering for the months of July and August 1844

The Surveyor General. I have &c Sd R. Hoddle

No 44/74.

Survey Office Melbourne Sept 21/44

Sir, With reference to my letter dated 29 July No 44/50, enclosing the receipt of the Chief Mate of the Shamrock Steamer for a Cedar Case, put on board to your address containing my Map of the Ranges between Mount Macedon and Mount Disappointment, I have the honor to request you will inform me whether the above case has been received at your Office

The Surveyor General. I have &c Sgnd R Hoddle

No 44/75.

Survey Office Melbourne
Oct 5 - 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you copies of letters received from the Surveyor General and Colonial Secretary relative to the selection of Mr Rutledges Special Survey on the Merri River, also a copy of Mr Rutledges letter dated 30th ultimo by which your Honor will perceive that Mr Rutledge insists on his Survey being measured by the true bearings. Having received the Surveyor Generals Instructions to measure it by the magnetic bearing I request the favour of being informed in what manner (Spec. Survey) it is to be marked.

His Honor The Superintendent. I have the honor &c
Sgnd Robert Hoddle.

No 44/76 A.

Survey Office Melbourne
Sept 14. 1844

Sir,

"The Ticket of leave having been granted to the Prisoner named in the margin for Jap. County of Murray on the 19th June Last - Should be. The prisoner named in the margin bore a good character while attached

William Beresford "Parkfield"

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to this Branch of the Surveyor Generals Department and I beg to recommend that the Ticket of Leave granted him on the 19 June last for Jap in the County of Murray may be transferred to Belfast in the Portland Bay District, as set forth in the prayer of the Petition to your Honor from the above mentioned Prisoner, and herewith enclosed, I have the honor &c

His Honor The Superintendent. (No 44/76). Sgnd Robert Hoddle

No. 44/77

Survey Office Melbourne
Oct 5 - 1844.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 30th Sept. enclosing Mr Rut-ledges letter of 27th ult. & I have to inform you that I have written again to the Surveyor General on the subject. In the mean time you can pro-ceed with the Survey of the Sea Coast as formerly instructed by me. I have the honor &c

Apt. Surveyor Pickering. Sgnd Robert Hoddle

No 44/78

Survey Office Melbourne
October 5. 1844.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated and beg leave to inform you that I have referred the matter again to the Surveyor General as his Instructions to me are to measure by magnetic bearing.

William Rutledge Esqr &c &c I have the honor &c
Port Fairy. Sgnd Robert Hoddle.

No 44/79

Survey Office Melbourne
October 9. 1844

Sir,

The Surveyor General having approved of my completing the Survey of the Yarra Yarra River up to its source and the Ranges, and being informed that no more prisoners can be sent from Sydney and that your Honor has authority to sanction the employment of free men. I therefore request your Honor will be pleased to grant me permission to hire six men for

six

each which has met with the approval of His Honor the Superintendent

I have &c
Signd R Hoddle

No 44/65. Melbourne 31 August 1844

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 44/254 dated 22 Inst. inclosing Instructions to Assistant Surveyor Pickering for the Survey of the Coast between Port Fairy and Cape Otway, and for the completion of the Surveys of the Hopkins River and Emu Creek, which Instructions will be transmitted by the first opportunity.

I beg leave to transmit you a copy of my Instructions to Mr Pickering forwarded this day per Bark No 44/52

I have &c
Signd R Robt Hoddle

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

No 44/66 Melbourne August 31. 1844

Sir, I am Instructed by the Surveyor General to transmit you the enclosed Instructions for the Survey of the Coast between Port Fairy and Cape Otway and for the completion of the Survey of the Hopkins River and Emu Creek

Mr Asst Surveyor Pickering I have &c Signd R Hoddle

No 44/67 Melbourne August 31. 1844

Sir, The Survey of the Yana Yana, up to its source never having been completed. I propose if it meets with your approbation to commence it this Spring also the dividing Range towards Mt Disappointment

The Surveyor General I have &c signd R Hoddle

No 44/68. Melbourne August 31. 1844

Sir, Not having any person to drive the Government Bullocks. I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to allow this Office to be supplied with a load of Wood once a fortnight.

His Honor The Superintendent, I have &c Signd Robert Hoddle

No 44/69. Melbourne Sept 14. 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an application received from Mr Joseph Raleigh for the purchase of 20 acres of land below the Junction of the Yana Yana and the Salt water River, being a part of Section No. 8 in the Parish of Cut paw paw. which I beg leave to recommend to your Honors favorable consideration.

His Honor The Superintendent. I have &c Signd Robert Hoddle

No 44/70 Melbourne Sept 26. 1844

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose two applications for permission to purchase certain portions of land in the Parish of Bonoondara, and beg to state that the whole of these portions applied for have been offered for sale and remain unsold.

I therefore request Your Honor will inform me whether I am to forward copies of these applications to the Surveyor General, recommending their being again put up for sale.

His Honor The Superintendent I am &c Signd Robert Hoddle

No 44/71. Melbourne Sept 20 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Return shewing the applications which have been made for the purchase of land in this District since my letter No 44/64 dated 23d August. enclosing the application of Mr John Clark, and to state that these applications have been submitted to His Honor the Superintendent for his approval,

His Honor The Superintendent. I have &c Signd Robt Hoddle

The Surveyor General
&c &c

No 44/72 Melbourne Sept 21. 1844

Sir, I have the honor to forward a Return of the Lots of land actually sold by Auction on the 21st August 1844. in terms of the Act of Parliament 5 and 6 Victoria Cap 36. I have &c signd Robert Hoddle

The Surveyor General
&c &c &c

six months, at the rate of Twenty pounds per annum with the usual Rations allowed to Surveying parties

His Honor The Superintendent. I have &c signed R Hoddle

No 44/80 Melbourne October 12. 1844.

Sir,

I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to request you will be pleased to inform me whether there is any objection to a portion of 100 acres (adjoining the Southern Bound. any line of Mr Reeves Special Survey, and having a frontage to the Yarra Rivulet) being marked off and put up for Sale: an application to that effect having been made at this Office: or whether you consider it a desirable locality to be reserved for Government purposes-

C J. Tyers Esq P.C. Crown Commr Gippis Land I have &c signed Rob Hoddle

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No 44/81. S. O. Melbourne

Sir. October Nov 1. 1844

Being informed that the Country up the Yarra Yarra River is very mountainous, and full of dense scrub. I think it necessary to hire an additional man, which I hope your Honor will have the goodness to sanction; Your Honor must be aware that in a forest country six men are insufficient but in this case I shall be obliged to cut my way through, and leave a portion of my equipment behind- I have the honor to be &c

His Honor The Superintendent. signed Rob. Hoddle

No 44/82. Melbourne 2 November 44

Sir. I have the honor to forward an application from William Kellett for permission to purchase No 17 Allotment, parish of Boroondara consisting of 13 acres. 3 roods and 32 perches. As this application has been approved of by His Honor The Superintendent I beg to recommend that the land be put up to auction at the next Sale to be held in this District I have &c signed Rob.

The Surveyor General Sydney-

No 44/83. Survey Office Melbourne

Sir, November 6. 1844

In the absence of the Surveyor Hoddle in the field, I beg to forward a Plan and description of 7 allotments in Section No 8 parish of Cut paw paw County of Bourke, Plan & description enclosed.

These Allotments were marked by Mr Hoddle by order of His Honor The Superintendent, on the application of Mr Joseph Raleigh the proprietor of the Salting Establishment.

To The Surveyor General. I have &c signed C. H. Buckley

No 44/81. Survey Office Melbourne (overland) October 10. 1844

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Deal Case containing Maps of part of the Portland Bay District I have &c.

C J. Tyers Esq P. C. Crown Commr Gippis Land. signed Rob. Hoddle.

No 44/84. Survey Office Melbourne

Sir 13 December 1844

The Paddock at Richmond being reserved for the use of the Port Phillip Branch of the Surveyor Generals Department, and William Mc Murray (Freeman) having been placed in charge of it, without pay or rations.

Wm McMurray

In the absence of the Surveyor in charge I beg you will inform me, by what authority you have taken possession of this Reserve, and dismissed the man Mc Murray

Mr Hoddle has always afforded you every facility in turning in any Police Horses into the Paddock, and allowing a District Constable to be stationed there, a copy of his last instructions to me Enclosed.

Major St John Crown Commissioner. I have the honor to be &c (signed) for the Surveyor in charge. C.H.B.

No 44/84. Survey Office Melbourne

Sir, December 12. 1844

I beg to inform your Honor. That I received a letter from Mr Hoddle dated 30th ultimo- of which the following is a copy-

His Honor The Superintendent.

following is an extract.

" I have a rough journey before me. and have made
"but little progress with the Survey of the Yarra Yarra
"my party have to cut through a dense scrub as
"sharp as needles and wade through swamps. I
"ought to have had ten men at least for such an
"undertaking I shall do the best I can with the
"means I have. it is hard work to get a mile a day
"the men having to cut through then way every inch.
" I have ascended a large mountain and the course
"of the Yarra Yarra appears to be North East. It is
"here as wide as at Melbourne. the river rose one night
"and washed me and my party out of the Tents. were
"obliged to ascend the high ground deluged with rain
" Perhaps Mr La Trobe will allow Timms to be added
"to my party for the present. unless I get on better
"than at present I shall come to Melbourne at the end
"of next month.

I therefore beg your Honor will allow me to hire the man named by Mr Hoddle at the same rate of remuneration as the other men of his party viz: Twenty pounds per annum. and a single ration

I have the Hona &c.

(signed) peter William Lindsay. Dr. W.H.

memo. removed from this House Mr Hoddle informed the Messrs Lindsay that I should pay any of their Survey Establishment for this month. but I do not consider myself responsible for any thing beyond it. as I am not aware how long the Survey may last & I cannot undertake to pay an indefinite sum. C.J.L.

No 44/05. Melbourne Dec 16 1844

Sir. I beg to enclose for your information the copy of a memorandum received from His Honor Mr La Trobe relative to the Survey Paddock at Richmond. and to state that the man named in the margin has resumed the charge of this Reserve. and any horses belonging to the District Police will be received by him. on the production of an order from this Office. or ~~one~~ a report being made immediately after they are put in.

I have &c.

(signed) for the Surveyor in charge

D.W.H. Buckley

Wm McMurray

The Crown Commissioner

Of the County of Bourke.

" memo. I have to request that the arrangement made by Mr Hoddle with regard to the Survey paddock may be left undisturbed, unless good reason be shewn to me in his absence that a change should be made

16 December 1844.

signed - C.J. La Trobe

No 44/86. Survey Office Melbourne

Sir, December 19th 1844

I am directed by Hons the Superintendent to forward the enclosed returns of Town and Suburban Land applied for by parties desirous to purchase. and to recommend that the whole (with the exception of the Seymour Town Lots and the four last allotments in Cutpaw paw fronting the Hobsons River) may be brought forward for sale early in the next Quarter

The Surveyor General I have the honor &c.

Sydney, (signed) mcBarney for Sir R.H.

Survey Office Melbourne

December 10. 1844

Michael Carrigan. Emigrant p Ship Forth. is appointed to the charge of the Survey paddock at Richmond in place of William McMurray resigned.

For the Surveyor in charge

memo. (signed) W.H. Buckley.

His Honor Mr La Trobe declined approving of the above appointment. but would place the Paddock in charge of Constable Tucker. until the return of Mr Hoddle — with regard to his dismissal

" Wm McMurray. late in charge of the Paddock. states, that on Thursday
"morning the 12th Instant Major St John accompanied by Mr Brodie.
"came to his hut in the Survey paddock and having taken possession
"of the Reserve as Crown Commissioner, placed District Constable Harrison
"in charge. with orders not to allow any Horses or Cattle to be there
"without his written permission. that he (McMurray) remarked
"that he supposed there was no call for them both to be there. the
"Major said no. but he need not leave for a day or two. and he removed
"to Melbourne on the next day. Survey Office Melbourne Dec. 16. 1844.

No 44/86. Melbourne December 28th 1844

Sir, Having on my return to Melbourne for some rations and forage found that the person who had charge of the Survey paddock for the last 12 months had left (not receiving either pay or rations) I have the honor to request you will sanction the appointment of a man to take charge of this Reserve, and be pleased to state

The Surveyor General

&c &c &c

obtain an authority for his receiving an allowance of (1/) One shilling per diem without rations.

I beg to state that I consider this arrangement necessary in order to preserve the grass for my Bullocks, and Horses, on my return from the Survey of the Yarra Yarra I have &c signed. Robt. Hoddle

No 44/88 Melbourne Dec 31. 1844

Sir. I herewith transmit my Report of progress for the months of November & December having previously been employed in various Office duties connected with the Department.

I beg leave to inform you that my party is too small (7 persons) for the ~~purpose~~ arduous duty I am now engaged in, being obliged to cut through a dense scrub. I have cut through ten miles and erected two Bridges to enable my Pack Bullocks to proceed. I left four men cutting their way through the scrub ready to chain on my return.

I have applied to His Honor The Superintendent for an addition to my party of two or three men, and I hope it will meet with your support. I need not say much upon the importance of being made acquainted with the character of this part of the country, but even should no good country be found at the head of the Yarra Yarra its geographical features will form prominent objects in this District. a mountain near my last encampment being 2786 feet above the level of the banks of the Yarra and the River as wide as at Melbourne.

Plans will be sent as soon as my Survey is completed the summer is the only season that operations in the field can be carried on- as the swampy flats after rains are impassable. the dense scrubs are equally thick below & on the Ranges I came to Melbourne for assistance, and supplies and return back immediately

To The Surveyor General. signed. R Hoddle.

Survey Office Melbourne

No 45/1 Jan[y] 3. 1845

Sir. I have the honor to enclose the descriptions of the 6 portions of unoccupied Crown Land applied for by parties, and which are decided by the Crown Commissioners as unlicensed.

As the next Land Sale takes place at this Office on the 22[d] inst I beg to recommend to your Honor that the above portions be put up on that day which should your Honor approve of, may I request you will return the descriptions to this Office. I have &c signed Robt Hoddle

His Honor The Superintendent.

Survey Office Melbourne

No 45/2. January 6[th] 1845

Sir. I have the honor to transmit you a reduced plan of the present state of the Survey of the Yarra Yarra River which I recommence immediately.

The Surveyor General. I have &c signed Robt Hoddle.

No. 45/3 Survey Office Melbourne

Sir, January 10. 1845

I have the honor to forward Reports of Progress for the months of October, November, and December 1844, received from Mr Assistant Surveyor Hickey this morning. I have &c signed Robt Hs.

The Surveyor General.

No 45/4. Melbourne Jan[y] 17. 1845.

Sir, I beg to state that the Prisoner named

Wm Beresford "Parkfield" in the margin formerly in the employ of this Department obtained a Ticket of Leave for Yass on the 19[th] June last, and finding that his Ticket had not arrived, when he called at your Office about that time proceeded on to Port Fairy where on reporting himself to the Bench, he was apprehended and sent here, but owing to some error in the Warrant he was discharged, on my becoming bound for his appearance when called on. He has been (for the last 4 months) employed with ~~the approval of His Honor the Superintendent~~ employed with his

Mr Surveyor Hoddle in tracing the Yarra to its source, with the sanction of His Honor Mr La Trobe, and could not attend muster in consequence. I therefore beg to make this report of him and request you will inform me whether it is possible to have his Ticket transferred to this District.

I. Stiles Esq.
Clerk of Petty Sessions Yass.

I have the honor &c.
Signed W.H.B.

7 January 1845

No 45/3.
To the Surveyor General.

From the numerous applications which are made at this Office for small portions of Suburban Land I beg leave to propose that the upper part of the Survey paddock commencing at the North East corner of Suburban No 31. and running South about 30 chains be divided into portions fronting the Yarra Yarra River of from 2 to 4 Acres a road of 50 Links wide dividing them from Suburban No 31 and 17 to afford egress to the Government Road. (WHB)

18 January 1845

No 45/5.
To the Surveyor General.

I am directed by His Honor Mr La Trobe to forward the enclosed application from Mr James F. Palmer for permission to purchase a portion of the Reserve known as the Survey paddock: and await your instructions respecting it I have &c. — (W.H.B.)

27 January 1845

No 45/6
Surveyor General
(Report enclosed).

I have the honor to forward Reports of Sale by Auction of Town and Suburban Allotments held at this Office on Wednesday the 22d Instant. (W.H.B.)

29 January 1845

No 45/7
His Honor
The Superintendent

Application for Neil McLean & Others

I beg to enclose to your Honor an application from Neil McLean and others to purchase twenty five (25) half acre Allotments in the Village Reserve Parish of Merriang. As this Reserve is close to the Sydney line of road, about 25 miles from Melbourne, and possesses excellent water. I beg (in the absence of the Surveyor in charge) to recommend this application to your Honors favourable consideration. —

February 7. 1845

No 45/8
Mr Pickering
Ass.t Surveyor.

In addition to the Surveyor Generals letter to Mr Hoddle No. 45/38 dated 30th ultimo I am directed by His Honor Mr La Trobe to forward to you the following Extract —

"I have now to inform you that Mr Rutledges recent application for a further alteration in the Special Survey, having been refused by His Excellency the Governor, a compliance with his first application to have it measured according to the true bearings will not be objected to, and it is now therefore for Mr Pickering to proceed in the measurement under my former instructions but with the alteration now sanctioned, accordingly, and this you will be pleased to intimate to him, forwarding his plan and description to me as soon after it may have reached you as convenient.

February 7. 1845

No 45/9.
The Surveyor General

I have the honor to forward the copy of a letter I addressed to His Honor Mr La Trobe enclosing an application from Neil Maclean & others, for permission to purchase (25) twenty five half acre allotments in the Village Reserve Parish of Merriang which having met with his Honors approval they will be favoured with your instructions thereon, as Mr Surveyor Hoddle will probably return to Melbourne with his party about the beginning of April next.

February 8. 1845

No 45/10
The Surveyor General

I have the honor to enclose for your information a Return of Labourers, together with a Nominal List of Prisoners of the Crown, employed in this Branch of your Department, (see Small Book Prisoners Pay Abstract)

February 8. 1845

No 45/11
The Surveyor General

I have the honor to transmit a Tracing from the rough plan of the Bay recently surveyed by Assistant Surveyor Pickering, also a Tracing from a small sketch of the Country forwarded by Mr Pickering to His Honor Mr La Trobe shewing the best situation for a Township.

February 25th 1845

N°45/12. The Surveyor General

I do myself the honor to transmit Reports of Town and Suburban Allotments actually sold on the 22d ultimo. at this Office, also a Return of Land applied for by parties desirous to purchase, which His Honor the Superintendent has been pleased to approve of and recommend for next quarterly Sale

The description of the lots will be forwarded by the next post.

February 26. 1845

N°45/13. The Surveyor General

In attention to your letter of 17th Instant N°45/45. I have the honor to forward ~~the~~ a copy of all the correspondence and papers relating to the Sale of annual occupation licenses of land within the limits, also Reports of the Sales of 29 May. 21 August. and 22 January last.

I beg to apprise you that the neglect in this Office was unintentional, believing that the Report of the Sale of these Licenses belonged more to the Lut Treasurer's Department and am sorry that my not having done so should have occasioned any embarrassment. but shall for the future attend strictly to your instructions. and report to you anything relative to your department.

March 4th 1845.

N°45/14 The Surveyor General

I have the honor to forward the descriptions of the Suburban Allotments in the Counties of Bourke and Grant. recommended for the next sale by my letter N°45/12 dated 25th ultimo.

N°45/15 His Honor The Superintt. Port Phillip

Camp on Barra Yana River
24th February 1845

I have the honor to report to your Honor. the progress of the continuation of the Survey of this Australian River from which I date my letter which bears nearly N 70° E 30 miles from Mr Ryves Station, and distant about 18 miles from Stewarts cattle Station as the crow flies.

My progress has been tedriously slow. from the dense

bush, which commences about 4 miles upward from Stewarts Station.

At my commencement last November I was retarded by the moist state of the ground. having frequently to dig my dray out, and the whole party washed out of the Tents by the overflowing of the River banks.

In December the weather becoming settled and fine and occasionally sultry, but I commenced to cut through the scrub using three pack Bullocks, and one pack horse to convey the Baggage and provision, small as the number of animals are I have had great difficulty to keep them alive. being frequently obliged to employ three of my men to cut sufficient coarse grass. which grows on the margin of the River banks, and occasionally to send the pack Bullocks back to the pasture near the Station.

My progress rarely exceeds half a mile per day and I am now within eight miles of the dividing Range (as the crow flies) the River is here about forty feet ~~deep~~ wide, and runs rapidly.

The Scrub is principally willow tea tree, prickly shrub vines, saplings gums, and frequently boggy underground.

The trees are gum. Box. Stringy Bark and occasionally Iron Bark. Black wattle and Silver Wattle. Honeysuckle.

In portions of the Country the soil is good. but very heavily timbered.

The Bed of the River which is full of rapids or falls. is composed of Trap Rock. occasionally fine stone is found in patches.

The Geological feature of the Country is Trap formation. I have surveyed as I proceeded & have laid down the principal features of the ground.

I propose returning with my party at the latter end of April, as the agreements with the free men expire at that period, and the rations will be out. The men are in a ragged state.

The scrub cutters to facilitate their labours. fired the bush, which renders their appearance very similar to a party of Colliers or sweeps.

The weather has been fine but hot. I have

have met with no Blacks, but the barking of the trees shew that one or two have shaped a considerable period back—

Signed Robert Hoddle—

No 45/16.
To The
Surveyor General.

Camp on Yarra Yarra
24 February 1845.

I have the honor to report the progress of the continuation of the Survey of the Werribee River from which I date my letter, which bears nearly N. 70° E. 50 miles from Mr Rogers Station, and distant about 18 miles from Stewarts Cattle Station as the crow flies.

My progress has been tediously slow from the dense brush which commences about 8 miles up from Stewarts Station.

At my commencement last November I was retarded by the moist state of the ground, having frequently to dig my dray out, and the whole party washed out of the tents by the overflowing of the River Banks.

In December the weather becoming settled and fine and occasionally rather hot. I commenced cutting a part through the scrub, using three pack bullocks and one pack horse to convey the baggage and provisions small as the number of animals are. I have had great difficulty to keep them alive, being frequently obliged to employ three of my men to cut sufficient coarse grass which grows on the margin of the River Banks, and occasionally to send the packbullocks back to the pasture near the Station.

My progress rarely exceeds half a mile per day, and I am now within eight miles of the Dividing Range (as the crow flies.) The River is here about 40 feet wide and runs rapidly. The Scrub is principally willow, native prickly shrub, vines, sapling gums, and frequently boggy underground.

The trees are Gum, Box, Stringy bark, and occasionally iron bark, Black wattle and silver wattle, honeysuckle, in portions of the country the soil is good, but very heavily timbered.

The bed of the River which is full of rapids, or falls,

is composed of trap rock, occasionally free stone is found in patches.

The Geological feature of the Country is trap formation. I have surveyed as I proceeded, and have laid down the principal features of the ground.

I propose returning with my party, at the latter end of April as the agreements with the present men expire at that period and the rations will be out. The men are in a ragged state.

The Scrub cutters to facilitate their labours, find the bark which readily shews their appearance very similar to a party of Colliers or Sweeps.

The weather has been dry, fine but hot. I have met with no Blacks but the barking of the Trees shew that one or two have shaped a considerable period back.—

Signed Robert Hoddle—

No 45/17.
To the Honble
The Superintendent

March 20. 1845.

I beg to enclose to your Honor an application from the Reverend Peter Gunn for permission to purchase Allotments No 3. 4 and 5 of Section No 9. in the village of Warrnigal. and have the honor to recommend in addition to the above that Allotments No 1 & 10 of Section No 2 in the same village be put up to Auction at the next Quarterly Sale at an upset price of £8 Eight pounds per acre.

No. 45/18.
To The
Surveyor General.

March 25th 1845.

I have the honor to enclose an application from the Revd Peter Gunn the Presbyterian Minister residing at Heidelberg for permission to purchase Allotments Nos 3 4 and 5 of Section No 9. in the Village of Warrnigal, and am induced from the many applications of the same kind made by mechanics and labourers in that locality to recommend in addition to the above that Allotments No 1 & 10 of Section No 2. in the same village be put up to Auction at the next Sale of Land in this District.

N°45/19.
To His Honor
The Superintd.

In Compliance with your Honor's circular N°45, dated 11th Instant, I have the honor to transmit an Estimate of the ~~Ens~~ probable expences of the Port Phillip Branch of the Surveyor Generals Department for the ensuing year 1846, accompanied by the several returns under the head of "contingencies".

In suggesting the erection of a Survey Office connected with the Government Offices, now in progress, I need hardly mention to your Honor the present dilapidated state of this Building, and the expence of putting it in proper repair, also the small accommodation afforded to the public at the Government Land Sales.

N°45/20
To His Honor
The Superintt.
&c &c &c

Sir,

Wpt April 2nd, 1845

In accordance with your Honors minute of the 29th Ult I have the honor to enclose plans and descriptions of the portions of land, at present used by the Corporation as Cattle and General Markets.

I &c &c

Signed W H B.

N°45/21.
The Surveyor General
Sydney.

Sir

April 4. 1845

I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to forward the enclosed applications from parties desirous of purchasing Land.

Geo Paterson
& Thos S. Bolden

I beg leave to state that Section N°15 parish of Werribee Gellibrand containing 563 acres is at present held by James Jennings under an occupation Licence which expires 30 June next.

The applications for Village Allotments in Warrnigal I recommend to your particular notice in order that they may be put up as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be &c.

N°45/18.
H. T. Turner Esq
Crown Solicitor

Sir.

March 24, 1845

I beg you will have the goodness to inform me if the case of Spotts v Ryans will be tried this Term. or taken. and if Mr Pickering who was ordered to survey the Plaintiffs Run is required at the trial

I have &c

Signed W H B

N°45/22
His Honor
The Superintt.

Sir

April 11 1845.

With reference to the Colonial Secretarys letter to your Honor N°45/181 dated 1st inst enclosing Mr G. C. Curlewis's letter of the 22d ultimo relative to money paid to the Sub Treasurer in September 1841. to entitle him to select land in the Port Phillip District; and in reply to your Honors minute of the 11th instant requesting I would state "whether "any of the deposit of £712 has been taken out, or further "attempted to be taken out, in the latter case the fullest "information why Tenders were either unaccepted or "defeated" I beg leave to inform your Honor that no part of the above deposit of £712 has been taken out in Land, but the Land Book (Page 22) shews that a Tender signed by George Campbell Curlewis was received at the Land Office on the 1st September 1842 from Wm. D. H. Patterson, for portion N°4 Tulla marnie 701 acres, but the Colonial Land ~~Receipts~~ Orders accompanying it N°s 31 32 and 33 amounting to £712. being insufficient according to the Regulations of 21st January 1841 The Board rejected the Tender,

Mr G. C. Curlewis by W. H. Patterson applied again on the 7th September 1842 for the same land and with the rejected Tender upon which the Board stated as follows. viz:

"If Mr Patterson wish to make another application for the land within named, it will be necessary for him to prevent confusion, to make a fresh tender, the former one having been disallowed by His Honor the Superintendent, On 10th September 1842 Mr Patterson forwarded a fresh Tender for the same portion of land ~~with Land Order~~ without enclosing any land receipts which Tender could not be received in consequence of the 3d Section of the Regulations of 21 January 1841. not being attended to.

No further attempt has been made by either Mr Curlewis or his Agent Mr Patterson to take out the deposit of £712. notwithstanding the Colonial Secretary in his letter to the former Gentleman dated 22d September 1842. stated that His Excellency the Governor admitted the right of the holders of Land Orders (not Special Surveys) to select any

22 Sept. 1842. land that either is now open, or hereafter may be open for selection or sale. which principia Mr William Rutledge availed himself of by selecting on the 19 April 1843 Lot 14 Grant 121 acres parish of Bayswit - advertised for sale on 10 May 1843. and which was approved of.

I have given your Honor the fullest information in my power, and by leave to mention that several hundred thousand acres of Surveyed Land are at the present time open for selection and to parties desirous of purchasing in the Port Phillip District from which Mr Cockburn might if he felt disposed choose the quantity he requires of good available land — I have &c

Signed W. H. S.

January 27. 1845.

No 45/8. Sir. I do myself the honor to transmit a Return
(omitted 4 pages) of the Port Phillip Branch of your Department for the
The Surveyor General Year 1844. shewing the Expenditure & Surveys. also the
Sydney Land Sold the amount of purchase money. and Total Quantity of waste Land Surveyed up to the present time. I have &c

Signed W. H. S.

No 45/23 Sir. April 25th 1845

The Surveyor I have the honor to inform you that I returned
General &c with my party from tracing the Yarra Yarra on the 23rd Inst

I intended to Survey to the Sources of that River. cutting my way through a dense Scrub. for nearly 50 Miles. I shall take the earliest opportunity of having with my plan of the Survey and Report. Signed Robert Hoddle

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No 45/24 Sir. April 26. 1845

His Honor I have the honor to state, that I was under the
The Superintendent necessity of returning from the survey of the Yarra Yarra. sooner than I intended, through the misconduct of certain men of my party, consuming three weeks rations in a fortnight. and in our hasty retreat were obliged to leave several Tools behind us in the Scrub.

I therefore by your Honor will approve of the extra rations. and the Tools being charged to the men concerned.

Signed R H

No 45/25. Sir,

April 29. 1845. I have the honor to forward by desire of His Honor
The Surveyor General The Superintendent Returns of Town Suburban and Country Land recommended to be brought forward for Sale by Auction

I have also enclosed a Tracing from Mr Wills plan of the Village of Warrangal. as marked on the ground. and descriptions of the whole of the Allotments.

I beg to refer to my letter No 45/20 dated 25 Feb last enclosing Returns of Land recommended to be brought forward in this present quarter, and to state that great disappointment is experienced by parties waiting so long before the Land offered for is brought into the market.

No 45/26. I beg to state to your Honor that the man named in
May 1. 1845 the margin having behaved himself remarkably well
His Honor on my late Survey to the Source of the Yarra Yarra River.
The Superintendent that your Honor will have the goodness to approve of
James Calfpark this man taking charge of the Survey Paddock at Richmond
(late) with a remuneration of 4/ One shilling per day and a single ration. there being provision made in the Estimate for 1845 for two Overseers at £ per Annum each with rations and I have no men employed as such.

No 45/27. I have the honor to forward a copy of the Port Phillip
May 2. 1845 Government Gazette No 70. dated April 30th 1845 containing
The Surveyor the notice of sale of occupation Licenses in this District. to
General be held at this Office on the 20th Instant by order of His Honor
The Superintendent.

No 45/27. and 28. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 45/14
May 9th 1845 dated 24th ultimo. and to state that there is a plan in
The Surveyor this Office shewing the Country to the extent of five miles
General round Melbourne, but on a scale of two inches to the mile.

I have therefore directed Mr Buckley to lose no time in completing a plan of the size you require viz four miles to the mile which could be transmitted without delay

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No 45/28. dated May 13. 1845 enclosing Returns of Town & Sub. allots actually sold on 22 January 1845.

I beg to bring under your Honor's notice the delapi-
N° 45/29 -dated state of the Hut occupied by the Messenger to this
May 20. 1845 Office. It being neither wind or water tight.
His Honor It was erected in February 1838 at the smallest possible
The Superint expence of Slabs & the roof thatched with long grass and
covered with boards. If the hut was uncovered and
broad paling substituted. The expence of putting it in
an habitable state would not exceed 15 or 20 pounds Sterling.

A Bricklayer for a couple of hours is also required
to build up a part in ~~of the~~ of the brick work at the
west end of this Office blown down during the late gale.

N° 45/30
May 26. 1845
His Honor
The Superint

In accordance with your Honors minute
of 23d Inst I have the honor to forward descriptions of
the portions of Land for General & Cattle Markets
within the town of Melbourne

With regard to the Cattle Market I beg to
mention that I marked only Ten Acres at your Honor's
request for the Market Commissioners in May 1842 and
on the application of His Worship the Mayor of Melbourne
in June 1843 I marked out One Acre more adjoining
the southern boundary of the above as a site for the
re-establishment of the Cattle Market. The Ten Acres being
outside the bounds of the Town of Melbourne as then
incorporated

General Market
N° 1

Melbourne (J. 3. 36) One Acre two roods and
twenty six perches County of Bourke parish of North Melbourne
Town of Melbourne Bounded on the North by Collins Street
bearing North 62 degrees East 3 Chains 50 Links commencing
at the north west corner of Section No 3; on the East by Market
Street, bearing South 28 degrees east, 4 Chains 75 links; On the
South by Little Rhoden Street bearing South 62 degrees West
3 Chains 50 Links; and on the West by William Street bearing
North 28 degrees West, 4 Chains 75 Links to the North
West corner as aforesaid.

General Market
N° 2

Melbourne (2. 0. 26) Two Acres and twenty six perches
County of Bourke parish of North Melbourne Town of
Melbourne Bounded on the North by Bourke Street bearing
South 62 degrees West 5 Chains commencing at the North East
corner of Section No 10 On the West by Allotment No 18 bearing
South 28 degrees East 4 Chains 75 links On the South by Little
Collins Street bearing North 62 degrees East 3 chains 76 links
thence by a line South 28 degrees West 1 Chain 66 links North
62 degrees East 1 Chain 50 links and on the East by Stephen
Street North 28 degrees West 3 Chains 9 links to the North
East Corner aforesaid

Cattle Market

Melbourne (S.) Ten Acres County of Bourke Parish of
Jika Jika Town of Melbourne bounded on the South
by the Parish Boundary line of North Melbourne commencing
at a point 85 Chains east from its north west corner
and bearing east 10 Chains On the East by a line
bearing North 10 Chains On the North by a line bearing
west Ten Chains and on the West by Crown Land
bearing south 10 Chains to the commencing point

Melbourne (1) One Acre County of Bourke parish of
North Melbourne Town of Melbourne Bounded on the
North by the Parish boundary line of north Melbourne
commencing at a point 85 Chains east from the north
west corner and bearing east 10 Chains On the East
by a line bearing South 1 chain On the south by a
line bearing west 10 chains and on the west by a
line bearing north 1 Chain to the commencing point

N° 45/31
May 24. 1845
The Surveyor
General &c

I have the honor to forward a copy of the N.S.
Government Gazette N° 73 dated 21st Inst containing the
notice of sale of occupation Licenses in this District
to be held at this office on the 25 June 1845 by order
of his Honor the Superintendent

No 45/32. 25 May.
The Surveyor General.
&c &c &c.

I have the honor to transmit, a Plan shewing the Survey of the Yarra Yarra River to its source, delineating the features of the ground, with a general description of the Country which may be comprised as follows.

After leaving Stewarts cattle station, Distant from Melbourne 30 ¼ Miles, bearing from Melbourne N 77° ¼ (which principally consists of Swampy flats and scrubby forest.) The adjacent country is mountainous heavily timbered and dense scrub, The timber is white gum, Box, Stringy Bark, and some Iron Barks. Black Wattle, Silver Wattle, tea tree, myrtle, musk tree, sassafras, a tree which produces a fungus of peculiar resembling black Pepper, another tree like the coffee seed. The scrub is prickly willow, tea tree, tendrils, & many creepers, and fern tree, many of them twenty feet high, the white gum grows to an enormous size, many of them fifty feet in circumference upon the dividing Range.

The rocks are Trap, free Stone, and slate was found, also, white & Yellow Ochre. There was no Pasture country, and much difficulty occured to keep alive the pack Bullocks & horse, a few patches of coarse grass, and reeds in the bed of the river. great portions of the soil was very indifferent but there is some very rich lands but heavily timbered. The river was full of rapids and in many places deep at the commencement of the Survey at Stewarts Cattle station the river was about 130 feet wide and near the Source the bed about ten feet containing but little water which was supplied by springs. The Tributaries were numerous several over 20 feet wide running rapidly. I was obliged to erect two temporary bridges and to cut through a dense scrub for fifty miles and at its termination on the dividing range the scrub was equally thick and the timber both dead and alive was a constant cause of impediment The progress of the Survey was retarded also the free men occasionally exited

themselves. but were dissatisfied with the quantity of the rations and at last obliged me to return by consuming more than their allowance, I hope that better encouragement will for the future be held out for free men employed in this Colonies since, than the ordinary rate of Wages. I lost one pack Bullock which received an injury and as I had only three it was a serious loss. I had a pack horse which caused me much trouble by constantly bogging with was otherwise with the pack Bullocks who passed over soft ground without difficulty.

I experienced much labor and was obliged to perform my journey afoot the men had to carry their provisions and to dispense the luxury of a seat at the latter part of the Survey.

I hope the Survey will meet with your approval upwards of 200 Bearings were taken on the track alone besides bearings to remarkable points of ranges

Bearing and distance from Balmoral Hill to Stewarts cattle station N 72° 15' 30 ¼ miles from do do do to head of Yarra Yarra N 80° E 40 miles the distance computed as a Bird flies

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No 45/33 26 May
His Honor
The Superintendent
&c &c &c

I have to inform your Honor that my plan of the Yarra Yarra and general description of that part of the District is ready for transmission to the Surveyor General. I returned from the Survey of the Yarra on the 24th of last month, and have been since engaged plotting and Drawing my plan to the present period.

If my services are required in the field it will be necessary to furnish me with an authority to hire men as the term of engagement has already expired with the men I

I should observe that the Summer months are the only periods for the continuation of the Survey of that part of the Country

No 45/34 May 28
To The Surveyor General &c &c

I beg to forward the Port Phillip Government Gazette No 73 dated 21st Inst which was accidently omitted in my letter No 45/31 dated 24th Inst.

No 45/35 May 30
To The Surveyor General &c &c

I have the honor to state that I communicated your letter to me No 45/67 dated 6 March 1845 relative to the survey of the Village reserve of Dunmoy to his honor Mr Latrobe and he considered it would be better to delay it for the present until the line of road was determined

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No 45/36 3 June
To The Surveyor General &c &c

I beg to inform you that I have this day forwarded per Christina (as per receipt inclosed) a small case containing my plan of the County of the Yarra Yarra River to its source and my report

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No 45/37.
To the 10th June
Surveyor General

With reference to your letter No 45/115 dated 25 April I have the honor to forward Reports of Town and Suburban Allotments actually sold on 22d January last, and to state that the Auditor Treasurer having objected to furnish this Office with the Reports required; I had therefore the enclosed made out and afterwards corrected at the Treasury Office;

No 45/38 10 June.
Mr Pickering
Asst Surveyor

It having been represented to the Surveyor General that there are a great many Squatters in the neighborhood of Belfast, or Port Fairy, who would be glad of an opportunity of purchasing small portions of Crown Land for agricultural pursuits I am directed by that Officer to request you will mark out in the most eligible spots a few Suburbans of about five to twenty acres or more, and furnish a plan which might

shew the character of the soil with proper descriptions and report of quality value &c

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No 45/39 12th June.
Mr Pickering
Asst Surveyor
Port Fairy

I have received directions from the Surveyor General to request you will make a fresh Survey of the land applied for as a special Survey by Mr William Rutledge (5120 acres) at Port Fairy, and that you will mark it as shewn on the accompanying diagram making a careful description for insertion in the deed of Grant.

No 45/40.
June 13 1845
The Surveyor General.

I have the honor to forward the report of Sale of occupation Licences in this District held at this Office on the 28 ultimo and shall apprise you if the purchases are completed at the end of the month

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No 45/41
The Surveyor General.

June 23d 1845.

From the numerous applications made to me for unsold Sections of Land in the parishes around Melbourne under the 9th clause of the Occupation Regulations of 21 August 1841. which applications have been hitherto refused by order of His Honor the Superintendent & the Crown Commissioners of the County of Bourke for his decision I have the honor to request you will inform me of the course adopted in the middle District and the mode which you may consider it necessary to observe in this District in the disposal of these applications according to the above regulations

In my answer to His Honor's letter No 43/1198 dated August 7. 1843. I considered it desireable to lease all the measured land in the Port Phillip District from 1 July 1844 as it would not only benefit parties residing on purchased lands requiring the back or unsold sections for cattle or sheep, but induce persons to purchase at auction those sections proposing wasteful frontage see (45/42 on the back).

No 45/43
June 27. 1845.
To Surveyor General

I have the honor to forward the report of Sale by Auction of sundry Suburban lots of land in this District held at this Office on the 25th Instant corrected at the Treasury Office.

June 27. 1845.

No 45/42 The Surveyor General.

I have the honor to state that applications having been made at this Office to have certain Sections exposed to public competition on the 25th of May last. under the Regulations of 21 August 1841. but not sold, I communicated with His Honor Mr La Trobe on the subject, and having pointed out in the New South Wales Government Gazette of 1845. No 39. page 502 and No 45 page 569. where Selections had been made of two unsold Sections, and the money paid at the Colonial Treasury. His Honor directed me to publish a notice, inserted the Port Phillip Government Gazette dated 25th June No 77. allowing parties this privilege — a copy of the Gazette I beg leave to enclose

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June 28th 1845

No 45/44 His Honor Mr La Trobe.

I have the honor to state that during my absence on Surveying December last The Crown Commissioner Major St John placed a District Constable in charge of the Survey Paddock at Richmond who took possession of the Hut which my party had a few months before erected for the Paddock Keeper. On my return to Melbourne your Honor was pleased to appoint the man, named in the margin to take charge of this Paddock receiving pay at the rate of 8 per diem, and a single ration from the 1st ultimo. but as this man cannot carry out my instructions, the hut being locked up. and the constable retaining possession of the key, and being unwilling to come to any collision with any other Department especially the Police. I beg your Honor will have the goodness to give the necessary directions in order that possession of the hut may be obtained and the Horses belonging to the Police may be removed to the Paddock which was marked out for their use.

James Caffarey

June 27 & 28. 1845

No 45/45 Jas Williamson Melbourne.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your application of the 24th ultimo. requesting I would obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Governor for the sale of the Reserve in the parish of Broondara on the Yarra Yarra River, and

opposite the Suburban Sections 62. 61. 60. 59. 64. 77. 78. 79 and 80. in the parish of Nika Nika. In reply I have to state that His Honor the Superintendent does not consider it expedient to sell the Reserve in question.

June 30. 1845.

No 45/46. His Honor Mr La Trobe.

I beg to forward to your Honor the copy of my letter to the Surveyor General relative to the Selection of the unsold Sections, offered for Sale, under the Occupation Regulations of 21 August 1841, and to state that I was under the impression that I had already done so.

July 1st 1845

No 45/47. The Surveyor General.

In accordance with your letter No 45/174. dated 16th ultimo. I have the honor to transmit Plans and descriptions of those Allotments, and portions of land, recommended by His Honor Mr La Trobe to be granted to the Corporation of Melbourne.

July 1st 1845.

No 45/48 The Surveyor General.

I have the honor to enclose the copy of an application from Thomas Napier for Sect. No 15 containing 583 acres. in the parish of Doutta Galla. being again brought forward at the next Sale; As the applicant was a few minutes too late at the Sale on the 25th ultimo I beg to recommend his wish being complied with.

July 1. 1845.

No 45/49 The Surveyor General.

I have the honor to transmit a Tracing & Description of the Allotment selected as the site of a Baptist chapel at Melbourne, and copy of Colonial Secretary's letter to His Honor No 45/232. dated 17 May. (Description filed)

July 5th 1845

No 45/50 The Surveyor General.

I have the honor to forward a Return of Land selected in this District under the Regulations of 1 March 1843. by John Gardiner for William Fletcher, together with Mr Gardiners letter to me. on the subject dated the 18th ultimo.

July 5th 1845.

No 45/51. The Surveyor General — I have the honor to transmit a Report of Occupation Licenses in this District sold on the 28th May last at this Office, and the amount received at the Sub Treasury

July 5th 1845.

No 45/52. The Surveyor General — I have the honor to enclose the Report of Sale of Occupation Licenses in this District held at this Office on Wednesday the 25th ultimo. corrected at the Sub Treasury Office.

No 45/53. The Surveyor. Genrab — July 11. 1845. I have the honor to enclose Returns of Town, Suburban, and Country Land applied for by parties desirous to purchase under the regulations of 1 March 1843. shewing the upset price recommended by His Honor Wm La Trobe & those approved of.

No 45/54. His Honor Wm La Trobe. — July 11. 1845. With reference to Mr Palmers letter, which he addressed to your Honor of date the 4th Instant, remonstrating against the proposed subdivision and sale of a portion of the Reserve on the banks of the Yarra, known as the Survey paddock. I do myself the honor to state that the intention of offering Allotments for sale in the locality stated, originated with Mr Palmer himself, he having applied on the 7th of January last to have the Land advertised for sale. and on receipt of his application, the Surveyor General, to whom it was referred, after it had been first referred to your Honor, directed, by letter of 4 Feb 1845 No 45/41. that the Reserve should be subdivided and offered for sale. With regard to Mr Palmers remark, in which I think he intends to convey the impression that it is a Breach of faith, on the part of the government to offer for sale any land that has once been marked as a Reserve. I have the honor to state that it has ever been the custom on the part of the Government to put up for sale any reserve, whenever they may deem it expedient to do so. any other course might be attended with inconvenience. I do myself the honor to return Mr Palmers letter and also enclose you a copy of his first application together with a copy of the Surveyor Generals letter

No 45/. by which your Honor will observe that he approves of the Land been subdivided and offered for sale had it not been customary to offer Reserves for sale. The Surveyor General would no doubt have withheld his approval

No 45/55. His Honor Wm La Trobe. — July 22d 1845. With reference to the Crown Commissioners Addts letter to your Honor of the 12th Instant, enclosing an application from Dr Thomson, who is desirous to purchase Allotments 1 2 and 3 of Section 25 in the parish of Moorpanyal and recommending that the above and also the Reserve at Ryans Ford, formerly occupied by the Police, might be included in the next quarterly sale.

I have the honor to state that with respect to Dr Thomsons application, as the Western Boundary of Geelong extends across the River Barwon and the Town Bounds being very limited. the Sections 24 and 25 Moorpanyal were reserved by my letter to Surveyor General dated 15 February 1839 No 39/12. and with regard to the Reserve for Police at Ryans Ford. it may probably suit the Government better, to cut it up in small portions of from two to four acres. reserving a road of one chain wide to the Ford.

No 45/56 July 25 1845 Andrew Baxter. — I have to acknowledge the receipt of your application for Land dated 18th Instant and to state that, according to the Regulations of 1 March 1843. your application should have been addressed to the Sub Treasurer of the District, and delivered personally or by an Agent on your behalf and enclosing at the same time your remittance for Certificate for One hundred pounds as a Retired Military Officer. which certificate if your application is approved of by the Government, would be returned to you with a Balance in your favor of £50 0 0. and a receipt for the purchase money.

July 28 th 1845

No 45/57 The Surveyor General — I have the Honor to transmit the final Reports of Land and occupation Licenses sold by auction at this Office on Wednesday the 25th June 1845

July 31st 1845

No 115/58 Mr Pickering Ass.t Surveyor

I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to request you will immediately transmit to this office the plan and description of the Portland Cemetery marked in accordance with the Instructions received at this office

No 73 - a copy of this letter was delivered to Mr Pickering at Melbourne on Aug.st 7th 1845.

August 2nd 1845

No 115/59 The Surveyor General

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 45/200 dated 7th Ultimo relative to the Occupation Licenses in this District, and as a detailed Statement of the whole of the arrangements connected with the Licensing of unsold Sections is much wanted at this office. I beg you will have the goodness to cause copies of the abstracts, of the bonds in which the Rocksavings kept and any other information you may considered necessary to be forwarded at your earliest convenience

August 6th 1845

No. 115/60 The Surveyor General

I have the Honor to enclose a copy of a return of Sections applied for under the Occupation Regulations of 21 August 1841 (furnished at the request of His Honor Mr Latrobe with the Crown Commissioners Orders and His Honors decision

August 6th 1845

No 115/61 A The Surveyor General

With reference to notice dated 3 Sept 1845 of Suburban Lots in this District to be held at the office on the 20th Inst I beg to observe that Lots 8 and 9 are outside the 55 Mile Boundary line from Geelong and might be classed as Country Lots

August 8th 1845

No 115/61 B. The Surveyor General

I have the honor to forward the Port Phillip Government Gazette No 82 6 August containing the notices and descriptions of Sections for sale on the 24th Sept next under the Occupation Regulations of 21 August 1841

August 8th 1845

No 115/62 The Surveyor General

I have the Honor to enclose a return of Land selected in this District under the Regulations of 21 January 1841 & agreeable to 2d Clause of Act 5 & 6 Victoria Cap 36.

No 45/63. W. Pickering Ass.t Surveyor.

August. 16. 1845

I beg to call your attention to the Surveyor Generals Circular No 42/159. wherein it states that the Monthly Reports of progress are to be filled up, and forwarded to this Office at the close of every month, in order that I may be enabled to sign the Pay Abstracts with some attention to the meaning of such a Certificate, and enable the Surveyor General at any time to satisfy such enquiries as may be made by the Governor on the subject.

As your report to the 31st of December last was the last received at this Office I have to request you will forward to me without any delay your report of progress up to the 31st July. last. &c inclusive

I am &c R.H.

No 45/64 The Surveyor General.

August. 22d. 1845

I do myself the honor to enclose the Report of Sale by Auction of Town, and Suburban Allotments in the Port Phillip District held at the Survey Office on the 20th Instant, and shall apprise you of the purchases are completed at the end of the month

No 45/65 The Surveyor General

August. 25th 1845

I propose, if it meets with your approbation to proceed with the survey of the Ranges towards Gipps Land, observing the principal features, and whatever may be interesting in a geographic point of view. The best time to start will be in the beginning of November and as I expect to be obliged to cut through upwards of fifty miles of scrub. the service being very laborious I request the favor of your support to hire at liberal wages Eight men for 6 months. or be supplied With the same number of prisoners. that may expect some indulgence, by them exerting themselves to

& promote this desirable object perhaps Ticket of leave men might be engaged with the hopes of conditional pardons. The principal additional expence would be for two Pack Bullocks. Pack saddles repairing &c. I think fifty pounds would cover the expence, exclusive of Wages & provisions.

August 27. 1845

No 45/66. The Surveyor General } I beg to enclose an application from William Hall of Williams Town requesting that Sections 11 and 12 in the parish of Cut haw haw containing together 1099 acres may be put up for sale, under the Occupation Regulations of 21st of August 1841, and to inform you that the above Sections, together with Nos 21. 22. 17. 18. 19. 20. and part of 13. 14. 15. and 16. in the same parish are held under Depasturing License by Mr Joseph Solomon, and the Town Commissioners considers that February (which is the only month scabby sheep can legally travel) would be the best time to put the Sections applied for up for sale, and therefore beg to suggest that whatever Sections are applied for up to the end of the year be put up at that period.

1st August 30th 1845

No. 45/67. The Clerk of the Bench Melbourne } I beg to enclose the return of Prisoners in the employment of the Survey Department in the Port Phillip District for the month of August 1845.

September 1. 1845

No 45/68 Mr J. V. Lander Geelong. } I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 23d Instant, enquiring whether a portion of 100 acres could be marked out on Conns Creek, or between Mrs Drysdale, and Irons farm, and be put up to auction, In reply I have to inform you that as there are three Suburban portions already marked out for sale, fronting the Barwon River between Mrs Drysdale and the Lagoon from 108 to 204 acres each, and four portions nearer Irons of about 180 acres each above the Lagoon

no land can be remarked out at Conns Creek nor as the other locality craved by you.

September 2d 1845.

No 45/69. The Surveyor General. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 45/268 dated 26th ultimo, and beg leave to inform you that the whole of my Equipment is a make shift one. and the transmission of any portion of it to Sydney would not pay the expence.

No 45/70. Sept 3. 1845. The Sur. General. I beg leave to transmit the Monthly Reports of Progress from 1 January to 31 July 1845 received from Mr Spratt and Surveyor Pickering yesterday.

No 45/71. Sept 3 The Sur-Genl There being no Index to the New South Wales Government Gazettes in this office I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to cause one to be forwarded to me.

No 45/72 Sept 8th The Sur. Genl I have the honor to forward Returns of Town and Suburban Allotments applied for by parties desirous to purchase, since the date of last Return viz. 11 July 1845.

45/73. Sept 18. C. J. Tyers Esq. I beg to forward to you for general information a Tracing of the Town of Alberton from a plan transmitted to this Office by the Surveyor General, and marked on the ground by Mr A. McCrae in 1843.

No 45/74. Sept. 26. 1845.

With reference to my letter No 45/54. enclosing the Report of the Sale by Auction of Town & Suburban allotments held at this Office on the 20th ultimo. I have the honor to inform you that the whole of the purchases have been completed.

I have &c

The Surveyor General. Signd R. Hoddle