Mr. Thos. Walton
Brighton
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No. 53/989. 4th Nov. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant. and to acquaint you, that the land Situated between Brighton and Dandenong, which you refer to, will be Surveyed, and marked off into portions varying from Ten to eighty acres

A. C.

Mr. J. P. Scott
Portland
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No. 53/990 4th Nov. 1853.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your application, dated 24th ultimo, to have Section No. 1 in the Parish of Portland, offered for Sale, and to acquaint you, that the Section in question will be shortly subdivided into portions of from 5 to 80 acres, which will be Submitted for public com-petition.

A. C.

Messrs. MacDonald & Gerrard
Geelong.
448/454

No. 53/991 4th Nov. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your application on behalf of Mr. John Elder to have Suburban allotments No. 1 Pitfield. offered for sale. And to acquaint you, that the Same will be Sub-mitted for public competition in January next.

A. C.

Messrs. MacDonald & Gerrard
Geelong.
454/506

No. 53/992. 4th Nov. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your application, on behalf of Mr. John Goodall. to have land in the Neighbourhood of Messrs. Tait and Gundry's Stations in the County of Grant, Surveyed and offered for Sale, and beg to acquaint you that a Surveyor will be instructed to Mark off the land in question in Suitable portions.

A. C.

Fred. Byerly Esqre.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Geelong.
419/466

No. 53/993 4th Nov. 1853

I have to request that you will, with the least possible delay, mark off the land in the Neighbourhood of Messrs. Tait and Gundry's Stations into Suitable portions for Sale, forwarding Plan with descriptions

I herewith forward a Tracing of the locality for your guidance

A. C.

Mr. A. M. Holway
15 Mile Creek
Benalla.
31/.

No. 53/994

4th Nov. 1853.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd ultimo. I have to inform you, that a sale of lands at Greta will probably take place in the beginning of the Year.

In the event of any Buildings being placed on any of the allotments advertised for sale, I would only recommend that one Month be allowed for their removal. should the lots be purchased by any other parties

A. C.

R. D. Scott Esqre.
Asst. Surveyor
Timboon
453/.

No. 53/995.

5th Nov. 1853

I have to inform you. that the application for Church of England purposes at Northiko has not been Subdivided in the usual Manner. And therefore request you will remark the Subdivisions, as shewn on the Sketch herewith returned. viz. 1 acre for Church. 2 roods for School – And – 2 roods for Parsonage. forwarding fresh plan and descriptions.

A. C.

Lindsay Clarke Esqre.
Surveyor
Hamilton
451/458

No. 53/996 5th Nov. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant, and request that you will now mark off Messrs. A. & D. Camerons pre-emptive pur-chase of 640 acres, so as to comprise their Homestead and improvements, and in strict accordance with the Regulations. Forwarding diagram with des-criptions

A. C.

R. D. Scott Esqre.
Asst. Surveyor
Timboon
455/462

No. 53/997. 5th Nov. 1853.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, accompanied by certain Plans &c. and request that you will communicate with the Resident Road Engineer, and in conjunction with Such Officer, determine on the Most Suitable line of Road from Mount Shadwell to the Hopkins and any other lines you may propose in your District.

A. C.

E. C. Dunn Esqre.
Clerk of Petty Sessions
Chepstowe
425/

No. 53/998 5th Novr. 1853

In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I have to inform you, that Town and Suburban Lands can be purchased at Auction only, and that allotment 10. of Section 2 at Carngham will be again submitted for public competition. A. C.

J. W. Pinniger Esqre.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Kilmore.
429/461.

No. 53/999. 7th Novr. 1853

I have to request that you will define the boundaries of the Township Reserve of Broadford in making it consist of about 640 acres, and forwarding a description thereof.

I have also to request that you will point out on the accompanying tracing, the sites you would recommend being reserved for Churches, National Schools, Gaol, Police and other public purposes. A. C.

Thomas Wedge Esqre.
Contt. Surveyor.
444/503

No. 53/1000. 7th Novr. 1853.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant and request you will mark the 160 acres for Mr. Austin, with the Road between it, and his original pre-emptive purchase.

A. C.

C. Hodgkinson
Surveyor.
444/475

No. 53/1001. 7th Novr. 1853.

Certain persons having determined to effect the drainage of the Roads near the Independent Chapel, at Prahran, I have to request that you will communicate with Mr. Edward Barry, and afford that gentleman every information respecting the proper levels, and the best means of removing the Water. A. C.

Edward Barry Esqre.
& others
Prahran.
o/518

No. 53/1002. 7th Novr. 1853

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 4th Instant, I have directed a Surveyor to ascertain the proper levels of the Roads near the Independent Chapel, Prahran — in order that you may be enabled to effect the drainage thereof

A. C.

R. C. Hope Esqre.
Geelong.
o/

No. 53/1003. 7th Novr. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant, informing me that a portion of your run, situated in the intermediate District, have been advertised for sale at Geelong on the 8th Instant.

In reply I have to inform you, that it is the practice of this Department, when the boundary line of the Settled District runs through a section, to take the section line as the boundary thereof. A. C.

Peter Sharp Esqre.
Native Creek
Geelong.
o/

No. 53/1004. 7th Novr. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant informing me, that a portion of your run situated in the intermediate District, has been advertised for sale at Geelong on the 8th Instant.

In reply I beg to inform you, that it is the practice of this Department, when the boundary line of the Settled District runs through a section, to take the section line as the boundary thereof A. C.

W. Bonsey Esqre.
Crown Commissioner
Geelong.
415/463

No. 53/1005. 7th Novr. 1853.

In forwarding for your information the annexed copies of letters addressed to me, by Messrs. Hope and Sharp, I have to request your attention to the circumstances of the licensees claiming the same portion of land, and beg you will furnish a report thereon, at your earliest convenience

A. C.

Mr. James Coote
Buninyong
o/

No. 53/1006 7th Novr. 1853

In reply to your letter of the 3rd Instant, I have to inform you, that the grant of the allotment at Buninyong purchased by you, was advertised on the 20th July last, and can be obtained on application and payment of the usual fee, at the Colonial Treasury A. C.

Henry Wade Esq.
Surveyor
Portland.
437/468

No. 53/1007. 8th Novr. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant, and have requested His Excellency's sanction to the payment of increased wages to your Bullock Driver, at a rate not exceeding Two pounds per week. A. C.

No. 53/1008. 8th Novr. 1853.

The Police Magistrate
Beechworth.
0/487
Benalla and
Wangaratta.

I have the honor to inform you, that certain Plans required for the approaching Sale of Crown Lands at Beechworth have been forwarded by this days Mail.

A. C.

No. 53/1009. 8th Novr. 1853.

The Police Magistrate
Castlemaine.
Coliban Reserve }
Lauriston Parish }
433/471

I have the honor to forward herewith certain Plans required for the approaching Land Sale at Castlemaine, for the purpose of being exhibited for public information. A. C.

No. 53/1010. 8th Novr. 1853.

Mr. George Collier
Creswick Creek
Ballarat.
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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, and beg to acquaint you, that I have directed a Surveyor to proceed as soon as possible to Creswick Creek, for the purpose of selecting a suitable site for a Township in that locality. A. C.

No. 53/1011 9th Novr. 1853

Philip Davitt Esqr.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
445/495

I have to request that you will proceed with your party to Warringal, and mark the limits of the Subdivisions for the several denominations, as per accompanying Plan, properly tinted.

A. C.

No. 53/1012. 9th Novr. 1853.

Lindsay Clarke Esqr.
Surveyor
Portland.
455/467

With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo, requesting an Authority for the employment of a trustworthy person to take Charge of the Survey Paddock at Portland. I have to request that you will inform me, if it would be possible to obtain the services of a proper person if permission were granted to cultivate a small portion thereof, but without any other remuneration as the Auditor General has suggested the possibility

of such an arrangement. A. C.

No. 53/1013 9th Novr. 1853

Colonial Treasurer.
43/.

With reference to the Colonial Secretary's letter of this date, requesting that I would inform you, what Officer of my Department it was intended should conduct the Sale of Crown Lands at Beechworth on the 17th & 18th Inst., I have the honor to acquaint you, that under existing circumstances I consider it advisable that the Sale in question should be conducted by the Clerk of the Bench as heretofore. A. C.

No. 53/1014 10th Novr. 1853.

Thos. Watson Esqr.
Acting Surveyor
Belfast.
45/

I have to request that you will, with as little delay as possible, mark off some half acre allotments at Woodford on the East side of the River, as they are required for immediate Sale.

A. C.

No. 53/1015. 10th Novr. 1853

Chief Commissioner
Gold Fields
Melbourne.
41/.463

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a communication addressed to me by Messrs. Jamieson & Moore respecting certain Buildings erected by them at Bendigo which it appears, will not be included within the boundaries of the proposed Township of Sandhurst, as it has been represented to me, that the ~~[illegible]~~ land referred to is Auriferous. May I request that you will have the goodness to afford me all the information possible on the Subject. A. C.

No. 53/1016 10th Novr. 1853.

W. S. Urquhart Esqr.
Surveyor
Castlemaine
452/464.

I herewith forward a copy of a letter addressed to me by Messrs. Jamieson & Moore respecting certain Buildings erected by them at Bendigo, and request that you will have the goodness to furnish me with a report as to the position of this land with respect to the proposed Township of Sandhurst, and also whether the Soil is Auriferous. A. C.

Police Magistrate
Ballarat.
Buninyong Township
Ballan Reserve
Buninyong do
Ballarat Township.
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No. 53/1017 — 10th Novr. 1853

I have the honor to forward the plans herewith as noted in the Margin. required for the approaching Sales of Crown Lands at Ballarat and Buninyong, for the purpose of being exhibited for public information

A. C.

Harry Cotton Esqre.
Asst. Surveyor
Gisborne.
428/470.

No. 53/1018 — 10th Novr. 1853.

I have ~~the~~ to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant, reporting on the quality of the Timber and Land on Mount Macedon, and request that you will now proceed to carry out your suggestion, in the first ~~place~~ instance forwarding for my approval your design for laying out the land in portions of 5 to 100 acres.

A. C.

P.S. In surveying the land. I expect to have from you a triangulation layed out on a carefully measured base. shewing features, taking care also to have permanent & well defined Stations.

A. C.

E. Colbert. Esqre.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
362/493

No. 53/1019. — 11th Novr. 1853.

I have to request that you will meet Captain McMahon at the Pier Hotel. Sandridge on Monday next. at 7. O'C. A.M. for the purpose of Marking out some land for Police purposes.

Enclosed herewith is a tracing of part of Sandridge, shewing the manner in which I wish the alignment of Roads and Streets to be carried.x

A. C.

x Provided of course such are adapted to the contour of the ground

The Police Magistrate
Buninyong
0/521
Ballarat.
Town & Suburban
Buninyong Town
— Suburban

No. 53/1020 — 11th Novr. 1853

I have the honor to forward herewith certain plans. as noted in the Margin. required for the approaching Sales of Crown Lands at Buninyong. for the purpose of being exhibited for public information

A. C.

F. W. R. Wright Esqre.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Kilmore.
0/508.

No. 53/1021. — 11th Novr. 1853

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having been pleased to approve of your appointment as a Temporary Assistant Surveyor in this Department with Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty Pounds per annum, And an allowance in lieu of equipment, at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum.

From commencement of your duties

I have to request that you will place yourself under the immediate orders of Mr. Asst. Surveyor Pininger, who will instruct you, as to the work to be performed by you.

No. 53/1022. — 11th Novr. 1853

T. W. Pininger Esqre.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Broadford
456/467

I have to inform you that Mr. F. W. R. Wright, who has been appointed a Temporary assistant Surveyor in this department, has been instructed to place himself under your immediate orders.

You will therefore give Mr. Wright the necessary instructions. as to the work to be performed by him. including purchases under pre-emptive right. and other surveys in your District

A. C.

H. B. Foot Esqre.
Actg. Surveyor
Brighton
451/468

No. 53/1023 — 11th Novr. 1853.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant, and to inform you, that Mr. Chivois correctly claims to the extent of 18 Chains from his Eastern boundary. which would leave a width of 7 Chains between the purchases of Messrs. Chivois. Lewis & Rumley. and Unwin's Special Survey. which Strip of land Mr. Pininger will proceed to subdivide as already instructed

A. C.

The Civil Commissary General
Melbourne
461/.

No. 53/1024 — 11th Novr. 1853.

As the tracing paper lately forwarded from your department for the use of this Office. is entirely useless. I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to cause a supply of the same description as the Sample herewith sent to be furnished with the least possible delay.

A. C.

No. 53/1025. 11th Novr 1853

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong
453/463

I have to request that you will inform me, whether the Kurnuck Kurnuck Creek is a permanent Stream, and whether Mr Aitchisons pre-emptive purchase of 640 acres can be marked in the manner shewn on the accompanying Sketch, and at the same time, in strict conformity with the orders in Council.

A. C.

No. 53/1026 11th Novr 1853

D. Aitchison Esqre
Kurnuck Kurnuck
Shelford.
/470

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant, and have instructed a Surveyor to report on the practicability of having your pre-emptive purchase marked off, as you request.

A. C.

No. 53/1027. 11th Novr 1853

R. D. Scott Esqre
Asst. Surveyor
Timboon.
455/508.

I have to request that you will with the least possible delay furnish a full and detailed report as to the Nature of the Soil, its capabilities for agricultural purposes, and the Timber &c on Sections 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10 and 11. forming a portion of the Agricultural Reserve at Lake Purrumbeit to the North and West of Messrs Manifolds Home Station

A. C.

No. 53/1028 11th Novr 1853

W. T. Dawson Esqre
Acting Surveyor
Buninyong
451/468.

I have to request that you will with all possible despatch, divide, into equal portions, Suburban allotments 64-97-112-117 and 128 at Buninyong, by lines running North and South, and allotment 123 in a Similar Manner, by a line running East and West, as the portions of land referred to are already advertised for sale.

A. C.

No. 53/1029. 11th Novr 1853.

W. H. Bonney Esqre
Crown Land Comr.
Geelong
457/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, and shall cause as correct a Map of your District as can be afforded by this Department to be furnished for your Guidance, with the least possible delay.

A. C.

No. 53/1030. 12th Novr 1853.

The Chief Commissioner
of Gold Fields
&c &c
459/480

I have the honor to forward for your information, the annexed Copy of a letter addressed to me, by one of my assistant Surveyors, when laying out the new Township of "Sandhurst".

With regard to the first paragraph, respecting the Water Holes at Bullock Creek, I imagine that it rests with you to determine on the most advisable course to be pursued in a Matter of such Vital importance to the Digging community at Bendigo.

With respect to the Town lots at Sandhurst, on which improvements were effected prior to the Town being laid out, I consider that it would be advisable to authorise the Resident Commissioner to value such improvements, on the part of the Crown, in order that the Amount of such Valuation may be added to the upset price of each lot, when offered for sale.

A. C.

No. 53/1031. 12th Novr 1853

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong
462/466

I have to request that before marking off on the ground, the land between the Immigration Barracks and Cattle Markets and the West of Geelong, you will forward a design shewing the features, and the contour of the ground, with a view to the best lines for Streets being determined on, and a good and sufficient drainage is secured for that part of the Town.

A. C.

W. S. Urquhart Esq.
Surveyor
Castlemaine
459/465.

No. 53/1032 12th Novr. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter Nos. 135. & 136. dated the 2nd & 3rd Instant respectively, together with the Survey of Suburban Lands at Lockwood. which seems to have been conducted in a satisfactory manner by Mr. Asst. Surveyor Larritt.

I quite approve of your carrying out your proposed arrangements with respect to your Asst. Surveyors making a rough plan or diagram of their work, as their duties in the field are of a much more important nature, and if the number of Draftsmen in your District is not sufficient for the work, I must send up more Assistance. In the mean time, you will have the goodness to address a circular, by my order, to your Assistants. to enforce this practice.

I have to express my regret at receiving such unfavourable reports of some of the Surveyors lately sent to the Mount Alexander District, and more especially at your account of Mr. Gibbins, who, you allege, has neglected to carry out your instructions, and request that you will write to that gentleman distinctly informing him, that the very next expression of dissatisfaction on your part with respect to his conduct, will cause his immediate removal from this Department.

From what I gathered from Mr. Gibbins' Progress Journal, before receiving your letter, I was induced to think rather indifferently of his work. but I trust after this warning, I may see a marked change both in the amount and character of the work performed by him.

In conclusion, I wish to impress upon you, that I will afford you every support in enforcing your instructions being carried out, by the Surveyors in your District.

You will have the goodness to communicate the purport of that part of this letter relating

to Mr. Gibbins' conduct, to those gentlemen, who are not performing their work with that zeal and energy which are so desirable

A. C.

W. S. Urquhart Esq.
Surveyor
Castlemaine
464/467.

No. 53/1033. 14th Novr. 1853.

I have to request that you will cause Mr. McDougalls purchase of 640 acres of the Run known as "Dunolly", to be marked off, so as to comprise the Homestead and improvements, and in strict accordance with the regulations, at an early date.

Henry P. Mostyn Esq.
Melbourne
o/.

No. 53/1034 14th Novr. 1853.

In compliance with the request conveyed in your letter of the 9th Instant, I have given instructions to have Mr. McDougalls pre-emptive purchase of 640 acres marked off at an early date.

A. C.

Mr. J. P. Fitchett
Sale.
o/.

No. 53/1035 14th Novr. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant, and to inform you that allotments 6, 7 and 8 of Section No. 16 in the Township of "Sale" purchased by you on the 16th October 1857. but which have been forfeited, will be again submitted for public competition at Alberton, in the early part of the ensuing year.

A. C.

J. W. Witty Esqr.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Chinamans Flat
Devils River
438/505

No. 53/1037 14th Novr. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Report on the proposed Agricultural Reserve at Mount Battery, Devils River, and request that you will now proceed with its Survey, with all possible expedition subdividing it into portions varying from 10 to 80 and 100 acres, laying out good lines of Road, and leaving access to Water from each allotment.

At this distance I am unable to give you any definite instructions, and therefore must leave to your own discretion, the manner in which you will lay off the lands.

You will however, before finally

marking out the land, forward for my approval a rough diagram shewing the manner, in which you purpose laying out the Reserve. A. C

Auditor General
440/466

No. 53/1036. 14th Novr. 1853.

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of my Imprest Cash Book, shewing the receipts and disbursements during the week ending Novr. 12th 1853. A.C.

Auditor General
466/478

No. 53/1038. 14th Novr. 1853.

I have the honor to forward herewith an Abstract of the Salaries of my Department, made by me out of the Sum of £760. 0. 8. imprested to me under the Warrant of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. No. 268. of date the 29th day of October 1853.
A. C.

Fred Byerley Esqre
Asst. Surveyor
Geelong.
454/

No. 53/1039. 15th Novr. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant, applying for one week's leave of Absence, which I have much pleasure in granting.

At the same time I beg to inform you that your application should have been made through Mr. Skene, as Officer in Charge of the District
A. C

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong
463/466

No. 53/1040 Confidential 15th Novr. 1853

I have to request that you will report upon the annexed application, with a view to the land in the Parish of Wurdi Youang as shewn on the accompanying tracing being brought forward for sale, if found advisable
A. C

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong
466/467

No. 53/1041 16th Novr. 1853.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant, informing me that you will not require Mr. Gaitskells Services, however if you consider he is a competent Surveyor, and that his Services would be of use to the Department, it might be advisable to instruct him to proceed

to Ballarat, and place himself under the orders of the Surveyor in Charge of the District.

You will make him acquainted with the nature of the appointment, rate of Salary &c
A. C

W. H. Gray Esqre
Crown Commissioner
Grange
392/471.

No. 53/1042. 15th Novr. 1853

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, enclosing for my information a copy of your report on Mr. A. F. Cunningham's application to purchase under pre-emptive right, for which I feel obliged. A. C.

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong.
466/470

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No. 53/1043. Circular 15th Novr. 1853

As it appears from the Progress Journals of the various Surveyors and assistant Surveyors in the employment of this Department, that a very large portion of their time is spent in plotting their work, which might be more usefully employed in the field. I have to request that for the future, both you and your assistants will merely roughly, but accurately plot your work more in the form of a diagram than a plan, accompanied by a copy of, or when practicable, your Original Field Book; with a description of the marked Trees &c.

The finished plans will be prepared by the Draftsmen in the various Districts, and at Head Quarters.

No. 53/1043 Circular

P. Chauncy Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor.
451/471
Same letter. 15th Novr. 1853.

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor.
465/468
Same letter. 15th Novr. 1853

T. W. Pinniger Esqre
Temps. Asst. Surveyor
461/471
Same letter. 15th Novr. 1853

Lindsay Clarke Esq
Surveyor
458/473
Same letter. 15th Novr. 1853

G. D. Smythe Esqre
Surveyor
451/469.

Same letter 15th Novr 1853.

Henry Wade Esqre
457/475

Same letter. 15th Novr 1853.

Henry B. Foot Esqre
Acting Surveyor.
461/475.

Same letter 15th Novr 1853.

W. T. Dawson Esqre
Acting Surveyor
462/475

Same letter 15th Novr 1853.

Thomas Burr Esqre
Acting Surveyor
451/473

Same letter 15th Novr 1853

Thomas Watson Esqre
Acting Surveyor
451/472.

Same letter. 15th Novr 1853.

No. 53/1044 16th Novr 1853

W. H. Levitt Esqre
corner of King & Flinders St
Melbourne
of.

In reply to your Application to have Allot. 10.B of Section No. 6. at Sandridge put up for Sale. I have to acquaint you. that the land in question is reserved for public purposes. R. C

No. 53/1045 16th Novr 1853

J. G. Ware Esqre
Geelong
of.

In reply to your application dated the 9th Instant. to have certain lands at Timboon put up for Sale. I have to inform you. that as soon as the Reserve at Mount Leura has been extended the land you describe will be submitted for public competition. R. C

No. 53/1046 16th Novr 1853

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor
Castlemaine
467/469

With reference to the concluding paragraph of your letter of the 9th Instant. respecting the Measurement of garden allotments along Barkers Creek. I have to request that you will cause your suggestions to be carried out. with the least possible delay.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the plan of Harcourt which appears satisfactory. R. C.

53/1047 16th Novr 1853

C. A. C. Bayley Esqre
Draftsman
of 511

In consequence of the State of inebriety. in which you are reported to have appeared at this Office this day. and having been represented as quite incapable of discharging your duties. I regret that I feel it my duty to suspend you from office. until His Excellency's pleasure is made known to me R. C.

No. 53/1048 17th Novr 1853.

G. D. Smythe Esqre
Surveyor
Beechworth
465/476

I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 31st ultimo. No. 53/968. and request that you will at once afford me. the information therein applied for. namely. whether any and which of the parties. who effected improvements on Crown Lands at Beechworth. did so. either with your consent. or that. of any other of the authorities at the above place. R. C

53/1049 17th Novr 1853

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor
Castlemaine
468/469

I have to request that you will forward with. with all possible despatch. a plan of any Lands that have been measured at Sandhurst. particularly in the Neighbourhood of View & Golden Points. as the Lands in question are most urgently required for immediate Sale. R. C.

53/1050 17th Novr 1853.

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor
Castlemaine
469/472

My attention having been directed to an account of certain proceedings at the Police Court. Bendigo. in which "Henry Grimes. asst. Surveyor in the Camp" appears to have been charged with an assault. and fined in the penalty of Ten Pounds. I have to request that you will call upon the above officer for a full explanation of the charges. which appear to have been preferred and proved against him. R. C

Police Magistrate
Bendigo
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No. 53/1051. 17th Nov. 1853

As it appears in the proceedings of the Police Court Bendigo. that a person bearing the name of Henry Grimes Assistant Surveyor. was charged with before you. and convicted of an Assault, I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to furnish me with the particulars of the case. as far as you have been able to learn. from the evidence brought forward

A. C.

Harry Cotton Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Gisborne.
460/507.

53/1052 17th Nov. 1853

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo. respecting Mr. Watt's pre-emptive purchase of 640 acres. I have to request that you will ascertain where the northern boundary line would run. by taking the starting point on Jacksons Creek. 15 chains West of the Township boundary. and running a line North to the Main Road – giving one Mile frontage to the Creek – in a straight line – as shewn on the accompanying sketch.

A. C.

David Aitchison Esqre
Kurnek Kurnek
Shelford –
462/

53/1053 17th Nov. 1853

With reference to your letter of the 9th Instant. And my reply thereto dated the 11th of same. I have now to inform you. that your pre-emptive purchase cannot be measured in the manner you describe. but must be confined to one side of the Creek.

No objection exists to taking the Homestead as a centre from which to measure a Mile frontage on the Creek. or to extending the distance from the Homestead towards the East. above the half Mile and thus diminishing the distance Westward.

A. C.

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
467/475 Geelong.
Parish of Wabdallah
– " – Yan Yan Gurt
S. W. Boundary
County of Grant.

53/1054 17th Nov. 1853

In compliance with the request conveyed in your letter of the 14th Instant. I herewith forward for your guidance. the Tracings and references. as noted in the Margin

A. C.

The Police Magistrate
Castlemaine
458/
Suburban
"Elphinstone"
"Woodend"

No. 53/1055. 17th Nov. 1853

I have the honor to forward herewith certain plans. as noted in the Margin. required for the sale of Crown Lands at Castlemaine. on the 28th Instant for the purpose of being exhibited for public information.

A. C.

Philip Chauncy Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Heathcote.
467/475.

No. 53/1056 17th Nov. 1853

I have to request that you will place yourself in communication with the Police Magistrate at Heathcote. and in conjunction with that officer select a suitable site for National School purposes. at the above place. to comprise ten acres. which you will mark off. shewing the selection. on your plan of the Township.

A. C.

W. N. Gray Esqre
C. Lands Commissioner
Hamilton.
467/472

No. 53/1057 17th Nov. 1853

I have the honor to ~~forward~~ acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant. and beg to inform you. that a Tracing of the Lands at Mount Rouse. will be prepared and forwarded. with the least possible delay.

The only land in this locality open to selection is allotment B of section 13. (comprising 312 acres) Parish of Boram-Boram. being lot 93. of sale of 19th February 1852.

T. W. Pinniger Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Broadford.
467/475

No. 53/1058 17th Nov. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant. and in accordance with your request. beg to furnish you with the necessary information respecting the measurement of purchases under pre-emptive right.

1 – In every case the Homestead must be included within the portion of land so purchased.

2. No single lot shall have more than 440. Yards of Water frontage for 160 acres. or more than a like proportion for any quantity greater than 160 acres. but the Water frontage shall be reckoned according to the distance

from one extreme point thereof to the other in a right line. and not according to the Boundary of the water Course or River

A. C.

53/1059 17th Nov. 1853.

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor
Castlemaine
469/475

As it has been considered advisable that the Sale of Crown Lands in the Country Districts should be conducted by officers of this Department. I have to request that you will inform me if you are willing to conduct the Sales at Castlemaine receiving the usual per. centage

A. C.

No. 53/1060. 17th Nov. 1853

A. G. Gilbert Esqre
18 Elizabeth St.
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In reply to your letter of this date. I have to inform you. that the corners of the Sections in the Parish of Deutgam being particularly well defined by Stakes and trenches. with Mounds of earth and piles of Stones. can be readily found by persons really competent to look for them.

A. C.

No. 53/1061. 18th Nov. 1853

Thomas Watson Esqre
Acting Surveyor
Belfast
468/476

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant. respecting accommodation for the Belfast branch of this Department. and have referred your tender for His Excellency's decision which I shall communicate to you. in due course.

A. C.

No. 53/1062. 18th Nov. 1853.

John. S. Foster Esqre
Beechworth.
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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant. which should have been addressed to the Colonial Secretary. and beg to inform you. that steps have been taken to expedite the issue of the Deed of grant. of Suburban allotments No. 1. Beechworth

A. C.

53/1063. 18th Nov. 1853

W. H. Gray Esqre
Crown Land Comr.
Grange
471/474

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant. and beg to thank you for your suggestions respecting the junction of the Mount Sturgeon and Mount Rouse Roads.

I have directed Mr. Surveyor Clarke to confer with the Road Engineer. on the Subject of your communication. and if considered practicable. to carry out your views

A. C.

No. 53/1064 18th Nov. 1853

Lindsay Clarke Esqre
Surveyor
Hamilton
467/474.

I have to request that you will confer with the nearest Road Engineer on the subject of the annexed communication addressed to me by Mr. Crown Commissioner Gray. respecting the line of Road leading from Hamilton. towards Mount Sturgeon. and ~~Mount Rouse Roads~~. also the junction of the Mount Sturgeon and Mount Rouse Roads. And if deemed advisable, to carry out Mr. Grays Suggestions

A. C.

No. 53/1065 18th Nov. 1853

Thomas Burr Esqre
Acting Surveyor
Ballarat.
468/475
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With reference to the latter paragraph of my letter of the 29th ultimo. I have now to request that you will proceed. at an early date to Creswicks Creek. for the purpose of selecting a Suitable Locality for a Town and Agricultural Reserve in the neighbourhood of the Commissioners Camp. to comprise an area not exceeding Nine Square Miles. furnishing a full report on the nature of the Soil. Timber. supply of Water. and geological formation of the country &

You will also forward a Plan of the Country. shewing features &. and the ground you consider most available for agricultural purposes. marking on the plan. the manner in which you propose to subdivide the Reserve. taking care to secure good lines of road. and access to Water from each allotment.

You will at the same time. transmit for my approval. your design for the proposed Township. making good lines of Streets. and shewing the most Suitable Sites for Churches Schools. Gaol. Markets. and other public purposes and in other particulars carrying out my instructions already conveyed to you.

Tracings forwarded

You will then proceed to Lexton on Burnbank. and mark out the site determined on for the Cemetery. ~~and~~ Subdividing it. as follows. for the various denominations. – viz. Two acres each. for Churches of England and Rome. and Presbyterians one acre each. for Wesleyans and Independents. and the Remainder as may be required.

You will also mark off Messrs Robertsons and Skenes Pre-emptive purchase of 160 acres. so as to comprise their Homestead and improvements. and in strict conformity with the Regulations respecting Water frontage. which are – as follows. No Single lot shall have more than 440 yards of Water frontage for 160 acres. nor more than alike proportion for any quantity greater than 160 acres. but such water frontage shall be reckoned according to the distance from one extreme point thereof to the other. and not according to the bendings of the Water course or River A. C.

Lindsay Clarke Esqre
Surveyor
Hamilton
473/475

No. 53/1066. 18th Novr. 1853

I herewith forward a Tracing of the lands originally marked by Mr. Surveyor Wade at the Grange. and request that you will carefully examine the surrounding country and forward a plan and description of an extended Reserve of Twenty five Square Miles. selecting the land most suitable for agricultural purposes

A. C.

W. N. Gray Esqre
Crown Commissioner
Hamilton
472/485

No. 53/1067 18th Novr. 1853

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant. recommending the sale of allotments. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. & 6. of Eastern Suburban Section No. 1 Hamilton, and beg to inform you. that as soon as the Reserve is extended. so as to include these allotments. they will be submitted for public competition A. C.

C. Hodgkinson Esqre
Surveyor.
456/503

No. 53/1068 18th Novr. 1853

I have to request that you will proceed to the Parish of Dentgam. and examine the corners of allotments A and B. of Section No. 4. and inform me. if they are properly defined.

Enclosed herewith is a tracing of the locality for your guidance A. C.

T. W. Pinniger Esqre
Asst. Surveyor
Broadford
471/492

No. 53/1069. Circular 18th Novr. 1853.

You are requested for the future in all cases unless where specially ordered to the contrary. to forward to this Office for my approval and Signature all Requisitions for Buildings Stores &c &c required in your District.

A. C.

Philip Chauncy Esqre Tempy asst. Surveyor 474/479	53/1069	Circular Same letter.	18th Novr. 1853
Thomas Burr Esqre Acting Surveyor. 473/496	53/1069	Circular same letter.	18th Novr. 1853
W. T. Dawson Esqre Acting Surveyor. 468/	53/1069	Circular Same letter.	18th Novr. 1853
Henry B. Foot Esqre Acting Surveyor. 468/.488.	53/1069	Circular same letter	18th Novr. 1853
Lindsay Clarke Esqre Surveyor 474/491.	53/1069	Circular Same letter	18th Novr. 1853
George D. Smythe Esqre Surveyor 469/489	53/1069	Circular Same letter	18th Novr. 1853.
W. S. Urquhart Esqre Surveyor 472/.478	53/1069	Circular Same letter	18th Novr. 1853
Henry Wade Esqre Surveyor 468/.494	53/1069	Circular Same letter	18th Novr. 1853
A. J. Skene Esqre Surveyor 470/479	53/1069	Circular Same letter	18th Novr. 1853

Thomas Watson Esqre
Acting Surveyor
472/507

No. 53/1069 Circular 18th Novr 1853

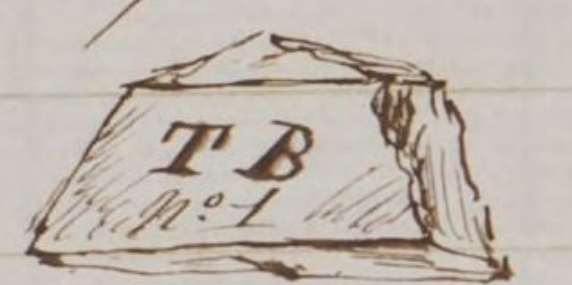
Same letter.

J. H. Permein Esqre
Tempy Asst Surveyor
Ballan
436/493

No. 53/1070 18th Novr 1853

In acknowledging the receipt of your Plan of the Township of Templestowe and returning you the same. I have to request that if practicable you will describe the boundaries by some fixed base and not by Magnetic bearings - say A & B. to commence with. Marked by intersections. as well as by some Artificial Means - for instance a Stone thus.

A. C



Mr John Carroll
Ballan
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No. 53/1071 19th Novr 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant. respecting the Sale of portion 3. of Section 1 Ballan and to acquaint you. that the land in question. will be submitted for public competition. in the early part of the ensuing year. A. C.

J. Wilkinson Esqre
care of Messrs R & P. Turnbull
Melbourne
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53/1072 19th Novr 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your application. dated the 15th Instant. for permission to purchase Section No. 21. in the Parish of Tarra. Tarra. and to acquaint you. that the portion of land in question cannot be offered for Sale. being reserved for public purposes. A. C.

Mr Parker
Prahran
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53/1073 19th Novr 1853

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant tendering the use of a building belonging to you in Lonsdale St for the Service of this Department. and to inform you in reply that as it is totally unfit for such a purpose. I am unable to avail myself of your offer

J. R. Hurst Esqre
432/485.

Tracing enclosed.

No. 53/1074 19th Novr 1853.

With reference to my letter of the 19th ultimo. requesting that you would use every exertion in completing the Survey of the line of Road from Bates ford to Buninyong as I was desirous of having the Reserves at the Muddy Water Holes marked out in Suburban sections forming one portion of it into a Village of half acre lots.- I have now to request you will proceed with this work with all possible despatch, and having first ascertained and defined the boundaries of the Reserve to comprise 25 Square Miles. you will select on the line of road passing through it. a good site. with a good Supply of Water for a Village. to consist of 640 acres. laying the same out in the best form as to alignment of Streets - capabilities of streets. drainage &c. and forwarding your design for my Approval.

As soon as you have determined on the boundaries of the Village Reserve. you will mark off on the main line of road. but not within a quarter of a Mile of the Township boundary. a two acre allotment. on which Mr Hodges may at once commence to build. Should however Mr Hodges prefer a half acre lot within the Village. you may mark off one. where he may commence his operations A. C

P.S. You will with the least delay possible forward a Description of the boundaries of the Reserve in order that it may be at once proclaimed

E. Rafferty Esqre
Melbourne
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£350—
£200—

No. 53/1075 21st Novr 1853

Having recommended your appointment as a Temporary Asst Surveyor in this Department with Salary at the rate of Three Hundred and fifty pounds per annum. and an allowance in lieu of equipment at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum. I have to request that you will proceed to the Survey Office at Elphinstone and place yourself under the immediate orders of Mr Surveyor Urquhart who will give you specific instructions with respect to your future duties A. C.

No. 53/1076 21st Nov. 1853

Auditor General.
466/491.

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of my Imprest Cash Book shewing the receipts and disbursements during the week ending Nov. 19th 1853

A. C.

No. 53/1077. 21st Nov. 1853

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor
Castlemaine.
475/479

I have to inform you that Mr. Edward Rafferty who has been appointed a Tempy. Asst. Surveyor in this Department has been instructed to proceed to Elphinstone and place himself under your orders.

A. C.

No. 53/1078. 21st Nov. 1853.

W. Gibbins Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Kyneton.
384/492

I have to inform you that on receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo I forwarded a copy thereof with your Progress Journal to Mr. Urquhart the Surveyor in Charge of the District requesting him to furnish me with a report as to your qualifications and ability as a Surveyor. my own observations having already forced upon me the conviction that you were not the qualified person you had been represented to be. And I now regret to find from Mr. Urquharts reply that my suspicions were correct supported as they still are by the absence of anything like a return of work for the heavy charge you are on the Public.

Under these circumstances I am sorry to say that I have no alternative left but to take steps for your removal from a Department which cannot afford to number on its Staff insufficient or incompetent Officers. but as I do not wish to press hard on one who may have deceived himself as well as others. I am prepared to afford you the opportunity of tendering your resignation rather than recommending your removal from the Service A. C.

No. 53/1079 21st Nov. 1853

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor
Castlemaine
478/482

I herewith forward for your information the copy of a letter addressed by me to Mr. Asst. Surveyor Gibbins affording him the opportunity of Resigning his appointment in this Department. and beg to inform you that I have instructed another Surveyor to proceed to Elphinstone to undertake any duties that may be delayed in consequence of Mr. Gibbins's insufficiency A. C.

No. 53/1080. 22nd Nov. 1853

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong.
475/481

With reference to my letter of the 2nd Instant No. 53/973. addressed to Mr. Asst. Surveyor Taylor and to that officers report on the Application of the Geelong Sea Bathing Company for certain land at Corio Bay. I have to request that you will cause the portion selected by the Company as a site for their proposed Establishment to be marked out with the least possible delay. forwarding plan and description for insertion in the Lease A. C.

No. 53/1081 22nd Nov. 1853.

Philip Chauncy Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Heathcote
475/484

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant and beg to inform you that under the present circumstances I have authorised the payment of your Vouchers.

At the same time. I wish you distinctly to understand that the delay has arisen in no way on the part of the Accountants branch of this Department but simply in consequence of your neglecting to comply with certain regulations and forms. which were distinctly explained to you before leaving Head quarters

A. C.

No. 53/1082. 22nd Nov. 1853.

William Pearson Esqre
Kilmany Park
Sale
Gipps Land

In reply to your letter of the 17th Instant. I have to inform you that as soon as I receive His Excellency's instructions respecting the measurement of your purchase under pre-emptive right I shall at once communicate to you the substance thereof. A. C.

The Colonial Engineer
281/.

No. 53/1083 22nd Nov. 1853.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant requesting the repayment of certain Sums which have been expended in the Survey of Lady Bay. and beg to inform you. that before I can liquidate this Claim. Mr Barrows services must be transferred to this Department as this and similar Surveys should be prosecuted under the direction of an officer connected therewith.

Should Mr Barrow be disposed to join this Department I can offer him an acting Surveyorship with Salary at the rate of Five Hundred Pounds per annum. with an allowance in lieu of equipment &c at the rate of Two Hundred Pounds per annum. A. C.

A. S. Chauncy Esqre
Tempy Asst Surveyor
452/490

No. 53/1084 22nd Nov. 1853

I have to inform you. that on examining your Plan of the Parish of Bolinda. I find that you have committed several errors in calculating the Areas. I therefore return you the plan. as being utterly useless. and request that you will furnish an amended one with the least possible delay. A. C.

The Chief Commissioner
of Gold Fields
468/.

No. 53/1085 22nd Nov. 1853

At the request of Mr P. Chauncy one of my assistant Surveyors at Heathcote. I have the honor to forward herewith. the copy of a letter addressed to me by that officer. on the subject of injuries sustained by his Horse. whilst in the charge of the Camp overseer at the above place. but certainly confess that I cannot see on what grounds Mr Chauncy or the Resident Commissioner can lay any Claim for compensation from Government for such injuries whatever Claim he Mr Chauncy may have against Mr Butler.

I can only express my regret that Mr Chauncy should have been induced to depart from his "established rule." by lending the Horse A. C.

The Inspector General
of Penal Departments
of

No. 53/1086. 22nd Nov. 1853.

I have the honor to inform you. that a Surveyor has marked out and levelled certain Streets in Williamstown. and that the plans and sections thereof have been given to the officer of your Department conducting the work A. C.

J. Calder Esqre
Tempy Asst Surveyor
0/483

No. 53/1087 23rd Nov. 1853.

I have to inform you. that I have received the plan of the Allotments subdivided by you at Malmsbury accompanied by a letter from Mr Urquhart.

Had I nothing but this diagram. to judge from. I should at once feel. that no alternative was left me. but to take steps for your removal from this Department. but in addition to this. Mr Urquhart's reports too clearly shews your inefficiency and the hopelessness of expecting any improvement.

Under these circumstances. I regret to say that no other course is left me. but to call upon you for your resignation. which step I have been induced to take in consequence of your having been highly recommended to me. although on your appointment. I distinctly warned you. that if you failed to answer the high Character for proficiency given of you. as well as your own assertions of your Capabilities. I should not hesitate to at once recommend your removal. A. C.

Mr Thomas Ryan
139 Elizabeth St.
of.

No. 53/1088 23rd Nov. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Application dated the 22nd Instant for permission to purchase Sections Nos VI. and VII. in the Parish of Gering and beg to inform you that as soon as the lands in question have been subdivided they will be offered for sale. A. C.

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong
479/482

No. 53/1089. 23rd Nov 1853

I have to inform you. that Instructions have been forwarded to Mr Asst Surveyor Hurst. to lay out a Reserve at the Muddy Water Holes. to comprise an Area of 25 Square miles. And that tracings of the locality have been sent for his guidance. A. C.

No. 53/1090 23rd Nov. 1853

A. J. Skene Esqr.
Surveyor
Geelong
481/

I have to request that you will cause two acres to be Marked at the North West corner of La Trobe Terrace and Ryrie Street for Presbyterian Church purposes, and Subdivided in the usual Manner for Church. School. and Ministers Dwelling A. C.

No. 53/1091. 23rd Nov. 1853.

W. S. Urquhart Esqr.
Surveyor
Castlemaine
479/486

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant. reporting Mr. Calders unfitness to perform the duties required of him. and beg to inform you. that I have addressed a letter to that Gentleman requesting him to send in his resignation as no alternative was left me. but to take steps for his removal from this Department of the Public Service. A. C

No. 53/1092. 23rd Nov. 1853

A. J. Skene Esqr.
Surveyor
Geelong
481/484

As I believe that you are well acquainted with the Country described in the annexed letter received from Mr. James Dawson. and shewn on the accompanying Tracing. I have to request that you will report on the practicability of the road therein pointed out A. C

No. 53/1093 23rd Nov. 1853

James Dawson Esqr.
Kangatong
Belfast.
of 499

I have ~~the~~ to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant. representing the practicability of a shorter route between Melbourne and the Port Fairy District. than the existing one being opened up. and have instructed a Surveyor well acquainted with the Country. to report on the advisability of carrying out your wishes A. C

No. 53/1094 23rd Nov. 1853

J. Calder Esqr.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
481/503

I have to inform you that I have received the plan of the Allotment subdivided by you at Malmsbury – accompanied by a letter from Mr. Urquhart.

Had I nothing but your Surveys and Diagrams to judge from. ~~to~~ I should be at once induced to take steps for your removal from this Department; but in addition to these Mr. Urquharts report too clearly shews your inefficiency. and the hopelessness of expecting any improvement.

Under these circumstances I regret to say that no other course is open to me. but to call upon you for your resignation. a step I have been induced to adopt rather than recommending your removal from Office. as you might not have been fully aware of what was expected from you. although on your Appointment I distinctly warned you that if you failed to answer the high Character for proficiency given of you. as well as your own assertions of your Capabilities. I should not hesitate to at once recommend your removal A. C

No. 53/1095 24th Nov 1853.

G. S. Darbyshire Esqr.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Williamstown
431/501
14s/. per diem

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Instant. and have requested His Excellency's Sanction to the payment of increased wages to your party at the rate proposed by you.

In the mean time. you must of course pay the current rates. in order that your work may not be suspended. A. C

No. 53/1096 24th Nov. 1853

The President
Central Road Board
&c &c &c
452/489.

I have the honor to forward herewith a Tracing shewing the road marked by Mr. Russell from the Bacchus Marsh line. to the Junction of the Toolam Toolern Creek. with the Werribee River. and passing through Mr. Bryants purchase. also that marked by Mr. Skene als the Southern boundary of the above purchase in the same direction – And request that you will have the goodness to inform me which of these lines the Inspector General of Roads considers the most practicable A. C.

No 53/1097 24th Novr 1853

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong
482/485

As the Landholders in the Parish of Gnarwarre having expressed their desire to have the Road marked by you through the above Parish proclaimed, I have to request that you will furnish me with the plan and description of the Road in question with the least possible delay. A. C.

No 53/1098. 24th Novr 1853

G. Johnston Esqre
Survey Paddock
367/

I have to request that you will carefully examine the course of the River Yarra between Princes Bridge and the Richmond Punt, and inform me, what you consider would be the probable expense of removing the Snags and other Obstacles that impede navigation from that part of the River. A. C.

No 53/1099 24th Novr 1853

W. C. Harris Esqre
45/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date conveying to me the desire of the Landholders in the Parish of Gnarwarre that the Road marked by you through that Parish should be proclaimed, and beg to inform you that the necessary Steps shall be taken to have their wishes carried out. A. C.

No 53/1100 24th Novr 1853

Philip Chauncy Esqre
Tempy Asst Surveyor
Heathcote.
479/486

It having been intimated to me that you informed Mr Brackenbury the Resident Commissioner at Heathcote, that certain lands at that place was ready for Sale, the Tracings and particulars having been forwarded to this Office, but which I beg to inform you, have not been received. I have to request, that for the future, you will on no account communicate to any person, any information in connexion with the business of this Department without first consulting me, and fully

understanding my views on each particular Subject A. C.

No 53/1101. 25th Novr 1853.

W. N. Gray Esqre
Crown Commissioner
Hamilton
474/

Referring to my letter of the 17th Instant No 1057, I have now the honor to forward herewith a Plan of the lands at Mount Rouse, for the purpose of being Exhibited for public information — A. C.

No 53/1102. 26th Novr 1853.

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong.
484/488

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Instant, informing me, that you had countermanded Mr Assistant Surveyor Hurst's proceeding with the Survey of the Muddy Water Holes, and has instructed Mr Weston to make the preliminary Survey, of which arrangements I quite approve A. C.

No 53/1103 26th Novr 1853

J. R. Hurst Esqre
Asst Surveyor
477/490

With reference to my letter of the 19th Instant, requesting you to commence the Survey at the Muddy Water Holes, I have to inform you, that these instructions were given you, with the understanding that your Survey of the line of road from Batesford to Buninyong had been completed, and that you were free to commence other work, which was not the case.

I therefore request that you will complete the Survey of the road in question, as instructed by Mr Skene A. C.

No 53/1104 28th Novr 1853.

Charles McLachlan Esqre
Hobart Town
Van Diemans Land
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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the fifth instant, respecting the Measurement of your purchase under pre-emptive right, and in forwarding for your information a copy of one of my Surveyors report on your Application, beg to express my regret that under the circumstances detailed, and especially the fact of your having been present at the time, the Survey was made I am unable to comply with your request.

As the Main line of road passes close to the North East Corner of the Section, the Site selected seems to be well adapted for a Village Reserve. which is much required. there not being one. within six miles of this locality A. C

No. 53/1105 28th Nov. 1853.

Henry Grimes Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Sandhurst
410/

I have to inform you. that my attention has been directed to the fact of your having appeared before the Police Bench at Sandhurst and been convicted of an Assault and as it appears from Mr. Surveyor Urquharts report. that however much annoyed you may have been. you are not altogether free from blame. I trust that I shall not again be called upon to notice your conduct A. C

No. 53/1106 28th Nov. 1853

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor
Castlemaine
482/489

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Instant 53/153. and beg to inform you. that in my letter of the 17th I enquired whether you were willing to conduct the Sales at Castlemaine only. it not being in my power to offer Sandhurst. a Government Auctioneer having been appointed for that District.

Should you accede to my proposals. it will be necessary for you. to make all necessary arrangements to receive the deposits and forward the same to the Colonial Treasurer A. C

No. 53/1107 29th Nov. 1853

Philip Chauncy Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Heathcote
484/487

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant. respecting injuries done to your Horse whilst in the possession of the Camp Overseer at Heathcote. and beg to express my regret that I am unable to give you any assistance in the matter. In compliance with your request. I referred your communication to the Chief Commissioner of the Gold Fields. and that Officer concurs with me in the opinion that you must look to the Camp Overseer for redress. A. C

No. 53/1108 29th Nov. 1853.

Messrs. Jamieson & Morse
17 Elizabeth St.
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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9th Instant. requesting that you might have the option of purchasing certain land at Bendigo. on which you had erected Buildings and beg to express my regret that as the land in question is reported to be Auriferous. and outside the boundaries of the proposed Township Reserve. the Government are unable to accede to your request. Should however there be any other suggestions you wish to propose respecting the Buildings in question such shall receive my attention. and every assistance shall be afforded you. in carrying them out. if practicable. A. C

No. 53/1109 29th Nov. 1853

Philip Chauncy Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Heathcote
486/496

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Instant. enclosing for my approval and signature a requisition for rations for the ensuing month. which shall be forwarded.

I also beg to acknowledge the receipt of your design for the Township of Heathcote. which meets with my approval. and gives me very favorable ideas of your Survey. I trust that with the assistance of Mr. Nicholson. you will soon have completed the Survey of the Township so far as to allow of your commencing that of Suburban and Country Lands.

However these will form the subject of future instructions. which will be accompanied by descriptions of the various Reserves in your District A. C

No. 53/1110. 29th Nov. 1853.

The Police Magistrate
Beechworth
458/

I have the honor to forward herewith a Tracing shewing the names of the Streets. and numbers of the allotments in the Township of Benalla. omitted in the plan forwarded on the 8th Instant. A. C

The President of
the Sewerage
Commission
369/513

No. 53/1111. 29th Nov. 1853

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information and guidance of the Sewerage Commission a contoured plan of Mr. Surveyor Hodgkinson's Trigonometrical Survey of East Melbourne and Richmond. A. C.

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong.
485/496

No. 53/1112 29th Nov. 1853

I have to request that you will cause Section No. 10 at Portland to be Subdivided as per annexed Sketch. Allotment 9 and 10 having been selected as a site for a Roman Catholic Church and 7 and 8 for a School and Ministers Dwelling A. C

H. B. Foot Esqre
Acting Surveyor
Brighton
475/494

No. 53/1113 29th Nov. 1853

I have to request that you will forward to this office with all possible despatch a description of the Road as marked by you leading from the Parish of Broadmeadows to the Northern boundary of the Parish of Yuroke A. C

G. W. Porter Esqre
Sandridge
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No. 53/1114 29th Nov. 1853

As the Buildings erected on allotment 9, of Section No. 4. at Sandridge purchased by you encroach on Bay Street to the extent of Ten links. I have to request that you will have the goodness to cause the same to be removed within fourteen days from this date A. C

Mr. Vincent
197 Elizabeth St
Melbourne
488/

No. 53/1115. 30th Nov. 1853

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant stating your willingness to provide yourself with the necessary Equipment and Instruments to enable you to take the field, and to inform you in reply that if you will report yourself at this office as soon as you have done so I will take the earliest opportunity of availing myself of your Services.

I am desirous however that before incurring the expense of an equipment. You should distinctly understand that in case you do not prove

thoroughly competent to perform the duties Entrusted to you. and which you have expressed yourself to me as capable of performing. I will not hesitate to recommend your removal.

I have thus been induced to warn you in the first instance in order to prevent the chance of disappointment hereafter. A. C.

G. D. Smythe Esqre
Surveyor
Beechworth.
475/491

No. 53/1116 1st Decr. 1853

I herewith forward the copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. James Hodgson respecting Improvements effected by him on Crown Lands forming a portion of Doctor Mackies Run and request that you will furnish me with a report on the application with the least possible delay. informing me. as to the Situation &c. with respect to the Country you are now Surveying A. C.

James Hodgson Esqre
Care of A. Langston Esqre
General Post Office
489/

No. 53/1117 1st December 1853.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo. requesting that a portion of Crown Lands. forming a part of Doctor Mackies Run, on which you have effected improvements should be offered for Sale. and beg to inform you. that your application has been referred ~~to~~ for the Report of the Surveyor in Charge. A. C

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor
Castlemaine
486/502

No. 53/1118 1st Decr. 1853

I herewith forward a Tracing of the Aboriginal Reserve at the Loddon. and request. that you will at your earliest convenience furnish a report as to the Situation and extent of the land Suitable for Agricultural purposes. A. C

President of the
Central Road Board
" " "
483/500

No. 53/1119 1st Decr. 1853

I have the honor to forward herewith a Tracing and description of the Road extending from the ~~the~~ Northern boundary of the Village Reserve of Epping Northwards to the Sydney Road. Marked at the request of the Land-holders in the Parishes of Kalkallo, and

Merriang and at the Solicitation of the parties interested beg to recommend that the necessary Notice of Proclamation be published in the Government Gazette &c

J. R. Hurst Esq.
Temp. Asst. Surveyor
Buninyong Road
485/500

No 53/1120 1st Dec. 1853

I have to request that you will with the least possible delay furnish the references to the corners of portions marked by you in the Parish of Korkuperrimul on the West Side of the Loddon River &c

Mr Thos. Bilston
Fitzroy River
Portland
222/

No 53/1121 1st Dec. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Application dated the 18th ultimo to have the unsold Allotments in Section No 1 in the Township of Heywood Submitted for Sale and beg to inform you that the Allotments in Question will be included in a Sale to be held in the beginning of the Year &c

Mr Edwd. W. McKeand
Fitzroy River
Portland
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No 53/1122 1st Dec. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Application dated the 16th ultimo to have certain Allotments in the Township of Heywood offered for Sale which will be included in the Sale to be held at Portland in the early part of the ensuing Year &c

Mr Charles McKeand
Fitzroy River
Portland
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53/1123 1st Dec. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Application dated the 18th Instant to have certain Allotments at Heywood offered for Sale and beg to inform you that as soon as the Allotments in question have been Marked off they will be Submitted for public competition &c

H. S. Chauncy Esq.
Temp. Asst. Surveyor
Bulla
480/513

No 53/1124 1st Dec. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Instant accompanied by an application from Mr M. Batey to have his Pre-emptive Purchase Surveyed and request

that you will mark off 640 acres purchased by Messrs Flintoff and Batey so as to comprise their Homestead and improvements and with a frontage of one Mile in a Straight line to the Salt Water River &c

Lindsay Clarke Esq.
Surveyor
475/494

No 53/1125. 2nd Dec. 1853

I have to request that you will take an early opportunity to Mark off the Allotment in the Parish of Heywood described in the annexed application as they are required for immediate Sale. &c

J. H. Taylor Esq.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Geelong
449/494

No 53/1126 3rd Dec. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 30th ultimo informing me of the expense of Two Drawing Tables for the Survey Office Geelong and request that you will have the goodness to cause them to be made with the least possible delay— &c

The Auditor General
&c &c &c
478/496

No 53/1127. 5th Dec. 1853.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo and beg to inform you that I shall be unable to render the adjustment of the sum of Ten Thousand pounds imprested to me until I have received from Mr Commissary Bishop of Van Diemans Land to whom I transferred the amount referred to an account of the manner in which the whole sum or portions of it have been applied for the service of the Government of Victoria

I must apologize for not sooner replying to your communication but the subject thereof being unconnected with the usual duties of my office altogether escaped attention &c

G. D. Smythe Esq.
Surveyor
Ovens River
489/521

No 53/1128 6th Dec. 1853.

I have to request that you will place yourself in communication with Messrs Plaice & Beckett of Beechworth and ascertain from those Gentlemen the exact site on which they wish to erect their

Water Power Saw Mill at Spring Creek reporting to me what would be the very smallest area they would require for their purpose, and how the erection of the Mill would interfere with the supply of Water for Mining as well as for domestic purposes in short affording me all the information you may be able to elicit on the subject.

You will make Messrs Prince and Beckett distinctly understand that no pledge or expression of intention to lease the land in question, the sale thereof being entirely out of the question for the present, is given by making those enquiries nor will the value of any improvements they may have commenced on their own responsibility be allowed.

I have instructed you to institute these enquiries simply with a view that if not interfering with the Public Interests the Government may be prepared to recognise individual applications which would benefit the Community generally

A. C

No. 53/1129. 6th Decr 1853

T. W. Pinniger Esqre
Tempy Asst Surveyor
Broadford.
475/528

I herewith forward a copy of the Description of "Broadford" as a guide to the manner in which I wish the boundaries of this Township or any extensive Survey marked out.

I shall be glad to learn that you have been able by means of any Natural or permanent artificial points to fix by intersection the position of one or any of the Stones or Blocks of Wood should Stone not be procurable.

The descriptions of the lots for Sale must take their commencement from the determined lines.

A. C

No. 53/1130 6th Decr 1853

W. Gibbiss Esqre
Tempy Asst Surveyor
478/

Referring to my letter of the 21st ultimo 53/1078. I have to inform you, that in consequence of the Statements and representations urged by you, I am prepared to postpone any

further steps being taken with respect to your removal from this Department until you have furnished me, at the expiration of the present Month, with your plan and field Notes of your Survey of the land between the Salt Water River and Kororoit ~~Bay~~ Creek as shewn on the accompanying tracing, such Survey to be made in strict accordance with the instructions I have already conveyed to you verbally.

You must distinctly understand that your Continuance in this Department will entirely depend on the activity and accuracy you display in the prosecution of this Survey

A. C

No. 53/1131 6th Decr 1853.

T. H. Permein Esqre
Tempy Asst Surveyor
Mount Eliza
476/

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant and beg to inform you, that what I seek to obtain are fixed points, that is, points which can be taken up, should the marks be obliterated by intersection from natural or permanent artificial objects. A. C

No. 53/1132 6th Decr 1853.

Mr R. M. Cox
Beechworth.
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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo respecting the purchase and forfeiture by you of allotment 5. of Section No. 1 in the Township of Beechworth, and beg to inform you, that the lot will be resubmitted for Sale at an early date, with the value of the improvements added to the upset price, which will be £33, minus the 10 per cent deposit.

A. C

No. 53/1133 6th Decr 1853

E. Colbert Esqre
Tempy Asst Surveyor
461/518

I have to request that you will put yourself in communication with Mr Balmain, the Chief Architect, and mark out a portion of land near the Corporation Stockade, selected by the Inspector General of Penal Departments as a Site for another Stockade.

A. C

No. 53/1134. 6th Dec. 1853

H. Wade Esqre
Surveyor
Wickliffe
Leigh
475/

I have to request that you will remark the Sections and corners of allotments at Wickliffe formerly measured by Mr. Watson as it appears that in many instances the marks have been nearly obliterated A. C.

No. 53/1135 6th Dec. 1853

Messrs. J. H. McLachlan
John Farrell
& c
Wickliffe
494/

In compliance with the request conveyed in your letter of the 3rd Instant I have instructed a Surveyor to remark the Sections and allotments in the Township of Wickliffe the former marks being as you state obliterated A. C.

No. 53/1136 6th Dec. 1853

Lindsay Clarke Esqre
Surveyor
Hamilton
491/498

Mr. Draftsman Ross having applied to me for employment as an Assistant Surveyor I have to request that you will have the goodness to report as to that Gentlemans Qualifications and fitness for such an Appointment A. C.

No. 53/1137 6th Dec. 1853.

H. B. Foot Esqre
Acting Surveyor
Brighton
488/495
Ormond Beach

In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo. I have to inform you that the Crown Lands Commissioner has directed the Crown Bailiff to apprehend all persons found quarrying Stones in the locality therein referred to A. C.

No. 53/1138 6th Dec. 1853

G. W. Goodman Esqre
Gledhow
Geelong
419/

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant and beg to inform you that at present it is intended that Allotment 17 of Section 111 in the Parish of Murgheboluc should be retained as a permanent Reserve A. C.

No. 53/1139 6th Dec. 1853

J. H. Taylor Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
491/520

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant representing

the expenses attending your present employment and soliciting an Increase of Salary and have this day recommended your promotion to the rank of Asst. Surveyor with Salary at the rate of £400 per annum A. C.

No. 53/1140 6th Dec. 1853.

Messrs. Tripp & Atkyns
82 Chancery Lane
7/

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your application on behalf of Mr. James Poynter dated the 3rd Instant to have certain Land adjoining the Southern boundary of the Village Reserve in the Parish of Yering offered for Sale and beg to inform you that land in this locality will be brought into the market at an early date. A. C.

No. 53/1141 6th Dec. 1853

H. B. Foot Esqre
Acting Surveyor
494/502

I have to request that you will report on the annexed Application as to site, quantity of land required, with what projects the undertaking might interfere, or what interests it might injure

You will also have the goodness to afford me all the information you may be able to elicit respecting the Character and Capital of the Applicant as well as his Means and Ability to carry on Works of this Description

As one or two Sections showing the sites applied for to a depth of say one and a half fathoms may be useful I request that such may accompany your report A. C.

No. 53/1142 7th Dec. 1853

Philip Larritt Esqre
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
458/

I have to request that you will proceed to Ballarat with all possible despatch and place yourself under the immediate orders of Mr. Acting Surveyor Burr who will give you specific instructions respecting the Surveys you are to conduct A. C.

The Auditor General
491/499.

No. 53/1143 7th Decr. 1853

I have the honor to forward herewith an abstract of the payments of the Salaries of this Department made by me out of the Sum of £844.12.3. entrusted to me under the Warrant of the Lieutenant Governor No. 290 of date the 30th Novr. 1853 A.C

A. M. L. Hunter Esqr
Studmaster
Police Department
of.

No. 53/1144 7th Decr. 1853

In accordance with your request conveyed in your letter of the 6th Instant. I have the honor to forward herewith a Tracing shewing the Police Reserve at Dandenong A.C

A. J. Skene Esqr
Surveyor
Geelong
488/498

No. 53/1145 7th Decr. 1853

In forwarding for your guidance a Tracing shewing section No. 2 Parish of Ellimingt. I request that you will ascertain if the Water in the Creek is permanent. And if so. that you will Mark off 640 acres on the South Side thereof. so as to comprise Mr. J. Austin's Homestead and Improvements.

If however the Water Should continue in the Creek during the Winter Months only. you will define the corners of Section No. 2 according to the references given. A.C

Thomas Burr Esqr
Acting Surveyor
Ballarat
475/497
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No. 53/1146. 7th Decr. 1853

I have to inform you. that I have instructed Mr. Asst. Surveyor P. Lavitt to proceed to Ballarat for the purpose of assisting you in the Measurement of lands in the Neighbourhood and laying out the various Reserves named in my letter of the 29th Ult. and to place himself under your immediate orders A.C

Philip Chauncy Esqr
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Heathcote
487/500

No. 53/1147 7th Decr. 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant and beg to inform you that you are quite justified in affording the Public all the information in your power. with respect to lands to be offered for Sale. after the plan of such has met with my approval.

My letter of the 24th Ultimo was intended to put you on your guard. and prevent false and party representations being made to the public generally.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a portion of your Field Book and a Tracing of 64 Allotments at Heathcote which will be offered for Sale. in the beginning of the Year A.C

I have already intimated to you. that I have requested an Authority for the payment of your men. at the rate of 8/- per diem A.C

Lithographed plans of Heathcote will be forwarded to you. which you will acknowledge A.C

A. B. Balcombe Esqr
Mount Martha
Western Port
of.

No. 53/1148. 7th Decr. 1853

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant representing the inconvenience experienced by the Inhabitants of the District lying between the Brighton Special Survey and Point Nepean. in consequence of there being no Township in the locality and to inform you in reply that my attention has been already directed to the necessity of establishing one or more Townships along the Arthurs Seat Road. and the Surveyor in charge of that District at the Dandenong Head Quarters has received instructions to report as to the Most Suitable Sites for such purposes. A.C

Thomas Burr Esqr
Acting Surveyor
Ballarat
496/576
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No. 53/1149 7th Decr. 1853

I have to request that you will with as little delay as possible report as to the advisability of having a Survey Office established somewhere about ~~about~~ the centre of your District. in order that the Public may be able to obtain all necessary information respecting Lands advertised for Sale. A.C

Mrs Margaret Begley
Portland
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No 53/1150 7th Decr 1853

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo I have to inform you that I see no objection to allotment 2 of Section 34. Portland being offered for sale with the value of the improvements which have been effected thereon added to the upset price. And to your being allowed one Month from the time of Sale to remove the fencing on allotment 1. should you not become the purchaser.

A. C.

Lindsay Clarke Esqre
Surveyor
Hamilton
494/498

No 53/1151 7th Decr 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant as well as plan and descriptions of allotments Marked off by you at Hamilton and quite approve of the reservations for Public purposes which you recommend.

A. C.

Robert Mailor Esqre
Merri Farm
Warrnambool
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No 53/1152 7th Decr 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your application dated the 1st Instant to purchase an additional 160 acres of your Run and will cause the same to be laid before the Land Board for their decision

A. C.

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong
498/499

No 53/1153 8th Decr 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant with the plan and description of the Main line of Road from Bacchus Marsh to Geelong. also your report upon the line of road proposed by Mr James Dawson of Port Fairy. A. C.

Lindsay Clarke Esqre
Surveyor
Hamilton
498/506

No 53/1154 8th Decr 1853

In reply to your letter of the 2nd Instant I have to inform you that two Acres is the extent allowed for Church purposes. which is Subdivided as follows — one Acre for Church and half an Acre each for School and Ministers Dwelling —

A. C.

The Auditor General
498/

No 53/1155. 8th Decr 1853.

I have the honor to forward herewith Abstracts of the payments of the Salaries and contingencies of my Department made by me out of the Sum of £3.340-15.0 imprested to me under Warrant of the Lieutenant Governor No 267. of date October 29th 1853. A. C.

James Dawson Esqre
Kangatong
Port Fairy
482/527
Tracing to be returned

No 53/1156 8th Decr 1853.

With reference to your letter of the 6th ultimo and my reply thereto dated the 23rd of same. I beg to forward for your information a Surveyors Report upon the line of road to Port Fairy as proposed by you. together with a Tracing shewing what he considers a more practicable route and request that you will have the goodness to let me know your Views on the Subject. A. C.

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong
498/499

No 53/1157 8th Decr 1853.

The President of the Central Road Board having requested that I would cause a junction road between the Buninyong and Fyansford roads to be marked off. I have to request that you will furnish me with your report on the necessity for such a road. and a Sketch of the locality before commencing the more expensive and elaborate Survey

A. C.

A. J. Skene Esqre
Surveyor
Geelong
499/506

No 53/1158 8th Decr 1853

With reference to my instructions respecting the Survey at the Muddy Water Holes. and the second paragraph of your letter of the 7th Instant reporting that a Mr Robertson had commenced erecting an Hotel on part of the intended Township. I have to request that you will inform me by whose Authority this Gentleman has commenced building. and cause it to be intimated to him. that he is proceeding on his own responsibility. as the value of any improvements he may effect. cannot be added to the upset price of the land when offered for sale.

You will also inform me. if a more practicable line of road than that passing through the centre of the Township could not be made nearer the Water Holes and also if you consider the locality of the "Green Tent" a good Site for a Township. forwarding a Sketch of the Town. A. C

No. 53/1159. 8th Decr. 1853

The President of the
Central Road Board.
489/517

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant. requesting that I would cause a Junction road between the Buninyong and Fyansford roads to be marked out. and have instructed a Surveyor to furnish a sketch of the intended road. before commencing the more expensive and elaborate survey. A. C

No. 53/1160 8th ~~Decr.~~ Decr. 1853

J. R. Hurst Esqr.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Buninyong Road
490/526

I have to request that as soon as you have completed the Survey of the Road from Bates-ford to Buninyong. you will forward a Sketch shewing the position of Mr. Scotts Homestead and improvements. and the manner in which you propose to mark off the 160 Acres purchased under Pre-emptive right. A. C

No. 53/1161 8th Decr. 1853.

Philip Chauncy Esqr.
Heathcote.
496/519

Application having been made for the establishment of a Township at Pyalong at Mollisons Creek. I have to request that you will take an early opportunity to select a suitable site for the purpose. as near as possible to the Bridge. forwarding for my approval a Sketch shewing the manner in which you propose to lay out the Township. you will at the same time furnish a report on the nature of the Soil. Timber &c. of the

Let me know how our sections would answer at the site

surrounding country.

I herewith forward a copy of the description of the Reserve as already proclaimed. which may be of some guidance to you in your proceedings. A. C.

No. 53/1162. 9th Decr. 1853

G. C. Darbyshire Esqr.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Williamstown
483/515
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With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo. I have to convey to you His Excellency's Authority for the payment of the men composing your party. at a rate not exceeding Fourteen Shillings per diem.

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I have also to convey to you His Excellency's Authority for the expenditure of the Sum of One Hundred and forty pounds ten Shillings in fencing the ground at Williamstown on which the Survey Office Stands. and request that you will take the necessary steps to have the fencing in question erected with the least possible delay. and at the least possible expense A. C

No. 53/1163. 9th Decr. 1853.

Thos. Watson Esqr.
Acting Surveyor
Belfast.
476/

I have to request that you will inform me if the rooms in the Mani-gig Buildings "Belfast" alluded to in your letter of the 7th September could not now be secured for the use of this Department. A. C

No. 53/1164 9th Decr. 1853

Harry Cotton Esqr.
Tempy. Asst. Surveyor
Gisborne
471/502

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant. and request that you will ~~now proceed to~~ at a convenient opportunity mark off Mr. Watts Pre-emptive purchase in the manner shewn on the rough Sketch thereto appended. furnishing plan with description

No. 53/1165 12th Decr. 1853.

– Barrow Esqr.
Asst. Surveyor
Warrnambool
507/

Having received a letter from the Colonial Engineer dated the 5th Instant. informing me that you would be placed under the immediate orders of this Department during the period you are engaged in prosecuting the Survey of Lady Bay.

I have to request that you will forward all reports. abstracts of pay and allowances &c. direct to this Office. A. C

No 53/1166 12th Decr 1853.

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor
Castlemaine
489/502

I have to request that you will instruct the Assistant Surveyor that may be nearest to Kyneton to place himself in communication with the Chairman of the Hospital Committee. and having ascertained the exact locality selected as a site for the Hospital to mark off Five acres for the purpose A. C.

No 53/1167 12th Decr 1853

W. S. Urquhart Esqre
Surveyor
Castlemaine
502/

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant. accompanied by another from Messrs Turner and Templeton. applying for an Increase of Wages to the men composing their respective parties. and request that you will convey to those Gentlemen my Sanction to the payment of ~~the~~ increased rate proposed not exceeding (8s/- per diem). A. C

No 53/1168. 12th Decr 1853.

Harry Cotton Esqre
Asst Surveyor
Gisborne
501/503

I have to request that you will take a convenient opportunity to mark off 640 acres of Mr Drydens run. known ~~[illegible]~~ as "Newham". so as to comprise his Homestead and improvements and in strict accordance with the regulations respecting Water frontage. forwarding for my approval a sketch shewing how you would propose to mark off the above quantity.

Whenever a road. likely to become a Main thoroughfare. passes through a Pre-emptive purchase. you will take care to reserve it for the use of the public. A C

No 53/1169 12th Decr 1853

H. B. Foot Esqre
Acting Surveyor
Brighton
495/516

I herewith forward for your guidance a Tracing from the Survey of portions on the

Dandenong Creek. and request you will mark off 100 acres at Bartholomew Whelers Homestead. so as to comprise his Improvements.

You will also alter the present boundary of Thomas Armstrongs purchase of 100 acres. as shewn on the Tracing. A. C.

No 53/1170 12th Decr 1853

Harry Cotton Esqre
Tempy Asst Surveyor
502/504

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant. And as your Survey must not be delayed. you can hire men at the current rate of wages given in your District. A. C

No 53/1171 12th Decr 1853

Thomas Wedge Esqre
Contract Surveyor
456/

I have to request that you will inform me. if it would be advisable to do away with the road lately marked by you. between Mr James Austins purchases under pre-emptive right in the Parish of Tarneit and continue the road along the Southern boundary to the River Werribee in order that the purchasers of land in this locality may have access to Water. A. C

No 53/1172 12th Decr 1853

C. Hodgkinson Esqre
Surveyor
475/

I have to request that you will place yourself in communication with the Road Engineer in charge of the works in the neighbourhood of Richmond. and point out to that Officer the precise spot on the South side of the Yarra. where it is intended that Church Street Richmond should meet the road from Prahran. and any deviations or encroachments which have been made on the road referred to A. C

No 53/1173 13th Decr 1853.

J. Calder Esqre
Tempy Asst Surveyor
Woodend
483/514

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant. forwarding your Progress Journal. Pay abstracts &c for the past Month. I must beg to draw your attention to the nature of your employment for one fourth of the Month. viz